

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative Instruments

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specification of Public Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To formally designate Zero Waste Scotland Limited (ZWS) as a Scottish public authority for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010 by adding ZWS to the list of Scottish public authorities in Part 3 of schedule 19 of that Act. The designation will ensure ZWS is covered by the public sector equality duty under section 149 of the 2010 Act. This duty requires public authorities to consider how their policies and practices affect people with protected characteristics, helping to eliminate discrimination and promote equality. The order is a technical but important step in aligning ZWS's legal responsibilities with its status as nondepartmental public body.

[Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

4. The purpose of this instrument is to make ZWS listed authorities for the purpose of the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012. Listed authorities have specific duties which are designed to help them better perform the public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Consideration by committee

5. At its meeting on 28 October the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. The Committee's report will be published by 10 November 2025 and available on the [Committee reports page here](#).

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

7. To make provision for the transfer of the functions and members of the Police Appeals Tribunal to the General Regulatory Chamber of the First tier Tribunal for Scotland. The First-tier Tribunal was established by section 1 of the 2014 Act. It is organised into chambers according to the different subject-matters falling within the Tribunal's jurisdiction. The First-tier Tribunal General Regulatory Chamber will hear cases previously dealt with by the Police Appeals Tribunal. The instrument sets out transitional provisions to manage the transfer of ongoing casework. The instrument also makes consequential amendments to relevant policing legislation.

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber \(Police Appeals\) \(Procedure\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber (Police Appeals) (Procedure) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

9. To make provision for rules regarding the practice and procedure to be followed in the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber when hearing Police Appeals Cases. The rules of procedure are set out in the schedule of the regulations.

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Police Appeals and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Police Appeals and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

11. To make provision for the composition of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber and the Upper Tribunal for Scotland when hearing Police Appeals Cases.

Consideration by committee

12. At its meeting on 29 October 2025 the Criminal Justice Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. The Committee's report will be published by 11 November 2025 and available on the [Committee reports page here](#).

[Regulation of Care \(Child Contact Services\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Care (Child Contact Services) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

14. To extend the Care Inspectorate's regulatory framework to child contact services by adding "child contact services" to the list of care services that are regulated under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. There is currently no external regulation of child contact services in Scotland.
15. The Care Inspectorate is an established scrutiny and assurance body which regulates a range of care services in Scotland, ensuring services meets high standards and supporting improvement when needed. The instrument sets out transitional arrangements for child contact services already operating when the order comes into force.

[Regulation of Care \(Child Contact Services\) \(Equality\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Care (Child Contact Services) (Equality) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

17. To confer an additional function on the Care Inspectorate in relation to the regulation of child contact services, requiring the Care Inspectorate to notify the Equalities and Human Rights Commission of any failure, or possible failure, by a child contact service provider to comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010, in particular the duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled people.
18. This instrument is linked to the above instrument, which will add child contact services to the list of care services that the Care Inspectorate regulates under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. The purpose of the instrument is to

help ensure child contact services are meeting their duties under the Equality Act 2010 in relation to service users without placing any additional duties upon the providers of those services.

Consideration by committee

19. At its meeting on 4 November 2025 the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 5 November 2025](#).

[Absent Voting at Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections \(Signature Refresh\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025 \(SSI 2025/Draft\)](#)

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

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Absent Voting at Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections (Signature Refresh) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

21. Where a voter with a postal or proxy vote's signature held on record is more than 5 years old and the does not provide a fresh signature sample to their Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) when requested, proxy or postal voting arrangements (called 'absent voting') come to an end. This Order apply to absent votes granted for an indefinite period or a period in excess of 5 years, where a new signature sample is due to be requested before 31 January 2026. The Order disapplies the requirement on the ERO to request a fresh signature by 31 January 2026. The effect of this is that these absent votes will continue in the absence of a fresh signature in 2026 with the next signature refresh being required by 31 January 2027.

Consideration by committee

At its meeting on 6 November 2025 the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 6 November 2025](#).

Decision

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

Parliamentary Business Team
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