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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes consequential amendments to the Representation of the People Act 1983 (“the 1983 Act”), the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 all in consequence of provisions within the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011 (“the 2011 Act”).

Article 3 repeals section 66(1)(d) of the 1983 Act as the provisions referred to there have themselves been repealed by the 2011 Act. The persons covered by those repealed provisions (observers at Scottish local government elections) are now covered by provisions referred to elsewhere in section 66 of the 1983 Act.

Article 4 repeals paragraph 2 of schedule 2 to the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006, which inserted section 66(1)(d) into the 1983 Act.

Articles 5 to 8 update references in the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 in consequence of the Electoral Commission’s role at Scottish local government elections.