

**NEW OR ENHANCED FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE LEGISLATION**

DEPARTMENT	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTION
DFP	Application of Building Regulations	To Be Confirmed.
	Future European Programmes	It is envisaged that Local Government's future role in EU Programmes will be to deliver parts of the Programmes rather than to have an overall management or control responsibility. The second part of a future role would be where functions are transferred to local councils that are currently part of EU Programmes being delivered by central government. Examples from the RPA list of functions to be transferred could include local economic development, local tourism, urban and rural regeneration, rural development, environmental services, community planning, community development, community relations.
DCAL	Armagh Country Museum	Transfer of entire function to local government.
	Leisure and Recreation (local water recreation facilities)	Not a transfer of function. In essence a transfer of a number of identified water recreation assets/sites with public facilities such as canoe, steps, riverside paths, car parks etc.
	Local Events	£400,000 of funds for local events.

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	Local Arts	Functions usually carried out by the Arts Council.
DRD	Donaghadee Harbour	Transfer of entire functions of Donaghadee Harbour Commissioners to local government.
DOE	Conservation of Natural Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="528 692 1088 718">• Provision and management of Local Nature Reserves.</li> <li data-bbox="528 845 1162 871">• Establishment and implementation of Local Biodiversity Plans.</li> <li data-bbox="528 919 1236 992">• Identification and management of sites of Local Conservation Interest.</li> </ul>

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	Planning	Property Certificate Scheme.
DARD	Rural Development	<p>Transfer of rural development delivery function from the Rural Development Council to local authorities. These relate to the proposed new Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013 as provided the Council Regulation EC No 1698/2005 – supporting Rural Development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).</p> <p>Transfer of policy development functions from RDC to DARD.</p>
OFMDFM	Emergency Planning	<p>Emergency Planning is not in itself a separate function. Rather it is an inherent property of all functions delivered by the public services. Therefore when a function is transferred to the new councils, emergency planning responsibilities naturally transfer with the function (e.g. the transfer of local roads responsibilities is accompanied with the responsibility to plan for keeping roads open in adverse circumstances – civil unrest, storms, etc).</p>