STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2005 No. 1968

The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005

PART II

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT

[F1 Reports] and recommendations

Additional publicity for immediate report

- **14.**—(1) This Article applies where under Article 11(1) [F1 the local government auditor] has sent an immediate report to a local government body.
 - (2) From the time when the report is received by the body any member of the public may—
 - (a) inspect the report at all reasonable times without payment,
 - (b) make a copy of it, or of any part of it, and
 - (c) require the body to supply him with a copy of it, or of any part of it, on payment of a reasonable sum.
 - (3) On receiving the report under Article 11(1), the body shall immediately—
 - (a) publish a notice in at least two newspapers circulating in the district of the body; and
 - (b) supply a copy of the report to every member of the body.
 - (4) The notice published under paragraph (3) shall—
 - (a) identify the subject-matter of the report, and
 - (b) state that any member of the public may inspect the report and make a copy of it or any part of it between such times and at such place or places as are specified in the notice.
 - (5) The [F2local government] auditor may—
 - (a) notify any person he thinks fit of the fact that he has made the report, and
 - (b) supply a copy of it or of any part of it to any person he thinks fit.
 - (6) A person who has the custody of an immediate report and—
 - (a) obstructs a person in the exercise of a right conferred by paragraph (2)(a) or (b), or
 - (b) refuses to supply a copy of the report or of part of it (as the case may be) to a person entitled to the copy by virtue of paragraph (2)(c),

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

- (7) A person who fails to comply with a requirement of paragraph (3) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
 - (8) Nothing in this Article affects the operation of Article 11(4) and (5).

- **F1** Words in art. 14(1) substituted (2.6.2014) by Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 8), s. 129, **Sch. 7 para. 11(2)** (with s. 124(4)); S.R. 2014/153, art. 2, Sch. 1
- **F2** Words in art. 14(5) inserted (2.6.2014) by Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 8), s. 129, **Sch. 7 para. 11(3)** (with s. 124(4)); S.R. 2014/153, art. 2, Sch. 1

Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, Section 14.