



Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2010 asp 8

PART 1

SIMPLIFICATION OF PUBLIC BODIES

Transfer of functions

- 2** **Transfer to Scottish Natural Heritage of functions of Advisory Committee on sites of special scientific interest**
- (1) The committee referred to in section 21(1) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 6) is dissolved.
- (2) All property, rights, liabilities and obligations of the committee referred to in subsection (1) are transferred to Scottish Natural Heritage.
- (3) In the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004—
- (a) in section 21 (Advisory Committee on sites of special scientific interest), subsections (1) to (5) are repealed,
 - (b) in subsection (8) of that section, for paragraphs (a) to (c) substitute—
 - “(a) consider the matter, and
 - (b) take such action as it thinks fit.”,
 - (c) in the title to that section, for “Advisory Committee” substitute “Representations to SNH”,
 - (d) in section 58(1) (interpretation), the definition “Advisory Committee” is repealed,
 - (e) in schedule 1 (notification relating to sites of special scientific interest: procedure)—
 - (i) in paragraph 9(b), for “refer the matter to the Advisory Committee” substitute “consider the matter”,
 - (ii) in paragraph 9, for “paragraphs (a) and (b)” substitute “paragraph (a)”,

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- (iii) for the title to paragraph 9, substitute “ Representations to SNH on sites of special scientific interest ”,
 - (iv) paragraph 11 is repealed,
 - (v) in paragraph 12(a), for “a matter has been referred to the Advisory Committee” substitute “ SNH is required by subsection (8) of section 21 to consider a matter, ”.
- (4) In the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 13), in Part 7 of schedule 1 (Scottish public authorities), the paragraph relating to the Advisory Committee on Sites of Special Scientific Interest is repealed.
- (5) In the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 4), in schedule 2 (the specified authorities), the entry relating to the Advisory Committee on Sites of Special Scientific Interest is repealed.

Commencement Information

II S. 2 in force at 1.8.2010 by [S.S.I. 2010/221](#), art. 3(2), [Sch.](#)

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- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 5 Ch. 3A amendment to earlier affecting provision 2019 asp 6, s. 12(2) by [S.S.I. 2023/127 reg. 3\(4\)](#)
- Pt. 5 Ch. 3A inserted by [2019 asp 6 s. 12\(2\)](#)