

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	28 May 2020
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster DC for comment.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a wide range of issues that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
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	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Justice	Consultation on Proposals on the use of Live Links for Police Detention/Interviews'	Purpose is to seek the views of key stakeholders and other interested parties regarding proposals to amend the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (PACE). The proposed amendments will enable video-conferencing technology referred to as 'live links' to be used by police for a number of custody functions. These functions include the extension of detention by both police and the courts, and police interviews with a suspect. The Department is also proposing to use this legislative opportunity to make some minor amendments within PACE to replace any references to 'video-conferencing' with 'live link'.	1 June 2020	No
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-policing-community-safety-partnerships/3c1c45ac/		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?	Yes		
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Northern Ireland Assembly	Domestic Abuse and Family Proceedings Bill	The Domestic Abuse and Family Proceedings Bill was introduced into the Assembly on 31 March 2020. The Bill passed	5 June 2020	No

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		<p>Second Stage on 28 April and the Committee Stage commenced on 29 April 2020.</p> <p>Committee for Justice would welcome Council's views/comments on the content of the Bill.</p> <p>Submissions to address specific clauses of the Bill. If appropriate, should include any amendments you wish to propose to the text of the Bill.</p>		
	Link to Consultation	http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/committees/2017-2022/justice/primary-legislation/domestic-abuse-and-family-proceedings-bill/call-for-evidence		
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