

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment, since the last meeting of Council.
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 which 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	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: N/A Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> Not Applicable
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Not Applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References

	Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	2017/2018 Financial Planning - Savings Plan	Trusts have been tasked by the Department of Health (DoH) with developing draft savings plans to deliver their share of a total of £70m of savings in 2017/18.	5 October 2017	Yes- A response is being developed
	Link to Consultation	http://www.northerntrust.hscni.net/about/2981.htm		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	2017/2018 Financial Planning - Savings Plan	Trusts have been tasked by the Department of Health (DoH) with developing draft savings plans to deliver their share of a total of £70m of savings in 2017/18.	5 October 2017	Yes- A response is being developed
	Link to Consultation	http://www.southerntrust.hscni.net/about/consultations.htm		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Office of Rail and Road (ORR)	The Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016	This is a consultation on draft guidance for the NI Regulations and proposed changes to our existing economic enforcement policy. New guidance and changes to our enforcement policy are required to reflect the NI Regulations and as such primarily affect stakeholders in Northern Ireland and users of the cross-border railway only.	29 September 2017	
	Link to Consultation	http://orr.gov.uk/rail/consultations/open-consultations/consultation-on-orr-economic-enforcement-policy-to-reflect-northern-ireland-regulations		
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Boundary Commission for NI	2018 Review of Parliamentary	Boundary Commission for NI consulted on Provisional	2 October 2017	

	Constituencies Secondary Consultation	Proposals for 12 weeks, which included four public hearings. The responses have been collated all and this triggers the start of a 4 week secondary consultation period. Council has also been asked to display a poster publicising the secondary consultation period so as to make the responses and the transcripts accessible to as many people as possible and to encourage them to participate.		
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/boundary-commission-ni/09954738/		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Health	Consultation on Regulations to Restrict the Age of Sale for Nicotine Inhaling Products for Over 18s	The Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations prohibit both the sale of NIPs (including e-cigs) to under eighteens and the purchase of these products on behalf of a minor. The legislation also exempts the sale of NIPs which are licensed as medicines, where they have been prescribed to a child or where the medicine is indicated for use by children. The regulations will be enforced by Council.	27 October 2017	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations		
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Department for Communities	Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions	The Department is currently consulting upon the EQIA carried out on the Abolition of Class 2 National Insurance Contributions. The benefits impacted upon by the proposed new arrangements include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contributory Employment and Support Allowance; 	3 November 2017	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maternity Allowance; • Bereavement Support Payment; • State Pension; and • in certain cases, contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance. 		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations		
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Education Authority	Audit of Inequalities and Equality Action Plan	The Education Authority (EA) is preparing to develop an Audit of Inequalities and associated Equality Action Plan. As part of the engagement phase the EA want to hear from organisations as we prepare the documents.	30 November 2017	
	Link to Consultation	N/A. However there is a consultative event 10.30am on Wednesday 8th November 2017 in Belfast Office, Academy Street, Belfast, BT1 2NQ.		