

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 25 November 2021
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.
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
Education Authority	Equality Scheme	The Education Authority has completed a review of its Equality Scheme and changed the formatting, screening tools used and consultation engagement.	14 January 2022	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.eani.org.uk/about-us/equality/equality-schemes		
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DAERA	Draft Environment Strategy	Environment Strategy is intended set out Northern Ireland's environmental priorities for the coming decades and will form part of the Green Growth agenda. The Environment Strategy will form the basis for a coherent and effective set of interventions that can deliver real improvements in the quality of the environment and thereby improve the health and well-being of all who live and work here.	18 January 2022	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/environment-strategy-consultation		
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Department for Infrastructure	Proposals for the Railways (Safety Management) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022		This consultation relates to proposals to introduce legislation to streamline the safety certification process for Railway Undertakings operating on the rail network.	3 February 2022	
	Link to Consultation		www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations		
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Electoral Commission (Northern Ireland)	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy	This consultation is on the Electoral Commission's draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, and new Equality Impact Assessment documents to ensure that their strategy demonstrates commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.	Friday, 28 January 2022		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/who-we-are-and-what-we-do/our-views-and-research/our-consultations/consultation-equality-diversity-and-inclusion-strategy			
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Dept for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs	Consultation on Amending Options for the Assessment of Technical Competence under the Northern Ireland Waste Management Licensing and Permitting	This consultation is on amending options for the assessment of technical competence under the Northern Ireland Waste Management Licensing and Permitting Regime. This will be relevant to organisations requiring a	10 January 2022		

		waste management licence or permit.		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-assessment-technical-competence-under-ni-waste-management-licensing-and-permitting		
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