

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**  
**THE FILTON COLLEGE AND STROUD COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION**  
**(DISSOLUTION) ORDER 2012**

**2012 No. 52**

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Business, Innovation, and Skills and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Purpose of the instrument**

2.1 This instrument dissolves the corporations established to conduct Filton College and Stroud College of Further Education and transfers the property, rights and liabilities to the corporation established to conduct the South Gloucestershire and Stroud College on 1st February 2012. This follows a proposal made to the Secretary of State by the Chief Executive of Skills Funding.

**3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

3.1 None

**4. Legislative Context**

4.1 Section 27 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 gives the Secretary of State the power to dissolve further education corporations and to transfer the property, rights and liabilities of a corporation to any person or body corporate established to provide educational facilities or services.

4.2 In accordance with section 51 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 and Statutory Instrument 2001 No 782 (The Education (Publication of Draft Proposals and Orders)(Further Education Corporations)(England) Regulations 2001), there has been a local public consultation prior to the proposal being made to the Secretary of State by the Chief Executive of Skills Funding.

**5. Territorial Extent and Application**

5.1 This instrument applies to England.

5.2 This instrument applies only to the named further education corporations.

**6. European Convention on Human Rights**

6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

**7. Policy background**

7.1 The Corporations of Filton College and Stroud College of Further Education have proposed the merger of the colleges. This is being achieved by the incorporation of the South Gloucestershire and Stroud College to be followed by the dissolution of

each of the existing colleges and the transfer of the property, rights, and liabilities of each college to the Corporation of the South Gloucestershire and Stroud College. The merger is intended to further improve the range and quality of further education provision in Gloucestershire.

7.2 The South Gloucestershire and Stroud College was incorporated under SI 2011/2974 and its government regulations are SI 2011/2975. In accordance with section 27 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992, the Corporation of the South Gloucestershire and Stroud College has given its consent to accept the property, rights and liabilities of the colleges being dissolved.

## **8. Consultation outcome**

8.1 The public consultation identified broad support for the proposal, with no significant concerns raised.

## **9. Guidance**

9.1 As this instrument affects only the named colleges, no guidance is necessary and any persons affected by the change will be informed by the colleges.

## **10. Impact**

10.1 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no wider impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies. The impact on the public sector is minimal.

## **11. Regulating small business**

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

## **12. Monitoring & review**

12.1 As this instrument concerns the dissolution of the named colleges, no monitoring or review is necessary.

## **13. Contact**

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