## DRAFT SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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## The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012

## Duty to publish equality outcomes and report progress

**4.**—(1) A listed authority must publish a set of equality outcomes which it considers will enable it to better perform the equality duty—

- (a) not later than 30th April 2013; and
- (b) subsequently, at intervals of not more than 4 years, beginning with the date on which it last published a set of equality outcomes under this paragraph.
- (2) In preparing a set of equality outcomes under paragraph (1), a listed authority must—
  - (a) take reasonable steps to involve persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and any person who appears to the authority to represent the interests of those persons; and
  - (b) consider relevant evidence relating to persons who share a relevant protected characteristic.

(3) If a set of equality outcomes published by a listed authority does not seek to further the needs mentioned in section 149(1) of the Act in relation to every relevant protected characteristic, the authority must publish its reasons for proceeding in this way.

(4) A listed authority must publish a report on the progress made to achieve the equality outcomes published by it under paragraph (1)—

- (a) not later than 30th April 2015; and
- (b) subsequently, at intervals of not more than 2 years, beginning with the date on which it last published a report under this paragraph.

(5) In this regulation, "equality outcome" means a result that the listed authority aims to achieve in order to further one or more of the needs mentioned in section 149(1) of the Act.