

Parliamentary Bureau – Approval of Scottish Statutory Instrument and a laid document

Affirmative Instrument – subject to expedited timetable

[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Short-term Lets\) Amendment Order 2024 \(SSI 2024/Draft\)](#)

1. The above instrument was originally laid on 16 May 2024 and is subject to the Affirmative procedure. As set out in last week's Bureau paper, the scheduling of the SSI and its scrutiny was delayed due to having been withdrawn and re-laid on 31 May 2024.
2. The Scottish Government has requested that the instrument is taken before summer recess as it states that some of the changes could impact on the availability of accommodation during the summer festival season. The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee has therefore agreed to consider the instrument and report within an expedited timescale, considering a motion on whether to recommend to Parliament that it be approved on Tuesday 25 June, in time for consideration by the whole Parliament on Wednesday 26 June.
3. If the Committee agrees to recommend that Parliament approve the instrument, Business Managers will be updated on the outcome of the Committee's consideration and informed when the below motion can be lodged in accordance with Rule 10.6.5 and added to the Business Programme for consideration the Wednesday evening—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft) be approved.

Purpose

4. The [Policy Note summarises](#) that the purpose of the instrument is to make a number of provisions in relation to short term lets properties, including:
 - amend the definition of “commercial consideration” to make clear that provision of a service is no longer included in that definition.
 - exclude temporary placements for foster children where the accommodation is not their main residence.
 - provide clarity that licensing authorities can approve part of an application for a single licence for multiple premises on the same site.
 - exclude guest rooms within certain residential accommodation that are available for visiting residents.
 - clarify how temporary exemptions operate and set out transitional arrangements for some of the changes in this amendment order.
 - introduce provisional short-term let licences which can be applied for at the construction stage of new short-term let accommodation.
 - introduce provisions for the transfer of licences in certain circumstances.

- update the list of information guests should have access to at the short-term let accommodation to include information about what to do if the carbon monoxide alarm sounds and warnings on mobile gas cabinet heaters.
- tidy up drafting for consequential amendments.

Laid Document subject to Parliamentary control

Proposed Revised Social Security Charter (SG/2024/96)

5. The Proposed revised Charter was laid before the Scottish Parliament on 16 May 2024 by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice under [Sections 18\(4\)\(b\)\(iii\) and 18\(5\) of the Social Security \(Scotland\) Act 2018](#). The Charter is required to be reviewed every five years and any proposed revisions agreed by Parliament, following consideration by the relevant Committee. The Scottish Government states that the proposed revisions make a limited number of changes to the substance and ethos of the Charter. It also states that the changes adopt a more inclusive use of language and reflects the current priorities identified by clients of Social Security Scotland and partner organisations.
6. Under the terms of the legislation, any revisions to the Charter are subject to approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament. The Parliament considers such documents in the same way as it would consider an affirmative instrument and therefore the Bureau is required to lodge the following motion—

Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: That the Parliament agrees that the Proposed Revised Social Security Charter (SG/2024/96) be approved.

Consideration by committee

7. At its meeting on 6 June 2024 the Social Justice and Social Security Committee agreed to recommend that the Proposed Revised Social Security Charter be approved. The [Committee's report was published on 20 June 2024](#).

Decision

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

Parliamentary Business Team
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