

**DRD POLICIES SCREENED OUT FOR EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT
DURING THE PERIOD JULY 2004 TO MARCH 2005**

AGENCY/DIV	POLICY NAME	AIM	DATE
Roads Service	Roads Service Consultancy - Professional Services Consultancy Contract	<p>To provide an efficient response to fluctuating workloads through collaborative working between in-house resources and those of the private sector.</p> <p>To assist in the delivery of the Regional Transportation Strategy for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>To develop a Best Value alternative to current tendering procedures, involving partnership working with the private sector.</p> <p>To promote the sharing of best practice, systems and procedures and joint development for continuous improvement</p> <p>To develop an integrated approach to project delivery</p> <p>To integrate public and private sector skills in delivering services</p> <p>To benchmark performance systems and procedures with other providers be they other local authorities or the private sector and to encourage motivation</p> <p>To create development opportunities for the employment of both partners</p>	July 2004

		To promote joint leadership and motivation within the partnership by sharing the management of any services to be delivered	
Roads Service	The Pedestrian Crossings Regulations (NI) 2004	Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (NI) Order 1997 enables the Department to prescribe pedestrian crossing regulations. Following the introduction of this Order, the Department made new Traffic Signs Regulations under Article 28(2), i.e. the Traffic Signs Regulations (NI) 1997. The Department's solicitors have advised that the Department should now remake the current pedestrian crossings regulations under Article 59(3). The opportunity is also being taken to prescribe a third form of pedestrian crossing, i.e. a Puffin Crossing. This form of crossing is broadly similar to a Pelican crossing but can provide for a longer green period for pedestrians by detecting the presence of a pedestrian on the crossing.	July 2004
Roads Service	The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004	The purpose of this statutory rule is to amend the Traffic Signs Regulations (NI) 1997 by removing the restriction on the use of certain lights signals at Pelican crossings and by prescribing an additional light signal for pedestrians at a Pelican crossing. In reality this will make no	July 2004

		<p>difference on the ground as the light signals in question have been prescribed and in use since 1989.</p>	
Roads Service	<p>Draft Street Works (Reinstatement) (Amendment) Regs (NI) 2004</p>	<p>There have been long standing concerns about the disruption, delay and inconvenience caused to road users by street works. Accordingly, the Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 provides a legislative framework for the control and co-ordination of street works activities, and is supported by regulations and codes of practice. Article 31(1) of the Order places a duty on an undertaker executing street works when reinstating the street to comply with such requirements as may be prescribed as to the specification of materials to be used and the standards of workmanship to be observed. The requirements are prescribed in the Street Works Regulations (NI) 1998 by reference to a Code of Practice issued by the Department under Article 31(3) of the Order. The Department is in the process of issuing a revised Code of Practice. Certain paragraphs in the 1998 Code referred to in the 1998 Regulations have been renumbered in the new Code. The Street Works (Reinstatement) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 change those references in</p>	<p>July 2004</p>

		the 1998 Regulations to the renumbered paragraphs in the new Code.	
Roads Service	Direction Signs	Section 1811 Sub-Section V of the former Roads Manual covered policy on the provision of all private direction signs. Review of this section is being undertaken in two separate but related parts. The policy also relates to how signs may be created other than by Roads Service	September 2004
Roads Service	DBFO Programme – Package 1 & 2	To deliver over £300m of capital improvements to the Regional Strategic Transport Network - using the Design , Build , Finance and Operate (DBFO) form of contract which is a form of Public Private Partnership (PPP).	October 2004
Roads Service	Rural Dual Carriageways – The Provision of Right/U-Turn Facilities	The objective of this policy is to promote safety for all road users by minimising vehicle crossing manoeuvres, providing suitably engineered right/U-turn facilities and minimising gaps in the central reservation of dual carriageways. The policy does not determine where new dual carriageways are to be constructed or which existing dual carriageways are to be upgraded	December 2004
Regional Planning and Transport Division	Joint Ministerial Statement on Development Plans and the Implementation of the Regional Development	To ensure that both the RDS and emerging plans drawn up within its context are not compromised by development decisions based on provisions within extant development plans.	December 2004

	Strategy (RDS)		
Water Service	Rationalisation of Telemetry Operations	To centralise all telemetry operations including lone worker and confined space monitoring through a phased approach.	December 2004
Roads Service	Street Works (Amendment) (NI) Order 2006	To minimise congestion/disruption on the road network by introducing a permit scheme to better regulate street work by utilities. The legislation would also enable the Department to direct utilities to work at particular times, to prevent them from using specified routes for their works, or to resurface the carriageway. Both utilities and the Department would be required to keep records of apparatus or equipment placed in or on the road. Utilities non-compliance with the legislation would attract heavier fines and a Fixed Penalty Noticing Scheme would be introduced. The Department would also be empowered to charge utilities whose works overrun an agreed period for completion, and for the entire duration of their occupation of the carriageway. Adopting these measures would replicate legislation already in place in GB (that is, the Traffic Management Act 2004 and the Transport Act 2000).	February 2005
Roads Service	Roads Service Emergency Response Plan (RSERP) – Part 1	The objective of the response is to ensure that: (a) Quick and appropriate responses are made to all	February 2005

		types of emergencies within available resources; (b) The emergency is effectively managed;(c) All key actions are carried out;(d) Resources are made available; and (e) Incident Reports are provided regularly.	
Water Service	Septic Tank Emptying	To provide a septic tank emptying service to properties not connected to mains sewerage	March 2005
Roads Service	Roads (Restriction of Waiting) Order (NI) 2005	This Order is being made in connection with the introduction of decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE). The aim is to provide a record of all waiting restrictions in force at a given moment in time in a meaningful, accessible and user-friendly format.	March 2005
Ports and Public Transport Division	Railway Reviews Group: Future of the Ballymena to Londonderry rail line and the Larne line north of Whitehead	To continue to maintain existing levels of service on the lines and to maintain their condition in order to avoid deterioration in existing services.	March 2005.
Roads Service	The Traffic Weight Regulations (Amendment) Order (NI) 2005	The purpose of the proposed order is to remove the 7.5 tonne maximum gross weight restriction applying to Coolkill Road, Tynan, Co.Armagh. This weight restriction was originally imposed because of a weak bridge on the road. As the bridge has now been strengthened, the traffic weight restriction is no longer considered necessary	March 2005