

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, made under sections 24(3), 68(2), (3) and 69, of the [Water Industry Act 2002 \(asp 3\)](#) sets out additional provisions relating to the transfer of functions, property and liabilities from the new water and sewerage authorities to Scottish Water. Article 3 makes consequential and savings provisions relating to the transfer of property and liabilities. Articles 4 and 5 make provision to save the current charges schemes and codes of practice made under the provisions of Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 until a replacement scheme and code can be made under the provisions of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002. Article 6 makes consequential provisions relating to the billing and collection of water and sewerage charges by local authorities.. Article 7 makes consequential provisions arising from the provisions of a domestic water and sewerage charges reduction scheme. Article 8 makes consequential provisions to the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 to allow local authorities to recover charges due to Scottish Water.