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NIPSA SLAMS HATCHET WIELDING DERRY CITY COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NIPSA today reacted angrily to the Derry Town Clerk and Chief Executive's plans to make massive cuts within the Council and to seek to impose re-organisation ahead of the establishment of the new Derry and Strabane Council under the Review of Public Administration.

NIPSA Assistant General Secretary Bumper Graham stated

“These plans have been hatched by the Town Clerk without any consultation either with the Trade Unions or indeed with the partner Council Strabane. NIPSA is not going to accept such behaviours which is in breach of our members employment rights and shows total disregard for the industrial relations process.”

The plan seeks to both put in place immediate job losses and to establish a structure for the new combined Council post the Local Government Elections in May 2011.

Bumper Graham added

“It has been accepted by all those involved that the RPA process is complex and difficult, requiring detailed assessment and full and open engagement. What we have with this plan is what we have feared the use of RPA to hatchet cut jobs and to seek to have the bigger of the two Councils imposing its plans on the other Council.

Unless there is an immediate withdrawal of this plan NIPSA will consider a range of measures necessary to protect our members interests in both Derry and Strabane Councils, including if need be industrial action.”

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