

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	17 December 2020
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments and statutory agencies, 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 for Health	Substance Use Strategy “Making Life Better: Preventing Harm, Empowering Recovery – A Strategic Framework to Tackle the Harm from Substance Use”	This consultation seeks views on the development of a new strategy to reduce the harm related to substance use in Northern Ireland.	Friday 5 February 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/SUS-consultation		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
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Northern Ireland Office (Economy Delivery Team)	Call for Evidence-Union Connectivity Review	Evidence is being sought on how the quality and availability of transport infrastructure across the UK can support economic growth and quality of life across the whole of the UK. This union connectivity review will provide independent advice to the UK government.	4pm on 30 December 2020	Referred to Mid South West Region Growth
	Link to Consultation	https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/union-connectivity-review-call-for-evidence		
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DAERA	Launch of the Clean Air Strategy	Discussion Document presents evidence and research on a range of	15 th February 2021	

		ambient air pollutants. It also outlines the current policy and legislation and the measures currently in place to control air pollution. The Document poses questions around pollutant source activities, with the aim of promoting discussion and the exchange of ideas.		
	Link to Consultation	http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/clean air strategy discussion document		
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Department of Justice, The Home Office and The Office of the Attorney General and Advocate General for Northern Ireland:	Codes of Practice issued under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA).	Practice issued under POCA need to be revised to reflect some of the provisions introduced under the CFA 2017. These include; <i>Search, Seizure and Detention of Property</i> Codes; <i>Recovery of Cash: Search Powers</i> Codes of Practice; Three <i>Investigations</i> Codes of Practice and <i>Recovery of Listed Assets: Search Powers</i> Codes of Practice.	1 February 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/codes-of-practice-for-northern-ireland-issued-unde/ and https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-codes-practice-issued-under-proceeds-crime-act-2002		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		No	
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NI Assembly-Ad Hoc Committee on a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland	Consultation on the creation of a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland	This consultation was set up to hear your views and understand how you feel about the creation of a Bill of Rights in Northern Ireland.	29 January 2021	
	Link to Consultation	http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/committees/2017-2022/ad-hoc-committee-on-a-bill-of-rights/have-your-say-human-rights-in-northern-ireland/		
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The Department of Justice	Consultation on Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Orders	This consultation is on enhancing legal protections for victims of domestic abuse, through a proposal to establish Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Orders, and in the longer term, providing for positive requirements that could be associated with these	12 February 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/enhancinglegal-protections		
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