

Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 c. 19

s. 1 Duty of public authorities to have due regard to rural needs



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1.— Duty of public authorities to have due regard to rural needs

- (1) A public authority must have due regard to rural needs when—
 - (a) developing, adopting, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans, and
 - (b) designing and delivering public services.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, “*public authority*” means any body or person listed in the [Schedule](#).
- (3) The Department must, at least every three years from the coming into operation of this section, review the list of bodies and persons set out in the [Schedule](#) and, if it thinks it appropriate, by order amend the [Schedule](#) to—
 - (a) add a body or person to the [Schedule](#);
 - (b) remove a body or person from the [Schedule](#); or
 - (c) modify any entry in the [Schedule](#).
- (4) An order under subsection (3) may provide for a body or person to be a public authority for all or any of the purposes of this Act.
- (5) The Department must not exercise the power conferred by subsection (3) so that a body or person becomes a public authority for any of the purposes of this Act unless the body or person is a body or person appearing to the Department to exercise functions of a public nature.
- (6) An order under subsection (3) may contain such transitional provision as the Department thinks appropriate.
- (7) An order under subsection (3) must not be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.

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