

Local Government and Communities Committee

Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

Submission from Abbeyfield Scotland Ltd.

Abbeyfield Scotland is a Registered Social Landlord and registered Scottish charity providing housing and support to older people across the country.

Do you agree that measures should be taken to influence the ONS to reclassify RSLs as private sector bodies; and if not, please explain why?

Yes.

Do you have any views on the appropriateness of the measures proposed in this Bill to bring about this reclassification?

No, these appear appropriate.

Do you have views on whether the aims of the Bill could be achieved by other means?

A wider deregulation of RSLs would obviously achieve the aims of the Bill but it is accepted that this might be viewed as running counter to the government objective of safeguarding and promoting the interests of tenants and other users of the services of social landlords, currently exercised through the Regulatory Framework and the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

Any other issues relating to the Bill which you wish to bring to the attention of the Committee?

No.

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