## 1975 No. 1308 (N.I. 13)

#### NORTHERN IRELAND

# The Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975

Made - - - - - Laid before Parliament

6th August 1975

7th August 1975

Coming into Operation

8th August 1975

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 6th day of August 1975

#### Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that by reason of urgency this Order requires to be made without a draft having been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(a) 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:—

#### Title, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Government (Reduction of General Grant) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 8th August 1975.
- (2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) shall apply to paragraph (1) and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
  - (3) In this Order—
    - "the Department" means the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning;
    - "general grant" means the grant payable under Article 3 of the Local Government &c. (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(c) and there referred to as "General Exchequer Grant".

## Power to reduce the general grant

2.—(1) If it appears to the Department that any action taken or likely to be taken by a district council may result or has resulted in the payment, for any period during which section 1 of the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Act 1975(d) is in force, of any remuneration in excess of the limits mentioned in that section, the Department may, after giving the council an opportunity of making representations, reduce, and may, in the meantime, withhold, any sums payable to the council by way of general grant.

- (2) A reduction to be made in pursuance of this Article shall be certified by the Department and may be made from the grant as a whole or from either of its elements.
- (3) So far as any reduction to be made in pursuance of this Article cannot be made from the sums payable to a district council in the year in which the reduction is certified it may be made from the sums so payable in any subsequent year.

N. E. Leigh.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order empowers the Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning for Northern Ireland to reduce sums payable to a district council by way of grant from central funds where the council pays remuneration in excess of the limits mentioned in section 1 of the Remuneration, Charges and Grants Act 1975.