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PART 3

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

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**22.—(1)** For the purposes of this section—

“joint committee” means a committee appointed by two or more district councils under section 19 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (c. 9) and “incorporated joint committee” means a joint committee in relation to which an order under subsection (9) of that section is in force;

“waste management functions” are functions exercisable by a district council or incorporated joint committee—

(a) under Part 2 of the [Waste and Contaminated Land \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1997 \(NI 19\)](#); or

(b) for the purposes of, or in connection with, the exercise of such functions;

“waste management contract” means a contract for the purposes of, or in connection with, the carrying out of waste management functions.

(2) A district council has power to enter into a waste management contract containing—

(a) terms under which the council guarantees, or provides warranties or indemnities in relation to, the performance by any other district council or any incorporated joint committee of its obligations under that or any other waste management contract;

- (b) terms which impose joint or several liability on the council and any other district council or incorporated joint committee in respect of a breach of a term of that or any other waste management contract.
- (3) Two or more district councils (“the participating councils”) may enter into an agreement under which one of those councils (“the lead council”) is to act on behalf, and in the name, of all the participating councils in relation to the exercise of such waste management functions of the participating councils as are specified in the agreement (“the specified waste management functions”).
- (4) Where such an agreement is in force—
  - (a) the lead council has all such powers as are necessary to give effect to the agreement including in particular—
    - (i) power to act on behalf, and in the name, of all the participating councils in relation to the exercise of the specified waste management functions;
    - (ii) power to exercise the specified waste management functions of other participating councils, including functions relating to acquiring and holding property, borrowing money and entering into waste management contracts;
    - (iii) power to receive and hold property on behalf of, and in the name of, participating councils;
  - (b) any other participant council has all such powers as are necessary to give effect to the agreement including in particular power—
    - (i) to borrow money for that purpose; and
    - (ii) to make payments to the lead council for that purpose.
- (5) Nothing in this section is to be construed as derogating from any power of a council exercisable otherwise than by virtue of this section.