

Local Government Timetable

Date	Councils	Progress
January – March 2006	Advertisement for Boundary Commissioner. DOE implementation taskforce established.	Advertisement for Boundary Commissioner was published on 2/3 March 2006. DOE Taskforce was implemented in March 2006.
April – June 2006	Legislation to set number of councils at 7 and Boundary Commissioner remit completes parliamentary stages. Boundary Commissioner appointed.	Local Government (Boundaries) (NI) Order 2006 came into operation on 16 May 2006. Dick Mackenzie appointed as the Local Government Boundary Commissioner on 1 June 2006.
July – September 2006	Sub-groups of the DOE Taskforce report to the DOE Working Group and Political Panel	Nine sub-groups of DOE Taskforce reported to DOE Working Group on 4 July and to the Political Panel on 14 July
October – December 2006	Boundary Commissioner reports interim recommendations	Interim findings from the Boundary Commissioner reported on 7 November 2006 Seven Assistant Local Government Boundaries Commissioners were appointed on 20 December 2006, to assist Dick Mackenzie

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January – March 2007	Legislation proposals for Local Government (Structures) and Local Government (Transfer of Functions) drafted	<p>Consultation paper on draft Public Authorities Reform (NI) Order published on 24 January 2007 for 12 week period.</p> <p>New re-structured Taskforce for effective implementation includes a Strategic Leadership Board, five Policy Development Panels and a Social Partners Forum.</p> <p>Revised recommendations for new council boundaries published by Boundaries Commissioner.</p>
April – June 2007	Boundary Commissioner reports.	
April 2009	New councils operational	