

Report on	Consultations Information notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	26 October 2023
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council and to provide details of a submitted 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.
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.	Members were notified of the TEO's consultation on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls at September's Full Council Meeting. Delegated Authority was provided for the response to be submitted via Officer approval. Appendix B contains the submitted response.
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: These consultation responses relate to EQIA consultations.
	Rural Needs Implications: The lack of available RNIA's in relation to these consultations has been included in the body of the consultation responses.

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members review and note active consultations and further associated consultation information notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations Appendix B: Submitted Consultation-TEO Consultation of Ending Violence Against Women and Girls

Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Education	Integrated Education Action Plan	The Integrated Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 became law on the 26 October 2022. This Act placed a duty on the DE to prepare, publish and maintain a strategy for the encouragement, facilitation, support for and provision of integrated education.	31 st October 2023	No
	Link to Consultation	https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/integrated-education-act-action-plan		
	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 for the Economy	Consultation on Approach to 10X Technologies and Clusters	This consultation sets out the approach for three key areas of the proposed 10 Technologies and Clusters: 1. Identification and prioritisation of technologies and USPs where NI can be globally competitive, the growth of which can drive benefits at scale across the economy; 2. An indication of the policy actions DfE	24 November 2023	Yes

		and partners may use to drive the growth, uptake and scaling of these technologies and USPs; and 3. How these technologies and USPs could be integrated into a future Sub-Regional Economic Plan.		
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfe/approach-10x-technologies-and-clusters/		
	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- a draft response will be presented to November's P&R Committee meeting.		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
DAERA	Consultation on a Proposed Ban on the Manufacture, Supply and Sale of Wet Wipes Containing Plastic in the UK	This consultation is focused on wet wipes containing plastic and addressing their impact on the environment. The UK Government and Devolved Administrations are seeking views on a proposed ban on the manufacture, supply and sale of wet wipes containing plastic.	25 November 2023	No
	Link to Consultation	https://consult.defra.gov.uk/wet-wipes-1/wet-wipes-containing-plastic/		
	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, the relevant Committee would require DA to approve any draft response to this consultation.		