

## SCHEDULE

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

#### 3. After section 6 insert—

##### **“Power to approve premises**

**6A.—**(1) The Chancellor of the Exchequer may by regulations make provision for and in connection with the approval by registration authorities of premises for the purposes of section 6(3A)(a).

(2) The matters dealt with by regulations may include—

- (a) the kind of premises in respect of which approvals may be granted;
- (b) the procedure to be followed in relation to applications for approval;
- (c) the considerations to be taken into account by a registration authority in determining whether to approve any premises;
- (d) the duration and renewal of approvals;
- (e) the conditions that must or may be imposed by a registration authority on granting or renewing an approval;
- (f) the determination and charging by registration authorities of fees in respect of applications for the approval of premises and in respect of the renewal of approvals;
- (g) the circumstances in which a registration authority must or may revoke an approval;
- (h) the review of any decision to refuse an approval or the renewal of an approval, to impose conditions on granting or renewing an approval or to revoke an approval;
- (i) the notification to the Registrar General of all approvals granted, renewed or revoked;
- (j) the keeping by registration authorities of registers of approved premises;
- (k) the issue by the Registrar General of guidance supplementing the provision made by the regulations.

(3) Without prejudice to the width of subsection (2)(e), the Chancellor of the Exchequer must exercise his power to provide for the imposition of conditions as mentioned there so as to secure that members of the public are permitted to attend when two people sign the civil partnership schedule on approved premises in accordance with section 6(3A)(a).”.