

Report on	Draft Consultation Response on the DFI Water and Sewerage Charges - Options for Revenue Raising Consultation
Date of Meeting	7 March 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform elected members of the consultation response developed on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council in response to the DFI Water and Sewerage Charges - Options for Revenue Raising Consultation.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members were informed about the above named consultation at January's Full Council meeting where it was agreed to submit a response on behalf of the Council.
2.2	The deadline for submission of a response is 13 March 2024.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	This consultation outlines different options to generate revenue from charging for water and sewerage services in Northern Ireland, with a focus on creating sustainable public finances.
3.2	Members indicated that they strongly oppose the options included in the revenue raising consultation. These comments have been reflected in the attached draft 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: This consultation was accompanied by a relevant Equality Screening document for consideration as part of the consultation process.
	Rural Needs Implications: This consultation was accompanied by a relevant Rural Needs Impact Assessment for consideration as part of the consultation process.

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that Council review and approve the draft response for submission.
6.0	Documents Attached & References Appendix A: Mid Ulster District Council's draft response to DFI Water and Sewerage Charges - Options for Revenue Raising Consultation