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| Report on | Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council |
| Date of Meeting | 22 nd April 2021 |
| Reporting Officer | Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services |
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| Is this report restricted for confidential business? | Yes | |
| If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon | No | x |

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| 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 |
| | Appendix A: Details of Current Consultations |

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| Organisation | Consultation Title | Issue | Closing Date | Response Currently Being Developed |
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| Department for Communities | Sport and Physical Activity Strategy | Department for Communities is consulting on the development of a new Sport and Physical Activity Strategy for Northern Ireland to cover the next 10 years and beyond. The new Strategy is being developed by the Department for Communities acting on behalf of all the departments of the Northern Ireland Executive. The aim is to provide a flexible strategic framework for a cross-departmental, ambitious, and comprehensive approach to promoting participation and excellence in sport and physical activity. | 23 April 2021 | Draft response prepared for April Development Committee |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-new-strategy-sport-and-physical-activity | | |
| | 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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| The Department for the Economy | Restoring Trust in Audit and Corporate Governance | This white paper is seeking views on proposals to strengthen the UK's framework for major companies and the way they are audited. | 8 July 2021 | |

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| | Link to Consultation | https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/restoring-trust-in-audit-and-corporate-governance-proposals-on-reforms | | |
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| DAERA | Disability Action Plan 2019-2024 | DAERA would welcome your comments on the proposed action measures in the Disability Action Plan or views on other ways in which the commitment to the disability duties could be better demonstrated. | 4 July 2021 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera/consultation-on-the-daera-disability-action-plan-2/consult_view/ | | |
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| SEUPB | PEACE PLUS Programme Public Consultation | SEUPB are seeking your view on the draft content of the European Union funded PEACE PLUS Programme (2021-2027), worth approximately €1bn. It has been designed following a comprehensive cross border stakeholder engagement process, early last year. | 12 May 2021 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://seupb.eu/PEACEPLUS | | |
| | 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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| Department for the Economy | Restoring trust in audit and Corporate Governance | In this white paper, views are requested on proposals to strengthen the UK's framework for major companies and the way they are audited. The proposals set out how: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting on their governance and finances • reporting should be audited audit and the audit market should change • these should be overseen by a new regulator | 11:45pm on 8 July 2021 | |
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| | Link to Consultation | https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/restoring-trust-in-audit-and-corporate-governance-proposals-on-reforms | | |
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| Department for the Economy | Policy Options Consultation for the new Energy Strategy | This consultation builds on the evidence received and the key issues identified through the Call for Evidence process. Five working groups covering energy efficiency, heat, power, transport and consumers were established to review the Call for Evidence responses, contribute additional evidence and help to identify and shortlist potential policy options. | 5pm on 30 June 2021 | |
| | Link to Consultation | www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/energy-strategy-northern-ireland | | |
| | 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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| Department of Health | Duty of Candour & Being Open | The Department of Health is consulting on policy proposals to enact a statutory Duty of Candour in Northern Ireland, developed by the Duty of Candour Workstream and its Being Open Subgroup as part of the Hyponatraemia Implementation Programme. | 5pm on 2nd August 2021 | |
| | Link to Consultation | https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/duty-of-candour | | |
| | 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 | |