

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Affirmative Instruments

[Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

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 Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To allow the mineral substance Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate, a novel food concurrently authorised in Scotland by the Scottish Ministers under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283, to be used in the manufacture of food supplements. This SSI also sets the purity criteria for this mineral substance.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 3 February 2026 the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 3 February 2026](#).

[Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

4. 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 Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. To amend criminal legal aid and assistance by way of representation (ABWOR) provision in relation to criminal matters with the objective of improving access to justice, simplifying legal aid processes, and ensuring fair and sustainable remuneration for solicitors.

[Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

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 Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

7. To remove means and merits tests for children's Assistance by Way of Representation (ABWOR) applications in relation to proceedings under the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011, extend the scope and duration of ABWOR where made available, increase the initial authorised expenditure limit to £550 and provide that Care Leaver Payments are to be disregarded in the assessment of person's disposable capital and income for the purpose of financial eligibility for civil or children's legal aid and advice and assistance.

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber \(Rules of Procedure and Composition\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

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 Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

9. To make technical amendments to the Procedure Rules and Composition Rules applicable to the Local Taxation Chamber ('the LTC'). The LTC considers various appeals relating to non-domestic rates ("NDR"), water charges, civil penalties and council tax matters.
10. The purpose of the amendments to the Procedure Rules is to insert reference to the Valuations (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2025, which will come into force on 1 April 2026 and make provision as to the making of proposals by proprietors, tenants and occupiers of lands and heritage for alteration of entries in the valuation roll for nondomestic rates. In addition, the draft instrument also allows an appellant to withdraw an appeal without first requiring a request to be made to the LTC.
11. The purpose of the amendments to the Composition Regulations is to provide a non-exhaustive list of procedural or incidental matters which can be considered by a single legal member, judicial member or the Chamber President of the LTC sitting alone.

Consideration by committee

12. At its meeting on 3 February 2026 the Equality, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee agreed to recommend that the above Instruments be approved. [The Committee's report was published on 3 February 2026.](#)

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

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 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

14. To establish a licensing scheme for the provision of certain nonsurgical procedures which pierce or penetrate the skin, and do not require the input of a health care professional. Procedures which are undertaken for health care treatment purposes are not included. The Order will ensure that these procedures are only provided from appropriate settings. It will designate the activity for which a licence under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 is required from 6 September 2027.

Consideration by committee

15. At its meeting on 27 January 2026 the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The Committee's [report was published on 29 January 2026](#) (and not 15 January as stated at the top of the report).

[Local Government Finance \(Scotland\) Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/Draft\)](#)

Purpose

16. This order—

- (a) determines the amount of the revenue support grant payable to each local authority in Scotland in respect of the financial year 2026-2027 (article 2 and schedule 1),
- (b) determines the amount of non-domestic rate income to be distributed to each local authority in respect of that year (article 3 and schedule 1),
- (c) redetermines the amount of the revenue support grant payable to each local authority in respect of the financial year 2025-2026 (article 4 and schedule 2), and
- (d) makes consequential revocations of article 2 and column 2 of schedule 1 of the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2025, which previously determined the amount of revenue support grant payable to each local authority in respect of the financial year 2025-2026 (article 5).

17. In line with previous practice, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee has agreed that this instrument be considered directly by the Parliament, and a motion to approve the instrument will be scheduled for debate at a forthcoming meeting of the Parliament. The Delegated Powers and Law

Reform Committee will also consider this instrument at a meeting prior to consideration by the Parliament and will report on its findings to the Parliament.

18. The motion to approve the instrument will be lodged by the Scottish Government. Accordingly, the Bureau will lodge the following motion—

Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

Decision

19. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.

20. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team
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