

**ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
CONSULTATIONS WORKING PARTY – March 2017**

**CURRENT CONSULTATIONS**

- a) **Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils – Dumfries & Galloway Council.** Closing date: 19 May 2017

Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway are governed by a Scheme of Establishment. The Scheme details how Community Councils operate including elections, meetings, boundaries and finance. DGC is undertaking a review to ensure that the Scheme is effective and meets the needs of the Council and its Community Councils.

Council Officers will be hosting events across the region during the consultation period and everyone is welcome to come along to these sessions to discuss the Scheme and changes that can be made. The local session is in the County Buildings from 6-8pm in Wigtown Library.

The response form (attached) allows a line by line critique of the Scheme rather than just a summary response. **It is proposed that all Community Councillors be involved in the consultation and a specific meeting arranged to allow individual input.**

- b) **Consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning System – Scottish Government**  
Closing date: 4 April 2017

This consultation builds on the work of an Independent Panel commissioned to undertake a review of the planning system. The review included opportunities to get involved through both written and oral evidence and an online discussion forum and many community councils gave input to this review. Since then Scottish Government has been working with a wide range of stakeholders, including community representatives, public and private sectors, to explore potential changes to the planning system.

Community councils have a statutory right to be consulted on applications for planning permission and are mentioned in [Places, people and planning: A consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system](#), which gives an overview of the consultation and proposed changes to the Scottish planning system. The Government has produced a short guide for Community Councils.

Following completion of the consultation period analysis of the responses will be undertaken and published within 12 weeks of the consultation closing. The analysis will help inform the drafting and production of a draft Planning Bill which is to be introduced to Parliament in Year 2 of the Parliamentary Programme.

- c) **Local Development Plan 2 - Dumfries & Galloway Council.** Closing date: 24 April 2017.

Dumfries and Galloway Council has produced a Main Issues Report (MIR) which sets out the Council's general proposals for development over the next 20 year period. This consultation offers one of the main opportunities to have a say in the preparation of the second Local Development Plan for Dumfries and Galloway.

Paper copies of the MIR can be viewed at all Council Libraries and Planning Offices during the 12-week consultation period. (You can also buy your own £30 copy from Planning Offices). An electronic version can also be viewed and downloaded along with all supporting documents and site assessments at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP).

**FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS**

No Forthcoming Consultation.

# Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils in Dumfries and Galloway

## Response to Phase 1 of Public Consultation

Please fill in this form on your computer ('save' it first) and email to [communitycouncils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:communitycouncils@dumgal.gov.uk) **by no later than 20 May 2017**. If you have a paper form or are unable to email this form, please take it to any local Dumfries & Galloway Council office or facility and ask the staff to email it on your behalf to [communitycouncils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:communitycouncils@dumgal.gov.uk) **by no later than 20 May 2017**. You may also post your form to the address shown at the foot of page 4, to arrive **by no later than 20 May 2017**.

Name of your Community Council or group:

Your name:

Your daytime phone number:

Your email address:

The current [Scheme](#) is available to view on our website at [www.dumgal.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=18244&p=0](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=18244&p=0).

Please use **Table 1** on page 2 to record your comments on the **Scheme** (Sections 1 – 16)

Please use **Table 2** on page 3 to record your comments on the **Schedules** to the Scheme (Schedules 1 – 4)

Please use **Table 3** on page 4 to record your comments on the **Appendices** to the Scheme (Appendices 1 – 15)

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<b>TABLE 1: Comments on Scheme only (Sections 1 – 16)</b>			
<b>Paragraph Number e.g. 1.1</b>	<b>Line Number e.g. 2</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>

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<b>TABLE 2: Comments on Schedules only (Schedules 1 – 4)</b>			
<b>Schedule Number e.g. 1</b>	<b>Para/Line Number e.g. 2</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>

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<b>TABLE 3: Comments on Appendices only (Appendices 1 – 15)</b>			
<b>Appendix Number e.g. 1</b>	<b>Para/Line Number e.g. 2</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Reason</b>

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