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Proposal for a Draft Order in Council:
The Public Authorities Reform
(Northern Ireland) Order 2007

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TO ALL CONSULTEES

24 January 2007

Dear Consultee

**CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT ORDER IN COUNCIL:
THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES REFORM (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER
2007**

1. I am writing to invite your views on a proposal for draft legislation to give effect to some changes to certain public bodies following the Review of Public Administration in Northern Ireland, final decisions on which were announced, by the Secretary of State, on 21 March 2006. This consultation is being undertaken by this Department in association with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, the Department for Employment and Learning and the Department for Social Development which are responsible for particular elements of the legislation.
2. The decisions announced by the Secretary of State on 21 March 2006 included a reduction in the overall number of public bodies and some change to the existing arrangements for making appointments to the boards of public bodies. Part of this change to the appointments process was that, in future, appointments to positions on boards would be based on merit and would not be as a result of a particular position held in another organisation.

3. The draft Public Authorities Reform Order therefore provides for the implementation of these decisions as follows:
 - Abolition of the Northern Ireland Housing Council and the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board and transfer of functions of the Fisheries Conservancy Board to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure.
 - Removal of statutory representation obligations and obligations to consult in relation to appointments to a number of public bodies.
 - Consequential primary legislation repeals in respect of two public bodies: Enterprise Ulster and the Pig Production Development Committee where decisions to abolish these bodies have been implemented by separate subordinate legislation. The repeals in this Order are necessary to remove, from the statute book, primary legislation in relation to these bodies which is now redundant.
4. The draft Order also contains provisions relating to two other bodies: Laganside Corporation and the Industrial Court.
5. The dissolution of the Laganside Corporation has also been effected separately by subordinate legislation and reflects the position that the Corporation has achieved its statutory remit as set out in the Laganside Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 to secure the regeneration of Belfast's riverside and waterfront areas. The draft Order contains the necessary consequential repeals of primary legislation.
6. In the case of the Industrial Court the Order provides for regulation making powers for the Department for Employment and Learning to address the future appointment needs of the Court and it removes a statutory obligation to consult in relation to making appointments to the

Court. It also removes the restriction that requires the Department for Employment and Learning to provide the Court case manager.

7. Further information on all of the above may be found in the Public Authorities Reform (NI) Order Explanatory Memorandum which forms part of the consultation documentation.

Equality and Regulatory Impact

8. Equality screening of the individual elements of the Order has not identified any equality issues.
9. It is assessed that any impact of the Order on businesses, charities, social economy enterprises or voluntary bodies will be negligible.

Consultation Documents

10. The consultation documents include:
 - This covering letter
 - The draft Public Authorities Reform (Northern Ireland) Order.
 - The Explanatory Memorandum which provides an explanation of the Order.
 - A list of consultees.
11. The consultation documents are available on the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister and Northern Ireland Departments Consultation Register websites - www.ofmdfmni.gov.uk and www.consultationni.gov.uk. However, if you would like:

- printed copies of any or all of the documents (or additional copies if you have received this letter as part of the consultation pack)
- any of the documents in an alternative format (large print, disc, Braille and audiocassette) or in a minority language (for those not proficient in English)

please contact Julie Gillespie on 028 90522668 or e-mail [www.ofmdfmni.gov.uk /legislation.htm](http://www.ofmdfmni.gov.uk/legislation.htm).

Disclosure of Consultation Responses

12. Responses to the consultation will be published on the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister website legislation page (www.ofmdfmni.gov.uk/legislation.htm) as they are received and a summary of responses will be published following the completion of the consultation process. If you would prefer your response to be treated as confidential or your personal details to be removed before publication, please let us know, stating your reasons clearly. Any automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will be taken to apply only to information in your response for which confidentiality has been specifically requested.
13. If we are asked to disclose responses under freedom of information legislation, we will take any requests for confidentiality into account. However, confidentiality (including disclosure of personal details) cannot be guaranteed. We will handle appropriately any personal data you provide in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.
14. For further information about freedom of information and data protection legislation please contact the Information Commissioner's Office or see the website at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

Your Invitation to Comment

15. We would appreciate your comments on any part of the draft Order. You are also welcome to comment on the Explanatory Memorandum and on the way in which the consultation has been conducted.
16. Please tell us your name and address at the beginning of your reply. If you are commenting on behalf of an organisation, please tell us its name and what it does. If you have consulted other people or organisations, please let us know.
17. You are welcome to express your views in whatever format is convenient to you. It would help us if you could express your points concisely and indicate the number of the Article or Schedule on which you are commenting. There is no need to comment on all of the Order – just the parts that are important to you.
18. Please send your comments by 20 April 2007 to:

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19. If you prefer to comment online you can do so at www.ofmdfni.gov.uk/legislation.htm.
20. If you have any queries or require further information about this consultation please do not hesitate to contact Julie Gillespie on

telephone number 028 90522668 or at the above address and she will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

21. We will let you know that we have received your comments, however it will not be possible to reply on an individual basis to points raised.
22. All comments will be considered carefully by the relevant departments and will be taken into account in producing the final version of the Order.
23. Thank you for reading this document and we look forward to receiving your views.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neill Jackson', written in a cursive style.

