

Report on	Response (draft) on Consultation for a Bill of Rights for NI
Date of Meeting	13 th January 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide and seek input from members on the draft consultation response developed in response to the Consultation on the Creation of a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland, and seek their comment and approval.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members were notified of the above consultation at their December Council meeting held on 17 th December 2020 and it was subsequently agreed that a draft response be developed and considered by the relevant committee before the deadline for submissions on 29 th January 2021.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	An Ad Hoc NI Assembly Committee on a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland has been established. The Committee is tasked with considering the creation of a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland. That includes looking at why Northern Ireland does not have one, if there should have one and if one is needed.
3.2	The Committee launched a public consultation seeking views and to understand opinion on the creation of a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland. A draft response is attached as appendix A to this report. The survey received by Council is attached as appendix B, for background purposes.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That members consider, provide comment as necessary and approve the draft response to the NI Assembly's Ad-hoc Committee consultation on a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland.
6.0	Documents Attached & References Appendix A: Response (draft) to consultation on Creation of a Bill of Rights for NI Appendix B: The Bill of Rights Survey