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Strategic Leadership Board Meeting

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Local Government Reform Implementation Framework Key Milestones

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January 2009 – Quarter 1

Main Programme	Phase 1 Local Government Service Delivery Options - consultancy commences (23 rd) SLB Meeting
Panels/Groups	Policy proposals on Governance and Performance Management finalised for inclusion in Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill (13 th) Consultation on draft Vacancy Control guidance Finalisation of proposals on HR, Finance and Estates for inclusion in Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill
Councils	Establish Transition Committees & Transition Management Teams
Communications	

February 2009 – Quarter 1

Main Programme

Panels/Groups

- (12th) RTCG Meeting
- Final Capacity Building Report presented for PDP C endorsement
- (9th) Consultation on draft Model Transfer Scheme
- (12th) Transfer of Functions Working Group established
- Agreement of Finance and Estates Working Group remaining policy programme
- Agreement of HR Working Group remaining policy programme
- Establish Local Government Human Resources Co-ordination Group
- Finalisation of governance proposals for Statutory Transition Committees (Panel A)
- Finalisation of Service Delivery & Performance Improvement framework proposals (Panel B)

Councils

- Establish change management arrangements
- Establish vision & way forward

Communications

- FAQs on Staffing and Reform Programme issue

	March 2009 – Quarter 1
Main Programme	<p>(6th) SLB Meeting</p> <p>(6th) Communications Strategy presented to SLB</p> <p>Consultation on Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill starts</p> <p>(16th) Draft Phase 1 Local Government Service Delivery Options draft report produced (Final report due 20th April)</p>
Panels/Groups	<p>(19th) RTCG Meeting</p>
Councils	
Communications	<p>(6th) Communications Strategy to SLB</p> <p>Media communications on Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill consultation</p>

Quarter 2

	April 2009	May 2009	June 2009
Main Programme	<p>Local Government (Contracts) Bill introduced to Assembly</p> <p>Local Government (Finance) Bill issue for consultation</p> <p>(10th) SLB Meeting</p> <p>(20th) Phase 1 Local Government Service Delivery Options final report produced</p>	<p>(18th) Phase 2 Service Delivery Consultancy report issues for SLB</p> <p>(22nd) SLB Meeting</p> <p>Consultation on Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill ends</p>	<p>(15th) Phase 2 Service Delivery Consultancy final report issues</p> <p>(30th) Local Government Boundary Commissioner final report</p>
Panels/Groups	<p>(30th) RTCG Meeting</p> <p>Vacancy Control guidance issued to councils (Panel C)</p>	<p>(1st) Vacancy Control Guidance Implemented (Panel C)</p>	
Councils			
Communications			<p>Media communications on Boundary Commissioner report</p>

Quarter 3

	July 2009	August 2009	September 2009
Main Programme	(3 rd) SLB Meeting (31 st) Local Government (Contracts) Bill comes into force		Local Government (Boundaries) Order (NI) 2009 Made
Panels/Groups			
Councils			
Communications			

Quarter 4

	October 2009	November 2009	December 2009
Main Programme		Local Government (Finance) Bill introduced to Assembly	Development of Framework for Community Planning pilots/trials starts
Panels/Groups			
Councils	Statutory Committees in place		
Communications	Media communications on Statutory Committees		

2009	Reform Implementation Milestones
January	Phase 1 Local Government Service Delivery Options -consultancy commences Establish Transition Committee's & Transition Management Team's
March	Consultation on Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill
April	Local Government (Contracts) Bill introduced to Assembly Consultation on Local Government (Finance) Bill Phase 1 Local Government Service Delivery Options final report produced
June	Phase 2 Service Delivery Consultancy final report issues Local Government Boundary Commissioner final report
July	Local Government (Contracts) Bill comes into force
September	Local Government (Boundaries) Order (NI) 2009 Made
October	Statutory Committees in place
November	Local Government (Finance) Bill introduced to Assembly
2010	
February	Local Government (Modernisation) Bill introduced to Assembly
April	Local Government (Finance) Bill comes into force Community Planning pilots/trials start
May	Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill introduced to Assembly
June	District electoral Area Commissioners Report
September	Local Government (Modernisation) Bill comes into force
2011	
May	Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill comes into force Local and Assembly Elections New Councils formally take office