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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 261**

**Museums and Galleries (Northern Ireland) Order 1997**

**PART III**

**MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES PROVIDED BY DISTRICT COUNCILS**

**Provision and maintenance of museums and galleries by district councils**

**12.**—(1) A district council, either alone or together with another district council or any other person, may provide and maintain museums and galleries.

(2) A district council may acquire land otherwise than by agreement for the purposes of paragraph (1).

(3) A district council may pay to another district council sums by way of contribution towards the expenses of the maintenance or provision of a museum or gallery by that other council.

(4) A district council may make grants towards the expenses of the maintenance or provision of a museum or gallery by any person.

(5) A district council shall consult with the Department and such other bodies as the Department may determine before exercising—

- (a) any power mentioned in paragraph (1) in so far as that power relates to the provision of a museum or gallery; or
- (b) any power mentioned in paragraph (4) in so far as that power relates to the making of grants towards the expenses of the provision of a museum or gallery.

(6) In this Article “provide” and “maintain” have the meanings assigned by section 147 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.