

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	22 nd July 2021
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	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 Time	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
DAERA	Consultation on the Introduction of Additional Animal Welfare Protections for Service Animals in NI (Finn's Law)	Service animals often need to restrain suspects or use their physical presence to support the actions of an officer acting in accordance with his or her duty. There is, however, currently no account taken of the role performed by service animals in the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. The aim proposed legislative change is to ensure that law demonstrates regard for the vital role that service dogs play in protecting the community in Northern Ireland and they are provided with same level of protection as they are afforded elsewhere in the UK.	11 th August 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations		
	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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DAERA	Call for Evidence on a Plan to Eliminate Plastic Pollution in NI	Public Call for Evidence sets out the purpose and scope of the plan to eliminate plastic pollution and its responses will help inform the development of plan to	1 st October 2021	

		eliminate plastic pollution in Northern Ireland.		
	Link to Consultation	https://forms.office.com/r/ek31MgR746		
	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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NILGOSC	Consultation on NILGOSC's Vision, Mission, Strategic Aims and Objectives	NILGOSC is currently carrying out a consultation on the draft statement of its Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Aims and Objectives and would like to give you the opportunity to comment and help shape the service that we provide.	10 September 2021	
	Link to Consultation	www.nilgosc.org.uk		
	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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Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	Consultation on LCCC Draft Equality Action Plan 2021-25	Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council has launched a public consultation on a draft Equality Action Plan for the period 2021–2025.	17 September 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/news/draft-equality-action-plan		
	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	