NEILL JACKSON

Draft Order in Council laid before Parliament under paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland Act 2000, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. (N.I.)

NORTHERN IRELAND

**The Public Authorities Reform (Northern Ireland) Order
2007**

Made - - - - - 2007

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1(2) and (3)

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Public Authorities (Reform)

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the ** day of ** 2007

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order in Council has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1(1) of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (c.1) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Introductory

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Public Authorities Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2007.

(2) This Article comes into operation one week after the day on which this Order is made.

(3) The remaining provisions of this Order come into operation on such day or days as the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister may by order appoint.

(4) An order under paragraph (3) may contain such transitional or saving provisions as that Office thinks appropriate.

(5) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c.33) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Abolished bodies

Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland

2.—(1) The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland is abolished.

(2) Subject to Schedule 1, the functions exercisable by that Board immediately before the coming into operation of this Article are transferred to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (referred to in this Article as “the Department”).

(3) The assets and liabilities to which that Board is entitled or subject immediately before the coming into operation of this Article are transferred to the Department.

(4) The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/246) applies to the transfer effected by this Article whether or not the transfer would, apart from this paragraph, be a relevant transfer for the purposes of those regulations.

(5) Anything done by the Board for the purpose of or in connection with anything transferred which is in effect immediately before it is transferred is to be treated as if done by the Department.

(6) The transfer does not affect the validity of anything done by or in relation to the Board before the transfer takes effect.

(7) There may be continued by or in relation to the Department anything (including legal proceedings) relating to anything transferred which is in the process of being done by or in relation to the Board immediately before it is transferred.

(8) The Department is substituted for the Board in any document relating to anything transferred.

(9) Schedule 1 (which makes amendments consequential on the transfer effected by this Article) has effect.

(10) Any byelaws made by the Board under a provision of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (c.17) amended by that Schedule which are in force immediately before the coming into operation of this Article shall have effect as if they were regulations made by the Department under that provision as so amended (and so may be amended or revoked by such regulations).

Northern Ireland Housing Council

3.—(1) The Northern Ireland Housing Council is abolished.

(2) Accordingly—

- (a) Article 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 3) are repealed; and
- (b) the amendments to the other statutory provisions set out in Part I of Schedule 2 have effect.

Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland

4.—(1) The Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland is abolished.

(2) Accordingly—

- (a) section 152 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c.8) is repealed; and
- (b) the amendments to the other statutory provisions set out in Part II of Schedule 2 have effect.

Northern Ireland Pig Production Development Committee

5.—(1) In consequence of the winding up order, the following statutory provisions are repealed—

- (a) the Pig Production Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 (c.25);

- (b) the Pig Production Development (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 20);
- (c) in the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (NI 12), Article 17 and in Schedule 2 the entries relating to the Pig Production Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1964;
- (d) in the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (NI 6), Articles 6, 7 and 24(2).

(2) But paragraph (1)(a) does not affect the operation of the winding up order.

(3) In this Article “the winding up order” means the Pig Production Development Committee (Winding Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (SR 2007/).

Enterprise Ulster

6.—(1) In consequence of the dissolution order, the following statutory provisions are repealed—

- (a) the Enterprise Ulster (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 16);
- (b) the Enterprise Ulster (Continuation of Functions)(Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 23);
- (c) Article 6 of the Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (NI 8);
- (d) Article 8 of the Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 16);
- (e) in the Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 5), Article 5(1)(b) and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1.

(2) But paragraph (1)(a) does not affect the operation of the dissolution order.

(3) In this Article “the dissolution order” means the Enterprise Ulster (Dissolution) Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (SR 2007/).

Laganside Corporation

7.—(1) In consequence of the dissolution order, the following statutory provisions are repealed—

- (a) the entries relating to the Laganside Corporation in—
 - (i) Part II of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c.25);
 - (ii) Schedule 2 to the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 7); and
 - (iii) Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c.36);
- (b) in the Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 5), Article 5(1)(j) and paragraph 10 of Schedule 1.

(2) In this Article “the dissolution order” means the Laganside Corporation Dissolution Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 (SR 2007/).

Appointments to statutory bodies and offices

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8. —(1) Schedule 3 (which amends the procedure for appointments to certain statutory bodies and offices) has effect.

(2) Any amendment made by a provision of that Schedule has effect only in relation to appointments made after the coming into operation of that provision.

Repeals

Repeals

9. The statutory provisions set out in Schedule 4 are repealed to the extent specified in the second column of that Schedule.

A.K. Galloway
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

THE FISHERIES CONSERVANCY BOARD FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952 (c.5)

1. In section 74(4) for “Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland” substitute “Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure”.

The Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (c.57)

2. In section 27(1)(c) “Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland” substitute “Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure”.

The Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (c.17)

3.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, in any provision of this Act—

- (a) for “the Board” (wherever occurring) substitute “the Department”;
and
- (b) for “they” (wherever occurring and referring to the Board) substitute “it”;
- (c) for “byelaws”, “a byelaw” or “byelaw” (wherever occurring) substitute “regulations”.

