

EXECUTIVE NOTE

DRAFT : THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (POST-LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS SUPPLY AND INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS) (SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2012

The above draft instrument, if approved, will be made by Scottish Ministers in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 (5) and section 61 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf. The instrument is subject to affirmative procedure.

Policy Objectives

The Scottish Government has recognised that the costs for obtaining a copy of marked copies of the register post election is more expensive for the Scottish Local Government Elections than any other election in Scotland.

This instrument seeks to reduce the costs of obtaining copies of marked copies of the register to bring the costs into line with other elections

Consultation

It was deemed not necessary to consult as the changes will bring practices into line with other elections.

Impact Assessments

A Business Regularity Impact Assessment is deemed not to be required in this instance as policy changes will not lead to costs or savings for business, third or public sector organisations, or regulators. There is no additional cost on the public sector as the Scottish Government would continue to meet the costs of associated activity whether or not it was in the legislation and there is no transfer of costs or benefits from one group to another.

Financial Effects

Political Parties and Candidates are responsible for meeting the costs of producing marked copies of the register.

The instrument has no financial effects on business.

Scottish Government Directorate for International and Constitution
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