

Local Authority Resolution Sustainable Communities Act

That [*insert council name*]

(i) supports the bottom up process in the Sustainable Communities Act designed to allow local authorities and their communities to drive the help that central government gives in reversing community decline and promoting thriving, sustainable communities;

(ii) 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
- argue for a transfer of public money and function from central to local control;

(iii) notes that the Act defines the sustainable communities broadly, that definition having the 4 aspects of

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

(iv) notes that reasons for a local authority choosing to use the Act include gaining new assistance from government, determining that assistance, being able to argue for transfers of public monies from central to local control and involving citizens in democracy.

(v) resolves, when invited to by central government in October 2008, to use the Act by preparing and submitting proposals on how central government can help; and

(vi) further resolves to

- to inform the local media of this decision;
- to write to local MPs, informing them of this decision; and
- to write to Local Works (at Local Works, c/o Unlock Democracy, 6 Cynthia St, London N1 9JF) informing them of their resolution to use the Act.