

# How can the Community Empowerment Act Empower My Community?

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# Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

- ▶ Participation Requests- Part 3 of the Act

" A new means by which community groups can request to have greater involvement in, and influence over, decisions and services that affect communities and community life."

- ▶ Community Participation Bodies

- ▶ Public Service Authorities

# Participation Requests

## Section 22

"In making such a request, the community participation body must—

- (a) **specify an outcome** that results from, or is contributed to by virtue of, the provision of a service provided to the public by or on behalf of the authority,
- (b) **set out the reasons** why the community participation body considers it should participate in the outcome improvement process,
- (c) **provide details of any knowledge, expertise and experience** the community participation body has in relation to the specified outcome, and
- (d) **provide an explanation of the improvement in the specified outcome** which the community participation body anticipates may arise as a result of its participation in the process."

# Participation Requests in Glasgow

Guidance and help available:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/participationrequests>

Annual report also available here.

So far, GCC have received and determined 5 participation requests, all from community councils.

# Table exercise and discussion

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# Community Asset Transfer

[Part 5 of the Community Empowerment Act](#) introduces a right for community bodies to make requests to all local authorities, Scottish Ministers and a range of public bodies for any land or buildings they feel they could make better use of. They can request ownership, lease or other rights as they wish."

# Community Asset Transfer

- ▶ Guidance and help available:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/20590/Community-Asset-Transfer>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/asset-transfer-under-community-empowerment-scotland-act-2015-guidance-community-9781786527509/>

So far in Glasgow, 6 decisions on community asset transfer, with a further 7 yet to be decided.

# Table discussion