STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 14

POLICE

The Northern Ireland Police Fund Regulations 2016

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Coming into operation	*1st April 2016*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11(2) of the Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 2014(**1**), makes the following Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Northern Ireland Police Fund Regulations 2016 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2016.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the Board" means the Board of members of the Northern Ireland Police Fund;

"the Department" means the Department of Justice;

"eligible persons" means police officers and former police officers who have been killed or injured by terrorism (as defined by section 1 of the Terrorism Act 2000(**2**)), and their families and dependants;

"former police officer" means a former member of—

(a) the Police Service of Northern Ireland;

(b) the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve;

(c) the Royal Ulster Constabulary; or

(d) the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve;

"the Fund" means the Northern Ireland Police Fund;

"the Police Association" has the same meaning as in section 32 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998(**3**).

(**1**) 2014 c.6 (N.I).
(**2**) 2000 c.11. Section 1 was amended by 2006 c.11 and 2008 c.28.
(**3**) 1998 c.32.

Status and constitution of the Fund

3.—(1) The Fund shall be established as a body corporate for the purpose of providing financial assistance, advice, support and care to eligible persons in connection with the objectives in section 11 of the Financial Provisions Act (NI) 2014.

(2) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, section 19 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**4**) shall apply to the Fund; and, for the purposes of that section, the Fund shall be treated as if it were established by an Act of the Assembly.

(3) The Fund shall not be regarded as the servant or agent of the Crown or as enjoying any status, privilege or immunity of the Crown, and the Fund's property shall not be regarded as property of, or property held on behalf of, the Crown.

(4) The Fund shall consist of a chairperson and a Board of six other members.

(5) One of the Board members shall be nominated by the Chief Constable and one shall be nominated by the Police Association, which nominations shall be approved by the Department.

(6) The chairperson and the Board members shall be appointed by the Department.

Term of office

4.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, a person shall hold and vacate office as chairperson or as a Board member of the Fund in accordance with the terms of his or her appointment.

(2) The chairperson and Board members shall be appointed for a term of up to four years, and a person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the person in whose place he or she is appointed.

(3) A person may at any time resign as chairperson or as a Board member by giving one month's notice in writing to the Department and the Department may remove a person from office as chairperson or as a Board member for any reason under paragraph (4) by giving one month's notice in writing.

(4) The Department may remove a person from office as chairperson or as a Board member if satisfied that the person—

(a) has been convicted of a criminal offence;

(b) has become bankrupt or is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or has had a debt relief order made in respect of him or is the subject of a debt relief restrictions order or has made a composition or arrangement with his or her creditors;

(c) has failed to comply with the terms of his or her appointment;

(d) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge the functions of a chairperson or Board member.

(5) Where the term of office of the chairperson or of a Board member expires he or she shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term of up to four years.

Remuneration and allowances

5. The Fund may pay to the chairperson and Board members such remuneration and allowances as the Fund, with the approval of the Department, may determine.

Procedures

6. Subject to these Regulations and to any direction issued by the Department, the Fund may regulate its own procedures.

(**4**) 1954 c.33 (N.I.).