

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 4 June 2024

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1.	Northern Ireland Assembly, Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC)	Consultation on Windsor Framework (Democratic Scrutiny) Regulations 2024	20 May 2024 (received 10 May 2024)
	<p>Summary</p> <p>The Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) was notified of the above published replacement EU act, under paragraph 6(1)(b) of the Windsor Framework (Democratic Scrutiny) Regulations 2024</p> <p>At its meeting on 9 May 2024, the DSC agreed to carry out an inquiry into the replacement act. As part of its inquiry, the DSC is seeking your views on whether applying/not applying the act would have a significant impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>See attached correspondence</u> 		
2.	Department for the Economy (DfE)	Call for Evidence on ‘Developing Biomethane Production in Northern Ireland	9 August 2024
	<p>Summary</p> <p>Biomethane, a carbon neutral renewable gas which can be produced locally, could contribute to both decarbonising and growing the Northern Ireland economy. Research has indicated that, due to our large agricultural sector, we have significant biomethane potential. The challenge is to develop an effective policy framework which could unlock the biomethane economy and help the sector to become economically viable without long-term subsidies. This Call for Evidence is seeking information on a range of issues, including:</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the potential role for biomethane in the path to net zero energy; • ways of managing the feedstocks required to ensure a sustainable supply for biomethane production; • the economic viability of local biomethane production; • the treatment of costs related to connecting biomethane production sites to the gas network; and any other key issues. <p>All inputs have a key role to play in the policy process and we encourage as many as possible to contribute.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing biomethane production in Northern Ireland call for evidence Department for the Economy (economy-ni.gov.uk) 	
3. Department for Communities (DfC)	Public consultation launched on £20k threshold for Charities in NI	11 August 2024
<p>Summary</p> <p>Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has launched a public consultation on a threshold below which charities in Northern Ireland would not be required to register with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, or to provide an annual report and accounts.</p> <p>The consultation will also seek views on the regulatory framework for those charities falling below the threshold and choosing not to register. The consultation follows provision made within the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 that allows the Department for Communities (DfC) to introduce a registration threshold to remove the requirement for low-income charities to register with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. This has the potential to reduce the administrative burden for small charities and remove barriers to volunteering.</p>		

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	<p>The primary aim of the consultation is to build on information already gathered in collaboration with sectoral representatives and the Commission on how a threshold could operate in Northern Ireland, including the shape of the regulatory framework for those charities falling below the threshold and choosing not to register.</p> <p>The department is also holding consultation information sessions to assist you in responding to the questionnaire. Attendees should book if wishing to attend these events via the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strule Arts Centre (Omagh) - 11/06/2024 - 12.00 to 13.00 Book for Strule Arts Centre • NICVA (Belfast) - 12/06/2024 - 11.00 to 12.00 Book for NICVA • Ballybot House (Newry) - 18/06/2024 - 11.30 to 12.30 Book for Ballybot House • The Braid (Ballymena) - 19/06/2024 - 11.00 to 12.00 Book for the Braid • Online Event - 25/06/2024 - 17.00 to 18.00 Book for Online Event • Holywell Trust (Londonderry) - 26/06/2024 - 12.00 to 13.00 Book for Hollywell Trust • www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-ps20k-registration-threshold-charities-northern-ireland 	

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Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)	DAERA Screening Templates for 1st January – 31st March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/daeras-equality-scheme
Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)	DAERA Screening Templates for 1st January – 31st March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Screening 2024 Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (daera-ni.gov.uk)

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Department of Communities (DfC)	The Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Bill Equality Impact Final Assessment Report 18 September – 11 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/pensions-extension-automatic-enrolment-bill-equality-impact-assessment-final-report .

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Department of Justice - Vehicle recovery storage and disposal statutory charges review – submission by 13 June 2024
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a circular Economy in NI – submission by 27 June 2024
- Ulster University Equality - Screening of new and revised policies – submission by 5 July 2024



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10 May 2024

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

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To whom it may concern,

[Regulation \(EU\) 2024/1157 on shipments of waste, amending Regulations \(EU\) No 1257/2013 and \(EU\) 2020/1056 and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1013/2006](#)

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Should you wish to provide views, you can do so via Citizen Space at the following link: <https://consult.nia-yourassembly.org.uk/windsor-framework-democratic-scrutiny-committee/copy-of-copy-of-eu-regulation-2022-112>

Please note that the survey will close at 11am on **20 May 2024**.

Yours sincerely



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Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee**