

**CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 1 February 2022**

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1.	Department of Health	Development of a Bereavement Charter for N.I. - invitation to participate in a short survey	7 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
	<p><b>Summary</b>            The Department of Health developed and finalised the report “COVID-19 Guidance Bereavement Advice and Support” in 2021, with 7 recommendations. As a first stage of the work, the Patient and Client Council (PCC) are taking forward the development of a Bereavement Charter for NI as part of the NI Bereavement Network. To help begin the wider societal conversation needed for the development of a Bereavement Charter for NI, the PCC are now conducting a survey to help understand what matters most to the people of Northern Ireland when considering death, bereavement and grief. This survey encompasses all experiences and is not limited to life-limiting conditions or expected deaths. The survey can be completed by following the link below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc/7f44400c/">https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc/7f44400c/</a></li> </ul>		
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2.	Department for the Economy (DfE)	Heat Network Consultation	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
	<p><b>Summary</b>            The Department for the Economy is seeking views on proposals to introduce new legislation that will provide greater consumer protections for people connected to heat networks and support the growth of the heat network sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/heat-networks-building-a-market-framework">Heat Networks - building a market framework   Department for the Economy (economy-ni.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>		

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3.	Local Government Boundaries Commissioner (LGBC)	Consultation on the Revised Recommendations of the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner (LGBC)	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>On 27th July 2021 the Commissioner published her Provisional Recommendations on the number, boundaries and names of the 11 local government districts and the number, boundaries of the wards into which each district is divided. The electoral data used to inform her provisional recommendations was captured on 4 January 2021. This date is known as the Enumeration Date. The public consultation on the Provisional Recommendations was open for 8 weeks and closed on 21 September 2021.</p> <p>On 18th January 2022 the Commissioner published her Revised Recommendations including maps in response to the written and oral submissions received on the Provisional Recommendations and taking into consideration the Assistant Commissioners' reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Consultation on the Revised Recommendations of the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner (LGBC) - NI Direct - Citizen Space</u></b></li> </ul>			
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4.	Department for the Economy	Consultation on Mineral Prospecting Licence Applications MPLA1/22 and MPLA2/22 for Dalradian Gold Limited	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<p><b>Note</b> Planning Committee are considering a visit to Dalradian Gold in February/March 2022.</p> <p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>In exercise of its powers under Section 11 of the Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, the Department for the Economy is consulting on its intention to grant two Mineral Prospecting Licences in Counties Tyrone and Londonderry to Dalradian Gold Limited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk">Intention to grant two Mineral Prospecting Licences MPLA1/22 and MPLA2/22   Department for the Economy (economy-ni.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>			

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5.	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)	Consultation on the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS)	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland, the UK Government, Scottish Government, and Welsh Government have launched a public consultation on the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS). A key component of the Fisheries Act 2020, the Joint Fisheries Statement sets out the legally binding policies the UK Government and Devolved Governments will follow, at a UK level and individually, as they work together to deliver world-class sustainable fisheries and aquaculture management.</p> <p>The consultation will welcome views from industry and environmental stakeholders, the public and all those interested and affected by the proposed policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-joint-fisheries-statement">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-joint-fisheries-statement</a></li> </ul>			

#### Available to view

	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	PUBLISHED
1.	Department for the Economy	Northern Ireland Energy Strategy Action Plan	• <a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/energy-strategy-action-plan">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/energy-strategy-action-plan</a>

#### Equality Screening Reports

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1.	Department of Finance	The Future Delivery of Housing Benefit (Rates) and Low Income Rate Relief (LIRR) for Owner Occupiers.	• <a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/equality-screening-future-delivery-housing-benefit-rates-and-low-income-rate-relief-owner-occupiers">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/equality-screening-future-delivery-housing-benefit-rates-and-low-income-rate-relief-owner-occupiers</a> .

2.	<b>Department for Communities</b>	Policies equality screened and published by the Department for Communities from 1st October – 31st December 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a></li> </ul>
3.	<b>Department of Education</b>	Equality Screenings Q/E December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Deferral of School Starting Age</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Northern Ireland Teachers' Pension Scheme: proposed changes to Scheme Regulations</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Protocol for Selection of Major Capital Works - December 2021</a></li> </ul>
4.	<b>Department of Finance</b>	Public Service Pensions – Amendments to the Cost Control Mechanism (Second LCM for the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/policy-screening-template-public-service-pensions-amendments-cost-control-mechanism-second-lcm">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/policy-screening-template-public-service-pensions-amendments-cost-control-mechanism-second-lcm</a></li> </ul>
5.	<b>Northern Ireland Civil Service</b>	The Northern Ireland Civil Service intend introducing a Menopause Policy over the coming months and have completed a screening document for the Equality Impact Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Equality Screening - NICS Menopause Policy   Department of Finance (finance-ni.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>

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

- Ulster University, Screening of New and Revised Policies, submission by 4 February 2022.
- Department for Communities (DfC), Consultation on the new housing supply strategy, submission by 9 February 2022
- Department of Finance, Public Consultation on Marriage Law, submission by 18 February 2022.
- Invest Northern Ireland, Invest NI Policy and Programme Equality Screenings, submission by 3rd March 2022
- Department of Health, Consultation on the Draft Advance Care Planning Policy for Adults in Northern Ireland and Draft Equality Impact Assessment, submission by 11 March 2022