# SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy

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### 1 Introduction

Retention and disposal scheduling is an important aspect of establishing and maintaining control of corporate information and record resources. Not all information can or should be retained indefinitely. Retention and disposal schedules are used to determine the final disposal of different categories of information. They are also used at interim stages where the final disposal of records must, for good reasons, remain indeterminate for the time being.

This SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy should be read in conjunction with the SIB Information Management Policy. The term "Retention Schedule", when used in this policy, has the same meaning as the term "Disposal Schedule".

The SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy is compliant with "<u>Disposal Scheduling Procedures for TRIM</u>" (Sep 2010), published by the Public Records Office Northern Ireland (PRONI) on its website.<sup>2</sup>

### 1.1 Purpose of the Retention and Disposal Policy

A Retention and Disposal Policy, incorporating a Retention Schedule, is a document that outlines all types of records held within an organisation and provides guidance on their:

- Destruction
- Review
- Permanent preservation

The document provides the company with the legal basis for destroying records. It is vital that, if a request for information under Freedom of Information is received and the records are no longer available, the company can prove they were destroyed in line with current policy: i.e. this SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy.

The SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy is necessary to ensure that the company complies with the following legislative requirements:

- Public Records Act (Northern Ireland) 1923<sup>3</sup>
- Disposal of Documents Order (S.R.& O.1925 No 167)<sup>4</sup>
- Freedom of Information Act 2000<sup>5</sup>

# 1.2 The Strategic Investment Board (SIB)

During the last Devolved Government in Northern Ireland, Ministers wished to see a coordinated approach that would deliver their priorities by accelerating the efficient delivery of the much-needed new schools, hospitals, roads and other infrastructure required for the 21st century. In April 2003, following extensive consultation, The Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 established the Strategic Investment Board Limited (SIB).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DF1/07/185351 "SIB Information Management Policy"

http://www.proni.gov.uk/disposal scheduling procedures for trim - final version.pdf

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/apni/1923/20/contents

http://www.proni.gov.uk/1925 disposal of documents order.pdf

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/2003/410/contents/made



SIB is a company limited by guarantee, owned by the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister (OFMDFM), financed from within the Departmental expenditure limit, with a Board reporting directly to the First Minister and the deputy First Minister.

### 1.3 SIB's Role and Responsibilities

SIB's role is to act as a bridge between the public and private sectors. It works with Northern Ireland Government Departments and Agencies to help them achieve faster delivery of major public infrastructure projects. In parallel, SIB works with the private sector to inform the market of projects planned, generate confidence and stimulate market interest; thus driving competitive tension and resulting in improved value for the taxpayer.

SIB's key responsibilities are threefold.

- First, it is responsible for producing the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI)<sup>1</sup>; a ten-year plan for the delivery of public infrastructure that covers all areas of government including education, health, and transport. The ISNI process comprises the delivery of the infrastructure required to meet the Government's priorities, as determined by Ministers.
- Second, SIB helps the public sector deliver large infrastructure projects and programmes of investment. Working alongside the relevant Government Department(s), SIB seeks to accelerate delivery timetables whilst at the same time achieving better value for the taxpayer. In practice, this means the deployment of staff with extensive experience in the funding and implementation of major investment projects into key project management and advisory roles.
- Third, SIB seeks to foster and promote reform both in the delivery of major infrastructure and as a prerequisite for such investment, and helps build delivery capability by encouraging the development of specialist skills and the use of innovative approaches not usually found in the public sector.

# 1.4 Background to Records Management within SIB

In July 2006 the Company appointed an Information Manager, bringing together the duties equivalent to a Data Protection Officer and a Records Officer. The Information Manager and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) are tasked with ensuring that the Company complies with the obligations outlined in the <u>Freedom of Information Act 2000</u>. The Information Manager and CEO are responsible for providing advice and guidance to SIB staff on Freedom of Information (FOI), Data Protection, Environmental Information Regulations, re-use of public sector information, records management and for carrying forward any information management projects.

The Information Manager endeavours to promote good practice in records management throughout the company. This involves the creation and implementation of retention and disposal schedules.

The need to improve records management practices supports not only management practice, but also reflects the challenges associated with the implementation of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. Under FOI those holding records and/or information are required to comply with FOI requests directly and are therefore required to know what information they hold and where it can be found.

