

# Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

## Scottish Statutory Instruments

### [Town and Country Planning \(Amendment of National Planning Framework\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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

**Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Town and Country Planning (Amendment of National Planning Framework) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

#### Purpose

2. To set out further detailed provisions around procedures for amending the National Planning Framework, following on from the commencement in full of various provisions in the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, which amended the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

#### Consideration by committee

3. At its meeting on 29 October 2024 the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 7 November 2024](#).

### [Masterplan Consent Area Scheme \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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

**Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Masterplan Consent Area Scheme (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

#### Purpose

5. To provide detailed provisions relating to undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) where required, when preparing a Masterplan Consent Area Scheme (upfront consenting mechanism for development proposals).

#### Consideration by committee

6. At its meeting on 29 October 2024 the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 7 November 2024](#).

[Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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

**Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

**Purpose**

8. To amend assimilated EU law to remove a 16-week limit for labelling of eggs as 'free range' when producers are subject to a housing order. This would allow eggs to be labelled as free range throughout the period of a housing order. The Scottish Government can impose housing orders for poultry to be kept indoors to protect against the spread of diseases such as Avian Flu.

**Consideration by committee**

9. At its meeting on 30 October 2024 the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee agreed to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 7 November 2024](#).

[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

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

**Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau:** That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

**Purpose**

11. To introduce a means-tested payment on the same basis as the UK-wide Winter Fuel Payment and set out the rules and eligibility criteria for Pension Age Winter Heating Payment (PAWHP) for winter 2024/25.

**Consideration by committee**

12. At its meeting on 31 October 2024, after debate, the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed, by division (For 3, Against 0, Abstentions 4), to recommend that the Instrument be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 7 November 2024](#).

**Decision**

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