(2) Omit section 7A(4)(b) and the word “and” immediately before it.

(3) In section 11(4) omit “or byelaw”.

(4) In section 11B(2) omit paragraph (c) and the words “or, as the case may be, the Board”.

(5) In section 15—

- (a) in subsection (1)(c)(i) for the words “the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland established under Part II” substitute “the Department”;
- (b) omit subsection (1)(d) and (2).

(6) For the heading to Part II substitute “CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF SALMON AND INLAND FISHERIES”.

(7) For sections 25 and 26 and the cross-heading immediately before section 25 substitute—

“Functions of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

Functions of the Department

25.—(1) It is the duty of the Department to conserve and protect the salmon and the inland fisheries of Northern Ireland, other than the fisheries of the Londonderry Area or the Newry Area.

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(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Department may, in the exercise of its functions—

- (a) take legal proceedings for the enforcement of any statutory provision with respect to salmon or inland fisheries;
- (b) act in co-operation with any other body constituted under a statutory provision for the purpose of publicising any such fisheries as a tourist attraction;
- (c) enter into an agreement to enforce the fishing rights of any owner or occupier of land or waters in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be specified in the agreement and on payment of such sums as may be so specified.

Regulations

26.—(1) The Department may make such regulations as appear to it to be expedient for the purposes of its functions in relation to any fisheries to which section 25 applies, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, may make regulations with respect to the following matters—

- (a) the regulation of fishing and preservation of good order amongst persons fishing;
- (b) the times and seasons for the taking of fish or for any mode of taking fish and the conditions subject to which fish may be taken;
- (c) prohibiting any mode of taking or destroying fish;
- (d) the times and places at, or the mode in, which any fishing engine may be used;
- (e) the description and form of nets or other fishing engines to be used, and the size of the meshes of those nets or the apertures in those other engines;
- (f) the size (whether determined by measurement or by weight) of fish which may be taken;
- (g) the making of applications for, and the issue, alteration, renewal and revocation of fishing licences, whether generally or in specified cases;
- (h) the form of and the conditions attaching to fishing licences;
- (i) the duties payable in respect of fishing licences;
- (j) the protection of waters from any predatory animals;
- (k) the prohibition of any practice whatsoever tending to impede the lawful capture of fish or to be in any manner detrimental to the fisheries;
- (l) the attachment of such identification marks as may be specified in the regulations to any salmon captured;
- (m) anything relating in any matter to the management and protection of the fisheries;

- (n) anything which under this Act may be prescribed by regulations or in respect of which regulations are by this Act authorised to be made.
- (2) The power to make regulations under this section in relation to the regulation of fishing for salmon may be exercised for—
 - (a) the conservation or enhancement of the natural beauty or amenity of marine or coastal areas (including the geological or physiological features) or of any features of archaeological or historic interest on those areas; or
 - (b) the conservation of flora or fauna which are dependant on, or associated with, a marine or coastal environment.
- (3) Regulations under this section shall be subject to negative resolution.
- (4) If any person contravenes regulations under this section, he shall be guilty of an offence.”.
- (8) Omit sections 27 to 33.
- (9) In section 37(1)(e) for “the Ministry” substitute “a magistrates’ court”.
- (10) In section 44 omit “by resolution”.
- (11) In section 53(1) for subsection (1) substitute—
 - “(1) Where in a river natural obstructions of any kind prevent or impede the free passage of fish the Department may—
 - (a) on the application of any person interested in a fishery in the river, authorise the construction of such works or the making of such alterations in the bed of the river as to secure the free passage of fish at all times; or
 - (b) construct such works or make such alterations,if (in either case) the Department is satisfied that the works or alterations will not impair the effective working power of any mill or the drainage of any lands.”.
- (12) In section 53(2) and (3) for “subsection (1)” substitute “subsection (1)(a)”.
- (13) In section 53(5) after “works or alterations” insert “under subsection (1)(a) or”.
- (14) In section 53(7) at the end add “; and where the execution of any works or alterations by the Department under subsection (1)(b) results in damage or injury to any person, that person may recover compensation from the Department.”.
- (15) In section 54(2)(b) for the words from “on the application” to “on being satisfied ” substitute “on being satisfied (whether on the application of any person interested in a fishery in the river or otherwise)”.
- (16) In section 54(4)(a) for the words from “, by the person” to the end substitute “on the application of any person, by that person; and”.
- (17) In section 55(2) omit “the Board, or failing the Board,”.
- (18) In section 70(1) for “are” substitute “is”.

