

DOGS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1983 AS AMENDED	1st March 2016
AFFECT OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WELFARE REFORM (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2015	
To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
For Information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting and Enhancing our Environments and Assets
Outcome	Protecting dwellings from the effects of flooding.
Lead Officer	Bryan Edgar
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

The first commencement order of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 came into effect on the 17th February 2016 which extended the range of income related benefits which attract a reduced dog licence fee. These eligible benefits are detailed below:-

1. Universal Credit under the Welfare Reform (NI) Order 2015
2. State Pension Credit under the State Revision Credit Act (NI) 2002
3. Income Support under Section 123 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (NI) Act 1992
4. Housing Benefit under Section 129 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (NI) Act 1992
5. Income-based Jobseekers Allowance under the Jobseekers (NI) Order 1995
6. Income-related Employment and Support Allowance under the Welfare Reform Act (NI) 2007
7. Working Tax Credit under the Tax Credits Act 2002

Members are asked to note that this may reduce the level of income received from this source during the incoming financial year as a result of this legislative change.