

## **Power of Wellbeing as at May 2008**

To be confirmed by Statutory Guidance

Notes from NALC Conference 2008  
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Statutory Regulations delayed from July to September 2008  
Anticipated that provide opportunity to increase the social, economic and environmental well being of a local community.

Aim reverse traditionally assumptions of parish councils that you can only do what you are told you can do ie that you have a direct power

Services should match more closely needs of community

Examples of use by principal authorities, Essex CC to initiate save the Post Offices campaign

Allow more action on low carbon towns

Process for empowering communities and Parish Councils

### **Process**

Matter of self certification  
Parish Councils will be expected to announce use of power, review after one year and report to Annual Meeting  
Have regard to Community Sustainable Strategy

### **Eligible Council**

At least two thirds of the council are elected either at election or bye election same as Quality Status  
At least 80% of councillors gone through training process in order to understand power and how to exercise it.  
Clerk will have completed Well being module as part of CiLCA course or attended training with regard to well being power.  
Local electorate allowed to participate in meeting where discussed<

### **Examples of Possible use**

Market Towns wanting to provide economic support  
Direct power to support Post Offices and community shops  
Power to issue guarantee  
Power to establish joint committee of transport for example to develop a community rail service