

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	Thursday 27 th May 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 District 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 wide 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
Department of Education	Review of Pre-School Admission Socially Disadvantaged Circumstances Criterion	This consultation invites views on the current legislative requirement that all pre-school education settings must prioritise children from 'socially disadvantaged circumstances' in their admission criteria. It also invites views on the implications of standardising pre-school education session times.	16 th July 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/de-early-years-group/pre-school-education-review-of-the-statutory-admis		
	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	
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Dept. for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (NI Environment Agency)	Consultation on the Draft third cycle River Basin Management Plan 2021-2027	The draft plan provides an update on the health of the water environment (the status of water bodies) and sets targets (objectives) and actions (programme of measures) on how we want to improve our water environment in the next six years. The draft plan covers the North-Western, Neagh Bann and North Eastern river basin districts (RBD) and includes detailed status updates on each RBD.	10th October 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-3rd-cycle-river-basin-management-plan-2021-2027		

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Ulster Scots Agency	Disability Action Plan 2021-2025	This consultation seeks views on the Ulster-Scots Agency's draft Disability Action Plan.	3 rd August 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/oD73CJygnuZ3ngfVWy-c?domain=ulsterscotsagency.com/		
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Department for Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs	Consultation on a proposal to revoke the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (Abolition of the Agricultural Wages Board)	This consultation sets out a proposal by the Agriculture Minister to revoke the Agricultural Wages (Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977, which would abolish the Agricultural Wages Board in Northern Ireland, subject to agreement by the NI Executive and passage through the Assembly.	8 th July 2021	
	Link to Consultation	http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/revoke-agricultural-wages-regulation-northern-ireland-order-1977		
	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	