

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 23 rd July 2020
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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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.
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.
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 of Justice	Adult Restorative Justice Strategy	Consultation considers how a strategic, co-ordinated approach to restorative practices at all stages of the criminal justice system, from early intervention in the community, formal diversion by statutory agencies, court-ordered disposals, custody and reintegration, may be developed.	11 th September 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/development-adult-restorative-justice-strategy-ni		
	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 (can be considered by August 2020 Council, if required)	
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Department of Agriculture Environment & Rural Affairs	Discussion on the “Future Recycling and Separate Collection of Waste of a Household Nature in Northern Ireland”	This document seeks views on steps towards improving the quality and quantity of household and non-household recycle in Northern Ireland and cut landfill rates whilst having minimal impact on businesses and householders. It seeks views on proposals for what our recycling environment could look like, and suggestions on possible ways to improve the quality and quantity of municipal waste recycled.	4 th October 2020	

	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/discussion-future-recycling-and-separate-collection-waste-household-nature-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)?	No		
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Department of Justice	A consultation on proposals to amend the legislation governing the retention of DNA and fingerprints in Northern Ireland	The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of key stakeholders and other interested parties regarding proposals to amend the provisions within the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (PACE NI) relating to the retention of DNA and fingerprints in Northern Ireland. All of the proposals will involve changes to the yet to be commenced biometric provisions set out in Schedule 2 of the Criminal Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2013.	28 th August 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-policing-community-safety-partnerships/retention-of-dna-and-fingerprints-ni/		
	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 (can be considered by August 2020 Council, if required)		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	Irish Travellers Accommodation Strategy 2020-25	Irish Travellers Accommodation Strategy 2020-2025 sets out how NIHE plan to provide Irish Travellers with access to	23 rd September 2020	

		<p>good quality, culturally appropriate housing accommodation which fosters a sustainable, vibrant Traveller community and promotes inclusion, a sense of belonging and security.</p> <p>In 2003, the strategic role and responsibility for the provision of accommodation for Irish Travellers was transferred from Councils to NIHE under the Housing (NI) Order 2003. The Strategy aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Address the range of accommodation needs of Irish Travellers; •Ensure provision of adequate and suitable accommodation for Irish Travellers 		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations		
	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 Justice (DoJ)	Organised Crime Strategy for Northern Ireland	DoJ is consulting on a new multi-agency draft strategy to protect individuals, communities and businesses in Northern Ireland from organised crime. This seeks to build on and enhance the considerable body of work and structures already in place to support multi-agency collaboration in response to organised criminality. The draft strategy has been developed and informed through significant engagement with other partners across Government and law enforcement, and in particular, by close engagement with partner organisations represented on the Organised Crime Task Force (OCTF).	2 nd October 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/department-of-justice-doj-draft-organised-crime-st/		
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Department of Justice (DoJ)	Policy proposals for new provisions to tackle organised crime in Northern Ireland	Consultation seeks views on a range of proposals to reinforce response to organised crime through introduction of specific legislative provisions, including a statutory definition of serious	2 nd October 2020	

		organised crime and new offences of 'directing' organised crime; 'participating' in organised crime and provision for relevant offences to be 'aggravated' by a connection with organised crime.		
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/organised-crime-offences		
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Department for the Economy	Priority Dispatch Provisions of the EU Electricity (Recast) Regulation 2019	On 1 st January 2020, the EU Electricity Regulation 2019 came into force to update requirements on certain types of renewable power-generating facilities and priority dispatch. For Northern Ireland to comply, some legislative amendments will be required in relation to Article 12 of the Regulation, which outlines the new rules for priority dispatch.	8 th September 2020	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/priority-dispatch-provisions-2019-electricity-recast-regulation-eu-2019943		
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