

Localism & Decentralisation Bill

Purpose

For noting

Summary

The Localism Bill will contain much of the Government's decentralisation agenda, as well as a fundamental reform of the planning system. At the last Executive meeting members were informed that they would be kept up-to-date with details of the publication of the Bill. At the time of writing, the publication date had not been confirmed.

Recommendation

Members note the anticipated publication of the Localism Bill.

Action

As directed by the Executive.

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Background

1. Since the last Executive meeting, LGA officers have met with the Localism Bill team to discuss the expected content of the Bill. The Chairman also met with Greg Clark MP, the Minister for Decentralisation, on 16 November to discuss the planning content of the Bill, and attended a Bill liaison meeting at DCLG on 30 November to discuss in further detail the localism content. Expected contents of the Bill have been covered in previous papers to the Executive.
2. Publication of the Bill was initially expected to take place on the 22 November although the date has been moved back to allow CLG to finalise some issues. The Bill is now expected to be published in the first two weeks of December, although this is unconfirmed. The Government hopes to have the Second Reading debate before Parliamentary Recess begins on 21 December. The Executive will be updated as soon as the date of publication is confirmed.