



Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 33

PART 5

MISCELLANEOUS

25 Sustainable development

- (1) A public authority must, in exercising its functions, act in the way it considers best calculated to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in Northern Ireland, except to the extent that it considers that any such action is not reasonably practicable in all the circumstances of the case.
- (2) For this purpose—
 - (a) a public authority must have regard to any strategy or guidance relating to sustainable development issued by the [^{F1}Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs] , and
 - (b) a public authority other than a Northern Ireland department must have regard to any guidance relating to sustainable development issued by a Northern Ireland department other than the [^{F1}Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs] .
- (3) In this section “public authority” means—
 - (a) a Northern Ireland department,
 - (b) a district council in Northern Ireland, and
 - (c) any other person designated for the purposes of this section by order made by the [^{F2}Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs] .
- (4) The power to make an order under subsection (3)(c) is exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1573 (N.I. 12)).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006, Section 25. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) Such an order may not be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 25(2) substituted (9.5.2016) by [The Departments \(Transfer of Functions\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/76\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 6 para. 11** (with art. 9(2))
- F2** Words in s. 25(3) substituted (9.5.2016) by [The Departments \(Transfer of Functions\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/76\)](#), art. 1(3), **Sch. 6 para. 11** (with art. 9(2))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 25(2)(a): transfer of functions (1.12.2010) by [The Departments \(Transfer of Functions\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2010 \(S.R. 2010/362\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3** (with art. 5)
- C2** S. 25(2)(a): transfer of functions (8.5.2016) by [The Departments \(Transfer of Functions\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/76\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (with art. 9(2))
- C3** S. 25(3)(c): transfer of functions (8.5.2016) by [The Departments \(Transfer of Functions\) Order \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(S.R. 2016/76\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (with art. 9(2))

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