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COVID-19 Committee

Remit: To consider and report on the Scottish Government's response to COVID-19 including the operation of powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19 and any secondary legislation arising from the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19.



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Introduction

1. This report sets out the Covid-19 Committee's consideration of Scottish Statutory Instruments ('SSIs') at its meeting on 18 March 2021. The minutes of the meeting have been published on the [Committee's webpages](#). The Official Report of the meeting will be published by 6pm on 18 March 2021 on the [Committee's webpages](#).

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/117)

2. The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/117) were laid on 4 March 2021. The instrument was made in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(1) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020. The instrument is subject to the made affirmative procedure by virtue of paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Act.
3. The [policy note](#) states that—

” These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 to remove provisions relating to festive gatherings as they have now served their purpose. The provisions regarding end of term households are adjusted so they remain fit for purpose now that term two has begun. These regulations also remove the requirement for child contact centres to close in Level 4 areas. These Regulations also adjust the definition of professional sportsperson and to clarify that only those persons and performers can access indoor fitness facilities such as gyms. The Regulations also ease the restrictions on libraries to ensure they can open for the purpose of providing free computer and internet access, where an appointment has been booked.

Finally, these Regulations extend the expiry date of The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 and The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 to 30 September 2021.”
4. The DPLR Committee considered SSI 2021/117 at its meeting on 16 March 2021 and had [no points to raise](#).
5. At the Covid-19 Committee's meeting on 18 March 2021, the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs, Michael Russell MSP, moved [Motion S5M-24303](#) in his name— That the COVID-19 Committee recommends that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/117) be approved.
6. The motion was agreed to.
7. The Covid-19 Committee agreed Motion S5M-24303.

