

<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
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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 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 Education	Every Child: The Department of Education's Corporate Plan 2023-28	This draft Corporate Plan will provide the Department with a clear strategic focus in the medium-to-long term. It outlines our priorities and will help us focus our efforts on making the best difference for children and young people in the context of finite resources.	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022			
					Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/department-educations-draft-2023-2028-corporate-plan">https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/department-educations-draft-2023-2028-corporate-plan</a>
					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
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NI Housing Executive	Draft Corporate Plan 2022/23 – 2024/25	The Housing Executive's draft corporate plan has six high level objectives, a three year high level action plan (detailing some key initiatives we will undertake in the coming years) and a one year business plan.	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022			
					Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations">https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations</a>
					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
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<b>Electoral Office NI</b>	<b>Consultation on Revised Disability and Equality Action Plans</b>	This consultation seeks view on EONI's draft Disability Action Plan and Equality Action Plan for the period 2022 – 2027.	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="http://www.eoni.org.uk/Utility/About-EONI/Consultations">http://www.eoni.org.uk/Utility/About-EONI/Consultations</a>		
	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	
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<b>Department of Justice</b>	<b>Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility (MACR)</b>	The current minimum age of (MACR) in Northern Ireland is 10 years old. Below this age, a child cannot be prosecuted or held liable for any criminal acts; above this age, they can face the full force of the law. NI's MACR is the lowest in Europe and substantially lower than 14 years, which the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child considers to be the very youngest age that a child should be held criminally liable.	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-increasing-minimum-age-criminal-responsibility-ni">https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-increasing-minimum-age-criminal-responsibility-ni</a>		
	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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<b>Southern Health and Social Care Trust</b>	<b>Inpatient Dementia Services Consultation</b>	This proposed future service model would see the creation of a specialist inpatient dementia unit within the Bluestone Mental	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2022	

		Health unit on the Craigavon Area Hospital site.		
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://southerntrust.hscni.net/involving-you/consultations/">https://southerntrust.hscni.net/involving-you/consultations/</a>		
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<b>Waterways Ireland</b>	<b>Draft Equality Action Plan 2023-2025 and Draft Disability Action Plan 2023-2025</b>	This consultation seeks view on Waterways Ireland draft Disability Action Plan and Equality Action Plan for the period 2022 – 2027.	10 January 2023	
	Link to Consultation	<a href="https://www.waterwaysireland.org/about-us/public-consultations">https://www.waterwaysireland.org/about-us/public-consultations</a>		
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