

## **Executive Note**

### **The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order (S.S.I 2007/379)**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections **3(1) and 16(2)** of the **Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004**. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

### **Policy Objectives**

As part of the review of the local government elections in Scotland which Scottish Ministers have asked the Electoral Commission to undertake following the elections on 3 May 2007, the Order allows the Commission to examine copies of information stored in the electronic counting system. Safeguards to protect the secrecy of the vote are included in the Order. The purpose and content of the Order reflect those of a similar Order prepared by the Scotland Office in respect of the count information stored from the Scottish Parliament elections also held on 3 May.

### **Consultation**

The Electoral Commission have been consulted on a draft of the instrument.

### **Financial Effects**

The instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local government or on business.

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