EXECUTIVE NOTE

DRAFT: The Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland as Specified Authority and Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2006

1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 (2) and (3) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003. The instrument is subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

2. The instrument provides for the specified body to be treated, for the purpose of the appointments to the body, as if it had been added to Schedule 2 of the 2003 Act. The instrument will have the effect of extending the Commissioner's remit to the body which is in the process of being established but cannot yet be added to Schedule 2. The instrument will therefore bring the Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland ("the PTUC") within the remit of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland until such time as the PTUC is established.

3. On the date the PTUC is established (1 January 2007) this Order will also amend the list of Specified Authorities contained in schedule 2 to the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 by adding the PTUC to the list.

Consultation

4. The Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 does not require Ministers to consult on changes proposed under section 3(2) and (3) of the Act. The Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland has been notified of these proposals.

Financial Effects

5. The instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive, local government or on business.

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