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Local Government and Communities Committee

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The Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] was laid before the Parliament on 14 September 2016 and referred to the Local Government and Communities Committee for consideration.
2. This instrument is subject to affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6) and it is for this Committee to recommend to the Parliament whether the Regulations should be approved.
3. The Regulations make various amendments to the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007.
4. The changes made by the Regulations apply in relation to the local government elections due to be held on 4th May 2017 and subsequent elections.
5. At its meeting on 26 October 2016, the Committee took evidence on the instrument from—
 - Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Parliamentary Business;
 - Roddy Angus, Elections Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.
6. Following the evidence session, Joe FitzPatrick moved motion S5M-01514—

That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

7. The evidence taken and debate held at the meeting on 26 October 2016 on this instrument can be found in the Official Report at the following link (available from 31 October 2016):

[Link to Local Government and Communities Committee Official Reports.](#)

8. The Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No.2) Order 2016

9. The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No.2) Order 2016 [draft] was laid before the Parliament on 15 September 2016 and referred to the Local Government and Communities Committee for consideration.
 10. This instrument is subject to affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6) and it is for this Committee to recommend to the Parliament whether the Order should be approved.
 11. Articles 3 to 5 of this Order make various amendments to the Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2011.
 12. Article 6 inserts into section 76 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 a new subsection (5A) so that certain personal expenses of a candidate at a local government election do not require to be included for the purposes of the maximum amount specified in that section.
 13. The changes made by this Order apply in relation to the local government elections due to be held on 4th May 2017 and subsequent elections.
 14. At its meeting on 26 October 2016, the Committee took evidence on the instrument from—
 - Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Parliamentary Business;
 - Roddy Angus, Elections Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.
 15. Following the evidence session, Joe FitzPatrick moved motion S5M-01515—

That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No.2) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.
- The motion was agreed to.
16. The evidence taken and debate held at the meeting on 26 October 2016 on this instrument can be found in the Official Report at the following link (available from 31 October 2016):

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17. The Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No.2) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

