

**CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 6 September 2022**

	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
1.	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy - Consultation on the Equality Impact Assessment	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The Department is seeking views on the Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) which has been carried out for the Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/northern-ireland-peatland-strategy-equality-impact-assessment">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/northern-ireland-peatland-strategy-equality-impact-assessment</a></li> </ul>		
2.	Waterways Ireland	Interim Equality Action Plan (2021-2022) and Interim Disability Action Plan (2022)	
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Waterways Ireland are about to commence development of their new 3 year Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-2025 and would welcome feedback and comments on the Plans or suggestions as to what you would like to see included in their next Equality and Disability Action Plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.waterwaysireland.org/about-us/public-consultations">https://www.waterwaysireland.org/about-us/public-consultations</a></li> </ul>		
3.	Northern Ireland Electricity	Cluster Methodology Review Consultation	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>In November 2020, NIE Networks' launched a Cluster Methodology Review Call for Evidence (CfE) to which stakeholder responses were received and reviewed. This CfE sought to gather evidence on aspects of the existing cluster methodology and</p>		

	<p>future considerations, including the connection of large customer and network demand into clusters. Following on from this CfE, NIE Networks now invites interested parties to respond to this follow up consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/about-us/regulation/cluster-methodology-review">https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/about-us/regulation/cluster-methodology-review</a></li> </ul>		
<b>4.</b>	<b>Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland</b>	<b>Consultation on HSENI's 2023-2028 Corporate Plan</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) is in the process of developing its seventh Corporate Plan (CP) to cover the period 2023-2028.</p> <p>As part of its consultation on the draft Plan, HSENI would welcome comments from any group, organisation or individual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc/consultation-exercise-on-the-main-proposals-for-in/">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc/consultation-exercise-on-the-main-proposals-for-in/</a></li> </ul>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Department of Health</b>	<b>Consultation on Violence and Aggression in the Workplace HSC Framework</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>This consultation invites people to express their views on the current draft of the Violence and Aggression in the Workplace HSC Framework document. This policy document is a governance framework for HSC organisations to facilitate development and review of reduction and prevention strategies in relation to managing incidents of violence and aggression towards their staff. Everyone with an interest is encouraged to read the policy document and respond to the consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-violence-and-aggression-workplace-hsc-framework">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-violence-and-aggression-workplace-hsc-framework</a></li> </ul>		
<b>6.</b>	<b>Department of Education</b>	<b>Consultation on Period Products (Free Provision) Regulations</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The Department of Education (DE) is consulting with its 'Public Service Bodies' and also welcomes views from its wider stakeholder base.</p>		

	<p>The Consultation relates to proposals for Regulations (secondary legislation) that DE has to have in place by 11 May 2023, under the Period Products (Free Provision) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.</p> <p>DE is not consulting on whether or not free period products should be widely available to the public - that is already provided for under the Act. The Regulations will be the first step in putting the law into place in DE's areas of responsibility, including schools, Education Other Than At School (EOTAS) settings, pupil referral units, statutory youth settings and office accommodation of specified 'Public Service Bodies'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/consultation_finder/?sort_on=iconsultable_modifieddate&amp;sort_order=descending&amp;advanced=&amp;keyword=department+of+education">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/consultation_finder/?sort_on=iconsultable_modifieddate&amp;sort_order=descending&amp;advanced=&amp;keyword=department+of+education</a></li> </ul>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority</b>	<b>Consultation on RQIA's Draft Strategic Plan 2022-27</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>
	<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>RQIA is seeking views on its Draft Strategic Plan 2022-27, through a 12 week public consultation, opening on 25 August 2022 and closing on 17 November 2022.</p> <p>This consultation sets out to engage with all stakeholders on the core purpose of RQIA, our strategic objectives as Regulator, and actions we plan to take to deliver on those objectives.</p> <p>Consultation documents can be accessed on the website at: <a href="http://www.rqia.org.uk">www.rqia.org.uk</a></p>		

## Equality Screening Reports

	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	PUBLISHED
1.	Department of Finance	EQIA Screening Document for Starting Pay on Appointment Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/eqia-screening-document-starting-pay-appointment-policy">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/eqia-screening-document-starting-pay-appointment-policy</a></li> </ul>
2.	Department of Finance	EQIA Screening Document for Starting Pay on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/eqia-screening-document-starting-pay-transfer-new-substantive-grade-policy">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/publications/eqia-screening-document-starting-pay-transfer-new-substantive-grade-policy</a></li> </ul>

		Transfer to a New Substantive Grade Policy	
3.	<b>Translink</b>	Equality Screening Reports for April-June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.translink.co.uk/corporate/publicationsanddocuments/nithcreports">https://www.translink.co.uk/corporate/publicationsanddocuments/nithcreports</a></li> </ul>
4.	<b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>	DAERA Quarterly Screening Report April-June 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/equality-screening-2022">Equality Screening 2022   Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (daera-ni.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>
5.	<b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>	DAERA's Annual Progress Report for 2021/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/annual-progress-reports-equality-commission-daera">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/annual-progress-reports-equality-commission-daera</a></li> </ul>

**Open Consultations (previously Listed)**

- The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority Consultation on Proposal to Publish RQIA Inspection Reports Relating to Children's Services, submission by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022