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INTRODUCTION

This Booklet has been prepared for information purposes and it contains details of the relevant statistics relating to -

- (a) the number of members to be elected for each separate District Electoral Areas comprised in the new 26 District Councils;
- (b) the number of persons who have been nominated as candidates in each of these 98 District Electoral Areas to contest the Local General Elections on Wednesday 30 May 1973;
- (c) the up-to-date statistics as to the number of registered electors in each District Electoral Area who will be entitled to vote at these Local Government Elections;
- (d) details of the names and, where given, the description of the political party, group, organisation or body of each nominated candidate by District Electoral and District Areas; and
- (e) statistics in tabular form of the distribution of these candidates in each District Electoral and District Area in accordance with their given description stated on their nomination paper.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has compiled this information from the official electoral register records and the nomination papers submitted by each candidate on Local Election Nomination Day which took place on 2 May 1973. Every effort has been made to ensure the complete accuracy of all the information and figures quoted in this Booklet.

The Booklet has been divided into 3 principal parts:

- Part I - General information and particulars of registered electorates in each District Council and District Electoral Area.
- Part II - Details of the names and descriptions of each nominated candidate for each District Council and District Electoral Area.
- Part III - Statistical analysis of the distribution of candidates according to their stated political party or other group description.

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Under the provisions of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act 1972, the local government structure of Northern Ireland will be abolished and replaced by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1972.

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The first election of members to the Northern Ireland Assembly will be held on Wednesday 21 May 1973 when local general elections will be held in about 50 constituencies in Northern Ireland. These elections will be held on the same day as the first election of members to the Northern Ireland Assembly. The first election of members to the Northern Ireland Assembly will be held on Wednesday 21 May 1973. Prior to this local authorities were elected by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1972 (Order 1972 refers.)

Under the provisions of Article 4 of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Act 1972, the first local general election in 1973 will be held on the same day as the first election of members to the Northern Ireland Assembly. The first election of members to the Northern Ireland Assembly will be held on Wednesday 21 May 1973. Prior to this local authorities were elected by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1972 (Order 1972 refers.)

"A Transferable Vote" means a vote -

(a) capable of being given so as to indicate the voter's preference for the candidate in order; and PART I

(b) capable of being transferred to the next choice when the vote is not required to give a first choice the necessary quota of votes or when going to the candidate in the number of votes given for a prior choice that choice is eliminated from the list of candidates.

This system is known as the "Single Transferable Vote" system and is a proportional representation system in which voters mark their preferences for candidates in order of preference. The first election of members to the Northern Ireland Assembly will be held on Wednesday 21 May 1973. Prior to this local authorities were elected by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1972 (Order 1972 refers.)

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GENERAL INFORMATION AND ELECTORAL STATISTICS

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PART I

Northern Ireland Local ElectionsGeneral

1. Under the provisions of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and the Local Government (Boundaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 the existing local government structure of County, County Borough, Borough, Urban District and Rural District Councils consisting of 66 separate local authorities will be abolished and in their place will be established 26 District Councils whose boundary areas and whose internal Ward-unit boundaries will be as prescribed by the Local Government (Boundaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972.
2. The first elections of members to these 26 District Councils will take place on Wednesday 30 May 1973 when Local General Elections will be held to elect 526 members to serve as councillors. Those elected by ballot at these first General Elections will serve for a period of 4 years; the next Local General Elections will be held in May 1977. Prior to this local authorities were elected for three-year terms but this period has been now extended to one of 4 years (Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 refers.)
3. Under the provisions of Article 4 of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972, as amended, the first Local General Elections in 1973 will be conducted in accordance with the principle of proportional representation, each registered elector in a District Electoral Area having one Transferable Vote.
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 - (a) capable of being given so as to indicate the voter's preference for the candidates in order; and
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This system is known as the "Single Transferable Vote" system and a Householders' Pamphlet explaining in broad terms this method of election has been issued to all households in Northern Ireland. A more detailed booklet on this subject has also been made available to the public and this has been backed up by an extensive detailed publicity campaign to explain to the electorate how the voting system operates and how ballot papers should be marked.

