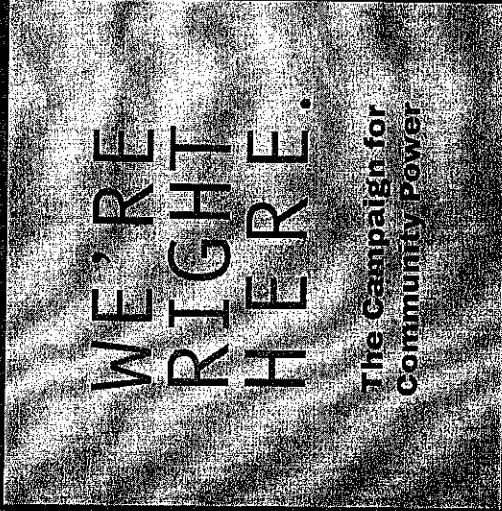


INTRODUCING
**THE
COMMUNITY
POWER ACT**

We're Right Here is a national campaign to shift power to communities so that local people can shape the places where they live.



What is the Community Power Act and how could it benefit you?

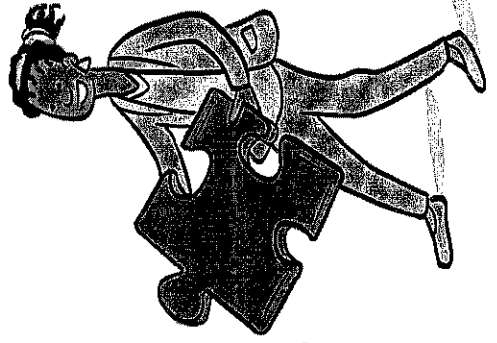
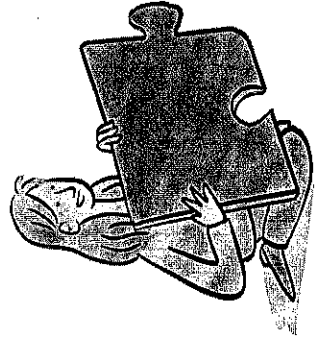
When passed by Parliament, an Act creates a new law or changes an existing one.

A Community Power Act would fundamentally change where power lies in the UK by establishing three new rights for our communities.

1. A Community Right to Buy

There are some buildings and spaces in our communities that feel like they 'belong' to us. Places we already use, like green spaces, pubs or community centres, and those that have potential to be used by the community, such as derelict industrial sites or vacant high street shops.

A Community Right to Buy would give us the right to buy those spaces without competition, and the time to raise the funds.



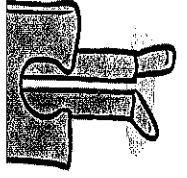
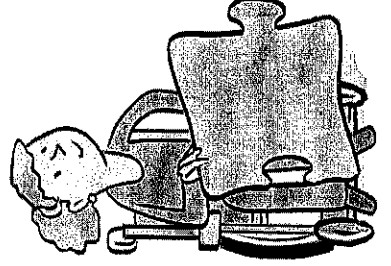
2. A Community Right to Shape Public Services

Our communities know what services are needed locally. A Community Right to Shape Public Services would give us more say by encouraging stronger collaboration between communities and public institutions on things like housing, education and local business policy. It would enable us to trigger a review of a service and be an equal partner in that process – helping to improve how the service is run.

3. A Community Right to Control Investment

Too often, our communities' priorities are overlooked when it comes to investing in our areas. A Community Right to Control Investment would give us more control over spending decisions which affect our neighbourhoods, like those related to regeneration.

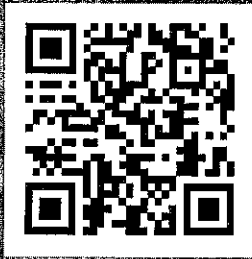
This money would truly be controlled at the community level. We would also have the right to request more insight into local spending and then push for shared decision making.



**Council Meeting
17 October 2024
Appendix C093**

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From councils to community groups and from MPs to interested individuals, we need your support to make this Act a reality. Scan the QR code below to find out how you can get involved.



