

## **EXECUTIVE NOTE**

### **The Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Re-registration) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/54)**

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 20(1A)(b) and 54(1)(b) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965, with the approval of the Scottish Ministers in accordance with section 54(1) of that Act. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

These Regulations will allow district registrars to re-register births, without the authorisation of the Registrar General, in cases where unmarried parents marry subsequent to the birth, or where the father's parentage has been confirmed by court order or statutory declaration. This will make re-registration more convenient for the public, and will allow it to be effected more quickly than at present. They will also enable the re-registration of the birth of a deceased or still-born child, allowing the parents to record a subsequent marriage to each other, and/or details of the father.

The changes are also enabled by regulation 2 of the Registration Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/52). Those Regulations are sent to Parliament for subordinate legislation scrutiny at the same time as these Regulations, although they are not required to be laid. They amend the re-registration procedures in the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 1965.

#### **Consultation**

The Regulations are made to give effect to provisions contained in the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 which were the subject of 2 consultation exercises in 2000 and 2005.

#### **Financial Effects**

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

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