EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes the six Combined Police Area Amalgamation (Amendment) Schemes 2002 ("the 2002 Schemes").

The 2002 Schemes amend the provisions of-

- (a) the Central Scotland Combined Police Area Amalgamation Scheme 1995 (S.I.1995/2638);
- (b) the Grampian Combined Police Area Amalgamation Scheme 1995 (S.I. 1995/2639);
- (c) the Lothian and Borders Combined Police Area Amalgamation Scheme 1995 (S.I. 1995/2640);
- (d) the Northern Combined Police Area Amalgamation Scheme 1995 (S.I. 1995/2641);
- (e) the Strathclyde Combined Police Area Amalgamation Scheme 1995 (S.I. 1995/2642); and
- (f) the Tayside Combined Police Area Amalgamation Scheme 1995 (S.I. 1995/2643),

("the 1995 Schemes").

Paragraphs 5(3) and 7(2) of the 1995 Schemes are amended in order that the appointment of members of the board and of the convener and vice-convener occur in line with the ordinary elections of councillors irrespective of the frequency of those elections. This reflects changes made to the timing of local government elections made by the Scottish Local Government (Elections) Act 2002 (asp 1).

Paragraph 6(3) of the 1995 Schemes is amended so as to clarify the intention with regard to the relationship between sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) of paragraph 6.

Paragraph 12 of the 1995 Schemes is amended to take into account the provisions of section 2 of the Police and Fire Services (Finance) (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 15). Section 1(1) of the 2001 Act makes amendments to the matters with regard to which an amalgamation scheme may make provision.