



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000

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- 2 (1) While section 1 of the Northern Ireland Act 2000...
Part II — MEMBERSHIP DURING SUSPENSION OF DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT

Constitution

- 3 (1) The Board shall consist of not less than 14...

Term of office

- 4 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

Remuneration and allowances of members

- 5 (1) The Board may pay to the chairman, vice-chairman and...
Part III — MEMBERSHIP DURING DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT

Constitution

- 6 (1) The Board shall consist of 19 members of whom—...

Political members

- 7 (1) Where this Part comes into effect in relation to...

Independent members

- 8 (1) The Secretary of State shall so exercise his powers...

Removal of members from office

- 9 (1) The Secretary of State may remove a person from...

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Disqualification

10 (1) A person is disqualified for membership of the Board...

Chairman and vice-chairman

11 (1) There shall be a chairman and a vice-chairman of...

Remuneration and allowances of members

12 (1) The Board may pay to the chairman, vice-chairman and...
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13 (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Secretary...

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15 (1) The Secretary of State shall for each financial year...

Accounts and audit

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17 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the quorum for a meeting...

Inquiries under section 60

18 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if— (a) the Board is considering—...

Public meetings

19 (1) This paragraph applies to a meeting held by the...

Validity of proceedings

20 The validity of any proceedings of the Board or a...

Seal

21 The application of the seal of the Board shall be...

Execution and proof of instruments

22 (1) Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or...

Disclosure of pecuniary interests, family connections, etc.

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Committees

24 (1) The Board may— (a) constitute committees of such 5...

SCHEDULE 2 — Transfer of functions, assets, liabilities and staff of Police Authority for Northern Ireland

Interpretation

1 In this Schedule— “the Authority” means the Police Authority for...

Transfer of functions

2 (1) The functions exercisable by the Authority immediately before the...

Transfer of assets and liabilities

3 (1) All property, rights and liabilities to which the Authority...

Transfer of employed staff

4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), this paragraph applies...

Transfer of seconded staff

5 (1) This paragraph applies to a person who immediately before...

References to, and acts, etc. done by, or in relation to, the Authority

6 (1) Any reference in any statutory provision or document to...

Accounts

7 (1) In this paragraph “the relevant period” means the period—...

SCHEDULE 3 — District policing partnerships

Interpretation

1 (1) In this Schedule “a DPP” means a district policing...

Size and composition

2 (1) A DPP shall consist of 15, 17 or 19...

Political members

3 (1) A council shall exercise its power to appoint political...

Independent members

4 (1) Appointments of independent members shall be made by the...

The council’s nominations

5 (1) Where appointments are to be made of independent members...

Code of practice on appointment of independent members

6 (1) In exercising functions under paragraphs 4 and 5, a...

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Removal of members from office

- 7 (1) The Board, or the council with the approval of...

Disqualification

- 8 (1) A person is disqualified for membership of a DPP...

Chairman and vice-chairman

- 9 (1) There shall be a chairman and a vice-chairman of...

Allowances

- 10 The council may pay to the chairman, vice-chairman and other...

Indemnities

- 10A The council may indemnify a member of a DPP in...

Insurance against accidents

- 10B (1) The council may insure against risks of a member...

Finance

- 11 The Board shall for each financial year make to the...

Procedure

- 12 (1) The quorum for a meeting of a DPP shall...

Validity of proceedings

- 13 The validity of any proceedings of a DPP or a...

Disclosure of pecuniary interests, family connections, etc.

- 14 Sections 28 to 33, 42, 46, 47 and 146 of...

Committees

- 15 (1) A DPP may— (a) constitute committees of such 5...

Joint partnerships

- 16 (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide that...

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- 1 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

Terms of reference

- 2 (1) On appointing the Commissioner, the Secretary of State shall...

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Remuneration, pensions, allowances, etc.

- 3 (1) The Secretary of State may pay, or make such...

Staff

- 4 (1) The Commissioner may, with the approval of the Secretary...
5 The Employers' Liability (Defective Equipment and Compulsory Insurance) (Northern Ireland)...

Exercise of functions

- 6 (1) Any functions of the Commissioner under this Act may...

Evidence

- 7 A document purporting to be duly signed by, or on...

Finance

- 8 The Secretary of State shall pay to the Commissioner such...
9 (1) The Commissioner shall— (a) keep proper accounts and proper...

SCHEDULE 5 — Application of anti-discrimination legislation to the police

Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (NI 15)

- 1 (1) The Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 shall be...

Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 6)

- 2 (1) The Race Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 shall be...

Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (NI 21)

- 3 (1) The Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998...

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Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33 (N.I.))

- 1 In the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 after section 43...

Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (1967 c. 13)

- 2 In Schedule 2 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 at...

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)

- 3 (1) The House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 shall be...

Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)

- 4 (1) The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 shall be...

Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30)

- 5 In Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (defined words...

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Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (NI 9)

6 In Article 47A(2) of the Health and Safety at Work...

Finance Act 1981 (c. 35)

7 In section 107(3)(k) of the Finance Act 1981 for “the...

Aviation Security Act 1982 (c. 36)

8 In section 31(3)(c) of the Aviation Security Act 1982 for...

Official Secrets Act 1989 (c. 6)

9 In section 12(1)(e) of the Official Secrets Act 1989 for...

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 12)

10 (1) The Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989...

Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 (c. 31)

11 In section 22(4)(b) of the Aviation and Maritime Security Act...

Police Act 1996 (c. 16)

12 (1) The Police Act 1996 shall be amended as follows....

Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 6)

13 In Schedule 2 to the Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996...

Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 7)

14 In Schedule 2 to the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland)...

Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 9)

15 In Article 23(5)(a) and (b) of the Proceeds of Crime...

Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 10)

16 In Article 84(2) of the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland)...

Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 16)

17 (1) The Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 shall be...

Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 22)

18 In Article 84(b) of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996...

Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 23)

19 In Article 51 of the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland)...

Police Act 1997 (c. 50)

20 (1) The Police Act 1997 shall be amended as follows....

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Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 2)

21 In Articles 44(1), 45, 51 and 54(2) of the Road...

Police (Health and Safety) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 16)

22 In Article 7(3) of the Police (Health and Safety) (Northern...

Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (c. 32)

23 (1) The Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 shall be amended...

Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47)

24 (1) The Northern Ireland Act 1998 shall be amended as...

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c.)

25 (1) The Freedom of Information Act 2000 shall be amended...

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1 In relation to any time before the coming into force...

Recruitment arrangements: references to the Board

2 At any time before the commencement of section 2, references...

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4 In relation to any time before the coming into force...

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