

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	27 June 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.
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 for the Economy	Proposal for primary legislation to resolve issues in regard to the department's financial powers	The Department for the Economy is proposing some clauses via primary legislation (a 'Financial Provisions Bill') to resolve issues in regard to some of the department's financial powers.	1 August 2024	No
	Link to Consultation	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/proposal-primary-legislation-resolve-issues-regard-departments-financial-powers		
	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 for Communities	Equality Impact Assessment consultation on his initial decisions on the Department for Communities 2024-25 budget.	The Executive considered and set the NI Budget 2024-25 on 25 April 2024. This document details the Minister for Communities' initial Budget 2024-25 decisions and how they will impact on the Department's ability to deliver public services.	3 September 2024	Yes
	Link to Consultation	https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-department-communities-budget-2024-25-allocations		
	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, DA is sought for the CE to approve.	
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NIHE	Community Involvement and Cohesion Strategy 2024-2029	This draft strategy sets out how NIHE propose to continue to support and work with our communities to deliver services that are co-designed to create stronger, vibrant and inclusive communities.	5 July 2024	No
	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)?		Yes, DA sought for Chief Executive approval.	
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Department for Infrastructure	Department for Infrastructure Budget 2024-25 Equality Impact Assessment Consultation	The Department for Infrastructure has launched a public consultation on the equality implications of the budget impact on spending proposals for the 2024-25 financial year.	5pm on 6 th September 2024 (initial comments requested by 8 July 24)	Yes
	Link to consultation	https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/dfi-budget-2024-25-equality-impact-assessment		
	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, DA requested for September P&R Committee meeting. Additional authority is sought for the CE to submit initial comments by 8 th July 2024.	
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Department of Health	Department of Health Budget 2024-25 Equality Impact Assessment Consultation	The Department of Health's Equality Impact Assessment document provides an Equality Impact Assessment of the 2024-25 Budget Outcome for the	29 August 2024	Yes

		Department, and the Department are seeking your comments on the equality implications.		
	Link to consultation	https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/equality-impact-assessment-2024-25-budget-outcome		
	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, DA requested for CE approval.	