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- (19) In section 81(4) omit “the Board, or failing the Board,”.
- (20) In section 83(3) omit “the Board, or failing the Board,”.
- (21) In section 85(3) omit “the Board, or failing the Board,”.
- (22) In section 86(3)(b) omit “the Board, or failing the Board,”.
- (23) Omit section 88(2)(b).
- (24) In section 92(6) omit “the Board, or failing the Board,”.
- (25) In section 111 for subsection (4) substitute—
 - “(4) The Department may by regulations substitute for the period mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection (1) such other period as may be specified in the regulations.”.
- (26) In section 111(5) for “26(4), any byelaws or” substitute “26(3) any”.
- (27) In section 116(1) for “refuse” substitute “refuses”.
- (28) In section 166, omit—
 - (a) in the definition of “authorised person”, paragraph (c); and
 - (b) the definition of “officer of the Board”.
- (29) In section 168(2) for “section 25(3)(cc)” substitute “section 25(2)(c)”.
- (30) In section 170(3) omit “the Board and” (twice).
- (31) In section 170—
 - (a) in subsection (6) omit “and the Board”;
 - (b) omit subsections (7) and (7C).
- (32) In section 173(1) omit “or byelaw”.
- (33) In section 178(1) omit “or an officer of the Board”.
- (34) In section 179A(3) omit paragraph (b) and the word “and” immediately before it.
- (35) In section 181—
 - (a) in subsection (2) omit “or the Board” in each place where it occurs;
 - (b) in subsection (6) omit “or, where the fish is a salmon, an eel or a freshwater fish, to the Board,” and “or, as the case may be, the Board” in each place where it occurs.
- (36) In section 182(b) omit “or of the Board”.
- (37) In section 183(1)(b) omit “or of the Board”.
- (38) In section 185A omit “and the Board”.
- (39) In section 186(3) for “by the Chairman of the Board” substitute “on behalf of the Department”.
- (40) In section 192(2) for “byelaws under” substitute “or”.
- (41) In section 199—
 - (a) in subsection (1) omit “and (in a case relating to salmon or inland fisheries) to the Board”;
 - (b) in subsection (2) omit “and the Board”.

(42) In section 201(2) omit the words from the beginning to “byelaw, and”.

(43) In section 204(a) for “Board” (where it twice occurs) substitute “Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission”.

(44) In section 205—

(a) in subsection (1) omit “or the Board are”, “or, as the case may be, the Board” (twice), “or them” and “or the Board”;

(b) in subsection (2) omit “or the Board”;

(c) in subsection (3) omit “or the Board, as the case may be,”.

(45) In section 206(1) omit the definitions of “the Board”, “byelaws” and “financial year”.

(46) In section 212 (2) for paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—

“(a) references to the Department in sections 45, 55(2), 112(6)(c), 113(3)(a), 114(1), 115(1), 116, 118(2), 119, 120(1)(a) and (6), 166(1)(b), 168(1), 175(2), 182(b), 183(1)(b), 185A, 186(2) and (3), 199(1) and (2), 200(1) and (6), 201(2), 205 and 209(d) shall be construed as references to the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission;

(b) references to regulations in sections 11(4), 51(2), 52(2), 56, 77(6)(a)(i), 114(1)(b), 115(1)(b), 120, 200(6) and 201(2) shall be construed as references to regulations made under section 13 of the Foyle Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1952.”.

(47) In section 212 after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Where the Commission fails to exercise any of its functions under section 55(2), the Department may exercise that function in its place.”.

(48) In Schedule 1, in paragraphs 1 and 3(a) omit “byelaw or”.

(49) Omit Schedule 2.

(50) In Schedule 5A—

(a) in paragraph 1, omit sub-paragraph (c) and the word “and” immediately preceding it;

(b) in paragraph 2, omit “or the Board”;

(c) in paragraph 4(1) omit “or the Board” and “(or both notify)”.

The Diseases of Fish Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (c. 7)

4. In section 2(1) for “Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland” substitute “Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure” and for “said Board” substitute “that Department”.

The Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c.35)

5. In Schedule 2 in paragraph 1(4) for “Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland” substitute “Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure”.

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The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c.25)

6. In Schedule 1, in Part III, omit the entry relating to the Chairman of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland.

The Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (NI 12)

7. In Schedule 1 in Part I omit “The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland”.

The Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (NI 1)

8. In Article 20(6)(d) for “Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland” substitute “Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure”.

The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 1)

9.—(1) In Schedule 5, omit paragraph 8(c).

(2) In Schedule 9, in paragraph 2(2), omit “the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland”.

The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (NI 15)

10. In Schedule 8, in paragraph 2(3)(a)(iv) for “Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland” substitute “Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure”.

The Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 7)

11. In Schedule 2 omit the entry relating to the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland.

The Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (NI 6)

12. In Schedule 1, in paragraphs 2(6)(c), 3(5)(c) and 5(5)(b) for “Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland” substitute “Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure”.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c.36)

13. In Schedule 1, in Part VII, omit the entry relating to the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland.

The Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 5)

14.—(1) Omit Article 5(1)(d).

(2) In Schedule 1 omit paragraph 4.

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 3 and 4

AMENDMENTS

PART I

THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING COUNCIL

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(NI 3)

1.—(1) In Article 2(2) omit the definition of “the Council”.

(2) In Article 7 for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) The Executive shall not less than once in each year consult each district council with respect to any draft programme of the Executive for meeting housing need in the council's district.”.

(3) In Schedule 1, omit—

(a) in paragraph 1(1) “of whom three shall be members of the Council”;

(b) paragraph 1(1A); and

(c) paragraph 3(3).

