

**NEW OR ENHANCED FUNCTIONS FOR INCLUSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS) ORDER**

DEPARTMENT	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTION
DOE	Conservation of Built Heritage	Listing of buildings of local architectural or historic interest and related issues.
	Environmental Services (Spot Listing of Buildings)	Spot list (i.e. issue of a temporary Building Preservation Notice). However to enable district councils to add a building to the "list" on a temporary basis, subject to ratification by EHS.
	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Plans and Local Plans (including town centre plans). • Development Control (excluding planning applications for major developments, and applications relating to landfill, minerals, larger WWTW's and major infrastructure). • Enforcement. • Property Certificate Scheme. • Consultation on all strategic policies including PPS.
	Maintenance of Public Realm	<p>Includes public routes (e.g. roads, waterways, cycle routes, squares and piazzas) and public spaces (e.g. shopping areas, school playgrounds, libraries, parks and gardens, leisure centres) and other public buildings and amenities such as parks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Regeneration – Environmental Improvement Schemes. • Local Roads – street lighting and signage, grass cutting, off street car parking, maintenance of amenity areas, permitting of local events on roads etc. • Planning – conservation of natural and build heritage, environmental services.
OFMDFM	Community Relations	Consideration is currently being given to the need to place a duty on Councils, as part of community planning, to prepare good relations plans.

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DRD	Local Roads	The transfer of responsibility for the maintenance and development of local roads and associated traffic management.
	Rural Transport Fund	Approximately £2 million a year to improve on/provide new transport opportunities for people living in deep rural areas.
	Planning Local Bus Services	Transfer of responsibility for bus route planning to Councils.
	Rathlin Ferry	Currently provided by a private operator under a subsidised contract with DRD.
DHSSPS	Environmental Health	To Be Confirmed.
	Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue	Entire service to be transferred.
DARD	Fishing Harbours	Functions of the NI Fishery Harbour Authority will transfer to the local councils. The Authority is responsible for the fishing ports of Kilkeel, Ardglass and Portavogie. This includes the management, maintenance and improvement of the harbour and harbour estates, including the operation of facilities and the maintenance of entrances and channels to the harbours.
DSD	Urban Regeneration and Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational delivery of urban regeneration programmes, including Neighbourhood Renewal and physical development (i.e. comprehensive development, urban development grant, environment improvement schemes, public realm). Operational delivery of community development programmes – to be defined and agreed internally.

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	Housing Related Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban renewal areas • Houses in multiple occupation. • Private sector grants. • Group repair. • Unfitness. • Traveller site provision. • Energy conservation. • Supporting people. <p>Core housing functions, such as allocating and maintaining social housing, will remain with the NIHE.</p>
DETI	Local Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for business start-ups servicing the local market. Currently this is mainly funded by Invest NI and local councils and delivered by Enterprise NI. The main programme under this is the Start A Business Programme. • Business development support for small companies primarily serving local markets. • Support for community business, the social economy and social entrepreneurship. • The work of the local Enterprise Agencies.
	Local Tourism	<p><u>Functions currently falling to NITB to go to Councils</u></p> <p>Regional Tourism Partnerships – this includes promotion and marketing of local areas, local or inter-authority plans/initiatives, grants for small amenities and visitor servicing.</p> <p><u>Functions Currently Falling to Invest NI to go to Councils</u></p> <p>Promotion and marketing of local areas, local or inter-authority plans/initiatives, grants for small amenities and visitor servicing.</p> <p>(Assistance towards local B&Bs, guesthouses and self-catering cottages has, in the past been primarily funded by IFI. Certain of their activities are currently undertaken at Council level but mainly through LED ERDF or Peace Funding).</p>

