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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order designates an area, as shown on the map deposited in Parliament with the Order, as the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park (article 3).

It establishes, on the establishment date of 8th July 2002, a National Park Authority for the Park (articles 2 and 4). The constitution of the National Park Authority is set out in article 5, which provides for 5 members to be elected in a poll, 5 members to be appointed as local members and 10 members to be nominated by the local authorities detailed in the article.

Elections to the National Park Authority will be held on 27th June 2002 (article 6).

The functions of planning authorities under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, with the exception of the preparation of structure plans, are transferred to and exercisable by the National Park Authority with effect from the operational date of 19th July 2002 (article 7 and Schedule 2).

The function of providing rangers under section 65 of the Countryside (Scotland) Act 1967 and the power to make byelaws under section 121 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 are conferred on and exercisable by the National Park Authority with effect from the operational date (article 8 and Schedule 2).

The Order provides for the first meeting of the National Park Authority (article 10), for the appointment of proper and monitoring officers (article 11) and for continuity of exercise of functions in respect of functions transferred from local authorities to the National Park Authority (article 12).

The Order requires local authorities to assist the National Park Authority in discharging any function transferred by the Order (article 13).

Articles 14 and 15 make transitional and consequential provisions.