SIB's record-keeping was entirely paper-based until April 2007. Records created electronically were printed out and placed on a paper file to create the "official" record. In April 2007 SIB adopted an Electronic Document and Record Management System

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<sup>1</sup> http://www.sibni.org/draft investment strategy for northern ireland 2011 - 2021.pdf



(EDRMS) called TRIM that was implemented, and is maintained, by the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS).

Some SIB Finance records (e.g. invoices, etc.) are kept by Finance in paper format. The "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records" (DF1/11/161984) covers these records. The Finance Team uses Pegasus Opera II software to manage the SIB Accounts. From April 2007, the Finance Team uses TRIM for all other corporate records (e.g. correspondence, policy documents, etc.) — see Section 4 below.

Certain Human Resources records are also kept as paper where this is appropriate (e.g. recruitment and application forms during the recruitment process) – see Section 5 below.

### 1.5 Relationship with the Disposal Policy for Paper Records

The SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy relates to all records created and held electronically by SIB in TRIM. It replaces the "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records" (DF1/11/161984)<sup>1</sup> for all records created electronically after April 2007 with certain exceptions where noted.<sup>2</sup>

Whilst some paper records may necessarily be created after April 2007, these will generally be managed using the EDRMS.<sup>3</sup> The SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy for SIB electronic records held within the EDRMS (TRIM) has been created by SIB in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel and the Northern Ireland Civil Service (NICS).<sup>4</sup> The e-retention policy is based on the retention and disposal periods as laid out in the "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records" (DF1/11/161984) but tailored specifically to meet the technical requirements imposed by an EDRMS.

The following records types held on paper remain governed by the "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records" (DF1/11/161984):

- Certain SIB Finance records (e.g. invoices, etc.) that are kept by Finance in paper format see Section 4 below.
- Certain Human Resources records kept as paper where this is appropriate (e.g. recruitment and application forms during the recruitment process) – see Section 5 below.

# 1.6 Roles and Responsibilities

The Chief Executive Officer has a duty to ensure that SIB complies with the requirements of legislation affecting the management of records and with supporting regulations and codes.

The Information Manager will ensure that there is consistency in the management of records and advice and that guidance on good records management practice is provided. The Information Manager will co-ordinate activities aimed at ensuring that information is recorded, stored, managed and disposed of both effectively and legally.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The signed policy as laid before the Northern Ireland Assembley on 14 October 2011 is at DF1/11/453450.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> E.g. exceptions as described in Section 1.4 on page 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See DF1/07/185351 "SIB Information Management Policy", p. 10, "Electronic and Non-Electronic Documents and Records"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> SIBs electronic records are stored within the Department of Finance and Personnel's dataset on TRIM. While SIB manages and administers its own records, system administrator support and technical advice is provided by the Information Management Unit in DFP.



Managerial and professional staff are responsible for ensuring that records and information systems in their areas conform to this policy and to the requirements of legislation.

All members of staff are responsible for documenting significant actions and decisions in the records and for maintaining the Company's records in accordance with good records management practice.

### 2 Operation of the Policy

The following information should be read in conjunction with the "SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM" in Appendix 1 (on page 11).

Use of TRIM means that many of the processes previously carried out manually in a paper-based records management system can be automated

### 2.1 Disposal Scheduling

Disposal Schedules will be applied to SIB's Corporate File Plan in TRIM at the Class Level (i.e. Book Level or higher). This means that disposal actions are inherited from the Class Level and are cascaded to lower levels of the file plan – see Figure 1 below.

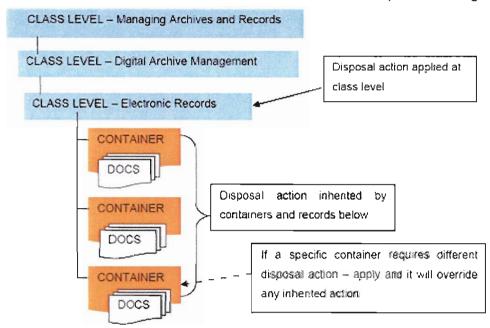


Figure 1: Inheritance of Disposal Actions and Relation to File Plan<sup>1</sup>

Exceptions to the general rule can be applied to specific containers within a Book Level, subject to agreement between SIB and PRONI. Any such exceptions are identified in Appendix 1 "SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM" on page

