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Local Government and Communities Committee

Remit: To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities



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The Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Relevant Authority) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft]

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Relevant Authority) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] was laid before the Parliament on 10 November 2016 and referred to the Local Government and Communities Committee for consideration.
2. This instrument is subject to affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6) and it is for this Committee to recommend to the Parliament whether the Regulations should be approved.
3. This Order designates Historic Environment Scotland as a relevant authority for the purposes of Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
4. This instrument was part of nine instruments relating to Part 2 (Community Planning) and Part 5 (Asset Transfer Requests) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 laid on 10 November 2016. As these instruments are related, the Committee agreed to consider them as a package.

Committee Consideration

5. At its meeting on 16 November 2016, the Committee took evidence on the instruments from—
 - Ian Cooke, Director, Development Trusts Association Scotland;
 - Mhairi Wylie, Chief Officer, Highland Third Sector Interface;
 - Ruchir Shah, Policy Manager, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;
 - John Wilson, Chairperson, Glenboig Neighbourhood House and GNH.
6. The evidence taken at the meeting on 16 November 2016 on the instruments can be found in the Official Report at the following link:

[Official Report of meeting on 16 November 2016](#)

7. At its meeting on 23 November 2016, the Committee took evidence on the instruments from—
 - Assistant Chief Constable Andy Cowie, Local Policing North, Police Scotland;
 - Sandra Holmes, Community Assets Sector Lead, Highlands and Islands Enterprise;
 - Iona Colvin, Director of Health and Social Care North Ayrshire, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;

- Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;
- Richard Davison, Strategic Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage.

8. The evidence taken at the meeting on 16 November 2016 on the instruments can be found in the Official Report at the following link:

[Official Report of meeting on 23 November 2016](#)

9. At its meeting on 30 November 2016, the Committee took evidence on the instruments from—

- Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government and Housing;
- David Milne, Community Planning and Empowerment Unit;
- Ian Turner, Community Planning and Empowerment Unit;
- Jean Waddie, Community Planning and Empowerment Unit, Scottish Government.

10. Following the evidence session, Kevin Stewart moved motion S5M-02700—

That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Relevant Authority) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

11. The evidence taken and debate held at the meeting on 30 November 2016 on this instrument can be found in the Official Report at the following link (available from 5 December 2016):

[Link to Local Government and Communities Committee Official Reports.](#)

12. The Committee also agreed to reflect on the evidence heard during its consideration of the instruments when undertaking scrutiny of future instruments related to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

13. The Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Asset Transfer Request (Designation of Relevant Authority) (Scotland) Order 2017 [draft] be approved.

