

<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 16 December 2021
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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 District 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>
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Education	Consultation on Deferring School Starting Age	This relates to the age a child should start statutory education in Year One of primary school. It seeks views on proposals to introduce flexibility in starting age for the youngest children in the year group born between 1 April and 1 July. It seeks views on how it will impact pre-school provision for deferred children	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-deferring-school-starting-age">https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-deferring-school-starting-age</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		
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Department for Infrastructure	Consultation on making careless driving a fixed penalty notice offence	This consultation is to assess the current enforcement regime for careless driving and consider how this might be improved with the introduction of a new fixed penalty.	18 January 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-consider-making-careless-driving-fixed-penalty-notice-offence">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-consider-making-careless-driving-fixed-penalty-notice-offence</a>		
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DAERA	Audit of Inequalities 2021-2025 and the draft Action Plan	This consultation relates to DAERA's Audit of Inequalities and associated action plan.	8 March 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/consultations</a>		
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Department for Infrastructure	Strategic Rail Review	Review will consider how the rail network on the island of Ireland can improve to promote sustainable connectivity into, and between, the major cities, enhance regional accessibility and support balanced regional development.	21 January 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-paper-all-island-strategic-rail-review">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-paper-all-island-strategic-rail-review</a>		
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NI Ambulance Service	Consultation on Principle of Introducing Body Worn Video for the Purposes of Violence Prevention & Reduction Against Staff	After significant consideration NIAS believes in principle that the introduction of BWV is a proportionate and reasonable proposal to help reduce harm to staff,	14 February 2022	

		and to assist in due process investigation and if necessary prosecution of offenders.		
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="http://www.nias.hscni.net/">http://www.nias.hscni.net/</a>		
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Executive Office (NI Assembly)	Refugee Integration Strategy for Northern Ireland 2022-2027	<p>The Executive Office are seeking views on the draft Refugee Integration Strategy to ensure the final Strategy is one that focuses all the efforts on the support required to enable integration.</p> <p>Online Consultation events are being held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 11 January 2022 @10.00am</li> <li>• Tuesday 8 February 2022 @ 10.00 am</li> </ul> <p>(links to join available from Corporate Policy &amp; Equality Officer)</p>	21 Feb 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/teo/refugee-integration-strategy-for-northern-ireland">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/teo/refugee-integration-strategy-for-northern-ireland</a>		
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<b>DAERA</b>	<b>Green Growth Strategy draft EQIA consultation</b>	This strategy aims to balance climate, environment and the economy. It sets out an ambitious vision and a framework for delivery with which all other NI government policies and strategies must align One of the Executive's commitments, within the draft strategy is to ensure a Just Transition, and is reflected in the Screening of the draft Strategy	11.59pm on 23 February 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/daera/draft-green-growth-strategy-equality-impact-assess">https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/daera/draft-green-growth-strategy-equality-impact-assess</a>		
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