

EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE EDINBURGH NAPIER UNIVERSITY ORDER OF COUNCIL 2008

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The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council by sections 45 and 60 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 ("the 1992 Act"). The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

Napier University ("University"), along with the majority of other post 1992 universities and designated higher education institutions, has a Governance Order, the Napier University (Scotland) Order of Council 1993 made by the Privy Council. The Napier College of Commerce and Technology (No. 2) Regulations 1985 also contain provisions which apply to the University. The purpose of this instrument is to amend these governance instruments to reflect a change of name to "Edinburgh Napier University".

Name

In accordance with the requirements of section 49 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992, the governing body of the University resolved on 16th June 2008 to change the name of the University to Edinburgh Napier University and the Privy Council consented to the change of name on 23rd September 2008. The change of name takes effect on 25th January 2009.

The University wished to change its name to "Edinburgh Napier University" as it considers that including 'Edinburgh' in its name will build on its reputation as an increasingly successful international university by improving its recognition around the UK and internationally. The University feels that capitalising on its geographical location in Scotland's capital city will raise its profile with business and industry and that market research consistently demonstrates that students choose to study at a university because of the courses it offers, its reputation and its location.

Consultation on new name

Prior to the Privy Council granting its consent, the University conducted a comprehensive consultation on the proposed name change, seeking the views of a wide range of stakeholder organisations, including colleges, universities, MPs, MSPs, City of Edinburgh councillors, local authorities, local and national civic, community and business organisations, as well as staff and students at the University.

Financial effects

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