

<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	25 January 2024
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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.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
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.
<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
DFI	<b>Water and sewerage charges – Options for revenue raising</b>	This consultation outlines different options to generate revenue from charging for water and sewerage services in Northern Ireland, with a focus on creating sustainable public finances.	13 March 2024	No
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/water-and-sewerage-charges-options-revenue-raising">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/water-and-sewerage-charges-options-revenue-raising</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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The Northern Ireland Utility Regulator	<b>RP7 Price Control Draft Determination published for Consultation</b>	This consultation relates to the Draft Determination on the NIE Networks' Business Plan for the period April 2025 – March 2031.	22 March 2024 at 12:04	No
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.uregni.gov.uk/consultations/rp7-price-control-draft-determination-published-consultation">https://www.uregni.gov.uk/consultations/rp7-price-control-draft-determination-published-consultation</a>		
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DFI	<b>Consultation on the review of The Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015</b>	The Department for Infrastructure is inviting views from the public and stakeholders to identify and inform potential changes to The Planning (Development Management)	3 March 2024	TBC

		Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. The consultation focuses on a review of the existing classes of development and the corresponding thresholds for local, major and regionally significant development; proposals to make pre-determination hearings discretionary for councils; and proposals to provide for in-person and online/electronic engagement as part of pre-application community consultation process.		
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-review-planning-development-management-regulations-northern-ireland-2015">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-review-planning-development-management-regulations-northern-ireland-2015</a>		
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DAERA	<b>Public Consultation for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)</b>	This consultation and call for evidence relates to a proposed producer responsibility system for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). The responses will be used to determine the best policy options to help achieve a reduction in our e-waste, and promote the re-use of electrical items before they become waste.	7 March 2024	No
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-and-call-evidence-reforming-producer-responsibility-system-waste-electrical-and">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-and-call-evidence-reforming-producer-responsibility-system-waste-electrical-and</a>		

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<b>Department for the Economy</b>	<b>Onshore Petroleum Licensing Policy</b>	The Department has launched a consultation on onshore petroleum licensing policy in Northern Ireland. The Department has developed a range of policy options for onshore petroleum licensing policy. This has been informed by independent research from Hatch Regeneris on the environmental, social and economic impacts of onshore petroleum exploration and production in Northern Ireland and other relevant international research. The preferred policy option is a moratorium and eventual legislative ban on exploration and production of all forms of onshore oil and gas in Northern Ireland.	12 April 2024	No
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/onshore-petroleum-licensing-policy">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/onshore-petroleum-licensing-policy</a>		
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NIHE	<b>Research Study Investigating future provision for victims of violence and those at risk/under threat of violence including victims of domestic abuse within the NI Housing Selection Scheme.</b>	An independent research team are identifying and exploring options for future provision for victims of violence and those at risk/under threat of violence, within the Housing Selection Scheme. The researchers are seeking feedback from key interested parties from Government and wider stakeholder groups. They are interested to hear suggestions on solutions and alternative options, particularly in terms of how all victims of violence should be prioritised and verified in a fair, equitable and consistent manner using a robust verification framework.	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Yes, via Elected Member request.
	<b>Link to the consultation</b>	No link available. The Consultation Questionnaire was issued to members via email on 3/1/24 in order to facilitate to original January submission deadline.		
	<b>Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?</b>	Yes- Delegated Authority for approval of a draft response should be provided to the February meeting of the P&R Committee.		