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| <b>Report on</b>         | Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b>   | 28 January 2021                                       |
| <b>Reporting Officer</b> | Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services           |
| <b>Contact Officer</b>   | Ann McAleer, Corporate Policy and Equality Officer    |

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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 |

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Purpose of Report</b>  |
| 1.1        | To update members on the consultations notified to Mid Ulster Council for comment.  |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Background</b>   |
| 2.1        | Council is a consultee for many government departments and statutory agencies, 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>  |
|            | Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations  |

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| Organisation   | Consultation Title   | Issue  | Closing Date     | Response Currently Being Developed |
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| Department of Health   | Introduction of a Statutory Soft Opt-Out System for Organ Donation   | Department of Health public consultation on the introduction of a statutory soft opt-out system for organ donation for Northern Ireland.   | 19 February 2021 |                                    |
|  | <b>Link to Consultation</b>  | <a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/organ-donation">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/organ-donation</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)? | Yes. Should a response be required, the consultation closing date occurs prior to February Council   |                  |                                    |
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| Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) | Discussion Document on Environment Plans, Principles and Governance  | Seeks views on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environmental Improvement Plans, which would require DAERA to produce long-term strategic plans for the environment;</li> <li>2. A policy statement on the application of environmental principles, currently contained in EU treaties, by all Departments when making policy; and</li> <li>3. Arrangements for independent environmental oversight, a role currently undertaken by the European Commission. The Office</li> </ol> | 5 February 2021  |                                    |

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|                                      |  | for Environmental Protection (OEP) will be established under the Environment Bill and (subject to the Assembly's approval) extend to NI.  |                     |   |
|                                      | <b>Link to Consultation</b>  | <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/environmental-plans-principles-and-governance">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/environmental-plans-principles-and-governance</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)? | Yes. Should a response be required, the consultation closing date occurs prior to February Council meeting.   |                     |   |
| <b>Organisation</b>                  | <b>Consultation Title</b>  | <b>Issue</b>  | <b>Closing Date</b> | <b>Response Currently Being Developed</b> |
| <b>Department of Health</b>          | Public consultation on legislative options to inform the development of an Adult Protection Bill for Northern Ireland                                | The Department of Health is undertaking consultation on legislative options to inform the development of an Adult Protection Bill for Northern Ireland.   | 11 March 2021       |   |
|                                      | <b>Link to Consultation</b>  | <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-1/legislative-options-for-adult-protection">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-1/legislative-options-for-adult-protection</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 Infrastructure</b> | <b>Consultation on Draft NI Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027</b>   | The Department would like your views on the published draft second cycle Northern Ireland Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 and associated environmental reports, before they are finalised. This draft Plan sets out Objectives and Measures for the second | 25 June 2021        |   |

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|                             |  | 6-year cycle, between 2021 and 2027, primarily focusing on Areas of Potential Significant Flood Risk in Northern Ireland.   |                             |   |
|                             | <b>Link to Consultation</b>  | <a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-flood-risk-management-plan-2021-2027-second-cycle">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-flood-risk-management-plan-2021-2027-second-cycle</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 of Health</b> | Draft Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031   | This co-produced draft Strategy sets out a vision for mental health in Northern Ireland, as well as 29 high level actions to take forward significant strategic change over the next decade. We would welcome your views on the draft Strategy to improve mental health outcomes in Northern Ireland. | 26 March 2021               |   |
|                             | <b>Link to Consultation</b>  | <a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/mentalhealthstrategy">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/mentalhealthstrategy</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>NIHE</b>                 | Draft Cavity Wall Insulation Action Plan   | This Draft Action Plan sets out the Executive's proposals to address issues related to Cavity Wall Insulation installations in its stock. Feedback gathered from this consultation exercise will be used to create a  | 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 |   |

|                     |  | final action plan, which will be released in Summer 2021  |                     |   |
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|                     | <b>Link to Consultation</b>  | <a href="http://www.nihe.gov.uk/Documents/Asset/Cavity-Wall-Insulation-Action-Plan.aspx">http://www.nihe.gov.uk/Documents/Asset/Cavity-Wall-Insulation-Action-Plan.aspx</a>   |                     |   |
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| <b>DAERA</b>        | IEA Public Consultation on Regulatory Charging Policy for 2021 - 2023  | The purpose of this consultation is to seek your comments on the proposal to extend the current Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) Regulatory Charging Policy 2016-2021 by a further two years until 31 March 2023. During this two year extension period the NIEA will undertake a comprehensive review of the current policy and develop a new policy in line with the legislative framework. This is in line with the Regulatory Transformation Programme. | 15 March 2021       |   |
|                     | <b>Link to Consultation</b>  | <a href="#">Public Consultation Paper Extension of the existing NIEA Regulatory Charging Policy from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023   Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (daera-ni.gov.uk)</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                  |   |