

**CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 5 January 2021**

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>	<b>DAERA Consultation on Proposal to Introduce a Protein Crops Payment Pilot Scheme for 2021</b>	<b>15 January 2021</b>
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Protein crop production (peas, beans and sweet lupins) has traditionally been very limited in Northern Ireland. These crops are grown primarily to provide a break in cereal crop rotations which can have the effect of reducing soil borne cereal disease burdens and increasing soil nitrogen levels.</p> <p>Northern Ireland is currently almost totally dependent on imported soya and other proteins in the manufacture of animal feed. In 2019, the use of soya alone in feedstuffs manufacture was 369,000 tonnes and adding other high protein animal feeds brings this total to over half a million tonnes. A Protein Crops Payment Pilot Scheme is proposed to be introduced in the context of Northern Ireland’s continued dependence on imported plant protein and will also encourage best practice in crop rotation, pest management and crop diversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/daera-consultation-proposal-introduce-protein-crops-payment-pilot-scheme-2021">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/daera-consultation-proposal-introduce-protein-crops-payment-pilot-scheme-2021</a></li> </ul>		
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<b>2.</b>	<b>Education Authority</b>	<b>Consultation on draft SEN Regulations</b>	<b>19 January 2021</b>

	<p><b>Summary</b> The focus of this consultation is on the new SEN Regulations. A full copy of the consultation document and the new draft Regulations as well as other related documents including a summary guide for parents and young people and an easy read version for younger children are provided below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-sen-regulations">https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-sen-regulations</a></li> </ul>		
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3.	Education Authority	Consultation on draft SEN Code of Practice	19 January 2021
	<p><b>Summary</b> The focus of this consultation is on the new Code of Practice.</p> <p>The completion of a Personal Learning Plan (PLP) for each child with SEN is a key element of the proposed new SEN Framework. Some samples of PLPs are attached which may help inform your response to the question relating to the new PLP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-sen-code-practice">https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-sen-code-practice</a></li> </ul>		
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4.	Education Authority	<p><b>Public Consultation on the Draft Special Schools Area Planning Framework and</b></p> <p><b>Public Consultation on the Draft Framework for Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools and Draft Framework for Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools - Pilot</b></p>	11 February 2021
	<p>The Education Authority (EA) is seeking your views on the <i>Draft Special Schools Area Planning Framework</i> which advocates a consistent model across all areas of Northern Ireland that would see all special schools provide 3-19 provision in the same school.</p>		

	<p>The Education Authority (EA) is seeking your views on the <i>Draft Framework for Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools</i>, which focuses on increasing the number of specialist provisions in mainstream primary and post primary schools. This framework also contains a proposal to pilot a new process to significantly speed up the establishment of specialist provision in mainstream schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations">https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations</a></li> </ul>		
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5.	Department of Justice	Enhancing Legal Protections for Victims of Domestic Abuse	12 February 2021
	<p><b>Summary</b> We would welcome your views on proposals for creating new Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Protection Orders aimed at enhancing the protection available to victims of domestic abuse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/enhancing-legal-protections/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/enhancing-legal-protections/</a></li> </ul>		
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6.	Department of Health	Public Consultation – Introduction of a Statutory Soft Opt-Out System For Organ Donation	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	<p><b>Summary</b> The Consultation has been published by the Department of Health in order to consult the public about proposals to change the current system of consent for organ donation in Northern Ireland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/organ-donation">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/organ-donation</a></li> </ul>		
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7.	The Department of Justice	Consultation on codes of practice issued under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002	1 February 2021

	<p><b>The Home Office</b></p>	<p><b>Draft codes of practice issued under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002: amendments to codes to reflect the Criminal Finances Act 2017 in Northern Ireland</b></p>	<p><b>23 January 2021</b></p>
	<p><b>The Office of the Attorney General and Advocate General for Northern Ireland</b></p>	<p><b>Consultation on amendments to the Attorney General's Code of Practice issued under Section 377A of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002</b></p>	<p><b>23 January 2021</b></p>
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The Department of Justice is working with the Home Office to commence the remainder of the Criminal Finances Act 2017 (CFA 2017) in Northern Ireland in 2021. Before the commencement of the relevant provisions, the following nine Codes of Practice issued under POCA need to be revised to reflect some of the provisions introduced under the CFA 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two <i>Search, Seizure and Detention of Property</i> Codes of Practice issued under s.195S and s.195T of POCA;</li> <li>• Two <i>Recovery of Cash: Search Powers</i> Codes of Practice issued under s.292 and s.293A of POCA;</li> <li>• Three <i>Investigations</i> Codes of Practice issued under section 377, s.377A and s.377ZA of POCA; and</li> <li>• Two <i>Recovery of Listed Assets: Search Powers</i> Codes of Practice issued under s.303G and s.303I of POCA.</li> </ul> <p>The POCA Codes of Practice provide operational guidance on the exercise of the relevant powers. The consultations are open to all. Responses are particularly welcome from agencies or individuals (law enforcement officers, accredited financial investigators or prosecutors) accredited with the relevant powers under POCA.</p> <p><b><u>The Department of Justice consultation</u></b></p> <p>The Department of Justice is consulting on the s.195T, the s.293A, the s.377ZA and the s.303I codes. The codes provide guidance on the exercise of the relevant powers in Northern Ireland by constables and accredited financial investigators. The consultation papers are on the NI Government online consultation hub portal and on the Departmental website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/codes-of-practice-for-northern-ireland-issued-unde/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj-corporate-secretariat/codes-of-practice-for-northern-ireland-issued-unde/</a> AND <a href="https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-codes-practice-issued-under-proceeds-crime-act-2002">https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-codes-practice-issued-under-proceeds-crime-act-2002</a></li> </ul>		

