## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes new provision regarding the constitution, functions and powers of the Governors of The Robert Gordon University, as Governing Body of that University, and the arrangements to be adopted by them in discharging their functions. It replaces most of the provisions of the Central Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1981, and also the provisions of the Central Institutions (Scotland) Regulations 1988 so far as relating to The Robert Gordon University.

The Robert Gordon University is an institution designated by the Secretary of State as eligible to receive support from the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council and was formerly known as The Robert Gordon Institute of Technology. It has adopted the name "The Robert Gordon University" under section 49 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992.

Part II provides for the name of the University and the Governing Body and makes provision consequential on the changes of name. It also provides for the objects for which the Governing Body will conduct the University and the general functions of the Governing Body.

Part III provides for the powers of the Governing Body and for its composition, membership and proceedings.

Part IV regulates the administration of the University.It provides for delegation to the Principal of responsibility for discharging most of the functions of the Governing Body relating to the organisation and management of the University.It provides for appointment of an Academic Council and for the delegation to it of the Governing Body's functions regarding academic matters.

Part V makes consequential revocations and amendments of existing instruments affecting the University and makes saving and transitional provisions.