

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	25 th March 2021
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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 Council for comment.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is a consultee for many government departments and statutory agencies, and as such receives consultation documentation inviting commentary on a 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
Northern Ireland Assembly	Protection from Stalking Bill	Purpose of the Bill is to improve the operation of the justice system by creating a specific new offence of stalking that recognises the experience of victims and the behaviour associated with stalking. The Committee for Justice seeks commentary.	16 April 2021	
	Link to Consultation	http://nia1.me/4fm		
	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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Private Members Bill (Declan McAleer MLA)	Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC)	This consultation seeks views a Private Member's Bill which aims to develop to make Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) payment a legal requirement in line with existing legislative powers in Schedule 6 of the Agriculture Act 2020.	6 th April 2021	
	Link to Consultation	www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R7B5RXM		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?			

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SONI Limited	Shaping Our Electricity Future	Views are sought on SONI's four draft approaches to ensuring at least 70% of Northern Ireland's electricity comes from renewable sources by 2030.	12 noon on 14 June 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://consult.soni.ltd.uk/consultation/public-consultation-shaping-our-electricity-future		
	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	