

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	22 February 2024
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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 the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council and to provide details of submitted consultations.
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.
3.2	Appendix B contains a consultation response submitted to the Financial Conduct Authority-Access to Cash Consultation. The Council was not formally notified of this consultation. In order to meet the submission deadline, the CE provided a response to highlight the concerns in relation to rural areas being excluded from personal banking. Further details can be found at https://www.fca.org.uk/publications/consultation-papers/cp23-29-access-cash .
3.3.	Appendix C contains a consultation response submitted to a research project carried out by NIHE: Investigating future provision for victims of violence and those at risk/under threat of violence including victims of domestic abuse within the Northern Ireland Housing Selection Scheme. This response was approved at February's P&R Committee via delegated authority.
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 anticipated
	Rural Needs Implications: In relation to the Access to Cash Consultation, the Financial Conduct Authority does not sit within DAERA's remit, therefore a RNIA is not required in relation to this particular consultation.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to and submitted by Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations Appendix B: Submitted Consultation Response: Access to Cash Appendix C: Submitted Research Response NIHE Housing Selection Scheme

Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Infrastructure	<p>Call for Evidence on A Future Focused Review of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) on the issue of Climate Change</p>	<p>Dfi has published a Call for Evidence in relation to a potential focused review of the SPPS on the issue of Climate Change. Beyond the ongoing work to finalise the review of regional strategic planning policy for renewable and low carbon energy, it is important to consider whether the current policy framework provided for by the SPPS in relation to Climate Change remains appropriate and fit for purpose.</p>	28 March 2024	No
	<p>Link to Consultation</p>	<p>https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/call-evidence-future-focused-review-SPPS-climate-change</p>		
	<p>Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?</p>	<p>Yes- Delegated Authority is required for March Planning Committee to be able to provide approval for any draft submission.</p>		