EXECUTIVE NOTE

THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS' COMMITTEE FOR SCOTLAND AMENDMENT ORDER 2008

REVOCATION ORDER 2008 S.S.I. 2008/248

1. The above instrument will be made in exercise of the powers conferred on the Scottish Ministers by sections 41 (1) and (2) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005. This instrument is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

Policy Objectives

- 2. The Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/186) was made on 14 May and laid in Parliament on 15 May and was due to come into force on 01 July 2008. The intention was to increase the maximum number of members from 12 to up to 15 and to prescribe that there must be at least 10 members. It also prescribed that at least three members were disabled under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The proposed changes were designed to allow an enlarged PTUC to carry out the functions of the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland.
- 3. The Transport, Infrastructure, and Climate Change Committee when it met on 10 June 2008 recommended that nothing further should be done under the Public Transport Users' Committee for Scotland Amendment Order 2008. In the light of that recommendation Ministers have decided that the instrument should be revoked prior to it coming into force and also, at the earliest opportunity to ensure members of Parliament are fully informed of this decision.
- 4. This revocation means that the membership of the Public Transport Users' Committee will remain unchanged.
- 5. This Order will come into effect on 14 June 2008.
- 6. The Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Revocation Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/187), were made on 14 May and laid in Parliament on 15 May and were due to come into force on 01 July 2008. These regulations will also be revoked by a further instrument. That means that the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland will remain as a separate advisory NDPB. That further instrument will come into effect on 14 June 2008.

Consultation

7. In the circumstances no consultation has been carried out given the immediate requirement for these regulations to be laid.

Financial Effects

8. As the PTUC and MACS share the same secretariat, the instrument has no financial effects on Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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