Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill – Progress noted.

3 There was submitted report by the Council's Executive Director of Corporate Services regarding the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill, advising

(1) members of the publication of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill;

(2) that the timescale for the Bill would be determined by the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

(3) of each stage of the process and timeframes in which the Bill would be completed;

(4) that it was expected that the Bill would receive Royal Assent by summer 2015; and

(5) that the Partnership could submit any comments on the Bill to the Head of Democratic Services by 5th September 2014.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report; and

(b) expressed concerns regarding the barriers that community groups experienced in developing vacant and derelict land, in particular the process and time it took to acquire land.