

## **POLICY NOTE**

### **THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (INTEGRATION JOINT BOARDS AND INTEGRATION JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEES) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT (No. 2) ORDER 2015**

#### **SSI 2015/432**

1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 12, 17 and 69(1) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

2. This Order makes amendments to remove an inconsistency that currently exists between the standing orders for Integration Joint Boards and Integration Joint Monitoring Committees and the Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies and the Councillors' Code of Conduct. The amendments also clarify that Integration Joint Board and Integration Joint Monitoring Committee members are subject to the same standards and requirements in terms of their decisions on conflicts of interests as members of other public bodies.

3. This Order amends the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 and the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Monitoring Committees) (Scotland) Order 2014. This amendment will align the Integration Joint Board and Integration Joint Monitoring Committee standing orders with the statutory Codes of Conduct for Councillors and members of devolved public bodies with regard to members declaring a conflict of interest.

4. This Order makes an amendment to reflect that a member declaring a conflict of interests should personally take a decision on whether or not they should take part in the discussion of, or voting on the item of business. Members of Integration Joint Boards and Integration Joint Monitoring Committees must adhere to any requirements under other Codes of Conduct that they are bound to.

5. Integration Joint Boards and Integration Joint Monitoring Committees which have already prepared standing orders are required to update their standing orders as soon as reasonably practicable after the coming into force of this Order, to ensure that this change will take effect timeously.

#### **Consultation**

6. A targeted consultation was carried out for this Order, running from 12 October to 9 November 2015 and 30 responses were received. This includes responses from Local Authorities, Health Boards and Integration Joint Boards.

## **Impact Assessments**

7. An Equality Impact Assessment has already been completed on the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and a summary published. To view the Equality Impact Assessment click [here](#). No additional issues arise as a result of this instrument.

## **Financial Effects**

8. A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment was completed on the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and a summary was published. To view the Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment click [here](#). No additional issues arise as a result of this instrument.

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