



MORE PUBLIC BODIES TO GO FOLLOWING REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The following is a summary of the changes to public bodies announced by the Secretary of State:

- There will be a new Land and Property Agency which will incorporate Valuation and Lands, Rate Collection, Land Registers and Ordnance Survey Agencies.
- A Library Authority will be created with responsibility for all libraries across Northern Ireland.
- Driver and Vehicle Licensing will merge with the Driver and Vehicle Testing Agency.
- The Northern Ireland Events Company will become part of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.
- Some of the funding currently administered by the Arts and Sports Councils will become the responsibility of local government as will some of the functions of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and Invest NI.
- The Public Records Office will transfer to central government.
- The Northern Ireland Housing Council, The Agriculture Wages Board and Enterprise Ulster will cease to exist.

Notes to Editors:

1. CHANGES TO PUBLIC BODIES IMPACTED BY RPA DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE AGENCY	EFFECT OF DECISIONS
Driver & Vehicle Licensing Driver & Vehicle Testing Agency for NI	} } Merge into a single Driver & Vehicle } Agency } }
Health Estates Agency	Transfer functions into new HSS structures
Public Record Office NI	De-agentise, incorporate in Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
Ordnance Survey NI	Functions transferring to Land & Property Services Agency
Rivers Agency	Functions transferring to a new Environment Agency –

	subject to the outcome of the review of environmental governance
Environment and Heritage Service	Functions transferring to a new Environment Agency – subject to the outcome of the review of environmental governance
Business Development Services	Functions transferring to Department of Finance & Personnel
Valuation and Lands Agency	Functions transferring to Land & Property Services Agency
Rates Collection Agency	Functions transferring to Land & Property Services Agency
Land Registers NI	Functions transferring to Land & Property Services Agency
EXECUTIVE NDPBs	
NI Housing Executive	A range of non-core functions transferring to local government
Invest NI	Local economic development functions transferring to local government.
NI Tourist Board	To incorporate the NI Events Company and local tourism functions transferring to local government
Fisheries Conservancy Board	Functions transferring to Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
NI Museums Council	Functions transferring to local and central government
Arts Council of NI	Some funding to transfer to local government
Sports Council	Some funding to become responsibility of local government
Enterprise Ulster	Abolish
Construction Industry Training Board	Amalgamate with the Construction Skills Sector Skills Council
Livestock and Meat Commission	Incorporate the functions of the Pig Production Development Committee
Agricultural Research Institute for NI	Functions transferring to new Agri-food and Biosciences Institute
Pig Production Development Committee	Functions transferring to Livestock & Meat Commission
NI Fishery Harbour Authority	Functions transferring to local government
Rural Development Council	Functions transferring to local government and policy role to central government
Agricultural Wages Board	Abolish
Local Government Staff Commission	Functions transferring to local government when new councils are established.
Central Services Agency	Functions transferring to new HSS structures
NI Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery	Functions transferring to Health and Social Services Authority
NI Medical and Dental	Functions transferring to Health and Social Services

Training Agency	Authority
Mental Health Commission for NI	Functions transferring to the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority
Fire Authority for NI	Transfer to local government as a shared operational service
NI Events Company	Functions transferring to NI Tourist Board
ADVISORY NDPBs	
Drainage Council	Functions transferring to a new Environment Agency – subject to the outcome of the review of environmental governance
Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board	Functions will transfer to the equivalent Board in Great Britain whose remit will be extended to include NI
Council for Nature, Conservation and the Countryside Historic Buildings Council Historic Monuments Council	} } } } Functions transferring to a new Environment Agency – subject to the outcome of the review of environmental governance } }
NI Housing Council	Abolition will precede the creation of the new councils
Tribunals	Combined Tribunal Administration Service under NI Court Service. Planning Appeals Commission to remain as a Tribunal.

2. PUBLIC BODIES UNAFFECTED BY RPA DECISIONS

EXECUTIVE AGENCIES
Child Support Agency
Social Security Agency
Forest Service – subject to outcome of review of environmental governance
NI Statistics and Research Agency
EXECUTIVE NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES
NI Local Government Officers' Superannuation Committee
NI Transport Holding Company
Trust Ports
General Consumer Council
Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority
NI Social Care Council
Health & Safety Executive of NI
Equality Commission NI
NI Commissioner for Children and Young People
Strategic Investment Board
ILEX
Economic Research Institute NI
Community Relations Council
NI Film and Television Commission
Museums and Galleries of NI
Ulster Supported Employment Ltd
Labour Relations Agency
ADVISORY NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES
Higher Education Council
Research and Education Advisory Panel
Charities Advisory Committee
Office of the Social Fund Commissioner
Statute Law Committee
Advisory Council on Infrastructure Investment
Statistics Advisory Committee
NI Building Regulations Advisory Committee
Lay Observer
Law Reform Advisory Committee for NI