PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENT

<u>Consumer Scotland (Transfer of Functions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)</u>

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Consumer Scotland (Transfer of Functions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To make amendments to provisions of Acts of the Scottish Parliament which have the effect of transferring functions from Citizens Advice Scotland to Consumer Scotland or providing that both Citizens Advice Scotland and Consumer Scotland can both perform certain functions.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 28 September 2022, the Economy and Fair Work Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published by 30 September 2022.

APPROVAL OF LAID DOCUMENTS

Scottish Social Housing Charter: April 2022 (SG/2022/32)

4. The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 introduced the Scottish Social Housing Charter (the Charter). The Scottish Government has committed to review the Charter every five years, with the last review having been carried out in 2017. It is again subject to review, with the aim of implementing a revised Charter in 2022. Any revisions to the Charter are to be agreed by a resolution of the Parliament, following consideration by the lead Committee. The Parliament considers the revised Charter in the same way as it would consider an affirmative instrument and therefore the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Social Housing Charter: April 2022 (SG/2022/32) be approved.

Purpose

5. The Charter focuses on improving the quality and value of services provided by landlords across Scotland and sets the standards and outcomes that social housing landlords should be achieving for their tenants and other customers. The Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) monitors and reports on

landlord performance against the Charter based on a series of Charter indicators which they collect. The 2022 Charter makes some minor revisions to the previous version relating to outcomes on equalities, quality of housing and value for money.

Consideration by committee

6. The Local Government and Communities Committee took evidence on the Charter from the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights at its meeting on 27 September. The Committee agreed to recommend to Parliament that the Code be approved. The Committee's report was published on 30 September 2022.

Decision

- 7. Business Managers are invited note that the above motions will be lodged.
- 8. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team September 2022