

## Planning Bill Stage 2

Day one of the Local Government and Communities Committee's consideration of amendments at Stage 2 of the Planning (Scotland) Bill took place this week. Progress was slow and Part 1 of the Bill is still not complete. Highlights from the session include;

- agreement on including a "purpose of planning" with three of the four amendments passing;
- "Chief planning officer" is not yet decided;
- part of Rhoda Grant's amendment to require ministers to have regard to the desirability of ensuring that the "population of rural Scotland increases, and resettlement is encouraged in rural areas that have become depopulated" at the NPF has been agreed; and
- the Scottish Government supra amendment 116 on the NFP fell.

The rest of Part one will be completed next Wednesday, along with other sections (if time permits). The full session can be watched [here](#).