# 2003 No. 147

# **COUNCIL TAX**

# The Council Tax (Supply of Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2003

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The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 116(1) and paragraphs 1 and 17 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

#### Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

- **1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Council Tax (Supply of Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 1st April 2003.
- (2) In these Regulations, "local authority" means a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994(**b**).
  - (3) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

## Local authority supply of relevant information

**2.** A local authority may supply relevant information(**c**), to any person who requests it for a purpose not relating to Part I or Part II of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

## Prescribed fee

**3.** A local authority may charge a fee of £500 for supplying information under regulation 2 above.

PETER J PEACOCK
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House, Edinburgh 3rd March 2003

<sup>(</sup>a) 1992 c.14. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46). In section 116(1), see the definition of "prescribed".

**<sup>(</sup>b)** 1994 c.39.

<sup>(</sup>c) "Relevant information" is defined in paragraph 17(2) of Schedule 2 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide local authorities with a power to supply relevant non personal council tax information to any person who requests it. Relevant information is defined at paragraph 17 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 ("the 1992 Act") as information which is obtained by the authority for the purpose of carrying out its functions under Part I or Part II of the 1992 Act and is not personal information. A definition of "personal information" is given at paragraph 17(3) of that Schedule.

In addition, Regulation 3 allows authorities to charge a prescribed fee of £500 for the supply of the information.

£1.50

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