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**Dear Chief Executives** 

## **Planning Fees**

I am writing to advise you that the Department for Infrastructure has made a Statutory Rule entitled "The Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024" (S.R. 2024 No. 108), which comes into operation on 31 May 2024. The planning portal will be updated for this date.

The purpose of this Statutory Rule is to amend the Planning (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (S.R. 2015 No. 73) to apply a one-year inflationary uplift of approximately 4% (based on CPI as at January 2024) across all fee categories. This will mean that, for example, the fee for:

- an extension, improvement or alteration of a dwellinghouse will increase from £327 to £340;
- the erection of single dwelling house will rise from £975 to £1014; and
- the erection of 50 dwelling houses will increase from £20,777 to £21,591.

This uplift in planning fees will assist councils and the Department in resourcing the delivery of their development management functions.

Copies of the Rule may be purchased from the Stationery Office at <a href="www.tsoshop.co.uk">www.tsoshop.co.uk</a> or by contacting TSO Customer Services on 0333 202 5070 or viewed online at <a href="www.legislation.gov.uk">www.legislation.gov.uk</a>.

The Department is also currently updating the Development Management Practice Note 11 (Planning Fees) and this will be available to view as soon as possible following commencement of the Regulations, and by the end of May 2024.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

Julie Thompson Deputy Secretary

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