

<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council for comment.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
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.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Documentation relating to the aforementioned consultations can be accessed via the links provided in the table provided in Appendix A.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members review and note consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Health	Consultation on Cross-Departmental Covid-19 Vulnerable Children and Young People's Plan	<p>It is intended that the young people's plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promote the safety and well-being of children and young people during the Covid-19 pandemic period;</li> <li>• strengthen system capacity to respond to current challenges and risks; and support the rebuilding of services</li> </ul>	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-cross-departmental-covid-19-vulnerable-children-and-young-peoples-plan">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-cross-departmental-covid-19-vulnerable-children-and-young-peoples-plan</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?	N/A		
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Department for the Economy	Draft Gas (Internal Markets) Regulations (NI)2020 and Associated Gas (EU Exit) Amending Regulations	Department for the Economy has proposed legislative measures to make amendments to the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/legislative-measures-transpose-gas-directive-200973ec-amended-by-directive-2019692">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/legislative-measures-transpose-gas-directive-200973ec-amended-by-directive-2019692</a>		
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<b>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council</b>	The Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan (LDP) Draft Plan Strategy - Consultation on Proposed Changes	Fermanagh and Omagh DC is re-running its consultation on the proposed changes to the Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy. The original Schedule of Proposed Changes did not accurately reflect the agreed position of the Council, particularly in relation to policies MIN04: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unconventional Hydrocarbon Extraction, FLD03</li> <li>• Sustainable Drainage Systems, RE01</li> <li>• Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Generation</li> <li>• HOU17 Affordable Housing in the Countryside</li> </ul>	3rd December 2020	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="http://www.fermanaghomagh.com">www.fermanaghomagh.com</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> 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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<b>Department for Communities</b>	The Five C's Public Realm Consultation	DfC have published designs for a new public realm project in Belfast city centre. The project, entitled The Five Cs, shall see Public Realm enhancements delivered in the following areas; Chichester Street, Callender Street, College Avenue, College Court, College Street.	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="http://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/Five-Cs-Public-Consultation">http://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/Five-Cs-Public-Consultation</a>		
	<b>Delegated Authority</b> 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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<b>Education Authority</b>	Consultation on Special Educational Needs (SEN) Code of Practice	The draft SEN Code is one part of a new improved and more responsive SEN Framework the first element being the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (the SEND Act). The SEND Act introduces new duties for Boards of Governors of grant-aided schools and the Education Authority, provides for greater co-operation with health and social care authorities and brings in new rights for parents and children. Many of these new duties and rights have not yet been introduced as they need to be supported by new SEN Regulations and the new SEN Code. (Relates to the next	22 December 2020	

		consultation set out below).		
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-sen-code-practice">https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-sen-code-practice</a>		
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Education Authority	Consultation on Special Educational Needs (SEN) Regulations	The draft SEN Regulations are one part of a new SEN Framework the first element being the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (the SEND Act). The SEND Act introduces new duties for Boards of Governors of grant-aided schools and the Education Authority, provides for greater cooperation with health and social care authorities and brings in new rights for parents and children. (Relates to consultation above).	22 December 2020	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-sen-regulations">https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-sen-regulations</a>		
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Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Review of the Schedule of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016	This consultation is to inform the review of the list of bodies and persons in the Schedule to the Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016	16 November 2020	

		which is being undertaken by DAERA and is a requirement under section 1(3) of the Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016. The consultation is an online survey.		
	<b>Link to the consultation</b>	<a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-sustainable-rural-communities-branch/review-of-the-schedule-of-the-rural-needs-act-ni-2/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-sustainable-rural-communities-branch/review-of-the-schedule-of-the-rural-needs-act-ni-2/</a>		
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