

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 23 January 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 consultations notified to Mid Ulster Council for comment.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments, statutory agencies and other bodies. As such, it receives 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 Communities (DfC)	Gambling Regulation in Northern Ireland	DfC is consulting on current gambling law in Northern Ireland and seeking views on whether changes are now necessary to ensure Northern Ireland has a flexible and modern licensing framework capable of responding to the many societal and technical changes in the industry.	21 Feb 2020	Env. Health
	Link to Consultation	https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-regulation-gambling-northern-ireland		
	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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The Consumer Council	Draft Forward Work Programme 2020-21	The Consumer Council is consulting on its draft Forward Work Programme for 2020-21, the final year of the current corporate strategy (2016-21)	31 January 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.consumer council.org.uk/policy-research/publications/draft-forward-work-programme-2020-21 https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TCC-FWP-2021		
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Department for the Economy (DfE)	Call for Evidence to inform the development of a new Energy Strategy for Northern Ireland	DfE is developing a new Energy Strategy to replace the existing Strategic Energy Framework. This Call for Evidence is part of an on-going public engagement process to inform and shape this strategy. The Dept is aiming to have a draft Strategy for presentation to a Minister for the Economy by end of 2020	20 March 2020	Director advises that this shall be scheduled to the Climate Change WG
	Link to Consultation	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/energy-strategy-call-for-evidence		
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Foras na Gaeilge	Treo Straitéiseach d'Fhoras na Gaeilge 2020-2025 – Consultation Strategic Direction 2020-25	Foras na Gaeilge is consulting on its Strategic Direction for 2020-25	31 January 2020	Culture & Arts
	Link to Consultation	www.forasnagaeilge.ie/nuacht/comhairliuchan https://www.forasnagaeilge.ie/news/consultation/?lang=en		
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Invest NI	Draft Disability Action Plan	Invest NI is consulting on its Draft Disability Action Plan for 2020-2024	20 March 2020	

	Link to Consultation	https://www.investni.com/about-us/equality-commitment.html		
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SEUPB	PEACE PLUS Programme – European Territorial Cooperation 2021-2027	The SEUPB is undertaking a programme of stakeholder engagement to shape the PEACE PLUS programme for the period 2021-2027. This includes information sessions across N Ireland and the border counties.	25 February 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.seupb.eu/peaceplus		
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Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)	NIHE draft Community Safety Strategy 2020 – 2023	The Board of the Housing Executive has approved the draft Community Safety Strategy 'Working Together for Safer Communities'. It is now consulting on the strategic direction the organisation has set out in this document.	13 March 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations		
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Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Roads	Designation of Traffic sensitive streets – Consolidation Order	DFI Roads is consulting local councils on a draft Order which will consolidate four Divisional Orders and update the list of designated traffic-sensitive streets under the Street Works Order (NI) 1995. Councils are invited to lodge any objections.	3 Feb 2020	
	Link to Consultation	The draft Order can accessed by emailing philip.moffett@midulstercouncil.org or mary.mcsorley@midulstercouncil.org		
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Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)	Customer Support and Tenancy Sustainment Strategy 2019-2022	The Board of the Housing Executive has approved its draft 'Customer Support and Tenancy Sustainment Strategy'. NIHE is now consulting to get feedback on the strategic direction set out in the document.	21 February 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations		
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