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| Report on | Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council |
| Date of Meeting | 24 November 2022 |
| Reporting Officer | Joe McGuckin, Head of Strategic Services & Engagement |
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| Is this report restricted for confidential business? | Yes | |
| If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon | No | x |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
| 1.1 | To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment and to provide the final draft for submission of the Department of Education's Every Child: The Department of Education's Corporate Plan 2023-28 Public Consultation. |
| 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 that may be pertinent to council services and/or the District. |
| 2.2 | Also, at October's Full Council meeting, Member's requested that a response be developed to Department of Education's Every Child: The Department of Education's Corporate Plan 2023-28 Public Consultation. |
| 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. |
| 3.2 | Appendix B consists of a copy of a draft response to Department of Education's Every Child: The Department of Education's Corporate Plan 2023-28 Public Consultation. In the absence of a submission extension being granted to the Council, the attached draft was sent to Members via email on Friday 11 th November to have comments returned by Tuesday 15 th . The draft was subsequently submitted to DE with the understanding that final version would be submitted following Council's Full Council approval. |
| 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 |

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| 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 Appendix B: Draft DE Consultation Response-Nov 2022 |

Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

| Organisation | Consultation Title | Issue | Closing Date | Response Currently Being Developed |
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| Northern Ireland Policing Board | Corporate Plan 2023-2025 | The Northern Ireland Policing Board is currently developing its Corporate Plan and is seeking the views of the wider public and stakeholders. The Board's Corporate Plan has been designed as a 2-year plan to align with the remainder of the current Policing Plan cycle. | 12 noon on 16 January 2023 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/corporate-plan-2023-25-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)? | | Yes | |
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| DAERA | Consultation on Herd restrictions for Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) | This consultation seeks views on the proposed introduction of herd restrictions to eradicate Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD). | 20 December 2022 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/BVD-herd-restrictions | | |
| | 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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| Department of Health | Public consultation on proposed amendments to the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) (Independent Guardian) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 | This public consultation relates to proposed amendments to the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) (Independent Guardian) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016. The proposed amendments are intended to afford greater flexibility to the Independent Guardian Service for trafficked and/or separated/unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. | 19 January 2023 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-1/igs-regs-amendments/ | | |
| | 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 |
| Department of Justice | The Draft Planning Fees (Deemed Planning Applications and Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2022 | The Department of Justice is seeking views from key stakeholders in the public and private sectors on the fees to be charged for planning appeals and deemed planning applications from 1st April 2023. | 20 December 2022 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/draft-planning-fees-deemed-planning-applications-and-appeal-amendment-regulations-ni-2022 | | |
| | 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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| Department of Health | Consultation on Support for Care Leavers | When considering the amendments to the 2005 Regulations, the Department has identified two possible additional amendments which were not included in the previous consultations on the Act's provisions. The first amendment concerns a growing number of care leavers who may have been victims of human trafficking or are unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. The second amendment relates to the suitability and affordability of accommodation. | 19 January 2023 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-support-care-leavers | | |
| | 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 |
| Information Commissioner's Office | FOI Public Prioritisation Consultation | The consultation seeks to ensure the way in which the ICO regulate the FOI Act is as efficient and effective as possible, especially in times of increasing demand and shrinking resources. | 19 December 2022 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/ico-and-stakeholder-consultations/ico-consultation-on-prioritising-access-to-information-complaints/ | | |
| | 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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| Education Authority | Draft Interim Language Policies, Public Consultation | EA recognises that Irish and Ulster-Scots languages are an expression of the culture in NI. EA has drafted Interim Language Policies for the Irish and Ulster-Scots Languages for consultation. | 27 February 2023 (at 6:00 pm) | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations/public-consultation-on-eas-draft-interim-language-policies | | |
| | 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 |
| Organisation | Consultation Title | Issue | Closing Date | Response Currently Being Developed |
| Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland | 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies | This is the third consultation period relating to the revised proposals for Parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland. | 15th December 2022 | No |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/2023-review-parliamentary-constituencies | | |
| | 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 |
| Department of Finance | Consultation on Devolution of More Fiscal Powers | The Department is seeking formal engagement on the recommendations made by the Independent Fiscal Commission in it's report "More Fiscal | 29 November 2022 (at 6pm) | Currently being considered by SD of Corporate Services & Finance |

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| | | Devolution for Northern Ireland?" | | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/devolution-fiscal-powers | | |
| | 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, delegated to the Chief Executive/ SD Corporate Services & Finance |