4. Persons whose names are included in the 1973 Register of Northern Ireland Parliamentary and Local Electors will be entitled to vote, in their respective District Electoral Areas, at these Local General Elections. The published 1973 Electoral Register has been rearranged and published in accordance with the relevant Local District Council Areas and Wards.
5. For the purposes of voting by the use of the Single Transferable Vote each District Council Area has been divided into District Electoral Areas each being formed by the grouping together of an appropriate number of the designated single Wards, thus forming multi-member electoral areas each returning a number of members (equal to the wards comprised therein) to serve on the new District Council. There are 98 such District Electoral Areas comprised in the 26 District Councils and these will return a total of 526 District Councillors.

6. The tables on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7 detail particulars of the number of District Electoral Areas in each District Council, the numbers of persons now nominated to contest each DEA and the relevant electorate of persons registered as being entitled to vote at these Local General Elections on 30 May 1973.

7. The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland has the overall responsibility for the organisation and conduct of all these elections to be held in each of these 98 District Electoral Areas. To assist him he has appointed experienced senior local government officers as Deputy Returning Officers, one being appointed for each District Council Area and details of the names and addresses of these officers are shown on pages 8/10 of this Booklet.

8. A total of 1221 persons have been nominated as candidates to contest the 526 seats in the 98 District Electoral Areas of the 26 District Councils.

All District Electoral Areas in this 1973 Local General Election will be contested. The lowest number of persons standing as candidates in any multi-member District Electoral Area is 6 candidates in each of two constituencies while the largest number of candidates in any Electoral Areas is in Belfast District Electoral Area D where the 6 vacancies will be contested by 24 persons. The average number of candidates standing in the Electoral Areas is in a range between 9 and 15 candidates.

9. The number of persons who are registered and will be entitled to vote either in person or by use of the postal ballot at these elections is a total of 1,032,649 electors.

For the first time the amended legislation relating to the conduct of local elections provided that registered electors might, if they wished, apply and be registered to vote by post at the election.

A total of approximately 149,000 electors (representing some 14% of the registered electorate) have availed themselves of this opportunity to record their votes by use of postal ballot papers. Such postal ballot papers are issued by post by the Deputy Returning Officer to the individual elector and when received are completed by him and must be returned so as to reach the principal office of the Deputy Returning Officer before the close of the poll (at 8 p.m.) on polling day the 30th May, 1973.

10. For the purposes of this Local General Election polling stations are provided in each District Electoral Area and the hours of polling will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

	15	2	15	33	2000
CARRICK	15	8	5	9	5752
		8	5	8	6134
		C	5	14	6578
	15	3	15	31	18491
CASTLEREACH	12	9	6	11	13946
		8	8	14	15473
		C	5	9	11051
	12	3	19	36	43918

<u>DISTRICT COUNCIL</u> <u>AREA</u> <u>OF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>NO OF</u> <u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u> <u>ELECTORAL</u> <u>AREA</u>	<u>NO</u> <u>OF</u> <u>VACANCIES</u>	<u>NO OF</u> <u>CANDIDATES</u> <u>NOMINATED</u>	<u>1973</u> <u>LOCAL</u> <u>ELECTORATE</u>
<u>ANTRIM</u>	<u>15</u>	A	5	10	6461
		B	5	9	6211
		C	5	13	9206
	15	3	15	32	21878
<u>ARDS</u>	<u>17</u>	A	7	11	13323
		B	6	15	13801
		C	4	9	8762
	17	3	17	35	35886
<u>ARMAGH</u>	<u>20</u>	A	4	12	5667
		B	6	12	9667
		C	5	8	7398
		D	5	17	8434
	20	4	20	49	31166
<u>BALLYMENA</u>	<u>21</u>	A	4	7	6576
		B	6	9	9474
		C	5	13	9068
		D	6	13	10323
	21	4	21	42	35441
<u>BALLYMONEY</u>	<u>16</u>	A	4	7	3947
		B	8	11	7161
		C	4	8	4073
	16	3	16	26	15181
<u>BANBRIDGE</u>	<u>15</u>	A	7	18	10205
		B	8	15	10784
	15	2	15	33	20989
<u>CARRICK</u>	<u>15</u>	A	5	9	5759
		B	5	8	6154
		C	5	14	6578
	15	3	15	31	18491
<u>CASTLEREAGH</u>	<u>19</u>	A	6	11	13994
		B	8	16	18373
		C	5	9	11051
	19	3	19	36	43418
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<u>COLERAINE</u>	<u>20</u>	A	6	14	8878
		B	7	16	10508
		C	7	19	10886
	20	3	20	49	30272
<u>COOKSTOWN</u>	<u>15</u>	A	5	11	5947
		B	6	9	7153
<u>LONDONDERRY</u>		C	4	11	5159
	15	3	15	31	18259
<u>CRAIGAVON</u>	<u>25</u>	A	5	12	9065
		B	7	15	12948
		C	6	17	11773
		D	7	16	13194
<u>MAGHERFELT</u>	25	4	25	60	46980
<u>DOWN</u>	<u>20</u>	A	7	14	12148
		B	6	13	9757
		C	7	20	10845
<u>MOYLE</u>	20	3	20	47	32750
<u>DUNGANNON</u>	<u>20</u>	A	5	11	6772
		B	5	14	7329
		C	5	10	7218
<u>NEWRY & MOURNE</u>	20	D	5	15	7014
	20	4	20	50	28333
<u>FERMANAGH</u>	<u>20</u>	A	4	7	7332
		B	4	7	6666
		C	4	8	6855
		D	4	13	7112
		E	4	13	7232
<u>NEWTOWNABBEE</u>	20	5	20	48	35247
<u>LARNE</u>	<u>15</u>	A	4	6	5026
		B	4	6	4961
		C	7	14	10139
<u>NORTH DOWNEY</u>	15	3	15	26	20126
<u>LIMAVADY</u>	<u>15</u>	A	6	13	5298
		B	5	10	5059
		C	4	10	4322
	15	3	15	33	14679

