

Local Government and Communities Committee

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

Submission from the Northern Lights Regional Network (2)

Dear Sirs/Madam

HOUSING (AMENDMENT) (SCOTLAND) BILL – DELEGATED POWERS
MEMORANDUM

With reference to the Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP Bill 20) as introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 4 September 2017, The Northern Lights Regional Network (2) response to the above is as follows:

1. Section 8 – power to modify functions of the Regulator – Having considered the reason for taking power, we agree with the provision as stated.
2. Section 9 – power to reduce local authority influence over RSLs – Having considered the reason for taking power, we agree with the provision as stated.
3. Section 10 – power to commence sections 1 to 9 of the Bill – Having considered the reason for taking power, we agree with the provision as stated.
4. Section 3(6) – powers to remove the requirement for RSLs to notify the Regulator of disposals, and to extend the period of notification – Having considered the reason for taking power, we agree with the provision as stated.
5. Section 3(8)(c) – duty on the Regulator to issue guidance in relation to consultation of tenants and other persons – Having considered the reason for imposing the duty on the Regulator, we agree with the provision as stated.
6. Section 4(5) – duty to issue guidance in relation to consultation of tenants and in relation to seeking tenant approval – Having considered the reason for imposing the duty on the Regulator, we agree with the provision as stated.
7. Section 6(5), (6), (10), (11) and (12) – duty to issue guidance in relation to consultation of tenants – Having considered the reason for imposing the duty on the Regulator, we agree with the provision as stated.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Chapman
Chair,
Northern Lights Regional Network (2)