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 2)

2. In Article 130, paragraphs (2), (3) and (5) shall cease to have effect.

PART II

THE DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE ADVISORY BOARD FOR
NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c.25)

3. In Schedule 1, in Part II, omit the entry relating to the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland.

*The Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance (Northern
Ireland) Order 1991(NI 17)*

4.—(1) In Article 2(2) omit the definition of “the Board”.

(2) In Schedule 2, omit paragraph 5.

The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c.8)

5. In Part I of Schedule 4—

(a) omit the entry headed “*The Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland*”; and

(b) at the end of the entry headed “*Former statutory bodies*” add—

“A member of, or an officer or servant of, the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland.”.

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The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c.36)

6. In Schedule 1, in Part VII, omit the entry relating to the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland.

Article 8

SCHEDULE 3

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES AND OFFICES

The Arts Council

1. In the Schedule to the Arts Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 8) in paragraph 3 omit—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) the words from “after consultation” to the end; and
- (b) sub-paragraph (2).

The Certification Officer for Northern Ireland

2. In Article 69(1) of the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 5) omit “, after consultation with the Agency,”.

The Drainage Council

3. In Schedule 1 to the Drainage (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 1) for paragraphs 1 to 8 substitute—

“1.—(1) The Drainage Council shall consist of such persons as the Minister may appoint.

(2) A member whose term of office has expired may be re-appointed.

2.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), a member of the Drainage Council shall hold office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(2) A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the residue of the term of office of the member replaced.

(3) A member of the Drainage Council may resign his membership by giving notice in writing to the Minister.

3. The chairman of the Drainage Council shall be such one of its members as the Council may elect.

4.—(1) The quorum of the Drainage Council shall be determined by the Department.

(2) Subject to that, the Council may, with the approval of the Department, make rules regulating the procedure of the Council.

5. The Department shall appoint a person to be secretary of the Drainage Council and may assign for service under the Council such officers as the Department considers necessary.”.

The Industrial Court

4.—(1) In Article 91A of the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 5) for paragraphs (1) to (7) substitute—

“(1) The Department shall by regulations provide for the membership of the Industrial Court.

(2) Regulations under paragraph (1)—

- (a) shall include provision for the appointment of a chairman; and
- (b) may include provision for the appointment of a deputy chairman;
- (c) shall require the appointment as other members of persons experienced in industrial relations, including some persons whose experience is as representatives of employers and some whose experience is as representatives of workers;
- (d) may provide for the functions of the chairman to be exercised in circumstances prescribed by the regulations by the deputy chairman or by another member;
- (e) may provide for the removal or suspension of members in circumstances prescribed by the regulations;
- (f) may provide for the members otherwise to hold and vacate office in accordance with their terms of appointment.”.

(2) In Schedule 1A to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 12) in paragraph 170A(9) omit the words “by the Department”.

An industrial training board

5.—(1) In the Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (NI 9) Schedule 2 is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 2(2) for heads (b) and (c) substitute—

- “(b) an equal number of persons appearing to the Department to be representative respectively of—
- (i) employers engaging in the industry; and
 - (ii) employees in the industry.”.

(3) In paragraph 2(3) omit “or (c)” and “after such consultation as the case may require”.

(4) In paragraph 8 for the words from the beginning to “paragraph 2(2)” substitute “The chairman of an industrial training board” .

The Labour Relations Agency

6. In Schedule 4 to the Industrial Relations (NI) Order 1992 (NI 5) in paragraph 2 for sub-paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) 9 other members of whom—

- (i) 3 shall be persons appearing to the Minister to be representative of employers;
- (ii) 3 shall be persons appearing to the Minister to be representative of employees; and

(iii) 3 shall be such other persons as appear to the Minister to be appropriate.”.

The Board of Trustees of the National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland

7. In Schedule 1 to the Museums and Galleries (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 2) in paragraph 3 omit—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) the words from “after consultation” to the end; and
- (b) sub-paragraph (2).

The Sports Council for Northern Ireland

8. In Schedule 1 to the Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 25) in paragraph 2(1) omit the words from “, after consultation with” to “physical recreation,”.

The Governing Body of Stranmillis University College

9. In the Colleges of Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (NI 13) in Schedule 2 in paragraph 2(2)(a) omit the words from “after consultation with” to the end.

Article 9

SCHEDULE 4

REPEALS

PART I

DISSOLUTION OF STATUTORY BODIES

Short Title	Extent of repeal
The Pig Production Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 (c.25)	The whole Act.
The Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (c.17)	In section 7A(4), paragraph (b) and the word “and” immediately before it. In section 11(4), the words “or byelaw”. In section 11B(2), paragraph (c) and the words “or, as the case may be, the Board”. Section 15(1)(d) and (2). Sections 27 to 33. In section 44 the words “by resolution”. In section 55(2) the words “the Board, or failing the Board.”. In section 81(4), the words “the Board, or failing the Board.”. In section 83(3), the words “the Board, or

Public Authorities (Reform)

