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DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Ref Number	Details	Reference
Where DoF approval (in writing) is required:		
1	Roads Projects Capital expenditure over **£20m**	FI1/25/571488
2	Claims Unit – Compensation Payments – - Payments made, based on legal advice, over **£140k*** - Payments made, without legal advice, over **£70k*** *See further clarification below	FI1/25/414607
3	Northern Ireland Water Capital expenditure over **£10m**	FI1/25/571488
4	Grants and loans made under the Transport (Amendment) Act (NI) 1971	Transport (Amendment) Act (NI) 1971 Section 1 – Grants Section 4 - Loans
5	Transport grants made under the Transport (NI) Order 1977	Transport (NI) Order 1977 Section 3
6	Grants to organisations, bodies or individuals in respect of water and sewerage	Water and Sewerage Services (NI) Order 2006 Chapter II – Article 213
7	Financial Assistance where special administration orders are made under the Water and Sewerage (NI) Order 2006.	Water and Sewerage Services (NI) Order 2006 Chapter II – Article 214
8	Acquisition / disposal of land for drainage schemes under Drainage (NI) Order 1973 Article 10 at anything other than the LPS evaluation (including compensation payments)	Drainage (NI) Order 1973 Article 10
9	Drainage Schemes Disposal of surplus lands	Drainage (NI) Order 1973 Article 20(2)
10	Drainage Council – Appointment of Secretary	Drainage (NI) Order 1973 Schedule 1 para (8)
11	Drainage Council – expenses**	Drainage (NI) Order 1973 Article 7

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12	Drainage schemes extending outside Northern Ireland	Drainage (NI) Order 1973 Article 30(2)
13	Road Safety Financial Assistance to authorities, bodies or persons, towards the cost of measures for promoting road safety	Road Traffic (NI) Order 1995 Article 52
14	Transport International Routier (TIR) testing for border crossings - fee changes	International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996
15	Payment of grants to persons / bodies in connection with any provisions of, or purposes of The Taxis Act 2008	Taxis Act (NI) 2008 S51 (1)(2)
16	Regeneration of sites - disposal of any land forming all or part of a relevant site vested in its department	The Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (NI) Order 2003 Part III - Para 10 (1)
17	Regeneration sites – Establishment of, and powers of Development Cooperations	The Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 Part III - Para 15 (1) and 17 (a)(ii)
18	Regeneration sites - Development Corporation for one or more relevant sites: • Members remuneration and allowances • Staff remuneration, allowances, pensions and gratuities • Provision and maintenance of a pension scheme • Financial assistance / payments • Determination of Corporation's Financial Duties	The Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 Schedule 1- Paras 4, 7, 11, 16 & 18
19	Waterways Ireland IT projects greater than £1m	Financial Memorandum between DfI and Waterways Ireland
20	Waterways Ireland capital projects greater than £2m	Financial Memorandum between DfI and Waterways Ireland
21	Waterways Ireland Advanced/Deferred Payments	Financial Memorandum between DfI and Waterways Ireland

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***Reference No 2**

DfI Claims Unit Compensation Payments - delegated limits

- Payments made based on legal advice up to £140,000
- Payments made without legal advice up to £70,000

apply to the compensation settlement paid to the claimant only.

Any payments required for the Compensation Recovery Unit (CRU) and health services charges etc. are not included in these limits.

The payment of a claimant's legal costs do represent a payment; however the exact quantum of these payments will often not be known at the time of the initial settlement and therefore a separate delegation will apply to such payments as follows:

- DfI has delegated authority to pay plaintiffs' legal representatives' costs as follows:
  - High Court: within the Belfast Solicitors' Association Scale (solicitors) and the Comerton Scale (counsel); and
  - County Court: within the County Court Scale.
- DfI has delegated authority to pay plaintiffs' other legal costs (outlay, expert witnesses etc) which have been approved for payment by DSO (or as directed by the Taxing Master).
- DfI approval is required to pay plaintiff's legal costs in all other circumstances.

****Reference No 11**

Drainage Council – expenses

- **Routine expenditure:** an annual delegated limit of up to £2,000, covering travel and subsistence, room hire, hospitality, and minor incidental costs.
- **Non-routine expenditure:** an annual delegated limit of up to £5,000, to cover occasional, non-recurring costs such as public appointment competitions or specialist consultancy.

Any expenditure exceeding these thresholds requires prior DoF approval.

These arrangements should be supported by appropriate DfI monitoring mechanisms and subject to annual review.

Approval would operate on a yearly basis, covering the period from 1 April to 31 March.