

<b>Report on</b>	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<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 Communities	<b>Consultation on National Lottery Heritage Fund Policy Directions</b>	The Department for Communities has set out draft policy directions for NI for the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of all interested parties on the Department's proposal.	25 April 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-national-lottery-heritage-fund-policy-directions">https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-national-lottery-heritage-fund-policy-directions</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 of Health	<b>Consultation on Minimum Unit Pricing for Alcohol in NI</b>	This consultation relates to the introduction of Minimum Unit Pricing for Alcohol in NI. This was a specific commitment in the new 10-year substance use strategy "Preventing Harm and Empowering Recovery: A Strategic Framework to Tackle the Harm from Substance Use" which was launched in September 21.	17 May 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="http://www.health-ni.gov.uk/MUP-consultation">www.health-ni.gov.uk/MUP-consultation</a>		
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Department for the Economy	<b>Consultation on Proposals to Raise the Eligibility for the Debt Relief Scheme</b>	The consultation deals with proposals to increase the monetary eligibility limits for the Northern Ireland Debt Relief scheme in line with increases to the limits applying under a similar scheme in operation in England and Wales.	28 April 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-increases-monetary-eligibility-limits-debt-relief-orders-northern-ireland">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-increases-monetary-eligibility-limits-debt-relief-orders-northern-ireland</a>		
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Department of Justice	<b>Public Consultation on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking</b>	This consultation focuses on the development of further measures to tackle modern slavery and human trafficking.	27 May 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-measures-strengthen-response-modern-slavery-and-human-trafficking">https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-measures-strengthen-response-modern-slavery-and-human-trafficking</a>		
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Department for Infrastructure	<b>Consultation on Water, Flooding and Sustainable Drainage</b>	There are nine topics included within this consultation covering a range of proposed new or amended powers for the Department and NI Water.	3rd June 2022	
	<b>Link to Consultation</b>	<a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/water-flooding-and-sustainable-drainage-consultation">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/water-flooding-and-sustainable-drainage-consultation</a>		
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