

Report on	Consultations Information notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	27 July 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 feedback on draft consultations responses for comment/approval.
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.
2.2	The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland announced the 2023/24 Budget on 27 April 2023. Since then, various government departments have commenced public consultations on their own specific 2023/24 Budgets.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table attached in Appendix A.
3.2.	Appendix B contains a draft response to the Department of Health's 23/24 Budget EQIA. The draft response was issued to members for comment via email on 14/7/23, requesting that any feedback or amendments be provided by 18/7/23.
3.3	Appendix C contains a draft response to the Department for Educations 23/24 Budget EQIA. The draft response details the Council's opposition to the proposed cuts. The draft response was issued to members for comment via email on 11/7/23, requesting that any feedback or amendments be provided by 17/7/23.

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: These consultation responses relate to EQIA consultations.
	Rural Needs Implications: The lack of available RNIA's in relation to these consultations has been included in the body of the consultation responses.
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: Draft DoH Budget EQIA Response
	Appendix C: Draft DE Budget EQIA Response

Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations

Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
DAERA	Consultation on Northern Ireland's 2030 and 2040 Emissions Reduction Targets	The primary objective of this consultation is to seek your views on the proposed Sustainability at the heart of a living, working, active landscape valued by everyone. 2030 and 2040 emissions targets for Northern Ireland and proposed carbon budgets for the periods 2023-2027, 2028-2032 and 2033-2037.	11 October 2023	No
	Link to Consultation	http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/carbonbudget		
	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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The Executive Office (TEO)	Public Consultation on the Provision of Free Period Products	TEO wants feedback regarding what period products should be made available, where these should be available and how people can access these.	Monday 18 September 2023	No
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/teo/provision-of-free-period-products-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, DA would need to be granted to the September P&R Committee Meeting.		
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Cabinet Office	Procurement Reform Bill	The new Procurement Reform Bill, which is in the final stage of it's passage through Parliament, will contain provision for Northern Ireland. Cabinet Office has now launched a public consultation on the secondary legislation required to implement this new procurement regime.	11.45pm 28 July	No
	Link to Consultation	https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/part-1-consultation-on-draft-regulations-to-implement-the-procurement-bill		
	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		