



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

6th Meeting, 2011 (Session 3)

Wednesday 23 February 2011

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 2.

1. **Local Government Overview Report:** The Committee will take evidence from—

John Baillie, Chair, Accounts Commission;

Fraser McKinlay, Controller of Audit, and Gordon Smail, Portfolio Manager (Local Government), Audit Scotland.

2. **Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the draft Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011 from—

Alex Neil MSP, Minister for Housing and Communities, Stephen White, Head of Consumers in Private Housing, Denise Holmes, Policy Officer, Consumers in Private Housing, and Stephanie Virlogeux, Solicitor, Communities and Education, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Alex Neil MSP (Minister for Housing and Communities) to move S3M-7781—

That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011 be approved.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 (Prescribed Form of Notice) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/39);

the Home Energy Assistance Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/56);
the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/64).

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 1

PRIVATE PAPER

LGC/S3/11/6/1 (P)

[An overview of Local Government in Scotland 2010](#)

Agenda item 3

Cover Note for Draft Instrument

LGC/S3/11/6/2

[The Tenancy Deposit Schemes \(Scotland\) Regulations 2011](#)

Agenda item 5

Cover Note for SSI 2011/39

LGC/S3/11/6/3

[The Control of Dogs \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(Prescribed Form of Notice\) Order 2011](#)

Cover Note for SSI 2011/56

LGC/S3/11/6/4

[The Home Energy Assistance Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011](#)

Cover Note for SSI 2011/64

LGC/S3/11/6/5

[The Local Authority Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2011](#)

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Subordinate Legislation

SSI title and number: The Tenancy Deposit Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011
(SSI 2011/draft)

Type of Instrument: Affirmative

Meeting: 23 February 2011

Date circulated to members: 31 January 2011

SSI drawn to Parliament's attention by Sub Leg Committee: No

Purpose:

These Regulations make provision about tenancy deposit schemes for the purposes of sections 120 to 122 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, with the objective of safeguarding tenancy deposits. Such schemes require to be approved by the Scottish Ministers. The Regulations set conditions which schemes must meet before they will be approved and establish the regulatory framework for such schemes.

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Subordinate Legislation

SSI title and number: The Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 (Prescribed Form of Notice) Order 2011 (**SSI 2011/39**)

Type of Instrument: Negative

Meeting: 23 February 2011

Date circulated to members: 31 January 2011

SSI drawn to Parliament's attention by Sub Leg Committee: No

Purpose:

This Order prescribes the form for a dog control notice which can be served under section 1(1) of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010. The purpose of the Order is to ensure that a consistent approach is taken by local authorities when issuing notices. A notice in the prescribed form may be served by an authorised officer appointed by a local authority where a dog has been out of control. The notice sets out the reasons why an authorised officer considers the dog was out of control and specifies what steps the recipient of the notice must take to bring and keep the dog under control.

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Subordinate Legislation

SSI title and number: The Home Energy Assistance Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (**SSI 2011/56**)

Type of Instrument: Negative

Meeting: 23 February 2011

Date circulated to members: 15 February 2011

SSI drawn to Parliament's attention by Sub Leg Committee: No

Purpose: These Regulations amend the Home Energy Assistance Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2009 ("the principal Regulations"), which make provision for the making of grants to improve the thermal insulation and energy efficiency of dwellings and to provide advice to reduce or prevent the wastage of energy in a dwelling.

These Regulations extend eligibility for a grant to two new categories of person and provide the opportunity for eligible persons to obtain a small grant for relatively minor works, without being barred from being eligible for another grant within the following ten year period.

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Subordinate Legislation

SSI title and number: The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (**SSI 2011/64**)

Type of Instrument: Negative

Meeting: 23 February 2011

Date circulated to members: 15 February 2011

SSI drawn to Parliament's attention by Sub Leg Committee: No

Purpose:

These Regulations will amend the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985 to require local authorities to prepare a Remuneration Report as part of their annual statutory accounts. The Remuneration Report will include information on the remuneration of the most senior officers in each authority, senior members and anyone not otherwise included in those categories whose remuneration is £150,000 or more per year. Similar information is to be disclosed for the chief executive (or equivalent) of any local authority subsidiary body. Pension benefits and contributions to a person's pension are also to be disclosed.