

Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill

AMENDMENTS

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IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

After Clause 16

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

After Clause 16, insert the following new Clause –

“Reports on transfer of NHS responsibilities to local government

- (1) A Minister of the Crown must prepare reports on proposals for the transfer of NHS functions to local authorities, combined metropolitan authorities, combined county authorities, and mayors as established under sections 15 to 20 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (combined and local authorities).
- (2) The first report in relation to subsection (1) must be made within 12 months of the passing of this Act.
- (3) Subsequent reports in relation to subsection (1) must be made at 24-month intervals following publication of the first report.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and another in this location in the name of Lord Hunt of Kings Heath are probing amendments designed to explore the Government's commitment to transferring NHS responsibilities to local government as envisaged in the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016.

LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH

After Clause 16, insert the following new Clause –

“Parliamentary scrutiny and publication

- (1) A report under section (*Reports on transfer of NHS responsibilities to local government*) must be laid before each House of Parliament before the end of the period of 120 days beginning immediately after the last day of the period to which the report relates.
- (2) After a report has been laid before each House of Parliament under subsection (1), a Minister of the Crown must publish it as soon as is reasonably practicable.

- (3) In calculating the period of 120 days mentioned in subsection (1), no account is to be taken of any time during which –
- (a) Parliament is dissolved or prorogued, or
 - (b) either House of Parliament is adjourned for more than 4 days.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and another in this location in the name of Lord Hunt of Kings Heath are probing amendments designed to explore the Government's commitment to transferring NHS responsibilities to local government as envisaged in the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016.

After Clause 85

BARONESS PARMINTER
 BARONESS WILLIS OF SUMMERTOWN
 LORD LUCAS
 BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE

After Clause 85, insert the following new Clause –

“Local nature recovery strategies

A local nature recovery strategy under to section 104 of the Environment Act 2021 (local nature recovery strategies for England) must form part of a local planning authority's development plan documents for the purposes of section 8 of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (content of development plan documents).”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause adds each Local Nature Recovery Strategy into the development plan of the local planning authority, giving greater planning weight to recommendations to recover nature. This is to help secure implementation of Environment Act requirements.

After Clause 120

LORD MOYLAN

After Clause 120, insert the following new Clause –

“Directions under section 35: review

- (1) The Planning Act 2008 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 35ZA (directions under section 35: procedural matters) insert –

“35ZB Directions under section 35: review

Within three years of making a direction under section 35(1) and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State must consider progress with implementation of the development contemplated in it and, if the Secretary of State considers that it is unlikely to proceed, the Secretary of State may withdraw the direction.””

Schedule 11

LORD BEST

Schedule 11, page 347, line 30, leave out from beginning to line 9 on page 350

Member's explanatory statement

This and other amendments in the name of Lord Best remove the examination of the charging schedules for infrastructure levy by an appointed examiner.

LORD BEST

Schedule 11, page 350, leave out lines 11 to 13

Member's explanatory statement

This and other amendments in the name of Lord Best remove the examination of the charging schedules for infrastructure levy by an appointed examiner.

LORD BEST

Schedule 11, page 350, line 14, leave out “subject to subsection (1),”

Member's explanatory statement

This and other amendments in the name of Lord Best remove the examination of the charging schedules for infrastructure levy by an appointed examiner.

LORD BEST

Schedule 11, page 351, line 27, after “housing” insert “to meet the requirement identified in the local plan”

Member's explanatory statement

This and another amendment in the name of Lord Best tie the application of the Infrastructure Levy to the level of affordable housing requirement identified in the local development plan.

LORD BEST

Schedule 11, page 355, line 19, at end insert—

- “(c) allocate at least 75% of the IL to meet the requirement for affordable housing identified in the charging authority’s local development plan, and
- (d) where the proceeds generated by the IL are likely to be insufficient to meet the requirement mentioned in paragraph (c), set out plans for securing additional funds to address the gap between the level of affordable housing required and the level that the IL can support.”

Member's explanatory statement

This and another amendment in the name of Lord Best tie the application of the Infrastructure Levy to the level of affordable housing requirement identified in the local development plan.

LORD BEST

Schedule 11, page 362, line 16, leave out “(including an examiner appointed under this Part)”

Member's explanatory statement

This and other amendments in the name of Lord Best remove the examination of the charging schedules for infrastructure levy by an appointed examiner.

After Clause 203

LORD BEST

After Clause 203, insert the following new Clause –

“Vacant higher value local authority housing

In the Housing and Planning Act 2016, omit Chapter 2 of Part 4 (vacant higher value local authority housing).”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would remove all sections relating to the sale of vacant higher value local authority housing in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (sections 69 to 79). This is intended to implement the Government’s commitment to not take forward the powers to require councils to sell higher value council homes.

After Clause 214

LORD BERKELEY

After Clause 214, insert the following new Clause –

“Electric vehicle charging points

In section 3A(2)(a) of the Electricity Act 1989 (The principal objective and general duties of the Secretary of State and the Authority), after “met” insert “, and in particular the facilitation of accelerated roll-out of Electric Vehicle charging points for domestic and commercial customers”.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would add an additional duty to the Secretary of State and the Board of OFGEM to ensure that customers across the country have adequate access to EV charging points.

LORD HODGSON OF ASTLEY ABBOTTS

After Clause 214, insert the following new Clause –

“Extinguishment of unrecorded rights of way

In the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the following sections are repealed –

- (a) section 53 (Extinguishment of unrecorded rights of way);
- (b) section 54 (Excepted highways and rights of way);
- (c) section 55 (Bridleway rights over ways shown as bridleways);
- (d) section 56 (Cut-off date for extinguishment etc).”

Member's explanatory statement

This new Clause would enact a Government commitment to repeal the deadline for recording unrecorded rights of way.

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