EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Dundrod Circuit (Admission Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018

S.R. 2019 No. 120

1. Introduction

1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Infrastructure to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under Article 3(7A) of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

2.1. The purpose of the rule is to increase the price of a spectator badge for road racing events at the Dundrod Circuit from £25.00 to £30.00.

3. Background

3.1. The increase has been requested by the Dundrod & District Motorcycle Club Limited (the promoter), following completion of their business plan for the 2019 Ulster Grand Prix Bike Week.

3.2. The Club prepared a business case for the price increase which they have presented to Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council. The business plan concluded that an increase in the fee to £30.00 is the only way to produce a sustainable event.

3.3. The club estimates that costs have increased by more than 50% over the last 5 years.

3.4. The price of a spectator badge was last increased in 2011.

4. Consultation

4.1. The Department for Communities, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, The Motor Cycle Union of Ireland, SportNI, the 2 & 4 wheels Motorsport Steering Group and Tourism Northern Ireland were all consulted and had no objection.

5. Equality Impact

5.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. No equality issues have been identified by the Department.

6. Regulatory Impact

6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment was not considered necessary as the proposal does not result in any costs or savings to business, charities or the voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. None.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. No human rights issues have been identified by the Department and no issues were raised following the publication of the notice in the press.

9. EU Implications

9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.