

EXECUTIVE NOTE

DRAFT SSI: THE FUNDABLE BODIES (THE SCOTTISH AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2008

The above instrument is to be made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 7(1)(a) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 (“the Act”). The instrument is subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

The Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) is currently funded by the Rural and Environment Research and Analysis Directorate of the Scottish Government (SGRERAD). However, it is proposed that from 1 August 2008 funding for SAC’s education provision will transfer to the Scottish Funding Council. This will bring the SAC into a similar position as the other higher education institutions in Scotland.

The Scottish Funding Council may only fund institutions listed in Schedule 2 of the 2005 Act and the purpose of this Order is to add SAC to that list.

The higher education sector and relevant stakeholders were consulted by the Scottish Government for their views on SAC being funded by the Scottish Funding Council. The responses to the consultation exercise were, in general, supportive. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/04/SAC>

Approval

In March 2006, the Higher Education Division of the then Scottish Executive, formally requested the Scottish Funding Council to consider the addition of The Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) to the schedule of fundable bodies. The Scottish Funding Council has approved the changes as required by the 2005 Act in October 2007.

Financial Effects

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared as this instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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