

### 2010 CHAPTER 7

## PART 2

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

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# CONTROL OF DISPOSALS AND CONTRACTS OF EXISTING COUNCILS[<sup>F1</sup>AND THEIR FINANCES]

## Control of disposals and contracts of existing councils<sup>[F1</sup> and their finances]

10.—(1) The Department may direct that, with effect from a specified date, an existing council shall not, without the written consent of  $[^{F^2}$ its successor council or]a specified statutory transition committee—

- (a) dispose of any land if the consideration for the disposal exceeds a specified sum;
- (b) enter into any capital contract—
  - (i) under which the consideration payable by the council exceeds a specified sum; or
  - (ii) which includes a term allowing the consideration payable by the council to be varied;
- (c) enter into any non-capital contract under which the consideration payable by the council exceeds a specified sum, where—
  - (i) the period of the contract extends beyond a specified date; or
  - (ii) under the terms of the contract, that period may be extended beyond that date.
- [<sup>F3</sup>(d) borrow any sum exceeding a specified sum (or any sums exceeding in total any specified sum);

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- (e) reduce any financial reserve of a specified description below a specified limit.]
- (2) In subsection (1)—

"capital contract" means a contract as regards which the consideration payable by the council is capital expenditure;

"capital expenditure" means expenditure which falls to be capitalised in accordance with proper practices (within the meaning of Article 6(3) of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 (NI 18));

"non-capital contract" means a contract which is not a capital contract.

(3) A direction under subsection (1)(b) or (c) may provide that the consent of  $[^{F4}a$  successor council or]a specified statutory transition committee is not required in relation to a contract of a specified description.

(4) A direction—

- (a) shall be in writing;
- (b) may make different provision in relation to different matters for which consent is required;
- (c) may be varied or revoked by a subsequent direction.
- (5) In this Chapter—

"direction" means a direction under this section;

"specified", in relation to a direction, means specified in the direction;

"statutory transition committee" means a committee established under section 15.

(6) References in this Chapter to disposing of land include references to-

- (a) dealing with land in any way mentioned in section 45(3) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33);
- (b) entering into a contract to dispose of land;
- (c) granting an option to acquire land.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 Words in s. 10 added (2.6.2014) by Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 8), ss. 116(3)(a), 129 (with s. 124(4)); S.R. 2014/153, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F2 Words in s. 10(1) added (2.6.2014) by Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 8),
  ss. 116(3)(b), 129 (with s. 124(4)); S.R. 2014/153, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F3 S. 10(1)(d)(e) added (2.6.2014) by Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 8), ss. 116(3)(c), 129 (with s. 124(4)); S.R. 2014/153, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F4 Words in s. 10(3) inserted (2.6.2014) by Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 8), ss. 116(3)(d), 129 (with s. 124(4)); S.R. 2014/153, art. 2, Sch. 1

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