

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Dundrod Circuit (Admission Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011**

#### **S.R. 2011 No. 206**

#### **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 Article 3(7A) of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

#### **2. Purpose**

- 2.1. The purpose of the rule is to increase the price of a spectator badge for road racing events at the Dundrod Circuit from £15.00 to £25.00.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The increase has been requested by the Dundrod & District Motorcycle Club Ltd (the Promoter), following completion of their business plan for this year's Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week. The business plan concluded that (without a massive increase in the number of spectators) an increase in the fee to £25.00 is the only way to produce a sustainable event. The Promoter met with Lisburn City Council to discuss the 2011 event, including the proposal to increase the price. Following the release of a press notice on the subject the Promoter noted that many "On-line" spectators supported the increase.
- 3.2. Similar events elsewhere in the UK cost in the region of £40.00

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, The Motor Cycle Union of Ireland, Sport Northern Ireland and Lisburn City Council were all consulted and had no objection. The Northern Ireland Tourist Board and 2 & 4 Wheels were also consulted but no response was received.

#### **5. Equality Impact**

- 5.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. No equality issues have been identified by the Department.

#### **6. Regulatory Impact**

- 6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment was not considered necessary as the proposal does not result in any costs or savings to business, charities or the voluntary bodies.

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. None.

**8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998**

8.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. No human rights issues have been identified by the Department.

**9. EU Implications**

9.1. Not applicable.

**10. Parity or Replicatory Measure**

10.1. Not applicable.

**11. Additional Information**

11.1. Not applicable.