

Engaging with the Localism Bill: RICS' approach

*...securing the optimal use of land and its associated resources
to meet social and economic needs. [RICS Royal Charter]*

Overall approach to localism

Work with the Government to ensure that its key proposals are subject to expert input from members

- Partner with local government in highlighting potential pitfalls and issues which need more clarity**
- Highlight and promote best practice examples where members are involved in local service delivery**
- Explore how bodies such as the RICS could help communities to fully contribute to society in the localist context**
- Consider the guidance needed for professionals operating in a smaller government landscape**

Activities - 1

- **Fielding members to support workable policy development: working groups, one-to-ones, sounding boards, Bill Committee.**
- **Less written briefings, more face-to-face engagement and discussion.**
- **An accessible planning process: Land and Society Commission**
- **Momentum must be maintained in the meantime: Planning workshops**

Activities - 2

- **Guidance and associated streams: Meetings and input to help shape emerging policies**
- **Forward thinking initiatives: property and investment, housing funding**

Land and Society Commission

An Independent Commission established to examine how to equip Communities to fully embrace their emerging land and property roles in the context of localism and the Big Society.

Key themes for the Inquiry:

- Community asset acquisition and management
- Neighbourhood planning
- Community housing
- Capacity building
- Valuation

Looking ahead

Delivery of Land and Society Commission report, as well as full response from RICS

Research and engagement with LEPs

Collaborative initiatives

Ongoing input into guidance and policy development

Supporting research