

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL**  
**ADULT & CHILDREN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**22 MAY 2013**

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Report No	<b>ACS/60/13</b>

**Community Learning and Development Consultation**  
**Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport Service**

**SUMMARY**

This report provides information on the Scottish Governments consultation on new legislation to place a responsibility on Local Authority Education Services to co-ordinate the delivery of Community Learning and Development Services from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 In June 2012 the Scottish Government issued strategic guidance for community planning partnerships

This guidance set the focus of community learning and development (CLD) as:-

- Improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship.
- Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities.

1.2 The Scottish Government in acknowledging that there is a weak legislative basis for CLD has drafted new legislation to place a responsibility on Local Authority Education Services (because of the learning focus required in the legislation) to co-ordinate the delivery of CLD Services from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.

1.3 The key policy goals of the draft legislation requirements are as follows:-

- Communities across Scotland, but particularly those with a disadvantage, have access to the CLD support they need.
- Communities across Scotland are enabled to express their needs for CLD provision.
- Community planning partnerships, Local Authorities and providers of public services respond appropriately to the expectations set by the CLD strategic guidance.

The regulations place a responsibility on Local Authorities to demonstrate how they are planning and co-ordinating the delivery of CLD services via the submission of a CLD plan every 3 years.

## 2. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

2.1 The requirement to increase the level of co-ordination and joint planning and delivery of services which deliver learning in communities fits well with the Council's priorities of:-

- Caring communities
- Empowering communities
- Strong and safe communities

2.2 A response required to be submitted by 26<sup>th</sup> April and this is appended as **Appendix 1** to this report.

Given very close working with Education Scotland and the close fit of the key policy goals with the Council's priorities a positive response was submitted simply seeking a strengthening in the areas of:-

- A broadening of the legislation from individuals and groups to include specific communities.
- The placing of an obligation on all publicly funded organisations with a learning focus to participate in the processes to support the goals outlined in Section 1 of this report.

### **Recommendations**

3.1 Members are asked to note the direction of the draft legislation

3.2 Homologate the response attached as Appendix 1

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# The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013



## RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

**Please Note** this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately

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### 3. Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual

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Group/Organisation

Please tick as appropriate

(a) Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

Please tick as appropriate

Yes  No

(b) Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

(c) The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

**Please tick ONE of the following boxes**

**Please tick as appropriate**

Yes  No

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

**or**

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

**or**

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

**(d)** We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

**Please tick as appropriate**

**Yes**

**No**

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

### 1. How well do you think the draft SSI will help to strengthen the legislative basis for CLD?

The Council welcomes the proposed SSI. It will be supportive of the Councils programme and priorities.

### 2. Are there aspects of the draft SSI that you think could be improved?

Yes  No

If yes

- What are they?

1. The definition of CLD
2. Securing a commitment from other bodies

- What is the nature of the change you think should be made?

1. The draft SSI limits its focus to target individuals and groups. This could be expanded to include specific communities.
2. The SSI could be strengthened by placing an obligation on publicly funded organisations which have a learning focus to participate in the processes described.