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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2014 No. 153 (C. 8)**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**The Local Government (2014 Act) (Commencement  
No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014**

*Made - - - - 2nd June 2014*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 129 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Order.

**Citation and interpretation**

**1.** (1) This Order may be cited as the Local Government (2014 Act) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014;

“new council” means a district council constituted under section 1 (district councils) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972<sup>(2)</sup> as amended by section 3(1) of the Local Government (Boundaries) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008<sup>(3)</sup>; and

“existing council” means a district council constituted under section 1 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 as in force immediately prior to the making of the Local Government (Boundaries) (2008 Act) (Commencement, Transitional Provision and Savings) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013<sup>(4)</sup>.

(3) In this Order any reference to a numbered section is a reference to a section of the Act.

**Provisions of the Act coming into operation on 2nd June 2014**

**2.** The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Act listed in Schedule 1 is 2nd June 2014.

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(1) 2014 c. 8 (N.I.).  
(2) 1972 c. 9 (N.I.); section 1 was amended by S.I. 1985/454.  
(3) 2008 c. 7 (N.I.).  
(4) 2013 No. 238 (C. 15).

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**Provisions of the Act coming into operation on 2nd June 2014 in relation to new councils**

3. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Act listed in Schedule 2 in relation to new councils is 2nd June 2014.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 2nd June 2014.

*Ian Maye*  
A senior officer of the Department of the  
Environment

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

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Section 123	Compensation for loss of office or diminution of emoluments

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<i>Section/ Schedule</i>	<i>Title</i>
Section 125	Council websites
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Schedule 9,	Transfer schemes
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## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

Provisions of the Act coming into operation on 2nd June 2014 in relation to new councils

<i>Section/ Schedule</i>	<i>Title</i>
Section 1	Names of councils
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Section 9	Arrangements for discharge of functions by councils jointly
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Section 20	Power to prescribe additional permitted governance arrangements
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<i>Section/ Schedule</i>	<i>Title</i>
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Section 30	Reference of matters to overview and scrutiny committee etc.
Section 31	Dealing with references under section 30(1)(c)
Section 32	Duty of council or executive to respond to overview and scrutiny committee
Section 33	Publication etc. of reports, recommendations and responses: confidential and exempt information
Section 34	Meetings and access to information etc.
Section 35	Meetings and access to information etc.: further provisions and regulations
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Section 44	Inspection of minutes and other documents after meetings
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Section 48	Additional rights of access to documents for members of councils
Section 49	Councils to publish additional information
Section 50	Supplemental provisions and offences
Section 51	Exempt information and power to vary Schedule 6
Section 52	Interpretation and application of this Part
Section 67	Community planning partners
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Section 103	Partnership Panel

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<i>Section</i>	<i>Title</i>
Section 118	Persons ceasing to hold office
Section 119	Validity of acts done by unqualified person
Section 121	Insurance against accidents to councillors
Schedule 1	Positions of responsibility
Schedule 2	Appointment of councillors to committees, etc.
Schedule 4	Overview and scrutiny committees: voting right of co-opted members
Schedule 5	Meetings and proceedings
Schedule 6	Access to information: exempt information

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into operation provisions of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014. Article 2, together with Schedule 1 lists the provisions of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 that will come into operation on 2nd June 2014, in respect of both existing and new councils.

Article 3, together with Schedule 2, brings provisions of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 into operation on 2nd June 2014 in respect of new councils.

### **NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 have been brought into operation by a Commencement Order made before the date of this Order.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Sections 38, 53, 124 and 127	20th May 2014	<a href="#">2014 No. 142 (C.7)</a>

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