

Royal Burgh of Wigtown & District Community Council

Consultations Working Party – August 2014

Consulting body	Title	Closing Date	Background/Response summary	Status
Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS)	Proposed Councillor Numbers	21/8/14 (CC mtg 11/8)	LGBCS is asking local people and organisations to comment on its proposals for the number of councillors in Dumfries and Galloway council area. It consulted with councils on the same proposals earlier this year. For Dumfries and Galloway council area it is proposing to reduce the number of councillors from 47 to 43. It determined councillor numbers by categorising each council area based on deprivation and population distribution. A separate consultation on ward boundaries will be carried out in 2015. By law, each ward must elect 3 or 4 councillors, and the size of each ward varies accordingly.	Final draft circulated
Scottish Government	Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Offshore Renewables	21/8/14	The Scottish Government believes that the benefits of renewable energy should be shared across Scotland, and should be invested in our communities for long-term stability. For this reason, The Scottish Government encourages a community benefit package to be created for offshore renewable energy projects. There are a range of challenges and barriers in providing community benefits from offshore renewables and these community benefit principles are intended to reflect and accommodate these factors as well as the sensitive and early-stage nature of the industry. As with The Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments, it is anticipated that this document will be refined and reviewed in the coming years.	Pending
Dumfries & Galloway Council	Community Council Customer Survey	26/9/14	The aim is to improve the service that DGC staff provide to Community Councils so that they are able to function effectively and to represent their communities' views. This is the second annual survey of Community Councils and DGC is asking for feedback on the support CCs receive from local Area Framework staff and Community Council Liaison Officer, Sheila Dressler.	
Scottish Government	Scottish Government Community Energy Policy Statement (Draft for public consultation)	Summer 2014	Community energy covers a spectrum of activity – from direct ownership to community benefits to creating local energy systems and changing the way energy is generated and used. This policy statement highlights our progress to date and sets out the various forms of support that are available now and that will be needed in future to facilitate community involvement, mitigate risks and effectively incentivise communities and developers alike.	