

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Water and Sewerage Services (2006 Order) (Commencement No.3) Order
(Northern Ireland) 2010

SR 2010 No. 216 (C. 12)

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Regional Development to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under The Statutory Rule is made under Article 1(2) of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. This Statutory Rule commences Articles 70, 71 and 72 of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.
- 2.2. These Articles allow for Northern Ireland Water to prepare a Water Resources Management Plan

3. Background

- 3.1. A Waters Resource Management Plan is required under the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 in order for Northern Ireland Water to ensure it has a plan to manage and develop water resources to fulfil its obligation to maintain a water supply system for the region.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. No consultation was required.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. An Equality Impact Assessment was not necessary.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment was not necessary

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. None.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

- 8.1. The proposed legislation is considered compatible with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

- 9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

- 10.1. Articles 70-72 are similar to The Water Resources Management Plan Regulations 2007 in England and Wales.

11. Additional Information

- 11.1. Not applicable.