

Sustainable Communities Act 2007

“That this Council:

(a) supports the bottom up process in the Sustainable Communities Act designed to allow local authorities and their communities to drive the action and assistance that central government gives in promoting thriving, sustainable communities;

(b) notes that the Act gives local authorities the power to make proposals to government on the action and assistance government must take or give to promote sustainable communities; and that those proposals can be for a transfer of public money and function from central or regional control to local control;

(c) notes that the Act defines sustainable communities broadly, that definition having the four aspects of

- the improvement of the local economy,
- protection of the environment,
- promotion of social inclusion, and
- participation in civic and political activity;

(d) notes that reasons for a local authority choosing to use the Act include gaining new powers or assistance from government, determining those powers or that assistance and transferring public monies from central or regional control to local control; and

(e) resolves, to use the Act by submitting proposals for action and assistance from central government as best serves the district”.

Mover: Councillor John Philip

Seconder: Councillor David Stallan