

**CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 4 May 2021**

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| <b>1.</b> | Newry, Mourne & Down District Council   | Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2021-21 | <b>10 May 2021</b>   |
|           | <p><b>Summary</b><br/>The Local Government Act (NI) 2014 sets out a General Duty of Improvement for local government, whereby all District Councils are required to put in place arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of their functions. As part of this duty, the Council is required to set performance improvement objectives for the services it provides and to have in place arrangements to achieve these objectives.</p> <p>Performance improvement objectives should focus on enhancing the sustainable quality of life and environment for communities and ratepayers, and demonstrate clear links with the Community Plan and Corporate Plan. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is keen to ensure that the performance improvement objectives will have a positive impact on the quality of life for all stakeholders across the District, including citizens, local businesses, Elected Members and partner organisations across the statutory, voluntary and community sectors.</p> <p>➤ <a href="https://www.newrymournedown.org/performance">https://www.newrymournedown.org/performance</a></p> |  |                      |
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| <b>2.</b> | DAERA   | Packaging and Packaging Waste                    | <b>4 June 2021</b>   |
|           | <p><b>Summary</b><br/>Packaging and packaging waste: introducing Extended Producer Responsibility</p>   |  |                      |

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|    | <p>➤ <a href="https://consult.defra.gov.uk/extended-producer-responsibility/extended-producer-responsibility-for-packaging">https://consult.defra.gov.uk/extended-producer-responsibility/extended-producer-responsibility-for-packaging</a></p>   |  |                      |
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| 3. | DAERA  | Introduction of a deposit return scheme in Northern Ireland, England and Wales | 4 June 2021          |
|    | <p><b>Summary</b><br/>Introduction of a deposit return scheme in Northern Ireland, England and Wales</p> <p>➤ <a href="https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environment/consultation-on-introducing-a-drs/">https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environment/consultation-on-introducing-a-drs/</a></p>  |  |                      |
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| 4. | Independent Monitoring Authority   | Northern Ireland Equality Scheme   | 7 June 2021          |
|    | <p><b>Summary</b><br/>The Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements (IMA) monitors public bodies to make sure they are upholding the rights of EU and EEA EFTA citizens in the UK and Gibraltar.</p> <p>This means that we work across Northern Ireland and we need, therefore, to consult with all our staff, partners and stakeholders on our Northern Ireland Equality Scheme and how it meets our statutory duty to comply with Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.</p> <p>➤ <a href="https://ima-citizensrights.org.uk/?s=consultation">https://ima-citizensrights.org.uk/?s=consultation</a></p> |  |                      |

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| 5.  | Department of Communities | Occupation Pension Schemes | 16 June       |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>           Consideration of social risks and opportunities by occupational pension schemes</p> <p>The aim of the consultation is to gather evidence to assess how trustees of these schemes understand social factors and how they seek to integrate considerations of financially material social factors into their investment and stewardship activities.</p> <p>➤ <a href="https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a></p> |                           |                            |               |

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| 6.   | Department of Environment | Energy Strategy for Northern Ireland – Consultation on policy options | 30 June 2021  |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>           The Department for the Economy has launched its Policy Options Consultation for the new Energy Strategy. This consultation represents a key milestone in the development of a new Energy Strategy.</p> <p>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. An expert panel was also established to provide external insight and challenge to the development of this consultation.</p> <p>➤ <a href="http://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/energy-strategy-northern-ireland">www.economy-ni.gov.uk/consultations/energy-strategy-northern-ireland</a></p> |                           |   |               |

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| 7.   | DAERA         | Consultation on the DAERA Disability Action Plan 2019-2024 | 4 July 2021   |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>           DAERA are currently consulting on the DAERA Disability Action Plan 2019-2024. This was initially delayed following advice from ECNI due to the situation with COVID-19 but on reassessment we have decided to press ahead.</p> <p>➤ <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera/consultation-on-the-daera-disability-action-plan-2/consult_view/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera/consultation-on-the-daera-disability-action-plan-2/consult_view/</a></p> |               |  |               |

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| 8.  | Department for Education | Consultation on Review of Pre-School Admission Socially Disadvantaged Circumstances Criterion | 16 July 2021  |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/>           The Department of Education has today launched a public consultation seeking views on reviewing the current requirement established in law that all pre-school education settings must prioritise children from 'socially disadvantaged circumstances' in their admissions criteria. All of the relevant documents are available on the DE website, however, a copy of the main consultation document is attached to this email for your consideration.</p> <p>➤ <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/de-early-years-group/pre-school-education-review-of-the-statutory-admis">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/de-early-years-group/pre-school-education-review-of-the-statutory-admis</a></p> |                          |   |               |

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| 9.  | Department of Health | Duty of Candour and Being Open | 2 August 2021 |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/> The Department of Health invites you to respond to the consultation on the policy proposals to enact a statutory duty of Candour in health and social care services in Northern Ireland</p> <p>➤ <a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/duty-of-candour">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/duty-of-candour</a></p> |                      |                                |               |

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| 10.  | DAERA         | Consultation on the Draft third cycle River Basin Management Plan 2021-2027 | 10 October 2021 |
| <p><b>Summary</b><br/> The Department has published the Draft River Basin Management Plan for the 3rd cycle period which runs from 2021-2027.</p> <p>The draft plan provides an update on the health of Northern Ireland's water environment (the status of water bodies) and sets out our targets (objectives) and actions (programme of measures) on how we want to improve our water environment in the next six years. The draft plan covers the North-Western, Neagh Bann and North Eastern river basin districts (RBD) and includes detailed status updates on each RBD.</p> <p>This public consultation gives you the opportunity to give your views, ideas and support for making the step changes required to protect and restore our water environment.</p> <p>➤ <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-3rd-cycle-river-basin-management-plan-2021-2027">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-3rd-cycle-river-basin-management-plan-2021-2027</a></p> |               |   |                 |

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| 1. | Department of Health      | Advance Care Planning Policy For Northern Ireland (For Adults) | <a href="#">View</a> |
| 2. | Department of Communities | Definition of Affordable Housing                               | <a href="#">View</a> |

### **Open Consultations (previously Listed)**

- Invest NI - Equality Screening and Rural Needs Consultation - Invest Northern Ireland is committed to achieving a successful economy in Northern Ireland which will provide equal opportunities for all. It is fully mindful of its responsibilities, submission by 1 June
- Department of Economy - SONI Consultation and New £40m Industrial Energy Transformation Fund, submission by 14 June
- Department for Infrastructure, Consultation on draft Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 second cycle, submission by 25 June 2021;