DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No.

The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2013

Temporary modifications to facilitate transition from the existing councils to the new councils

Temporary modifications relating to the continuation of existing councils

4.—(1) Existing councillors shall retire together on 1st April 2015.

(2) In relation to an existing council and existing councillors, the 1962 Act applies with the following modifications.

- (3) In section 11 (election and term of office of members of district councils)—
 - (a) subsection (2)(c) does not apply;
 - (b) subsection (3) applies as if—
 - (i) for the words "in any district council area" there were substituted "to a district council for a local government district established in pursuance of section 1 of the Local Government (Boundaries) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008", and
 - (ii) for the words "the provisions of subsection (2) relating to the retirement of members" there were substituted "article 4(1) of the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2013"; and
 - (c) subsection (4) applies as if for the words "in any local election year" to the end there were substituted—

"on or after 1st January 2015, be deemed to have been caused by the expiry of the normal term of office, and in any other case shall be filled in accordance with subsection (4A).".

- (4) Section 11K applies as if—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(b), for "the first day" to the end there were substituted "1st January 2015";
 - (b) in subsection (2), for "the day on which" to the end there were substituted "1st January 2015"; and
 - (c) in subsection (3), the words "and accordingly" to the end were omitted.

(5) Section 28(7) (preparation and publication of registers)(1) applies as if for the words "the election day" to the end there were substituted "1st April 2015".

⁽¹⁾ Subsections (1) to (6) of section 28 were repealed by the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 (c. 3) and subsection (7) was amended by the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 (c. 4) and by Schedule 2 of S.I. 1972/1264 (N.I. 13).