Draft Order laid before the Assembly under Article 5(6) of the Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 for approval

DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2013 No.

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Companies (Public Sector Audit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Made - - - -	*February 2013*
Coming into operation -	*March 2013*

The Department of Finance and Personnel (**a**), makes the following Order under Article 5(3) and (4) of the Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003(**b**) after consultation with the Comptroller and Auditor General in accordance with Article 5(6)(a) of that Order.

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Companies (Public Sector Audit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and shall come into operation on xx March 2013

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"accounts" includes a statement of accounts;

"the 2006 Act" means the Companies Act 2006 (c. 46);

"financial year" has the meaning given by section 390 of the 2006 Act;

"the Comptroller and Auditor General" means the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland;

"relevant financial year" means any financial year ending after the coming into operation of this Order;

"the Sponsor Department" means, in relation to each body listed in the Schedule, the Department specified opposite thereto.

Listed Bodies

3.—(1) In respect of any relevant financial year the accounts of bodies listed in the Schedule shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

(**a**) See section 2(2) of the Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. See S.I. 2003/418 (N.I. 5) for definition
(**b**) S.I. 2003/418 (N.I. 5)

(2) Accordingly the Comptroller and Auditor General shall examine, certify and report upon the accounts of these bodies in respect of a relevant financial year and send a copy of the audited accounts and report to the Sponsor Department who shall lay them before the Assembly.

4. The Companies (Public Sector Audit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 shall, insofar as it relates to any body listed in the leftmost column of the Schedule, cease to have effect in respect of a relevant financial year.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on xx February 2013

A senior officer of the
Department for Finance and Personnel

SCHEDULE

Article 3

Table 1

Name of Body	*Sponsor Department*
2013 World Police and Fire Games Limited	Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
Northern Ireland Events Company	Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
Northern Ireland Museums Council	Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
Northern Ireland Screen Commission	Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
The Sports Institute Northern Ireland	Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
Ulster Supported Employment Limited	Department for Employment and Learning
Giant's Causeway Visitor Facilities Limited	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
Futures (NI) Limited	Department of Justice
Northern Ireland Police Fund	Department of Justice
Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust	Department of Justice
Economic Research Institute of Northern Ireland	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
ILEX Urban Regeneration Company Limited	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Maze/Long Kesh Development Corporation	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Northern Ireland Community Relations Council	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Strategic Investment Board Limited	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
Victims and Survivors Service	Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order updates the list of companies, the accounts of which are subject to public sector audit under Article 5(3) of the Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 for the 2012-13 and subsequent financial years. It provides that the NI Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) may report upon as well as certify the accounts of the bodies, and that the respective sponsor departments shall be responsible for laying the Annual Report and Accounts, and the C&AG's audit certificate and report, before the Assembly.

The Companies (Public Sector Audit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 ("the 2008 Order") previously specified the list of companies subject to public sector audit. Article 4 of this Order provides that the Companies (Public Sector Audit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 shall cease to apply, insofar as it relates to any body listed in the Schedule to this Order in respect of the 2012-13 and subsequent financial years, thus avoiding an overlap between the Orders.

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