

POLICY NOTE

THE FIRE REFORM (PENSIONS AMENDMENTS) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2013

SSI 2013/186

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34(1) to (4) and 60(2) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004. Functions under that Act as regards Scotland have been executively devolved to the Scottish Ministers. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

The Firefighters' Pension (Scotland) Order 2007 (SSI 2007/199) provides a pension scheme for Scottish firefighters recruited from 1 April 2006. The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Scotland) Order 2006 (SI 2006/338) provides compensation benefits for all Scottish firefighters who suffer a work related injury. The Scottish Government published an initial consultation paper in February 2011 seeking views on the future of the police and fire services. A further consultation paper setting out proposals for how the new single Scottish services will work in practice, and seeking views on the detailed legislative provisions to be taken forward to Parliament, was published in September 2011. The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 was granted Royal Assent on 7 August 2012. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service came into effect on 1 April 2013 and reflects a change to organisational structure. However there will be no changes to the pension or injury benefits available to Scottish firefighters and the amendments made by this Order are minor to accommodate and reflect this structural change.

The Order makes retrospective provision to capture the establishment of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on 1 April 2013.

Consultation

A formal consultation was undertaken from 29 November 2012 to 21 February 2013. The consultation was issued to representatives of firefighters and employers and relevant Scottish and UK Government Departments.

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared because no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

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