POLICY NOTE

THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND ACT 2014 (COMMENCEMENT No. 1) ORDER 2014

SSI 2014/368 (C. 34)

1. The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31(2) of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 ("the 2014 Act").

Policy objectives

2. The instrument forms part of an implementation package for the 2014 Act. The provisions in the 2014 Act are being commenced in several stages.

3. This Order is an initial, limited commencement, in order to bring Historic Environment Scotland into existence, only for the purposes of enabling (a) the Scottish Ministers to appoint the Board of Historic Environment Scotland, including appointing one of those members as chair and (b) Historic Environment Scotland to subsequently appoint a person as its Chief Executive

4. Historic Environment Scotland will have limited functions and powers in the period from February 2015 until the end of September 2015, and a subsequent commencement order will be made to achieve this, allowing it to make key decisions during this time, for example decisions regarding the corporate plan, organisational structure, operational policies and any application for charitable status.

5. Full commencement of the powers of Historic Environment Scotland is not envisaged until the 1st October 2015.

Commencement

6. Article 2 of this Order appoints 19th January 2015 as the day on which section 1 of and schedule 1 to the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 comes into force but only for the purposes of enabling (a) the Scottish Ministers to appoint persons as members of Historic Environment Scotland and to appoint one of those members as chair and (b) the appointment of the chief executive of Historic Environment Scotland.

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