

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 6

PART 1

POLICING

District policing partnerships

15 Independent members: declaration against terrorism

- (1) Schedule 3 to the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (district policing partnerships) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1 (interpretation) after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
 - "(3A) In this Schedule a "declaration against terrorism" means a declaration in the form set out in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989, with the substitution of the words "if appointed" for the words "if elected"."
- (3) In paragraph 5 (council's nominations of independent members) in sub-paragraph (4) after "if" insert "(a)" and after "the DPP" insert—

", or

- (b) he has not made a declaration against terrorism".
- (4) In paragraph 7 (removal of members from office) in sub-paragraph (1) after paragraph (a) insert—
 - "(aa) in the case of an independent member, he has acted in breach of the terms of a declaration against terrorism;".
- (5) In paragraph 7 after sub-paragraph (2) insert—
 - "(3) Section 6 of the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 applies to determine whether an independent member has acted in breach of the terms of a declaration against terrorism as it applies to determine whether

a person who has made a declaration required for the purpose of section 3, 4 or 5 of that Act has acted in breach of the terms of the declaration.

- (4) As applied by sub-paragraph (3), section 6 of the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 applies with the following modifications—
 - (a) in subsection (1), for the words from "after" to "the Assembly" substitute "when he is an independent member of a district policing partnership";
 - (b) omit subsection (4);
 - (c) in subsection (5), in the definition of "public meeting" after paragraph (c) insert—
 - "(d) any meeting of a district policing partnership or a committee of a district policing partnership (whether or not a meeting which the public is permitted to attend), and
 - (e) any meeting of a sub-group established under section 21 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 or a committee of such a sub-group (whether or not a meeting which the public is permitted to attend), and"."
- (6) Subsections (1) to (5) come into force in accordance with provision made by the Secretary of State by order.