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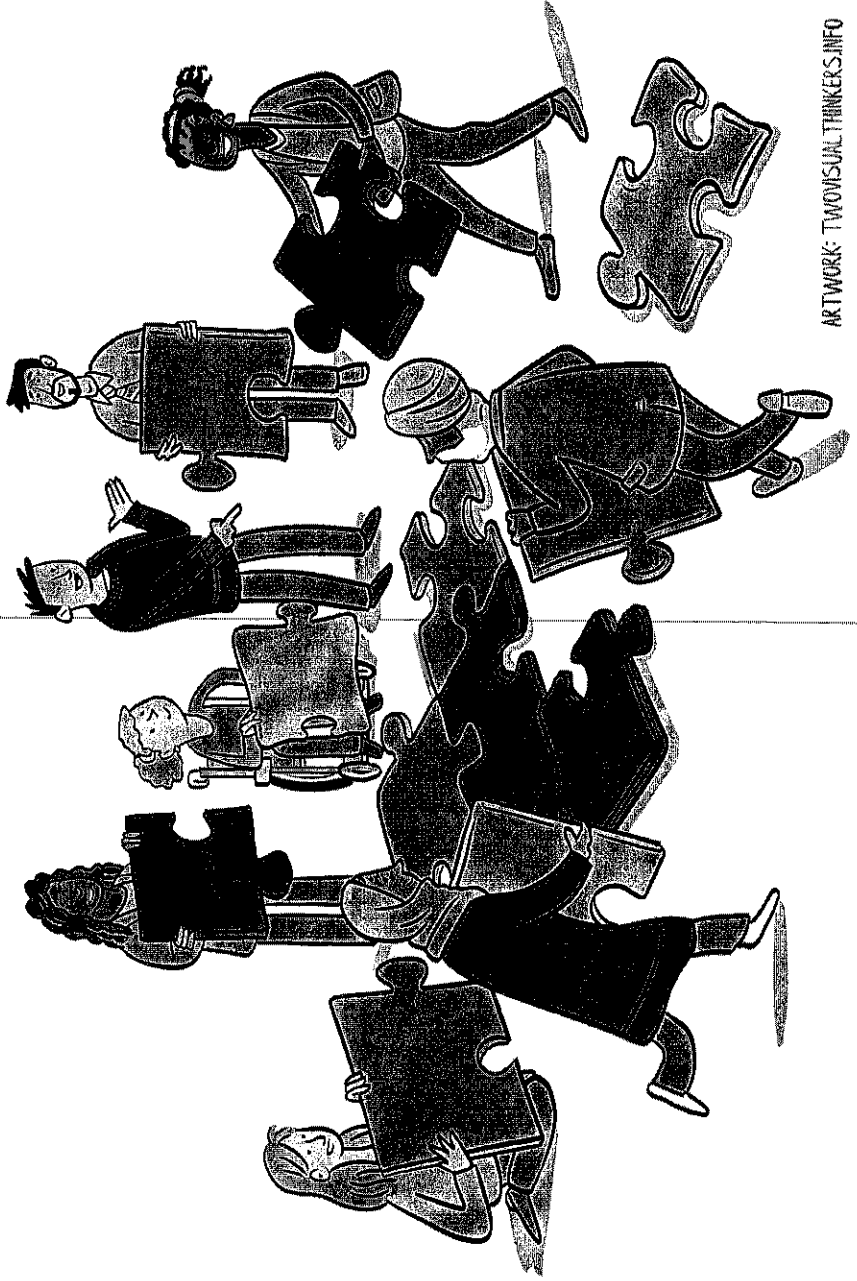


So how would these rights work?

Local people, community organisations and local authorities would come together in something called a 'Community Covenant' to shape the areas where they live. Together, partners would agree how power should be shared and how decisions should be made.

A support programme would be set up to ensure that communities with less well-developed social infrastructure do not miss out.

There would also be a Community Power Commissioner – an independent office to ensure the new community rights are upheld by government, to enable the formation of Community Covenants everywhere, and to help build a clear and trusted track along which power and resource can be transferred to communities.



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