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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 249**

**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**

**The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Framework) Order 2016**

*Made* - - - - *1st September 2016*  
*Laid before the Scottish*  
*Parliament* - - - - *5th September 2016*  
*Coming into force* - - *4th October 2016*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 40(4) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005(1) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 40(5) of that Act, the Scottish Ministers have, in preparing the document mentioned in section 40(1), consulted the persons mentioned in section 40(6)(2).

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Framework) Order 2016 and comes into force on 4th October 2016.

**Framework document**

2. The document prepared by the Scottish Ministers under section 40(1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, entitled “Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2016” and published in September 2016(3), has effect for the purposes of section 40(4) of that Act.

**Revocation**

3. The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Framework and Appointed Day for Strategic Plan) Order 2013(4) is revoked.

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(1) 2005 asp 5. Section 40 was amended by the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 8) (“the 2012 Act”).  
(2) Section 40(6) was substituted by paragraph 68(15)(c) of schedule 7 of the 2012 Act.  
(3) ISBN: 9781786524119. The framework document is published on the Scottish Government’s website: <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/8011>.  
(4) S.S.I. 2013/97.

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
1st September 2016

*ANNABELLE EWING*  
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order gives effect to the framework document entitled “Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2016” (“the 2016 Framework”), for the purpose of section 40(4) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (“the Act”).

The Scottish Ministers are required to prepare a framework document under section 40(1) of the Act (as amended by the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 which established a single Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (“SFRS”) to replace the fire and rescue authorities and joint fire and rescue boards). The Scottish Ministers are required by section 40(2) to keep the framework document under review and may from time to time revise it.

The 2016 Framework sets out priorities and objectives for SFRS in connection with the carrying out of its statutory functions. It also contains such guidance, and other matters relating to SFRS and its functions, as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate. Section 41(1) of the Act requires SFRS to have regard to the 2016 Framework in carrying out its functions. The 2016 Framework was published in September 2016 and is available on the Scottish Government’s website: [www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/8011](http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/8011).

Article 3 of the Order revokes the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Framework and Appointed Day for Strategic Plan) Order 2013.

A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre. Copies may be obtained from the Fire and Rescue Unit, Safer Communities Directorate, Scottish Government, 1W St. Andrew’s House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG and online at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).