Short Title	Extent of repeal
	<p>failing the Board,”.</p> <p>In section 85(3), the words “the Board, or failing the Board,”.</p> <p>In section 86(3)(b), the words “the Board, or failing the Board,”.</p> <p>Section 88(2)(b).</p> <p>In section 92(6), the words “the Board, or failing the Board,”.</p> <p>In section 166, in the definition of “authorised person” paragraph (c) and the definition of “officer of the Board”.</p> <p>In section 170(3), the words “the Board and” (twice).</p> <p>In section 170(6) the words “and the Board”.</p> <p>Section 170(7) and (7C).</p> <p>In section 173(1) the words “or byelaw”.</p> <p>In section 178(1) the words “or an officer of the Board”.</p> <p>In section 179A(3), paragraph (b) and the word “and” immediately before it.</p> <p>In section 181(2), the words “or the Board” in each place where they occur.</p> <p>In section 181(6), the words “or, where the fish is a salmon, an eel or a freshwater fish, to the Board,” and “or, as the case may be, the Board” in each place where they occur.</p> <p>In section 182(b), the words “or of the Board”.</p> <p>In section 183(1)(b), the words “or of the Board”.</p> <p>In section 185A, the words “and the Board”.</p> <p>In section 199 (1), the words “and (in a case relating to salmon or inland fisheries) to the Board”.</p> <p>In section 199(2), the words “and the Board”.</p> <p>In section 201(2), the words from the beginning to “byelaw, and”.</p> <p>In section 205(1), the words “or the Board are”, “or, as the case may be, the Board” (twice), “or them” and “or the Board”.</p> <p>In section 205(2), the words “or the Board”.</p> <p>In section 205(3), the words “or the Board, as the case may be”.</p> <p>In section 206(1), the definitions of “the Board”, “byelaws” and “financial year”.</p> <p>In Schedule 1, in paragraphs 1 and 3(a), the words “byelaw or”.</p> <p>Schedule 2.</p> <p>In Schedule 5A, in paragraph 1, sub-paragraph</p>

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Short Title	Extent of repeal
	(c) and the word “and” immediately before it, in paragraph 2 the words “or the Board” and in paragraph 4(1) the words “or the Board” and “(or both notify)”.
The Enterprise Ulster (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 16)	The whole Order.
The Pig Production Development (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 20)	The whole Order.
The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c.25)	In Schedule 1, in Part II, the entries relating to the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland, Enterprise Ulster and the Laganside Corporation. In Schedule 1, in Part III, the entry relating to the Chairman of the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland.
The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (NI 12)	Article 17. In Schedule 2, the entries relating to the Pig Production Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1964.
The Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (NI 12)	In Schedule 1, in Part I the words “The Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland”.
The Perjury (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (NI 19)	In Schedule 1, paragraph 8.
The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 3)	In Article 2(2), the definition of “the Council”. Article 4. In Schedule 1, in paragraph 1(1) the words “of whom three shall be members of the Council”, paragraph 1(1A) and paragraph 3(3). Schedule 2.
The Fisheries (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 (NI 21)	The whole Order.

Short Title	Extent of repeal
The Enterprise Ulster (Continuation of Functions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 23)	The whole Order.
The Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 19)	In Part II of Schedule 9, paragraph 67.
The Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (NI 8)	Article 6.
The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 1)	In Schedule 5, paragraph 8(c). In Schedule 9, in paragraph 2(2), the words “the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland”.
The Disability Living Allowance and Disability Working Allowance (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (NI 17)	In Article 2(2), the definition of “the Board”. In Schedule 2, paragraph 5.
The Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c.8)	Section 152. In Schedule 4, in Part I, the entry headed “ <i>The Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland</i> ”.
The Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (NI 6)	Articles 6, 7 and 24(2).
The Financial Provisions (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 16)	Article 8.
The Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 7)	In Schedule 2, the entries relating to Enterprise Ulster, the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland and the Laganside Corporation.
The Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (NI 6)	Article 59.
The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c.36)	In Schedule 1, in Part VII, the entries relating to the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board for Northern Ireland, Enterprise Ulster, the Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland, the Laganside Corporation

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	and the Northern Ireland Pig Production Development Committee.
The Fisheries (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 (c. 4)	Section 5.
The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 2)	Article 130(2), (3) and (5).
The Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (NI 5)	Article 5(1)(b), (d) and (j). In Schedule 1, paragraphs 2, 4 and 10.
The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (NI 7)	In Schedule 1, paragraph 28.

PART II

APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY BODIES AND OFFICES

Short Title	Extent of repeal
The Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (NI 9)	In Schedule 2, in paragraph 2(3) the words “or (c)” and “after such consultation as the case may require”.
The Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 25)	In Schedule 1, in paragraph 2(1) the words from “, after consultation with” to “physical recreation”.
The Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 5)	In Article 69(1) the words “, after consultation with the Agency”.
The Arts Council (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 8)	In the Schedule, in paragraph 3(1) the words from “after consultation” to the end and paragraph 3(2).
The Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 12)	In Schedule 1A, in paragraph 170A(9) the words “by the Department”.
The Museums and Galleries (Northern Ireland) Order	In Schedule 1, in paragraph 3(1) the words from “after consultation” to the end and paragraph 3(2).

