

POLICY NOTE

THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2013

SSI 2013/74

1. The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 153 (4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objective

2. This Order amends Scottish Ministers' powers under section 153 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to give financial assistance for environmental purposes.

3. The Order as amended will help ensure local accountability for Scottish Expenditure and enable Ministers to support a wider range of environmental programmes.

4. It will in particular allow payments to be made directly to Zero Waste Scotland (based in Stirling), a new company established as a subsidiary of the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP). WRAP is an independent not-for-profit company limited by guarantee which operates on a UK wide basis undertaking work for all UK governments. It has operated in Scotland as the Scottish Government's single zero waste delivery programme under the name Zero Waste Scotland since 2010, but has only recently formalised this arrangement by establishing Zero Waste Scotland as a subsidiary company.

5. The Order also enables Ministers to support a wider range of environmentally important schemes or programmes, including waste prevention and resource efficiency schemes or programmes.

6. Finally, the Order removes redundant references to the Strategic Waste Fund, the Tidy Britain Group and the Waste Minimisation and Recycling Programme.

Consultation

7. Formal consultation was not considered necessary on these technical changes which reflect established policy.

Financial Effects

8. There are no financial impacts.

Impact Assessments

9. The Order will in itself have no impact on third parties or on environmental issues. No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment or Strategic Environment Assessment is therefore required.

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