

Dear

Thank you for your letter of 20 January 2005 requesting information relating to the decision-making behind the introduction of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Act 1962 (Amendment) Order 2005.

The CEO was informed of the proposal to change the date of the District Council elections in 2005 in April 2004. Consultation on policy issues lies with the Northern Ireland Office. The Northern Ireland Office has not reported on the consultation they have had with parties or any statutory body.

I hope this provides the answers you require.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Electoral Officer