

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

AFFIRMATIVE INSTRUMENT

[Homeless Persons \(Suspension of Referrals between Local Authorities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2022 \(SSI 2022/Draft\)](#)

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 Homeless Persons (Suspension of Referrals between Local Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

2. To suspend the power of a Scottish local authority to refer a homelessness applicant to another Scottish local authority on the basis of the applicant's local connection status. The Policy notes states that the rules on local connection are being modified so that people in housing crisis have the freedom to settle where they choose, with access to the support they need. This follows a recommendation in 2018 from the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group to abolish the local connection test as it is a barrier that prevents people from being able to access support in an area of their choosing.

Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 3 November 2022, the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report will be published by 10 November 2022.

[Pavement Parking Prohibition \(Exemption Orders Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022 \(SSI 2022/Draft\)](#)

4. 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 Pavement Parking Prohibition (Exemption Orders Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

5. To make detailed provision for the process a local authority should follow when promoting a Pavement Parking Prohibition Exemption Order in relation to:

- The publication of proposals and consultation
- The handling of representations
- The power for local authorities to appoint a 'reporter' to hold a hearing (if necessary)

- The making of an Exemption Order, including the consideration of representations and report following a hearing (if necessary), the making and form of an Exemption Order, the notice of making an Exemption Order and the amendment and revocation of Exemption Orders.

Consideration by committee

6. At its meeting on 1 November 2022, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the regulations be approved. The Committee report was published on 8 November 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
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