

*These notes relate to the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland)  
Act 2000 (asp 7) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2000*

# **ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM**

#### ***Introduction***

#### ***Costs on Local Authorities and Relevant Public Bodies***

111. The Act will impose a new duty on local authorities and relevant public bodies to assist their members to observe the relevant code of conduct. The Act provides flexibility for each of these bodies to carry out that duty in a way that is appropriate to individual circumstances, for example by establishing a standards committee, and by provision of advice and training to members. While this will be a new statutory duty it is recognised that local authorities and public bodies currently provide assistance to their members in relation to existing codes of conduct. Any new expenditure arising from this duty is expected to be minimal.