

## **RESTRICTED POLICY**

# **REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASPECTS OF THE REVIEW OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The review of local government aspects of the Review of Public Administration will consider what local government is expected to deliver in the context of a fully-functioning devolved Assembly and Executive, and in the context of the strategic direction of the Review of Public Administration, will consider the number of councils and functions that the Executive believes would be required.

In considering the number of councils, the review will consider the three options on which views were sought in the March 2005 Further Consultation on the Review of Public Administration in Northern Ireland.

In considering the functions that the Executive believe should be delivered by local government, the review will consider the decisions on local government functions set out in the previous administration's Final Announcements on the Review of Public Administration of 22 November 2005 and 21 March 2006, and will take account of financial and efficiency considerations. The review may also consider options on which views were sought in the March 2005 Further Consultation on the Review of Public Administration that Ministerial colleagues may wish to be considered.

The review will be led by a sub-committee of the Executive Committee chaired by the Minister of the Environment, and will report to the Executive by autumn 2007.