

POLICY NOTE

THE POLICE REFORM (PENSIONS AMENDMENTS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

SSI 2013/184

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Police Pensions Act 1976. Functions under that Act as regards Scotland have been executively devolved to the Scottish Ministers. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objectives

The Police Pensions Regulations 1987 (SI 1987/257) and the Police Pensions (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/201) provide pension benefits to Scottish police officers. The Police (Injury Benefit) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (SSI 2007/68) provide benefits to all Scottish police officers who suffer a qualifying work related injury. The Scottish Government published an initial consultation paper in February 2011 seeking views on the future of the police and fire service. A further consultation paper setting out proposals for how the new single Scottish services will work in practice, and seeking views on the detailed legislative provisions to be taken forward to Parliament, was published in September 2011. The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 was granted Royal Assent on 7 August 2012. The Police Service of Scotland came into effect on 1 April 2013 and is a change to organisational structure only. There will be no changes to the pension or injury benefits available to Scottish police officers and the amendments made by these Regulations are minor to accommodate and reflect this structural change.

The above instrument makes retrospective provision to capture the establishment of the Police Service of Scotland on 1 April 2013.

Consultation

A formal consultation was undertaken from 29 November 2012 to 21 February 2013. The consultation was issued to representatives of police officers and employers and relevant Scottish and UK Government Departments.

No Business and Regulatory Impact assessment has been prepared because no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

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