

Report on	Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council
Date of Meeting	28 February 2019
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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, statutory agencies and other bodies, 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
DAERA/NIEA	Water Framework Directive 3rd Cycle Timeline Consultation	This document initiates and outlines the consultation process under which the third River Basin Management Plans for Northern Ireland will be produced. NIEA (Northern Ireland Environment Agency) are undertaking this consultation to enable and encourage participation in the river basin management planning process.	22 June 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/river-basin-planning-3rd-cycle-timeline-consultation		
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Draft Corporate Improvement Plan 2019/20	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is seeking views on its draft Corporate Improvement Plan 2019/20	19 March 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/consultations/closed-consultations-2/		
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Department for Infrastructure	Consulting on a draft Timetable and Work Programme for the Preparation of the	The purpose of this consultation is to outline the proposed works programme for	28 June 2019	

	Northern Ireland Flood Risk Management Plan (2021 – 2027)	preparation of the 2021-2027 Flood Management		
	Link to Consultation	https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/timetable-and-work-programme		
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DAERA	Scoping a New Forestry Plan for North West Forests and Woodland	Forest Service has invited Council to participate in the scoping of a new forestry plan in relation to forests and woodland in the North West Forestry Planning Area.	1 March 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/scoping-new-forestry-plan-north-west-area-forests-and-woodland The survey can be found in Citizen Space: https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-forest-service/scoping-a-new-forestry-plan-for-north-west		
	Delegated Authority required to be granted to a Committee if Council agrees that a response should be made (where an extension is not given)?			
Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Justice	Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members to Policing and Community Safety Partnerships and District ~ Review	The consultation seeks comments on the current Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members to Policing and Community Safety Partnerships and District Policing and Community Safety Partnerships in order to provide an assurance that this is fit for purpose.	4 April 2019	

	Link to Consultation	https://www.pcsp.org/sites/pcsp/files/media-files/doj-code-of-practice-on-appointment-of-independent-members.pdf		
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Fermanagh and Omagh District Council	Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy – Public Consultation on site specific policy representations	This consultation advises that the Council will publish all representations received in order to allow counter representations on site specific policy representations to be made.	11 April 2019	
	Link to Consultation	www.fermanaghomagh.com		
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Organisation	Consultation Title	Issue	Closing Date	Response Currently Being Developed
Department of Justice	Child Sexual Exploitation	<p>This consultation paper focuses on a review of the law which protects children from sexual exploitation and abuse.</p> <p>The consultation looks at existing criminal law relating to a number of specific areas including: indecent images of children; grooming and on-line exploitation; child abduction; child sex dolls and sexual offences involving abuse of trust, as well as proposals to introduce additional measures to assist with 'upskirting' and strengthening police</p>	16 April 2019	

		powers to prevent and stop exploitation and abuse.		
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/review-of-the-law-on-child-sexual-exploitation		
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DAERA	Higher Education Tuition Fees at the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE)	The Department undertook a Review of CAFRE Higher Education Tuition Fees in 2017/18. The review found a disparity in the level of fees charged for different degree programmes at CAFRE, as well as differences in the amount charged to CAFRE students compared with students studying for degrees at Further Education Colleges and universities elsewhere in Northern Ireland. A subsequent focus group in June 2018 identified a range of potential policy options for future HE Tuition Fee policy at CAFRE and these have been used to form the basis of stakeholder engagement.	12 April 2019	
	Link to Consultation	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera-cap-policy-economics-and-statistics-division/daera-review-of-higher-education-tuition-fees-1		
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