Disposal actions should not be applied to individual records.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Copied from Diagram 1 on page 5 of "Disposal Scheduling Procedures for TRIM" (Sep 2010) -

see footnote 2 on page 1 <sup>2</sup> Paragraph 3.4 on page 6 of "*Disposal Scheduling Procedures for TRIM*" (Sep 2010) – see footnote 2 on page 1



### 2.2 Finalising Records

TRIM preserves successive revisions of a document as well as creating an audit trail. The "Final" function in TRIM allows one to nominate an attached electronic document revision as the final revision. Once set as final, no more revisions may be made to the record; this includes not being able to check out a document for modification. Documents can be declared "Final" or "Final and remove any previous Revisions", which makes only the final version of the document the record (i.e. it does not preserve earlier drafts).

SIB's policy is that all records should be made final at the earliest opportunity and, where appropriate, this should be "Final and remove any previous Revisions". Finalising records is the electronic equivalent of closing paper records. Records should be closed as soon as they have ceased to be actively used other than for reference purposes.

A record can be defined as:

"A <u>document</u> which has content, context and structure and which provides evidence of a business transaction or contains information needed to carry on SIB's business." <sup>2</sup>

Although users should take the initiative in making records final in TRIM the SIB Information Manager may also initiate finalising records on a container-by-container basis in accordance with this policy document.

### 2.3 Disposal Reports

Disposal reports for the SIB Corporate File Plan in TRIM will be created by the TRIM system administrators in the Information Management Unit (IMU) in the Department of Finance and Personnel (DFP). SIB uses a part of the TRIM dataset provided by DFP.

The SIB Information Manager will review the disposal reports in accordance with the approved schedules agreed with DFP IMU – see Appendix 1 "SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM" on page 11.

The TRIM system administrators will advise the SIB Information Manager of records identified to be disposed of, along with proposed timescales for destruction. The SIB Information Manager (or, in his absence, the CEO) will respond within one month **only** if he has any objections to the destruction (or other disposal) taking place.

# 2.4 Closing TRIM Containers

The SIB retention and disposal schedules described in this policy document and applied in TRIM will set at the "Book" level by the Department of Finance and Personnel system administrators on behalf of SIB – see Section 2.3 above.

The Retention Schedule applied to a Book Level will be applied to all levels below it: that is, to the containers within that Book and the records within the containers. This does not meant that all containers and records under a Book Level will be finalised at the same time; rather the same closure rule ("Retention Schedule") will be applied to all containers and records under that level. For example, the rule might specify that containers under this Book Level should be closed two years after each is created.

SiB will follow the guideline TRIM Retention Schedules that are set by the Department of Finance and Personnel and the Northern Ireland Civil Service, subject to necessary adaptation by SIB.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DF1/11/161984 "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> DF1/07/185351 "SIB Information Management Policy"



Electronic records within TRIM are collated in TRIM containers. TRIM containers should have a maximum life span of two years (as recommended by PRONI and subject to any variations recorded in Appendix 1 below). Containers can be closed at any time up to two years old for the following reasons:

- A new part container has been created (creation of new part containers is automatically triggered when 300 or more records have been saved to a container).1
- The container subject is finished.
- Nothing new has been added to a container for two years.<sup>2</sup>

Closure of containers will be governed by the procedures (automated or otherwise) agreed with DFP IMU. When informed that a container is due to be closed the Information Manager will consult the SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy and close the container either by confirming a system generated reminder for closure or manually.

### 2.5 Finalising Records in a Closed Container

Note that closing a TRIM Container does not automatically finalise the records contained within it, it merely prevents any new records being added to it. The individual records still have to be finalised and generally this will be done by the records manager at the same time.

Closing a TRIM Container means that no further papers can be added but the Container can still be used for reference.

### 2.6 Record Classes

Records should be dealt with in categories or groups in order to facilitate their management. Record categories consist of similar records relating to a particular function of the business that can be managed as a whole. In TRIM this is the classification scheme in the Corporate File Plan.

### 2.7 File/Record Action

The file/record action indicates the trigger point when the retention period will begin. Typically this trigger will be the closure of the record, usually at the end of the either the financial or calendar year for ease of administration. In TRIM, this trigger point will be set at the Book level - see Section 2.1 above.

