

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments

Made Affirmative

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/60\)](#)

1. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) be approved.

Purpose

2. The Scottish Budget 2024-25 published on 19 December 2024 set out the proposed Scottish Landfill Tax rates for 2024 to 2025. An Order is considered by the Parliament each year to update the Scottish Landfill Tax.
3. The Order, which was laid before the Parliament on 21 February 2024, specifies that the standard and lower rates for disposals will be increased from 1 April 2024 as follows—
 - standard rate is £103.70 per tonne (currently £102.10), and
 - lower rate is £3.30 per tonne (currently £3.25).

Consideration by committee

4. This Made Affirmative is due to expire on Tuesday 19 March and is required to be considered and agreed by the Parliament by the expiry date to stay in force. At its meeting on 5 March 2024 the Finance and Public Administration Committee agreed to recommend that the Order be approved. The Committee is due to publish its report on Wednesday 13 March and the Bureau is invited to agree that the instrument be considered by Parliament on Thursday 14 March, in advance of the expiry date for the instrument.
5. The Business Team provide a link to the Committee's report when published and inform Business Managers when the motion has been lodged.

Affirmative Instruments

[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

6. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

7. To amend the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Order 2009 to allow for the 2024/25 Renewables Obligation Scotland obligation level to be revised. The obligation level must be published by 01 October each year, 6 months before the applicable obligation year starts on 01 April. This SSI is being introduced to allow the Scottish Ministers to revise the obligation level for the 2024/25 obligation year.

Consideration by committee

8. At its meeting on 27 February 2024 the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. The [Committee report was published on 5 March 2024](#).

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

9. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

10. The provisions in Part 1 of the emergency Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (which includes the rent cap) expire on 31 March 2024. These Regulations modify the emergency Act to change the time when section 10 and, by consequence, schedule 3 of the Act expire. Schedule 3 of the Act confers powers on the Scottish Ministers on or in anticipation of the expiry or suspension of the rent controls imposed by paragraph 1 of schedule 1 of the Act, to modify how rent is to be determined by a rent officer or the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland. They also provide that, instead of expiring at the end of 31 March 2024, section 10 and schedule 3 of the Act will expire one year later (i.e. at the end of 31 March 2025).

Consideration by committee

11. At its meeting on 5 March 2024, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee agreed (by division: For 5, Against 0, Abstentions 2) to recommend that the Regulations be approved. [The Committee report was published on 7 March 2024](#).

Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

12. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

13. These Regulations change how rent by a private residential tenancy is determined on referral by a tenant to a rent officer (or subsequent appeal to the First-tier Tribunal) under the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016. They also change how rent in relation to statutory assured tenancies is determined on referral by a tenant to the tribunal under section 25 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988.

Consideration by committee

14. At its meeting on 5 March 2024, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee agreed (by division: For 5, Against 0, Abstentions 2) to recommend that the Regulations be approved. [The Committee report was published on 7 March 2024.](#)

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

15. Under Rule 10.6.5, the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

16. These Regulations address a number of financial risks relating to the flexibility in how Local Authorities account for loan fund advances created by the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016.

Consideration by committee

17. At its meeting on 5 March 2024, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee agreed to recommend that the Regulations be approved. [The Committee report was published on 7 March 2024.](#)

Decision

18. Business Managers are invited to note that the above motions will be lodged.
19. Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the motions.

Parliamentary Business Team
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