

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2005**

**INTRODUCTION**

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES**

**CONSULTATION**

**Emergency planning**

**Cosmetic piercing and semi-permanent skin-colouring**

**Consultation Paper**

**MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE ORDER**

**COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES**

Article 7 - Auditors' right to documents and information

Article 9 - Immediate and other reports in the public interest

Article 12 - Consideration of reports or recommendations

Article 13 - Publicity for meeting under Article 12

Article 23 - Provision for the audit of accounts of officers

Article 26 - Studies for improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness

Article 29 - Powers of district councils in relation to emergencies

Article 30 - Use of fixed penalty receipts

Article 31 and Schedule 2 - Regulation of cosmetic piercing and skin-colouring businesses

Article 32 - Alteration of limit on expenditure under section 115 of the principal Act

Article 33 - Indemnification of members and officers of councils

Article 34 - Annual statements under local government superannuation regulations

**COMMENCEMENT**