

**2003 No. 286**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**The Accountability of Local Authorities (Publication of  
Information about Finance and Performance) (Scotland)  
Regulations 2003**

<i>Made</i>	<i>5th June 2003</i>
<i>Laid before the Scottish Parliament</i>	<i>6th June 2003</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>30th June 2003</i>

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 13(3) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003<sup>(a)</sup> and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and after consultation with such associations of local authorities and such other persons as they think fit, hereby make the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Accountability of Local Authorities (Publication of Information about Finance and Performance) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 30th June 2003.

(2) In these Regulations “the 2003 Act” means the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

**Reporting under Section 13 of the 2003 Act**

**2.** The information which is to be provided under section 1 of the Local Government Act 1992<sup>(b)</sup> is to be included in that which is to be reported to the public by a local authority under section 13(1) of the 2003 Act.

**Requirements in relation to publication of information**

**3.**—(1) Any report made by a local authority under section 13(1) of the 2003 Act shall be published by the local authority in such forms and by such means as to make it readily accessible to members of the public within the area of that local authority.

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<sup>(a)</sup> 2003 asp 1.

<sup>(b)</sup> 1992 c.19. Section 1 was amended by the Audit (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1996 (c.10), section 5(1), the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 (asp 1), section 13(9), and by S.I. 1997/1981.

(2) When a local authority makes a report under section 13(1) of the 2003 Act it shall advertise the availability of that report in a manner which effectively raises public awareness within its area of the availability of that report.

*TAVISH SCOTT*  
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
5th June 2003

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision in relation to the publication by local authorities of information about finance and performance. Section 13 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 (“the 2003 Act”) places local authorities under a general duty to make arrangements for the reporting to the public of the performance of their functions.

Regulation 2 provides that the duty under section 13(1) (duty of local authority to make arrangements for reporting) of the 2003 Act includes the reporting of information which is provided under section 1 (publication of information as to standards of performance) of the Local Government Act 1992.

Regulation 3 places publication and advertising requirements on local authorities in relation to reports made under section 13(1) of the 2003 Act.

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