



# Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

## 2019 asp 13

### PART 4

#### OTHER MATTERS

PROSPECTIVE

#### *Chief planning officers*

#### **50 Chief planning officers**

- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 1 insert—

#### **“1A Planning authorities: chief planning officer**

- (1) Each planning authority must have a chief planning officer.
- (2) The role of an authority's chief planning officer is to advise the authority about the carrying out of—
  - (a) the functions conferred on them by virtue of the planning Acts, and
  - (b) any function conferred on them by any other enactment, insofar as the function relates to development.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance to planning authorities concerning the role of an authority's chief planning officer.
- (4) A planning authority may not appoint a person as their chief planning officer unless satisfied that the person has appropriate qualifications and experience for the role.
- (5) In deciding what constitutes appropriate qualifications and experience for the role of chief planning officer, a planning authority must have regard to any guidance on the matter issued by the Scottish Ministers.”

**Status:**

This version of this cross heading contains provisions that are prospective.

**Changes to legislation:**

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, Cross Heading: Chief planning officers is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 July 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.S.I. 2019/377, reg. 9 by [S.S.I. 2019/411 reg. 2](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.S.I. 2021/101, regs. 3, 4 by [S.S.I. 2021/291 reg. 2](#)