

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision as to the operation of welfare funds to be maintained by every local authority under the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015. They come into force on 1st April 2016, at which point that Act and provisions under it will replace the non-statutory arrangements under which local authorities currently maintain welfare funds.

The Regulations set out who may make applications for assistance from a welfare fund, the procedure governing applications and decisions on these, and what may be provided by way of assistance. Provision is also made for the details of internal review procedures where an individual wishes an initial local authority decision on an application for assistance to be reviewed.