

## **EXECUTIVE NOTE**

### **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2010 SSI/2010/45**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 11 and 16 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 and section 50 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 enables regulations to make provision for the payment by local authorities of allowances and reimbursement of expenses to their members. These regulations amend the provisions in the Local Government (Allowances and Expenses)(Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/108).

The purpose of the instrument is to introduce a new allowance for travel between islands by boat or an entitlement to claim reimbursement of receipted expenditure for travel, between islands not directly served by a public ferry service, by chartered boat payable to members of Orkney Islands Council, Shetland Islands Council and Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. It also specifies the conditions under which the new allowance may be claimed. This instrument also amends the standard form which local authorities are required to use for claims for expenses and allowances in line with the new provisions. It also amends the information to show the minimum which local authorities are required to publish, on their websites, about councillors' remuneration, allowances and expenses.

This structure follows on the recommendations from the Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee (SLARC), following on from their 2009 Annual Review of Remuneration for Local Authority Councillors, November 2009 (ISBN:978-0-7559-8192-2).

#### **Consultation**

The following bodies have been consulted on a draft of the instrument in accordance with the requirements of Section 11(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004.

The Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee

The following organisations were also consulted on the Scottish Local Authorities Remuneration Committee Report published in November 2009.

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities  
Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers  
National Association of Councillors  
Aberdeen City Council  
Aberdeenshire Council  
Angus Council  
Argyll and Bute Council  
City of Edinburgh Council  
Clackmannanshire Council

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar  
Dumfries and Galloway Council  
Dundee City Council  
East Ayrshire Council  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
East Lothian Council  
East Renfrewshire Council  
Falkirk Council  
Fife Council  
Glasgow City Council  
Highland Council  
Inverclyde Council  
Midlothian Council  
The Moray Council  
North Ayrshire Council  
North Lanarkshire Council  
Orkney Islands Council  
Perth and Kinross Council  
Renfrewshire Council  
Scottish Borders Council  
Shetland Islands Council  
South Ayrshire Council  
South Lanarkshire Council  
Stirling Council  
West Dunbartonshire Council  
West Lothian Council

### **Financial Effects**

This is difficult to quantify as the cost to local authorities is dependant on claims made by their elected members. However, it is anticipated that this instrument will have financial saving for Islands Councils of £50 per member travelling between islands by boat.

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