



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic

Via email

**6 June 2025**

Dear Deputy First Minister,

### Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

The Committee considered the above Bill at its meeting of 3 June and agreed it would write to ask questions in relation to the power at **Section 9(1): Guidance about community wealth building**.

Section 9(1) requires the Scottish Ministers to issue guidance about community wealth building action plans, and about facilitating and supporting the generation, circulation and retention of wealth in local and regional economies. This guidance issuing power is not addressed in the Delegated Powers Memorandum.

Section 9(3) provides that the Scottish Ministers must review the guidance from time to time and may revise it. Under sections 5(7) and 10(1), community wealth building partnerships and “specified public bodies” (contained in the schedule of the Bill) must have due regard to such guidance, including any revised version of it. The guidance must be published, but it is not subject to any parliamentary procedure. As such, the Committee asks the Scottish Government to explain:

- 1. The reasons for this guidance issuing power, given that the DPM does not address this.**
- 2. Why the Bill does not specify the type of content that any guidance might include?**
- 3. Why there is no parliamentary oversight of such guidance, such as laying it before Parliament, in light of the requirements to have due regard to the guidance under section 5(7) and section 10(1).**
- 4. As the guidance is put on a statutory basis, and because of the duty to have due regard to it, why there is no requirement to consult community wealth building partnerships or specified public bodies before preparing or issuing such guidance.**

The Committee requests a response to this letter by **Monday 16 June, 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

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