### Retention Period 2.8

The retention period required for each type of record is calculated from the trigger point (Section 2.7 above). Retention actions are set at the Fileplan ("book") level, subject to container exceptions. A typical retention period format would be "SIB DES 5YR CLO" where "SIB" means Strategic Investment Board, "DES 5YR CLO" means review for destruction or disposal five years after closure.

Rather than dispose of a record it may be designated as a permanent record: e.g. "SIB PERM" means keep for lifetime of company - see Section 2.9 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Closed containers – if a container has a later part, and TRIM is configured to prevent enclosing records in closed containers, then a prompt message appears for any user who tries to contain a record in an earlier part, "The Record you have selected has been closed, but a later part is available. Press OK to select the latest part, else Cancel."

<sup>2</sup> Containers that have had nothing new added within the preceding two years should be identi-

fied in reports provided by DFP IMU.



The retention periods are set out in the "Action" column in the "SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM" (Appendix 1 on page 11).

### 2.9 Disposal Action

Disposal does not necessarily mean "destroy"; rather it refers to the disposition of records ("disposal" rather than "disposition" is the preferred term in the UK). Where the disposal action is "**Destroy**" the electronic should be kept for the period stated and then destroyed in accordance with the National Archives guidelines on <u>Disposal Scheduling</u> and PRONI's "*Disposal Scheduling Procedures for TRIM*" (Sep 2010)<sup>2</sup>.

Records designated "permanent" fall into two categories (reflected in the "Action" column of Appendix 1 "SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM"):

- "SIB PERM to be retained by SIB and not transferred to PRONI" These
  are records of permanent value to SIB but which will not be transfers to PRONI
  as they have no intrinsic historical value. They should be retained for the lifetime of the company.
- "PERMANENT transfer to PRONI" In contrast, these are records are likely
  historically valuable and should be transferred to PRONI once the retention period has elapsed.

The Department of Finance Information Services Branch Information Management Unit (IMU) will create disposal reports in accordance with the "SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM" (Appendix 1 on page 11). These reports will be sent to the SIB Information Manager (or in his absence the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)) — see 2.3 above.

The SIB Information Manager will review the disposal report by exception: that is, the SIB Information Manager (or, in his absence, the CEO) will respond to IMU within one month **only** if he has any objections to the destruction (or other disposal) taking place. Files marked for destruction will automatically be destroyed by the System Administrators one month after notification **unless** either the Information Manager or the CEO registers an objection.

Key summary records such as **reports**, published or otherwise, and **strategy documents** should be considered for Permanent Preservation and retained. If necessary, they should be relocated from the container about to be destroyed to another container that contains only records recommended for preservation.

The Information Manager should ensure that the disposal reports (listing containers destroyed by System Administrators or transferred to PRONI) are saved to TRIM as records.

# 3 Freedom of Information Obligations

For the purpose of this SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy, the term "FOI request" is taken to include requests under the Environmental Information Regulations as well as those under the Freedom of Information Act.

SIB maintains a separate policy document for dealing with Freedom of Information requests.<sup>3</sup>

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/sched\_disposal.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See footnote 2 on page 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> DF1/09/253908 "Managing Freedom of Information Requests: Procedures for SIB"



Records directly relating to Freedom of Information requests fall into three main categories:

- Policy records relating to the company's implementation of the Freedom of Information Act and its management of obligations under it.
- Records of FOI requests and any resulting complaints or appeals.
- Records relating to decisions about releasing, withholding or redacting documents as a result of those requests.

When an FOI request has been received for a record on a retention schedule, known to be due for destruction, the destruction of the record should be suspended whilst the request is being processed. Once the request has been closed disposal can be carried out when appropriate according to the schedule.

# 4 Accounting and Finance Records

The Finance Team use TRIM to store correspondence, policy documents, reports, accounts and similar records. These records are governed by this SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy.

SIB maintains its accounting records on <u>Pegasus Opera II</u> software. These records are retained and disposed of in accordance with the statutory legislation of the Companies Acts and the Taxes Acts. This SIB Electronic Records Retention and Disposal Policy does not apply to them. The Finance Team will be responsible for copying or otherwise transferring records to TRIM if appropriate: e.g. summary reports generated from the accounting system.