DISTRICT COUNCIL
AREA
OF:

TOTAL NO OF MEMBERS	DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA	NO OF VACANCIES	NO OF CANDIDATES NOMINATED	1973 LOCAL ELECTORATE
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<u>LISBURN</u>	<u>23</u>	A	4	9	7210
		B	5	10	9328
		C	5	15	13617
		D	5	13	10564
		E	4	9	10414
	23	5	23	56	51,133
<u>LONDONDERRY</u>	<u>27</u>	A	6	14	10497
		B	5	13	10377
		C	5	12	9324
		D	5	15	6982
		E	6	19	12899
	27	5	27	73	50079
<u>MAGHERAFELT</u>	<u>15</u>	A	5	13	7097
		B	5	9	6838
		C	5	15	7314
	15	3	15	37	21,249
<u>MOYLE</u>	<u>16</u>	A	4	10	2644
		B	8	11	4655
		C	4	10	2185
	16	3	16	31	9484
<u>NEWRY AND MOURNE</u>	<u>30</u>	A	5	13	8589
		B	4	12	6662
		C	4	9	6477
		D	7	20	11514
		E	6	12	8870
		F	4	11	6649
	30	6	30	77	48461
<u>NEWTOWN ABBEY</u>	<u>21</u>	A	5	9	8286
		B	6	16	13188
		C	5	11	12142
		D	5	16	11933
	21	4	21	52	45,549
<u>NORTH DOWN</u>	<u>20</u>	A	5	10	9818
		B	5	11	10509
		C	5	12	9067
		D	5	12	9077
	20	4	20	45	38,471

<u>DISTRICT COUNCIL</u> <u>AREA</u> <u>OF:</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>NO. OF</u> <u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u> <u>ELECTION</u> <u>AREA</u>	<u>NO</u> <u>OF</u> <u>VACANCIES</u>	<u>NO. OF</u> <u>CANDIDATES</u> <u>NOMINATED</u>	<u>1973</u> <u>LOCAL</u> <u>ELECTORATE</u>
<u>OMAGH</u>	<u>20</u>	A B C D	5 4 7 4	8 8 22 9	6598 5301 8980 5274
	20	4	20	47	26,153
<u>STRABANE</u>	<u>15</u>	A B C	5 5 5	11 11 14	7897 7343 7752
	15	3	15	35	22,992
<u>BELFAST</u>	<u>51</u>	A B C D E F G H	7 7 6 6 6 6 6 7	20 14 15 24 12 19 16 19	38311 39227 32071 34437 31,548 27,067 29,530 37,491
	51	8	51	139	269,682
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>1221</u>	<u>1,032,649</u>