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Headline news

Scottish Crown Estate Bill approved 'in principle'

The Scottish Parliament has decided to support 'in principle' the Scottish Crown Estate Bill, which was first introduced to the Scottish Parliament in January 2018.

The Bill will provide a framework for delivering changes to the management of the Scottish Crown Estate assets, with the aim of providing wider benefits and new opportunities for local authorities and communities. The Scottish

Crown Estate assets include the seabed, almost half of Scotland's foreshore, 37,000ha of rural land, as well as commercial property.

[Scottish Government, Scottish Crown Estate](#)

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Quote of the month



Recognising the diversity of the Scottish Crown Estate, any changes in management should be done on a case-by-case basis, to ensure assets are well maintained and effectively managed, with high standards of transparency and accountability

Scottish Land Reform Secretary, Roseanna Cunningham, commenting on the Scottish Crown Estate Bill's 'in principle' approval

City deal signed for Stirling and Clackmannanshire

A £90million city region deal has been signed for Stirling and Clackmannanshire with the aim of stimulating economic investment and strengthening the regional economy. The Deal will comprise funding from both the UK and Scottish Governments, and is expected to create thousands of jobs throughout the 15 years of the plan and beyond.

Investment will focus on innovation and research, with the aim of improving business start-up and growth, helping companies develop and export their specialist expertise, whilst helping local people get the skills needed for the modern employment market.

Projects which will receive funding from the deal include the new Tartan Visitor Centre in Stirling, a new Aquaculture Innovation Hub, the creation of an International Environment Centre, as well as plans to release Ministry of Defence land at Forthside for new housing and business premises.

[Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, £90 million Stirling and Clackmannanshire UK City Region Deal launched](#)

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Scottish Government published report on Environmental Governance after Brexit

The Scottish Government has published a preliminary study on the possible

environmental governance challenges that could arise in Scotland as a consequence of Brexit.

The expert group that prepared the report, a sub-group of the Environment and Climate Change Round Table, focused on Scotland's policy and governance needs and to the main related issues. The report's conclusions highlighted how:

'[...] a number of functions, notably in reporting, monitoring and enforcement, [...] are carried out through the EU machinery but will be lost on the UK's withdrawal. [...] In deciding how, if at all, these should be replaced, some design issues arise. These do not require the same solution in every case and interim measures may be appropriate whilst more enduring arrangements are put in place.'

[Scottish Government, Environmental Governance in Scotland on the UK's withdrawal from the EU](#)

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Planning and Architecture Division business plan

The Scottish Planning and Architecture Division (PAD) has published its business plan for April 2018 to March 2019.

The PAD's vision is to lead 'a major programme of reform to make planning more innovative and creative, leading change and delivering good quality development contributing to the National Outcomes through achieving the four key planning outcomes'. These 'key planning outcomes' relate to creating sustainable, low carbon, natural resilient, and connected places.

The PAD's business plan also highlights the group priorities going forward. Specifically, the PAD will focus on delivering 'a significant programme of Planning Reform' which includes the Planning (Scotland) Bill, the new National Planning Framework, and the Scottish Planning Policy, amongst the others.

[Scottish Government, Planning and Architecture Division business plan 2018 to 2019](#)

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Scottish Transport Bill to devolve greater powers to local authorities

On 11 June, The Transport (Scotland) Bill was introduced before the Scottish Parliament. When enacted, the Bill will bring forward a range of measures aimed at improving Scotland's transport network, making it cleaner and more efficient, as well as improving accessibility.

Measures proposed in the Bill include: providing local authorities and regional transport Partnerships (RTPs) with greater flexibility to improve local bus services through partnership working with operators, or running services themselves; giving local authorities greater powers to create low-emission zones and tackle problems with double parking and parking on pavements; as well as allowing RTPs to build up and carry appropriate

reserves.

Scottish Government, [New transport legislation set to empower local authorities](#),

[Transport \(Scotland\) Bill](#)

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The Lichfields perspective



The in-principle approval of the Scottish Crown Estate Bill is good news, as it provides the framework for an improved management of almost £300m worth of Scottish Crown Estate assets. Specifically, the empowerment of local authorities and communities in the management of such assets could ensure greater socio-economic benefits for the wider community.

Nicola Woodward, Senior Director and Head of Edinburgh office

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