Some SIB Finance records are retained by Finance in paper format because it is neither appropriate nor cost effective to scan them into TRIM. For example, invoices received as paper are filed in lever arch files rather than being scanned. The "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records" (DF1/11/161984) continues to apply to these records.

### 5 Human Resources Records

Some Human Resources records are kept as paper where this is appropriate. For example, recruitment and application forms generated or received while filling a job vacancy. Some personnel records will eventually be transferred to TRIM: e.g. relating to the successful candidate. However, it is not cost effective to scan and save electronically records for unsuccessful candidates. This information will be retained as paper records for the relevant statutory periods (generally three years). The "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records" (DF1/11/161984) continues to apply to these records.



### **Signatories** 6







Strategic Investment Board Electronic Document Retention and Disposal Schedule.

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# Appendix 1 SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM

tions (see Section 2.9 "Disposal Action" on page 7) are set at the Fileplan ("book") level and recorded in the "Action" column, subject to means Strategic Investment Board, "DES 5YR CLO" means review for destruction or disposal five years after closure. Some records are The retention period required for each type of record is calculated from the trigger point (see Section 2.7 above). Disposal/retention acexceptions recorded in the "Container Exceptions" column. A typical retention period format would be "SIB DES 5YR CLO" where "SIB" designated as a permanent record, for which there are two categories of action:

- "SIB PERM to be retained by SIB and not transferred to PRONI" These are records of permanent value to SIB but which will not be transfers to PRONI as they have no intrinsic historical value. They should be retained for the lifetime of the company
- "PERMANENT transfer to PRONI" In contrast, these are records are historically valuable and should be transferred to PRONI once the retention period has elapsed (minimum five years)

The Schedule in Table 1 is the schedule at the date this policy document was finalised. An up-to-date schedule is maintained as spreadsheet in TRIM at DF1/12/44971.

Table 1: SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM

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|              | Accollinodation                   | LIGHINGS              | All book levels   |                     | SIB DES SYR CLO     | SIB SKO          |
|              | and services                      |                       | Acquisition       |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   |                       | Clare House       |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   | Supplies and Services | All book levels   |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   |                       | Stationery        |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   |                       | ICT Support       |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              | Audit and Account-                | All book levels       |                   |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              | ability                           | Internal Audit        |                   |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   | External Audit        |                   |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   | Risk Management       |                   |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   | Procedures            |                   |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   | Policies              |                   |                     | SIB PERM to be      |                  |
|              |                                   |                       |                   |                     | retained by SIB and |                  |
|              |                                   |                       |                   |                     | not transferred to  |                  |
|              |                                   |                       |                   |                     | PRONI               | SIB SRO          |
|              |                                   | SIB Reviews           |                   |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO     | SIB SRO          |
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| cial Manage-   |              |                   | Management Statement and<br>Financial Memorandum |                                    |                     | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and not transferred to PRONI | SIB SRO                               |
| an Resource<br>gement  |              | Financial Manage- |  |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              | ment              | Accounting                                       |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              |                   | Allowances                                       |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              |                   | Banking  |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              |                   | Expenditure                                      |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              |                   | Financial Planning and Con-<br>trol              |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              |                   | Invoices   |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              |                   | Policy   |                                    |                     | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and not transferred to       |                                       |
|  |              |                   |  |                                    |                     | PRON  | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  | •            |                   | Reporting  |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              |                   | Salaries   |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  | -            |                   | Тах  |                                    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB FINANCE MAN                       |
|  |              | Human Resource    | Discipline                                       | All book levels                    |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
| Grievances  Harassment  Health and Safety  Leave   |              | Management        |  | Management of                      |                     | O TO days and dia   | CIB LID MAN                           |
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| Harassment  Health and Safety  Leave   |              |                   | Grievances                                       | All book levels                    |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
| Harassment  Health and Safety  Leave   |              |                   |  | ment                               |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
| Health and Safety  |              |                   | Harassment                                       | All book levels                    |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
| Health and Safety  | _            |                   |  | Incident Manage-                   |                     |   |                                       |
| Health and Safety  | -            |                   |  | ment                               |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
| Leave  |              |                   | Health and Safety                                | All book levels                    |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
| Leave  |              |                   |  | Accidents                          |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
| Leave  |              |                   |  | Claims                             |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
| Leave  |              |                   |  | Employee Support and Staff Welfare |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
|  |              |                   | Leave  | All book levels                    |                     | SIB DES 2YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |
|  |              |                   |  | Adoption Leave                     |                     | SIB DES 2YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN                            |

