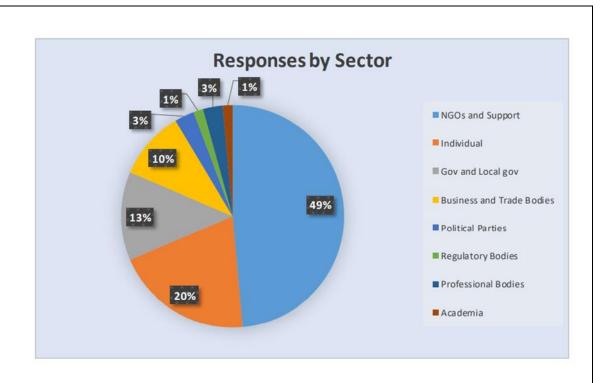
Report on	Environmental Plans, Principles and Governance for Northern Ireland Public Discussion Document (Synopsis of Responses)
Date of Meeting	14 th September 2021
Reporting Officer	Fiona McClements

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes		
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	Х	

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the availability of the responses made to a previously circulated consultation document by DAERA entitled "Environmental Plans, Principles and Governance for Northern Ireland": Public Discussion Document.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Public Discussion Document on Environmental Plans, Principles and Governance for Northern Ireland was launched by DAERA on 10 th December 2020 to encourage responses and comments from stakeholders and members of the public on arrangements for environmental oversight and accountability after the ending of the EU Exit transition period.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) sought views on a number of environmental issues that will arise due to UK withdrawal from the EU. Details of the discussion document were forwarded by e-mail to approximately 300 individual stakeholders. The consultation was also advertised on the Department's website and publicised on social media. A stakeholder event, organised jointly by NI Environment Link and DAERA, took place on 13 th January 2021. The closing date for responses was 26 th February 2021. This paper was previously brought to Committee in February 2021 and a response was returned for Mid Ulster District Council.
3.2	A synopsis of the replies received to the discussion document can be accessed in Appendix 1. The document advises that a total of 70 responses were received, with 38 via the citizen space online option and 32 e-mail responses. The break down by sector is shown below.



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: N/a

Rural Needs Implications: N/a

5.0 Recommendation(s)

5.1 Members to note the synopsis of responses received in the document attached in Appendix 1.

6.0 Documents Attached & References

6.1 Appendix 1 – Environmental Plans, Principles and Governance for Northern Ireland Public Discussion Document Synopsis of Responses.