Executive Note

DRAFT :The Representation of the People (Post- Local Elections Supply and Inspection of Documents) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

The above instrument is laid in exercise of the powers conferred by sections **5(2), (4), (5) and (8) and 61** of the **Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006**. The instrument is subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of the instrument is to make provision requiring the proper officer of the council to supply or disclose information in documents that have been used or marked at a local government election and places conditions on the use of information contained in those documents. An offence for the breach of those conditions is contained in section 6 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services Act 2006.

Consultation

The following bodies have been consulted on a draft of the instrument:

Association of Electoral Administrators
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
Society of Local Authority Lawyers and Administrators
Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers
The Electoral Commission
The Scotland Office

Financial Effects

Local authorities are responsible for meeting the cost of local government elections from within their overall budget. The instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive or on business.

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