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|                                   | ilepian Levei 2 | Fileplan Level 3         | Fileplan Level 4               | Container Exception | Action  | Decision Made By |
|                                   |                 |                          | Annual Leave                   |                     | SIB DES 2YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Flexi Leave                    |                     | SIB DES 2YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Parental Leave                 |                     | SIB DES 2YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Special Leave                  |                     | SIB DES 2YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 | Managing Attendance      | All book levels                |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Monitoring                     |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Warnings                       |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 | Pay                      | All book levels                |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Pay Alfowances                 |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Pension Admini-<br>stration    |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Pay Review                     |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 | Policy                   | All book levels                |                     | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and not transferred to PRONI | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          |                                |                     | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and                          |                  |
|                                   |                 |                          | Staff Handbook                 |                     | not transferred to<br>PRONI                                   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          |                                |                     | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and                          |                  |
| -                                 |                 |                          | Worklife Balance               |                     | PRONI   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 | Staffing                 | All book levels                |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Cessations                     |                     | S/B DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
| -                                 |                 |                          | Recruitment                    |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Secondments                    |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Personnel Records              |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 | Training and Development | All book levels                |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Applications to attend courses |                     | SIB DES 3VR CLO   | SIB HB MAN       |
|                                   |                 |                          | Induction                      |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |





