

Report on	Consultations Information notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	26 November 2023
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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 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 DE's consultation on Statutory Guidance on the Reduction and Management of Restrictive Practices in Educational Settings in Northern Ireland at September's Full Council Meeting. This response was developed and submitted as a result of the Council Chair's requested 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: To be considered as part of any Council consultation response submission.
	Rural Needs Implications: To be considered as part of any Council consultation response submission.
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 Response- DE Statutory Guidance on the Reduction and Management of Restrictive Practices in Educational Settings in Northern Ireland

Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
SONI (System Operator for Northern Ireland)	Transmission Development Plan 2023-2032	The Transmission Development Plan will play a key role in ensuring that Northern Ireland has the right infrastructure in place to meet the electricity demands of the future.	22 December 2023	No
	Link to Consultation	https://consult.soni.ltd.uk/		
	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
Department of Finance	Consultation on Non-domestic and Domestic Rating Measures to Support Budget Sustainability by Raising Additional Revenue	This consultation focuses on the revenue raising potential associated with the removal of rating measures. The Department is seeking views from those who may be directly affected. There were seven proposals for changes to rating measures identified by the Secretary of State.	13 February 2024	Yes (Lead Officer: JJ Tohill)
	Link to Consultation	https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/rating-revenue-raising-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- this response would be delegated to the February meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
NI Commissioner	NICCY's Corporate Plan 2023-2027	NICCY is developing a Corporate Plan for 2023-27	8 January 2024	No

for Children and Young People		and is carrying out a consultation to facilitate feedback on their draft document.		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.niccy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/NICCY-Corporate-Plan-2.pdf		
	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- this response would be delegated to the February meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
DFC	Community and Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Support - future plans	The Department is carrying work aimed at refreshing the policy frameworks for their voluntary and community sector support. This includes agreeing outcomes that should be prioritised in future years. Consultation events are being held in person and online, including an in person session on 28/11/23 in The Junction, Dungannon (11am-12.30pm). Other sessions are available via the consultation link below.	9 February 2024	No
	Link to Consultation	https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/articles/community-and-voluntary-sector-infrastructure-support-future-plans		
	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- any developed response can be considered at January's Development Committee.		