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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005**

**PART II**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT**

*Miscellaneous*

**Studies for improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness**

**26.**—(1) A local government auditor shall, if required by the Department or the chief local government auditor, undertake comparative and other studies designed to enable him to make recommendations for improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of services by local government bodies.

(2) Before requiring the undertaking of any study under paragraph (1) the Department or the chief local government auditor shall consult—

- (a) such councils;
- (b) such associations or bodies representative of councils;
- (c) such associations or bodies representative of officers of councils; and
- (d) such other persons or bodies,

as appear to the Department or the chief local government auditor to be appropriate.

(3) Where a study under paragraph (1) is required by the Department, the local government auditor concerned shall report the results of the study and any recommendations made by him as a result of the study to the Department and the Department shall publish or otherwise make available any such results and recommendations.

(4) Where a study under paragraph (1) is required by the chief local government auditor, the local government auditor concerned shall report the results of the study and any recommendations made by him as a result of the study to the chief local government auditor and the chief local government auditor shall publish or otherwise make available any such results and recommendations.