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| Filepian Level 1 | Fileplan Level 2 | Filepian Level 3            | Fileplan Level 4   | Container Exception    | Action  | Decision Made by |
|                  |                  | Equal Opportunity           | All book levels  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                  |                  |                             | Internal Incident  |                        |   |                  |
|                  |                  |                             | Management   |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HK MAN       |
|                  |                  |                             | Management   |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                  |                  |                             | Monitoring   |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB HR MAN       |
|                  | Information and  | All book levels             | •  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB IM MAN       |
|                  | Communication    | Contacts                    | All book levels  |                        | SIB DES 1YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  |                             | External Contacts  |                        | SIB DES 1YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  |                             | Internal Contact<br>Details  |                        | SIB DES 1YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  | Information Access Requests | All book levels  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  |                             |  | Policies or procedures | SIB DES 5YR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  |                             | Data Protection<br>Requests  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  |                             | Environmental In-  |                        |   |                  |
|                  |                  |                             | tions Requests   |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  |                             | Freedom of Infor-<br>mation Requests   |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  | Legislation                 | The state of the s |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB IM MAN       |
|                  |                  | Liaison and Consultation    |  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB IM MAN       |
|                  |                  | Marketing and Media Materi- | All book levels  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  | als                         | Promotional Materials  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  |                             | Events   |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  |                             | Surveys  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  |                             | Press Enquiries  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  |                             | Speeches and<br>Presentations  |                        | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  |                             | Press Cuttings   |                        | SIB DES 1YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                  | Policy                      | All book levels  |                        | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and not transferred to PRONI | SIB SRO          |
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|                  |                   |  | Data Protection                        |                                  | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and not transferred to PRONI   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                   |  |  |                                  | SIB PERM – to be  |                  |
|                  |                   |  | Environmental In-<br>formation Regula- |                                  | retained by SIB and not transferred to  | ,                |
|                  |                   |  | tions                                  |                                  | PRONI<br>SIB PERM – to be   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                   |  | Freedom of Infor-                      |                                  | retained by SIB and not transferred to  |                  |
|                  |                   |  | mation                                 |                                  | PRONI<br>SIB PERM ~ to be   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                   |  | Records and Infor-                     |                                  | retained by SIB and   |                  |
|                  |                   |  | mation Manage-<br>ment                 |                                  | not transferred to<br>PRONI   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                   | Publications   | All book levels                        |                                  | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                   |  | Corporate Identity                     |                                  | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB MARKETING    |
|                  |                   | Records Management                                     |  |                                  | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB IM MAN       |
|                  |                   |  |  |                                  | SIB PERM – to be  |                  |
|                  |                   |  |  | Disposal/Retention               | retained by SIB and   |                  |
|                  |                   |  |  | Schedules                        | PRONI   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                   |  |  | •                                | SIB PERM – to be  |                  |
|                  |                   |  |  | Wanu-<br>ofe/auidos/krainioa/oto | retained by SIB and   |                  |
|                  |                   |  |  | als/guides/trailing/etc          | PRONI   | SIB IM MAN       |
|                  |                   | Web Management   |  |                                  | SIB DES 3YR CLO   | SIB IM MAN       |
|                  |                   | Government Liaison Assem-                              |  |                                  | PERMANENT -   |                  |
|                  |                   | uly cuestions  |  |                                  | 5YR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                   | Government Liaison Public<br>Sector Reform Initiatives |  |                                  | PERMANENT –<br>transfer to PRONI  |                  |
|                  |                   |  |  |                                  | SYR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
|                  | Strategic Manage- | All book levels  |  |                                  | SIB DES 5YR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
|                  | ment              | Administration   |  |                                  | SIB DES 5YR CLO   | SIB SRO          |
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|                  |                  | Business Planning                             |                                | SIB Templates       | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and not transferred to PRONI SIB PERM – to be   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  |   |                                |                     | retained by SIB and not transferred to PRONI   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  | Emergency Plans                               |                                |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO  | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  | Equality Promotion and Im-                    | All book levels                |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO  | SIB HR MAN       |
|                  |                  | plementation                                  | Consultations                  |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO  | SIB HR MAN       |
|                  |                  |   | Equality Scheme<br>Development |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO  | SIB HR MAN       |
|                  |                  | Governance                                    |                                |                     | SIB DES 5YR CLO  | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  |   |                                | SIB Governance      | SIB PERM – to be retained by SIB and not transferred to  | Cao alo          |
|                  |                  |   |                                |                     | SIB PERM – to be   |                  |
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|                  |                  | Investment Strategy for                       |                                | Understanding       | PERMANENT -  | SIB SKO          |
|                  | .,               | Northern Ireland 2                            |                                |                     | transfer to PRONI  | SIBSRO           |
|                  |                  | Meetings                                      |                                |                     | PERMANENT –<br>transfer to PRONI   |                  |
|                  |                  | Strategic Investment Projects                 |                                |                     | 7YR CLO<br>PERMANENT -   | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  |   |                                |                     | transfer to PRONI  | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  | Procurement                                   |                                |                     | SIB DES 7YR CLO  | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  | Investment Strategy for<br>Northern freland 3 |                                |                     | PERMANENT –<br>transfer to PRONI   |                  |
|                  |                  |   |                                |                     | 7YR CLO  | SIB SRO          |
|                  |                  | Closed Strategic Investment<br>Projects       |                                |                     | transfer to PRONI 7YR CLO  | SIB SRO          |
|                  | Technology and   | Application and System Sup-                   | All book levels                |                     | SIB DES 3YR CLO  | SIB SRO          |
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|                 | Telecommunica-<br>tions           | port               | Work Requests Documentation and |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | Guidance                        |                            | SIB DES 5YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   | Resources          | All book levels                 |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | Acquisition                     |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | Disposal                        |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | Inventory                       |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | Allocation                      |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   | Systems Management | All book levels                 |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | Correspondence                  |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | Database licenses               |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | Internet Sites                  |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   | Projects           | All book levels                 |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |
|                 |                                   |                    | tion                            |                            | SIB DES 3YR CLO | SIB SRO          |       |



# **Appendix 2 Version History**

- Version 0.9 created using the "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records" (DF1/11/161984).
- Version 1.0 Reviewed following agreement with PRONI of "SIB Document Retention and Disposal Policy for Paper Records" (DF1/11/161984).
  - DF1/12/44971 "SIB Electronic Retention and Disposal Schedule for TRIM" incorporated as Appendix 1, which follows the same format as the Department of Finance and Personnel schedule at DF1/11/532983 "DFP Retention and Disposal - Records NI Operational Schedule".
- Version 1.1 incorporates changes proposed by PRONI following its review see DF1/12/251242 "PRONI changes RE: Strategic Investment Board Amended [DRAFT] SIB Electronic Document Retention and Disposal Policy 2012". Principally these changes related to the identification of permanent records.

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