STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

PART 2

Financial management and internal control

Responsibility for financial management and internal control

- **4.**—(1) A local government body is responsible for ensuring that—
 - (a) the financial management of the local government body is adequate and effective; and
 - (b) the local government body has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of its functions and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.
- (2) A local government body must conduct a review at least once in each financial year of the effectiveness of its system of internal control.
- (3) The findings of the review referred to in paragraph (2) must be considered at a meeting either of the local government body as a whole or a committee of the local government body whose remit includes audit of governance functions.
- (4) Following consideration of the findings of the review referred to in paragraph (3) that local government body as a whole or committee must approve an annual governance statement prepared in accordance with proper practices on internal control.