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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 4

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES COMMISSIONER

**F1** Schedule 4 substituted (17.5.2006) by Local Government (Boundaries) (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1253 (N.I. 8)), arts. 1(2), 4(2), **Sch. 1**

### PART III

#### RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH RECOMMENDATIONS OF A COMMISSIONER ARE TO BE MADE

- 14 Regard shall be had to the desirability of determining district and ward boundaries which are readily identifiable.
- 15 A townland shall not, except where in the opinion of the Commissioner it is unavoidable, be included partly in one district or ward and partly in another.
- 16 As far as practicable—
- (a) a district shall not be wholly or substantially severed by the boundary of another district; and
  - (b) a district shall not be wholly or substantially encompassed within the boundary of another district.
- 17 In determining the number and boundaries of wards within a district regard shall be had to—
- (a) the size, population and physical diversity of the district; and
  - (b) the desirability that there should be a proper representation of the rural and urban electorate within the district.
- [<sup>F2</sup>18 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)—
- (a) in the district of Belfast the number of wards shall be 60;
  - (b) in each other district the number of wards shall be 40.
- (2) Where, having regard to the matters mentioned in paragraph 17, the Commissioner considers it desirable that the number of wards in any district should be more than that specified in sub-paragraph (1), the number of wards in that district may be increased by not more than 5.
- (3) Where, having regard to the matters mentioned in paragraph 17, the Commissioner considers it desirable that the number of wards in any district should be fewer than that specified in sub-paragraph (1), the number of wards in that district may be decreased by not more than 5.]

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**F2** Sch. 4 para. 18 substituted (23.5.2008) by [Local Government \(Boundaries\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008](#) (c. 7), **ss. 2(3)(c), 5(1)**

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- (1) Within any one district there shall, as far as is reasonably practicable having regard to paragraph 17, be substantially the same number of local electors in each ward.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) it shall be taken that the electors in each ward are the persons registered as local electors, by virtue of a qualifying address within that ward, in the register of electors last published before the making of the announcement mentioned in paragraph 6(2), 7(2) or 8(2) (as the case may be.)]

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