POLICY NOTE

THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND (FIRST PLANNING PERIOD) ORDER 2015

SSI 2015/238

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 9(7) (a) of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (the 2014 Act). The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

The purpose of this instrument is to set the first planning period (the period of the first corporate plan) for Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

HES is a new NDPB for the historic environment established by the 2014 Act. From 1 October 2015 HES will take on the functions previously carried out by Historic Scotland and by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS).

The instrument provides that the planning period for HES's first corporate plan will be from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2019. Under section 9 (7) (b) of the 2014 Act, subsequent corporate plans will run for 3 year periods starting from 1 April 2019.

It should be noted that the period of changeover from current to new arrangements, 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016, will be covered by an interim Transitional Business Plan, which has been finalised and approved by Ministers. This approach has been chosen to allow a particularly close focus on the changeover period and to allow the incoming board of HES sufficient time to develop the necessary polices and structures required to provide a robust basis for corporate planning.

Consultation

The first planning period was considered during the passage of the Bill through Parliament and no significant concerns were raised.

Impact Assessments

No additional Equalities Impact Assessment (EQIA) has been carried out for this order, as it is not considered that setting this specific period will have any impact as distinct from the matters already considered as part of the original EQIA carried out prior to introduction of the Bill for the 2014 Act, especially as HES will be made subject to the public sector equalities duty from 1 April 2015.

Financial Effects

No additional Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) has been completed for this order as it is not considered that setting this specific period will have any impact as distinct from the matters already considered as part of the original BRIA carried out prior to the introduction of the Bill for the 2014 Act.

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