**The Home Office consultation:**

The Home Office is consulting on the s.195S, the s.292, the s.377 and the s.303G codes. The codes provide guidance on the exercise of the relevant powers in England, Wales and in Northern Ireland (in respect of Northern Ireland these codes apply to UK agencies operating here). The consultation papers are on the GOV.UK website:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-codes-of-practice-issued-under-the-proceeds-of-crime-act-2002-amendments-to-codes-to-reflect-the-criminal-finances-act-2017-in-northern-ireland>

**The Office of the Attorney General and Advocate General for Northern Ireland:**

The Office of the Attorney General and Advocate General for Northern Ireland is consulting on the s.377A code. The Code provides guidance for prosecutors in England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the exercise of the investigation powers in Chapter 2 Part 8 of POCA. The consultation papers are on the GOV.UK website:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-amendments-to-the-attorney-generals-code-of-practice-issued-under-section-377a-of-the-proceeds-of-crime-act-2002>

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8.	Loughs Agency	Disability Action (2020-2023)	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
	<b>Summary</b> During 2019-20 Loughs Agency reviewed its Disability Action Plan. The new three-year Disability Action Plan (2020-2023), sets out the steps the Agency is taking to address any issues concerning disability. This Plan was developed following a review of the previous Disability Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://www.loughs-agency.org/about-us/consultations/">https://www.loughs-agency.org/about-us/consultations/</a></li></ul>		
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9.	Invest NI	Invest NI Equality Screening and Rural Needs Assessment Consultation	12 March 2021

	<p><b>Summary</b> Invest Northern Ireland (Invest NI) is committed to achieving a successful economy in Northern Ireland which will provide equal opportunities for all. It is fully mindful of its responsibilities across the spectrum of Section 75, Equality of Opportunity and the Lifetime Opportunities Strategy.</p> <p>We are therefore pleased to invite you to view our most recent policy and programme equality screening forms and rural needs assessments.</p> <p>Equality Screening Going Dutch Programme Data Purchase Grant Process and Organisational Improvement Grant Scheme COVID-19 Productive Investment Capital Grant</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessments Going Dutch Data Purchase Grant Process and Organisational Improvement Grant Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.investni.com/about-us/our-approach/equality-commitment.html">http://www.investni.com/about-us/our-approach/equality-commitment.html</a></li> </ul>		
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10.	Department of Health	Consultation on the Draft Mental Health Strategy 2021-2031	26 March 2021
	<p><b>Summary</b> The Department of Health is consulting on a draft ten year Mental Health Strategy designed to improve mental health outcomes for people in Northern Ireland. The draft Strategy sets out a new vision for mental health in Northern Ireland, as well as 29 high-level actions to take forward significant strategic change over the next decade. We would welcome your views on the draft Strategy during this consultation period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/mentalhealthstrategy">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/mentalhealthstrategy</a></li> </ul>		

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11.	Department for Infrastructure	Consultation on draft Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 second cycle	25 June 2021
	<p><b>Summary</b>  The Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 is an important step in the implementation of the Water Environment (Floods Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009, commonly known as the Floods Directive Regulations. The aim of these Regulations is to establish a framework that will contribute to reducing the impact of flooding on communities and the environment.</p> <p>This draft Plan sets out Objectives and Measures for the second 6-year cycle between 2021 and 2027, primarily focusing on Areas of Potential Significant Flood Risk in Northern Ireland. The Consultation documents also include a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Habitats Regulatory Assessment (HRA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-flood-risk-management-plan-2021-2027-second-cycle">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-flood-risk-management-plan-2021-2027-second-cycle</a></li> </ul>		
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12.	Department for Infrastructure	Consultation on draft Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 second cycle	25 June 2021
	<p><b>Summary</b>  The Department for Infrastructure (Dfi) is the competent authority for the preparation of the Northern Ireland Flood Risk Management Plan 2021 – 2027. This is the second cycle of flood risk management planning under the Floods Directive, as implemented through ‘The Water Environment (Floods Directive) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009’ and amendments.</p> <p>The Department would like your views on the published draft second cycle Northern Ireland Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 and associated environmental reports, before they are finalised, and has opened a consultation on this information from 22 December 2020 until 25 June 2021.</p>		

	<p>This draft Plan sets out Objectives and Measures for the second 6-year cycle, between 2021 and 2027, primarily focusing on Areas of Potential Significant Flood Risk in Northern Ireland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-flood-risk-management-plan-2021-2027-second-cycle">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-flood-risk-management-plan-2021-2027-second-cycle</a></li> </ul>
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1.	Department of Finance	Holiday Pay - Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)	Available for <a href="#">Download</a>
2.	Housing Executive	Fundamental Review of Social Housing Allocations Outcome Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Home/News/Fundamental-Review-of-Social-Housing-Allocations">https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Home/News/Fundamental-Review-of-Social-Housing-Allocations</a></li> </ul>	Available to view

**Open Consultations (previously Listed)**

- Department of Justice, Public Consultation on a draft 2021/22 Modern Slavery Strategy for Northern Ireland, submission by 07 January 2021
- Department of Health, Establishment of a Regional care and Justice Campus, submission by 15 January 2021
- DoH Health Development Policy Branch, Making Life Better – Preventing Harm and Empowering Recovery: A Strategic Framework to Tackle the Harm from Substance Use – A Public Consultation 5 February 2021