

Rights + powers including good

The Panel

11. There could be direct elections to a small body of say three people with significant (consultative, monitoring, referral and representational) functions.

12. The panel might have a general duty, acting by consensus to consult, formally and informally, with the Assembly and with the Secretary of State and to give advice.

13. The panel's rights / powers and responsibilities (including statutory duties) and procedures would need to be carefully defined. ^{for example,} It could have powers in respect of ~~proposed~~ ^{proposed} legislation, to determine (ie to accept, reject, give an opinion on or propose amendments to) any proposed legislation referred to it under procedures to be agreed. It might, by consensus, refer any proposed legislation for some form of judicial consideration.

14. It could have a supportive role in the public expenditure cycle, ~~liaising~~ ^{liaising} with the Secretary of State and ~~with the Heads of Departments and the Finance Committee over total expenditure and the allocation of resources.~~ ^(Star Chamber)

15. The panel might have power, by consensus, to approve all public appointments ^{made in respect of transferred matters.} ~~made by the Committee Chairmen and to make, on its own initiative, certain appointments of particular sensitivity.~~ It would also advise the Secretary of State in respect of any appointments within his responsibility. ^{monitor}

16. It could also have powers in relation to administrative actions or proposed actions, perhaps ^{or} on the basis of a referral by ~~a~~ ^a threshold vote within the Assembly. ^{call for papers of persons in charge} In such cases it might have powers to ~~examine the Chairman of the relevant Committee and request papers.~~ ^{persons + papers.} It might have powers to refer matters back for reconsideration, with or without advice or recommendations.

17. The panel could have a duty to prepare regular (annual) reports on ^{the} ~~their~~ ^{new} operation of the new political institutions, including recommendations for any further development of the arrangements or increases in the range of transferred matters, which could be considered by the Assembly and the Secretary of State.

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18. The panel could also have an ^{important} ~~major~~ representational and promotional role. It could have a special commitment to the economic development of Northern Ireland, through participation in joint promotional activities in collaboration with the appropriate agencies, ~~whether Province-wide or more local.~~

19. The panel might secure its share of resources from the Secretary of State independently from the rest of the "transferred" block in order to ensure both its financial independence, and that its resources were sufficient to carry out the full range of its statutory functions.

designated public appointments

who has Admin. responsibilities

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