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Local Government and Communities Committee

To consider and report on communities, housing, local government, planning and regeneration matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities.



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Introduction

1. The Local Government and Communities Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—
2. The [Representation of the People \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018 \[draft\]](#) was laid before the Parliament on 17 January 2018 and referred to the Local Government and Communities Committee for consideration.
3. This instrument is subject to affirmative procedure (Rule 10.6) and it is for this Committee to recommend to the Parliament whether the Regulations should be approved.
4. These Regulations amend the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (“the 2001 Regulations”) in relation to procedures relating to registration and the evidence which can be used in support of an application for anonymous registration, both in relation to registration of local government electors in Scotland. Similar changes to the process of registration of UK parliamentary electors in Scotland are being made by amendments to the 2001 Regulations in a UK Statutory Instrument.

Consideration by committees

5. The Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered this instrument at its meeting on 30 January 2018 and **determined that it did not need to draw the attention of the Parliament to the instrument on any grounds within its remit.**
6. At its meeting on 7 February 2018, the Local Government and Communities Committee took evidence from—

Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Roddy Angus, Elections Policy Adviser, and Rebecca Whyte, Team Leader, Elections, Scottish Government.
7. Following the evidence session, Joe FitzPatrick moved motion S5M-10205—

That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.
8. **The motion was agreed to without division.**
9. The evidence taken and debate held at the meeting on 7 February 2018 on this instrument can be found in the Official Report at the following [link](#) (available from 12 February 2018).
10. The Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

