

## **The Process**

The following actions constitute the process to effect the transfer of policing and justice powers. A number of these actions will be sequential while others will be concurrent.

### **Group 1**

- Letter from FM/dFM to be issued to AERC
- Letter from FM/dFM to AERC to be released publicly
- Commence financial discussions with NIO, Treasury and the PM
- Preparatory briefing to outline the shape of the necessary Westminster legislation
- Preparatory briefing to outline the shape of the necessary Assembly legislation
- Consideration of P&J Paper from FM/dFM at an Executive meeting

### **Group 2**

- Discussion by AERC of agreements reached by FM/dFM and of outstanding issues
- AERC finalises modalities report

- Business Committee timetables Assembly consideration of AERC modalities report
- AERC Report tabled for consideration and approval by the Assembly
- FM/dFM consider the approved P&J modalities report
- Assembly's modalities report tabled at Executive meeting
- AERC to commence consideration of non-modality issues including finance

### **Group 3**

- Consequential Westminster legislation drafted and introduced
- Consequential Assembly legislation drafted and introduced
- FM/dFM to set out a process to identify a candidate for the post of Minister of Justice
- Future Justice Minister publicly identified.

### **Group 4**

- AERC to conclude consideration of non-modality issues including finance

- Financial discussions between FM/dFM, NIO, Treasury and PM concluded satisfactorily
- AERC finalises non-modalities report
- Business Committee timetables Assembly consideration of AERC non modalities report
- AERC Report tabled in Assembly for consideration and approval
- FM/dFM consider non-modalities report
- Assembly's non-modalities report tabled at Executive meeting

#### **Group 5**

- Commence process of building confidence to achieve cross community buy-in
- Consult party organisations and external stakeholders
- Public consultation
- Secure necessary community confidence for transfer of P&J

#### **Group 6**

- FM/dFM to draft Assembly motion requesting transfer
- FM/dFM submit motion to Business Committee

- Business Committee timetables motion for Assembly consideration
- Assembly debate on motion
- Assembly votes on a cross community basis for transfer
- Request made for transfer from Secretary of State
- Transfer of functions
- Northern Ireland Justice Minister elected
- Northern Ireland Law Officers appointed