

Executive Note

The Academic Awards and Distinctions (The Robert Gordon University) (Scotland) Order of Council 2006 SSI/2006/452

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council by sections 48 and 60(3) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

Section 48 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 provides the Privy Council with the power to specify institutions of higher education as competent to grant awards.

The Robert Gordon University wishes to modernise its governance and change its body corporate from the 'Governors of The Robert Gordon University' to 'The Robert Gordon University'. This change necessitates the closing of the University, as it is currently constituted, by the Robert Gordon University (Closure) (Scotland) Order 2006. To enable the transfer of assets and employees, a new institution of higher education was established under the Robert Gordon University (Establishment) (Scotland) Order 2006.

The purpose of this instrument is to specify the new institution, The Robert Gordon University, as an institution competent to grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards or distinctions, including honorary degrees to individuals including members of staff.

In addition to the above a further instrument, the Robert Gordon University (Scotland) Order of Council 2006 has been made. This makes new provision regarding the constitution, functions and powers of The Robert Gordon University and the arrangements to be adopted in discharging its functions. It provides for a modern constitution in a clearer format and replaces the provisions in the existing Governance Order, the Robert Gordon University (Scotland) Order of Council 1993.

Consultation

The Privy Council Office and Robert Gordon University have been consulted during the preparation of the instrument.

Financial Effects

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared as this instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local government or on business.