

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

S. R. 2012 No. 203

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 4(4) of the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the rule is to increase the parking penalty charge from £60 to £90.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Department's budget includes a Saving Delivery Plan proposal to increase the parking penalty charge from its current value of £60. This level has not been increased since the Department took responsibility for parking enforcement in 2006. It is proposed to increase the charge to £90 with a 50% discount if paid within 14 days.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. There is no legal requirement to go to public consultation to make this rule.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. The Department has concluded that a full equality impact assessment is not required.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. The Department does not consider that there is a need for a regulatory impact assessment.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The Department's budget estimates this change will increase revenue by £2.5m per annum if illegal parking remains at the same level. If illegal parking reduces due to the deterrent of the increased penalty charge then this additional income may not be fully realised, however on-street traffic management benefits will be realised.

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.