Public Authorities (Reform)

Short Title	Extent of repeal
1998 (NI 2) The Colleges of Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (NI 13)	In Schedule 2, in paragraph 2(2)(a) the words from “after consultation with” to the end.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order abolishes, or makes provision consequential on the abolition of, certain statutory bodies. It also makes changes to the manner of appointment to certain statutory bodies and offices.

THE DRAFT PUBLIC AUTHORITIES REFORM (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

INTRODUCTION

1. The above Order is being made under the Northern Ireland Act 2000 and is subject to affirmative resolution.
2. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (“the Department”) in order to assist the reader in understanding the Order. It does not form part of the draft Order.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

3. On 21 March 2006 the Secretary of State announced the final outcome of the Review of Public Administration in Northern Ireland including decisions concerning executive agencies and public bodies and a number of residual issues carried forward from his 22 November 2005 announcement. Decisions included an overall reduction in the number of public bodies along with changes to existing arrangements for making certain appointments to public bodies. As a result these appointments will be made on merit and no-one should be appointed to any position solely because they hold a particular position in another organisation.
4. The provisions of the Order therefore include implementation of Review of Public Administration decisions on public bodies requiring primary legislation for which there is no other suitable legislative vehicle. Details are as follows:

The Fisheries Conservancy Board – Transfer of functions to Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure

This body is responsible for the conservation and protection of the salmon and inland fisheries of Northern Ireland other than those which are the responsibility of the Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission.

Northern Ireland Housing Council – Abolish

This body was set up to provide a channel of communication between the Housing Executive and district councils on housing issues. The Council consists of twenty six members, one from each district council.

Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board – Abolish

The role of the board is to advise the Department for Social Development on such matters relating to Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance as it refers to the Board, including advice to the Department's medical officers on specific cases or questions.

Further legislation will be brought forward to extend the remit of the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board in Great Britain to include provision of advice to the Department for Social Development.

5. In some other cases (Enterprise Ulster and the Pig Production Development Committee) it has been possible to implement Review of Public Administration decisions by subordinate legislation and, in these circumstances, the Order carries a number of repeals of primary legislation, relating to the organisations, that is no longer relevant. The Lagside Corporation is also being dissolved by subordinate legislation although, it was not included in the Secretary of State's announcement on 21 March 2006. This decision was taken earlier as the Corporation had achieved its statutory remit as set out in the Lagside Development (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 to secure the regeneration of Belfast's riverside and waterfront areas. However, as with the above bodies the Public Authorities Reform Order carries a number of repeals of primary legislation, that dissolution of the organisation, will render redundant.
6. The Order removes statutory representation obligations and obligations to consult in relation to appointments to certain bodies.
7. The Order also includes provisions relating to the Industrial Court. The main responsibilities of the Industrial Court are adjudication on applications relating to statutory recognition/de-recognition of trade unions for collective bargaining purposes and complaints relating to employee information and consultation rights. The legislation provides the Department for Employment and Learning with more flexibility in relation to the future appointment of Court members and provision of the Court case manager and it removes a statutory obligation to consult in relation to making appointments to the Court.

CONSULTATION

8. Public consultations were launched in October 2003 and March 2005 as part of the Review of Public Administration process. Responses to the 2003 consultation

totalled 170 while the 2005 consultation attracted 1032 responses. Overall a reduction in the number of public bodies and an enhancement in their accountability were supported by respondents.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9. The 2003 consultation included 5 models of public administration, most of which included proposals for reducing the number of public bodies.
10. The 2005 consultation put forward 2 options in relation to public bodies outside Health and Education. The first was that, in the context of a working Assembly and strong local government, there should be no public bodies in Northern Ireland and all functions deemed necessary would transfer to either central or local government, the voluntary and community sectors or the private sector. The second, which was the recommended approach, was that all public bodies should be reviewed with a view to reducing their numbers and improving the accountability of those that remain.
11. Having reflected on all of the evidence and taken account of the views of the major stakeholders it was decided that in order to streamline public administration, clarify accountability and ensure public services were easily accessible and customer- focussed the total number of public bodies should be reduced.

FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF THE ORDER

12. Financial effects are as follows:
 - Transfer of Fisheries Conservancy Board functions to the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure – There will be savings to central government in that departmental payments to the Board for services received and grant in aid will no longer apply. Also, receipts currently going to the Board from, for example, licence sales, will come to central government and there is potential for savings due to economies of scale. However, there will also be an increase in the programme and running costs of the Department when the Board functions, and associated staff, transfer.
 - Abolition of the Housing Council – savings of £50, 000 per year are anticipated.
 - Remaining provisions – no additional costs or savings anticipated.

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

13. The provisions of the Order are compatible with the Convention on Human Rights.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

14. The individual elements of the Order have been screened for equality issues and it is considered that there are no equality issues in relation to the proposals.

SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

15. A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared as the provisions of the Order will have no, or negligible, impact on business, charities, social economy enterprises or voluntary bodies.

MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ORDER

16. The Order consists of 9 Articles and 4 schedules. The key areas are:
- Transfer of functions from the Fisheries Conservancy Board to the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure.
 - Abolition of the Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board and the Housing Council.
 - Removal of statutory representation obligations and obligations to consult from Statutory Bodies and Offices specified in Schedule 3.
 - More flexible regulation making powers for the Department for Employment and Learning to address future appointment needs of the Industrial Court and removal of the restriction that requires the Department for Employment and Learning to provide the Court case manager.
 - Repeal of primary legislation in relation to the dissolution of public bodies as detailed in Schedule 4.

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

17. Comments on individual Articles follow as appropriate. Comments are not given where the wording is self explanatory.

Article 5: Northern Ireland Pig Production Development Committee

Separate subordinate legislation has been used to wind up the Committee and this Article lists the primary legislation provisions to be repealed as a consequence.

Article 6: Enterprise Ulster

Separate subordinate legislation has been used to dissolve Enterprise Ulster and this Article lists the primary legislation provisions to be repealed as a consequence.

Article 7: Laganside Corporation

Separate subordinate legislation has been used to dissolve the Laganside Corporation and the Article lists the primary legislation provisions to be repealed as a consequence.

Article 8: Appointments to Statutory Bodies and Offices

This Article removes statutory representation obligations and obligations to consult in relation to appointments to those bodies listed in Schedule 3.

Schedule 3: Appointments to Statutory Bodies and Offices

Paragraph 3 (1) removes from the Northern Ireland Drainage Council appointment procedure the statutory representation of sectoral interests e.g. agriculture, fisheries etc in Drainage Council membership.

Paragraph 4 (1) replaces existing provisions in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Article 91A of the Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 with regulation making powers related to appointments to the Industrial Court.

Paragraph 4(2) amends Schedule 1A of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to remove the restriction that the Court case manager is provided by the Department for Employment and Learning.

COMMENCEMENT

18. Article 1 comes into operation one week after the day on which the Order is made. Articles 2 to 9 will come into operation on a day or days appointed by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

LIST OF CONSULTEES

This is a list of some of the consultees. It is not exhaustive however, if you feel that comments should be invited from a particular organisation not already on the list please contact Julie Gillespie, Legislation Progress Unit, Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister on telephone 02890522668.

Rev Dr I R K Paisley MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Mr G Adams, MP MLA Sinn Fein
Mr M Durkan, MP MLA SDLP
Mr R Empey MLA, Ulster Unionist Party
Mr D Ford MLA, Alliance Party
Mr R McCartney QC MLA, UK Unionist Party
Labour Party
NI Conservative Associations
The Workers Party
The Green Party
Mr S Wilson MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Rev William McCrea MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Mr Gregory Campbell MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Mr N Dodds MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Mr J Donaldson MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Mrs I Robinson MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Mr P Robinson MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Mr David Simpson MP MLA, Democratic Unionist Party
Mr Jim Allister MEP, Democratic Unionist Party
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Ms B De Brun MEP, Sinn Fein
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Mr E McGrady MP, SDLP
Mr Alastair McDonnell MP MLA, SDLP
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Lord Morrow of Clougher Valley
Lord Browne of Belmont
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Lord Smith of Clifton
Barroness Farrington
Lord Shutt of Greetland
Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly
Northern Ireland Affairs Committee
The Executive Council of the Inn of Court of NI
The Law Society of NI
The School of Law, University of Ulster
Institute of Professional Legal Studies
HM Council of County Court Judges
Belfast Solicitors Association
School of Law, Queens University Belfast
Clerk of Petty Sessions, Laganside Courts
Law Centre (NI)
Northern Ireland Court Service
Law Reform Advisory Committee
Office of Law Reform
Northern Ireland Residents Magistrates' Association
Human Rights Commission
Northern Ireland Ombudsman
Equality Commission for NI
General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland
Confederation of British Industry
Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Federation of Small Businesses
Northern Ireland Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux
Northern Ireland Chamber of Trade
Food Standards Agency
Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action
NIC/ICTU
Northern Ireland Local Government Association
Society of Local Authority Chief Executives
Parliamentary Clerk, Ministry of Defence
Inland Revenue
Interim Secretary of the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission
Secretary, Catholic Bishops of Northern Ireland

Labour Relations Agency
Industrial Court for Northern Ireland
Commissioner for Public Appointments
Fisheries Conservancy Board
Local Councils
National Trust
Northern Ireland Environmental Link
Ulster Wildlife Trust
Institute of Directors
Drainage Council for Northern Ireland
Northern Ireland Housing Council
Pig Production Development Committee
Sports Council for Northern Ireland
Arts Council of Northern Ireland
National Museums Northern Ireland
Northern Ireland Museums Council
NI Film and Television Commission
Disability Living Allowance Advisory Body (NI)
Disability Action
Advice NI
Enterprise Ulster
Ulster Farmers Union
Northern Ireland Agricultural Producers' Association
Certification Officer
Construction Industry Training Board
Stranmillis College Board of Governors
Belfast Education and Library board
North Eastern Education and library Board
South Eastern Education and Library Board
Southern Education and Library board
Western Education and Library Board

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Deputy First Minister web site
<http://www.ofmdfmni.gov.uk/index/equality/equality-scheme.htm> or printed
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