
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

PART II

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT

Auditors' reports and recommendations

Additional publicity for immediate report

14.—(1) This Article applies where under Article 11(1) a local government auditor has sent an immediate report to a local government body.

- (2) From the time when the report is received by the body any member of the public may—
- (a) inspect the report at all reasonable times without payment,
 - (b) make a copy of it, or of any part of it, and
 - (c) require the body to supply him with a copy of it, or of any part of it, on payment of a reasonable sum.
- (3) On receiving the report under Article 11(1), the body shall immediately—
- (a) publish a notice in at least two newspapers circulating in the district of the body; and
 - (b) supply a copy of the report to every member of the body.
- (4) The notice published under paragraph (3) shall—
- (a) identify the subject-matter of the report, and
 - (b) state that any member of the public may inspect the report and make a copy of it or any part of it between such times and at such place or places as are specified in the notice.
- (5) The auditor may—
- (a) notify any person he thinks fit of the fact that he has made the report, and
 - (b) supply a copy of it or of any part of it to any person he thinks fit.
- (6) A person who has the custody of an immediate report and—
- (a) obstructs a person in the exercise of a right conferred by paragraph (2)(a) or (b), or
 - (b) refuses to supply a copy of the report or of part of it (as the case may be) to a person entitled to the copy by virtue of paragraph (2)(c),

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(7) A person who fails to comply with a requirement of paragraph (3) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

- (8) Nothing in this Article affects the operation of Article 11(4) and (5).