

## **POLICY NOTE**

### **THE SCOTTISH TRIBUNALS (ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR LISTED TRIBUNALS) ORDER 2015**

#### **SSI 2015/405**

1. The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 3(5) of schedule 4 to the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014. The instrument is subject to affirmative procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

2. This Order amends paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 4 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 to include the homeowner housing panel (ho hp), the private rented housing panel (pr hp) and the functions exercisable by them under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011.

3. The Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 merged the Scottish Courts Service and the Scottish Tribunals Service creating the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS). The Courts Reform Act lists the tribunals that SCTS may provide administrative support for as the private rented housing committee (pr hc) and homeowner housing committee (ho hc) and not the pr hp and ho hp. Therefore to allow SCTS to support the panels as well as the committees it is necessary to amend the listed tribunals.

#### **Consultation**

4. A consultation with interested parties took place between April and July 2015. There were no comments made on the administrative support for listed tribunals order.

#### **Impact Assessments**

5. As the Order is technical amendment to add to the listed tribunals we do not consider there is a requirement for any Impact Assessments on this occasion.

6. An equality impact assessment has already been completed covering the wider issues as part of the Tribunals (Scotland) Bill process – see link below for further information.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0042/00421637.pdf>

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