

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	24 th June 2021
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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
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department for Communities	Housing Supply Strategy: Call for Evidence	This Call for Evidence is the first stage in an ongoing public engagement process to help inform the development of a new Housing Supply Strategy being developed by the Department. The document sets out current understanding of the evidence available in relation to housing.	16 July 2021	Yes
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc-psu/housing-supply-strategy-call-for-evidence		
	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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Northern Health and Social Care Trust	Refurbishment of the Robinson Memorial Community Hospital	This consultation is in relation to the modernisation of the Robinson Community Hospital in Ballymoney.	20 August 2021	
	Link to Consultation	http://www.northerntrust.hscni.net/about-the-trust/involving-you/consultations/consultation-on-refurbishment-of-the-robinson-memorial-community-hospital/		
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DAERA	Proposed amendments to The Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) Order (NI) 2011	This review relates to a proposed legislative amendment of the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) Order (NI) 2011 (The Exempted Activities Order)	30 July 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-amendments-marine-licensing-exempted-activities-order-northern-ireland-2011		
	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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DAERA	Consultation on proposed changes to the Carrier Bag Levy	<p>This consultation seeks views on proposals to the current arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Removing exemption for bags which are sold to customers for a sum of not less than 20p each. •Removing exemption for gusseted liners used to line or cover boxes, crates or other containers of a similar nature. Removing the exemption for bags used on board ships, trains, aircraft, coaches, buses and in areas designated as security restricted (with the exception of Security Tamper Evident Bags). Removing the exemption for bags made wholly from paper with no gusset or handle and with max. dimensions of 175mm x 260mm. 	27 July 2021	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Removing exemption for bags made wholly from plastic, with no gusset or handle with maximum dimensions of 125mm x 125mm. •Removing exemption for bags made wholly from paper, with no handle with maximum dimensions of 80mm (wide) x 50mm (gusset width) x 155mm (height). •Introducing an exemption for bags of any material with no handle, to include a gusset width no greater than 50mm and mx. dimensions of 125mm x 155mm 		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-proposed-changes-carrier-bag-levy		
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NIE Networks	Facilitation of Energy Storage Services (FESS)	The Facilitation of Energy Storage Services (FESS) project is developing a framework to enable integration of customer owned energy storage into the NI network This puts forward questions that aim to gauge stakeholders' opinion of the specific solutions put forward in the FESS programme of work and of the project as a whole.	16 July 2021	

	Link to Consultation	https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/future-networks/level2/our-innovation-projects/fess		
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NI Public Services Ombudsman	Consultation on complaints handling standards for the Northern Ireland public sector	This consultation is seeking views on plans to improve complaints handling across the public sector in Northern Ireland.	2 September 2021	
	Link to Consultation	https://nipso.org.uk/nipso/publications/complaints-handling-consultation/		
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