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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 1968**

**The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005**

**PART II**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT**

*Public inspection and right to make objection*

**Inspection of statements of accounts and auditors' reports**

- 16.**—(1) Any member of the public may—
- (a) inspect and make copies of any statement of accounts prepared by a local government body pursuant to regulations under Article 24;
  - (b) inspect and make copies of any report (other than an immediate report) made to the body by a local government auditor;
  - (c) require copies of any such statement or report to be delivered to him on payment of a reasonable sum for each copy.
- (2) A document which a person is entitled to inspect under this Article may be inspected at all reasonable times and without payment.
- (3) A person who has the custody of any such document and—
- (a) obstructs a person in the exercise of a right under this Article to inspect or make copies of the document, or
  - (b) refuses to give copies of the document to a person entitled under this Article to obtain them,
- is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (4) References in this Article to copies of a document include references to any part of it.