

## FOREWORD

The Local Government Reform Joint Forum (the Joint Forum) was established by the Local Government Staff Commission (LGSC) in July 2009, following a request from the then Minister of the Environment. The remit of the Joint Forum was to facilitate consultation and negotiation between employers and trade unions on Human Resource issues relating to the reform of local government.

Over a period of six years, the Joint Forum issued a number of agreements by way of Circular and, where appropriate, these were promulgated under the authority of the LGSC under Section 40(4) (f) of the Local Government Act (NI) 1972 or by the Department of the Environment and issued as statutory recommendations.

This Compendium of Circulars and Associated Guidance is prepared by the LGSC to record the decisions of the Joint Forum following the request in March 2015, by the Minister of the Environment to the LGSC, that the Forum be dissolved.

The LGSC has recommended that an Interim Negotiating Forum is put in place to take responsibility for these agreements and ensure their continued implementation throughout the ongoing reform process, pending agreement on permanent new negotiating arrangements within local government.

This Compendium will provide a reference document for use by both the Employers and Trade Unions in relation to the Joint Forum agreements.

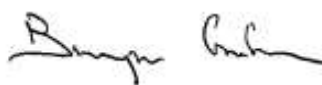
Further copies of the Compendium are available on the LGSC's website at [www.lgsc.org.uk](http://www.lgsc.org.uk)

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