

<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	26 September 2019
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies. As such, it receives consultations inviting commentary on a wide range of issues that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
NI Policing Board	Audit of Inequalities, Draft Equality Action Plan; Draft Disability Action Plan 2019-2023	Following publication of its revised Equality Scheme 2018-2023, the NI Policing Board is consulting on its Draft Audit of Inequalities and its Equality and Disability Action Plans, all of which cover the period 2019-2023.	24 October 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/we-want-your-views-our-equality-and-disability-action-plans">https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/we-want-your-views-our-equality-and-disability-action-plans</a> There is also a link on this page to the Board's Equality Scheme.		
	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		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan 2019-2024	The Arts Council has produced an updated Equality Scheme and is consulting on its five year Draft Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan for the period 2019-2024.	28 October 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="http://artscouncil-ni.org/research-and-development/equality-and-disability-consultation">http://artscouncil-ni.org/research-and-development/equality-and-disability-consultation</a>		
	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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Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA)	Draft Northern Ireland Animal Health and Welfare Strategic Framework	DAERA is consulting on a draft Strategic Framework which aims to provide an overarching and integrated approach to animal health and welfare in N Ireland. The draft Framework has been developed in conjunction with key stakeholders representing industry, veterinary and animal welfare sectors.	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	Environment Committee considered draft response at September meeting
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-animal-health-and-welfare-policy-division/ni-animal-health-and-welfare-strategic-framework">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-animal-health-and-welfare-policy-division/ni-animal-health-and-welfare-strategic-framework</a> .		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?		Not applicable	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	Proposed changes to the Annual Return Regulations 2019 and the online application for registration of charities	The Charity Commission is consulting on proposed changes to the information registered charities are required to provide in their annual return and changes to the registration process. The additional questions are intended to increase transparency around key areas, contributing to public confidence in charities.	22 October 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/news/public-consultation-on-changes-to-the-annual-return/">https://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/news/public-consultation-on-changes-to-the-annual-return/</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> 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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Department for Communities (DfC)	Draft Section 75 Equality Action Plan 2019-2022	The Department for Communities is consulting on its first Draft Section 75 Equality Action Plan covering the period 2019 – 2022. The draft plan sets out actions the Department proposes to take to address inequality issues identified from the Audit of Inequalities.	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/section-75-equality-action-plan-consultation">https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/section-75-equality-action-plan-consultation</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> 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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Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA)	DAERA Science Strategy: Stakeholder Engagement	Following an initial engagement with a number of stakeholders representing all areas for which DAERA has responsibility as well as local universities, the department is now seeking views from a broader range of stakeholders and the public on what its Science Strategy should be to meet current and future needs.	22 October 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/daera-science-strategy-framework-document-consultation">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/daera-science-strategy-framework-document-consultation</a>		
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Food Standards Agency NI (FSANI)	Consultation on the Implementation of the Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625 (OCR) which takes effect on 14 December 2019	The OCR addresses official controls and other activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products. The FSA is seeking views on (1) the proposed implementation of the N Ireland legislation to provide for the execution of powers and enforcement in relation to the FSA areas of responsibility for food and feed law and animal health & welfare and (2) their assessment of the impacts associated with implementation.	11 October 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/consultations/implementation-of-the-official-controls-regulations">https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/consultations/implementation-of-the-official-controls-regulations</a>		
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Commission for Victims and Survivors (CVS)	Draft Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan	The CVS is consulting on its new Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan for the period	29 November 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.cvsni.org/resources/section-75-equality-and-diversity/">https://www.cvsni.org/resources/section-75-equality-and-diversity/</a>		
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Probation Board NI	Corporate Plan 2020-2023	The Probation Board is seeking views to help shape the future of probation services in Northern Ireland as consulting on a new corporate plan for the period 2020-2023	31 October 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.pbni.org.uk/guide-information/make-decisions/current-consultations/">https://www.pbni.org.uk/guide-information/make-decisions/current-consultations/</a>		
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Department for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA)	Management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) in Northern Ireland	DAERA is inviting views on management measures being considered for 10 widely spread Invasive Alien Species (IAS) found within Northern Ireland. EU Invasive Alien Species Regulation (2014) requires effective management measures be put in place, so that their impact on biodiversity, the related ecosystem services and, where applicable, on human health or the economy are minimised.	23 October 2019	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-management-measures-widely-spread-invasive-alien-species-ias-northern-ireland">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-management-measures-widely-spread-invasive-alien-species-ias-northern-ireland</a>		
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