

*These notes refer to the Localism Act 2011 (c.20)
which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011*

LOCALISM ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Part 1: Local Government

Chapter 10: Miscellaneous Repeals

Section 45: Repeal of duties relating to promotion of democracy

141. This section removes the requirements for principal local authorities, in England and Wales, to provide information to people about how local governance systems work, including information on the role of the council, councillors, other relevant public bodies and civic roles such as magistrates, and how people can get involved.

Section 46: Repeal of provisions about petitions to local authorities

142. This section removes the requirements for principal local authorities in England and Wales to make, publish and comply with a scheme for the handling of petitions made to the authority, and to provide a facility for making petitions in electronic form to the authority. It also removes the powers of the Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers to make provision by order in relation to petitions schemes.

Section 47: Schemes to encourage domestic waste reduction by payments and charges

143. This section removes sections 71 to 75 of and Schedule 5 to the Climate Change Act 2008 and so removes the powers for local authorities to pilot charge-and-reward waste reduction schemes. Local Authorities will still be free to introduce schemes which reward householders for waste reduction, under their well-being powers or general powers of competence, as appropriate, but will no longer need to complete the processes required under the Climate Change Act 2008.