

Dear colleague,

This is the eighth bulletin of the [Members' Policy Forum](#). The MPF is an initiative that aims to increase opportunities for all our members to engage directly with ACF's policy work, raise issues of interest and concern, and regularly engage with policy-makers in government. Feel free to share this email with any colleagues or trustees that may be interested and encourage them to sign up too.

- **New minister for civil society** – Baroness Diana Barran has been appointed Minister for Civil Society, within the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. Before entering the Lords, she founded and ran domestic abuse charity SafeLives and worked at charity thinktank New Philanthropy Capital. She has also served as a trustee of Comic Relief, Henry Smith Charity, and the Royal Foundation. Baroness Barren takes over from Mims Davies MP, and is also responsible for youth and social action, the Inclusive Economy Unit, loneliness, DCMS business in the Lords, and ceremonials. [Read our reaction here](#).
- **Scottish charity law update** – Scottish Government has published its analysis of the responses received as part of its consultation. Respondents were largely supportive of the consultation's proposals, though many commented that the review of charity law was not sufficiently broad in scope, and many raised further issues to explore with Scottish Government, e.g. future-proofing the sector, the legal framework for SCIOs, and the definition of public benefit. [Read more here](#).

As always, please get in touch with any questions or issues you'd like to raise. We are guided by the issues that are important to our members and we welcome suggestions for topics to cover in future events.

Best wishes,

**The ACF Policy Team**