

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU: APPROVAL OF SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

INSTRUMENT NOT SUBJECT TO LEAD COMMITTEE SCRUTINY

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/136)

1. The regulations are subject to the made affirmative procedure. The regulations were considered by the Session 5 Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 March 2021; the Committee did not raise any issues in relation to the regulations. The relevant Session 5 subject committee (the Covid-19 Committee) did not scrutinise the regulations prior to dissolution.

2. Parliamentary approval of the regulations requires to be given by Wednesday 26 May 2021. As Session 6 committees are yet to be established, the Bureau is invited to consider lodging a motion suspending Rule 10.1.3(a) and Rule 10.3.3 (which require consideration by the DPLRC Committee) and recommending that the regulations be considered by the Parliament. The Scottish Government would then lodge a motion seeking the Parliament's approval of the regulations.

Purpose

3. The regulations remove some restrictions on socialising, sport and exercise, and add activity for election purposes (e.g. leafleting) and observing an election to the list of reasonable excuses for leaving your home in a Level 4 area. The regulations came into force from 12 March 2021.

Decision

4. **Business Managers are invited to agree to recommend to the Parliament that the regulations should be considered by the Parliament.**

5. **Business Managers should reserve their position if their party intends to speak against or oppose the regulations.**

**Parliamentary Business Team
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