

**CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 7 June 2023**

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1.	<b>NIE Networks</b>	<b>Small Scale Generation (SSG) Consultation</b>	<b>19 May 2023 (expired)</b>
	<p>Consultation to gain feedback from stakeholders on a proposal to amend existing distribution connection offer policy for exporting generators with a registered capacity less than 5MW. The consultation paper can be viewed at the link below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/generation-consultation">https://www.nienetworks.co.uk/generation-consultation</a></li> </ul>		
2.	<b>The Executive Office - Equality &amp; Human Rights Unit</b>	<b>Budget Consultation 2023-24</b>	<b>7 June &amp; 2 August 2023</b>
	<p>The Department has published its Budget for 2023-24 for consultation, along with its Equality Screening Form and would like to invite comments from interested stakeholders.</p> <p>The Department will consult for a 12-week period. The Department will particularly encourage responses within the initial four weeks of the consultation period.</p> <p>Views received during this time will be used to inform the Department’s initial allocation of funds to its business areas and Arms’ Length Bodies, as well as any early mitigations that can be put in place.</p> <p>Responses received between week 5 and week 12 of the consultation will be used to consider further mitigation measures, to inform in-year budget reallocation processes, and to direct any additional funding (or further reductions) that emerge over the course of the financial year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a></li> </ul>		

3.	Business Services Organisation and Health & Social Care	Consultation on Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-2028	20 June 2023
<p>The BSO and nine partner HSC organisations, including the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA), are currently consulting on their draft Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-2028.</p> <p>As part of the consultation we will be holding a consultation event on the following date:</p> <p>Tuesday 20 June 2023 – 2.30pm -3.30pm</p> <p>The purpose of the events is to provide an opportunity for you to tell us what you think about the action plans and for us to listen to your views.</p> <p>The consultation event will be held online via Microsoft Teams Email – To register:- <a href="mailto:Consultation.EqualityUnit@hscni.net">Consultation.EqualityUnit@hscni.net</a></p> <p>To help us with the planning and running of the events, we would be grateful if you could let us know the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether you are attending as a member of the public or on behalf of an organisation</li> <li>• Which organisation/s you would particularly like to engage with</li> <li>• Whether you have any requirements for communication support.</li> </ul> <p>The following are the areas being considered as part of the Consultation process:</p> <p>Blood Transfusion Service  <a href="#">Consultation Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28 – Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service (hscni.net)</a></p> <p>Business Services Organisation <a href="https://hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2781.htm">https://hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2781.htm</a></p> <p>Childrens Court Guardian Agency for NI (formerly NIGALA) <a href="#">Consultation – Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28   NI Guardian Ad Litem Agency (hscni.net)</a></p> <p>Northern Ireland and Medical Dental Training Agency <a href="https://www.nimdta.gov.uk/professional-support/mgt-of-trainees-req-support/equality/">https://www.nimdta.gov.uk/professional-support/mgt-of-trainees-req-support/equality/</a></p> <p>NI Practice and Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery</p>			

	<p><a href="#">Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-2028 Consultation   NIPEC (hscni.net)</a></p> <p>Northern Ireland Social Care Council  <a href="#">Consultation - Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28 - NISCC</a></p> <p>Patient and Client Council  <a href="#">Consultation - Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28 - Patient and Client Council Northern Ireland (pcc-ni.net)</a></p> <p>Public Health Agency  <a href="#">Consultation: Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28   HSC Public Health Agency (hscni.net)</a></p> <p>Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority  <a href="https://www.rqia.org.uk/who-we-are/get-involved/latest-consultations/">https://www.rqia.org.uk/who-we-are/get-involved/latest-consultations/</a></p> <p>Safeguarding Board for NI  <a href="#">Equality and Disability (safeguardingni.org)</a></p>		
4.	<b>Department of Health Medicines Legislation Unit</b>	<b>Consultation on Nitrous Oxide</b>	<b>27 June 2023</b>
	<p>The Home Office has launched an open formal consultation on proposals to control the use of Nitrous Oxide. The consultation seeks to understand the full range of legitimate uses of Nitrous Oxide and proposes three options for how to approach a regime of control to enable a minimisation of the burdens placed on those who seek to use and handle Nitrous Oxide for legitimate purposes. This consultation coincides with the UK Government’s recent launch of a new Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan, part of which included an announcement to control Nitrous Oxide under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 as a Class C drug. The Home Office’s consultation will run for 8 weeks and will close at 11.59pm on 27 June 2023. The Department would encourage all relevant stakeholders in Northern Ireland to respond to the consultation to help in the understanding of the range and scale of legitimate uses of nitrous oxide on order to inform UK wide policy. The consultation document and supporting documents can be accessed on the link below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Nitrous oxide: legitimate uses and appropriate controls - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>		

<b>5.</b>	<b>The Executive Office</b>	<b>Consultation on The Executive Office Draft Equality Scheme 2023-2028</b>	<b>11 August 2023</b>
<p>The Department is committed to seeking the views of those who are affected by The Executive Office Draft Equality Scheme.</p> <p>We are keen to hear from individuals and organisations about their views on the equality implications of the scheme and about any improvements or amendments that the Department could make.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-executive-office-draft-equality-scheme">www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-executive-office-draft-equality-scheme</a></li> </ul>			

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Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs	Quarterly Screening Report 01 January - 31 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://daera-ni.gov.uk">Equality Screening 2023   Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (daera-ni.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>
Department of Health	EQIA on 2023/24 Budget outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://health-ni.gov.uk">Equality Impact Assessment of the 2023-24 Budget Outcome   Department of Health (health-ni.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Equality Screening Report for period January – March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.newrymournedown.org/equality">https://www.newrymournedown.org/equality</a></li> </ul>
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	Policy Screening Report - April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk">Equality - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>
Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company and Translink	Equality Screening Report for period January – March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.translink.co.uk/">https://www.translink.co.uk/</a></li> </ul>

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

- Translink - University and Dhu Varren Platform Extension - Public Drop-In Sessions – 15 May 2023 (expired)
- Wish NI Consultation on content for June WISHNI event – May 2023 (expired)
- Consultation on the draft Statutory Rule for the Retrospective Remedy in relation to work to remove the discrimination identified in the judgement known as “McCloud” - submission by 2 June 2023.
- Consultation on Draft Equality Scheme 2022-27, Draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan 2022-27 and Draft Disability Plan 2022-27 – submission by 4 June 2023
- Consultation - Equality and Disability Action Plans 2023-28 – submission by 3 July 2023
- Equality screening of Ulster University's new and revised policies - Public consultation – submission by 7 July 2023