

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 2 February 2021

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1.	Department for Communities	Consultation on the Revised Code of Practice on Obtaining Information	8 February 2021
<p>Summary The Code of Practice on Obtaining Information describes how the Department for Communities will exercise the powers provided under the Social Security Fraud Act (Northern Ireland) 2001.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-revised-code-practice-obtaining-information 			
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2.	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Public Consultation Paper Extension of the existing NIEA Regulatory Charging Policy from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023	15 March 2021
<p>Summary The Department is consulting on the proposed extension of the current NIEA Regulatory Charging Policy from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/public-consultation-paper-extension-existing-niea-regulatory-charging-policy-1-april-2021-31-march 			

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3.	The Executive Office	Launch of the Consultation for the Development of a New Strategic Programme for Government (PFG)	22 March 2021
<p>Summary The Northern Ireland Executive is seeking your views on its Programme for Government (PfG) draft Outcomes Framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-programme-government-draft-outcomes-framework 			

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1.	Department of Finance	Policy Screening – NI Official Statistics Order	View
2.	Department for Communities	Equality Screening Archive	October – December 2020
3.	Department of Education	Department of Education: Equality Screenings Q/E December 2020 and Disability Action Plan 2020-24	Published as below
<p>During Q/E December 2020 the following policy screenings were published by the Department of Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot Scheme to Address Period Poverty in Schools • Establishment Of An Expert Panel To Examine And Propose An Action Plan To Address Links Between Persistent Educational Underachievement And Socio-Economic Background • Engage Programme • Childcare Recovery Support Fund • Proposed Changes to the Pathway Fund 2021/22 • Independent Review of Education - ToR 			

Additional information can be found on the [Equality Screenings](#) webpage.

In December 2020 the Department published its [Disability Action Plan for 2020-24](#). We would particularly welcome comments and feedback from both individuals with a disability and organisations representing the interests of persons with a disability.

The Department has also recently published its [Annual Progress Report to the Equality Commission 2019/20](#)

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- DoH Health Development Policy Branch, Making Life Better – Preventing Harm and Empowering Recovery: A Strategic Framework to Tackle the Harm from Substance Use, submission by 5 February 2021;
- Education Authority, Public Consultation on the Draft Special Schools Area Planning Framework and Public Consultation on the Draft Framework for Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools and Draft Framework for Specialist Provision in Mainstream Schools – Pilot, submission by 11 February 2021 (extension to 2 March 2021);
- Department of Justice Enhancing Legal Protections for Victims of Domestic Abuse, submission by 12 February 2021;
- Department of Health, Introduction of a Statutory Soft Opt-Out System For Organ Donation, submission by 19th February 2021;
- Loughs Agency Disability Action (2020-2023), submission by 24th February 2021;
- Invest NI Equality Screening and Rural Needs Assessment Consultation, submission by 12 March 2021;
- Department of Health, Consultation on the Draft Mental Health Strategy, 2021-2031, submission by 26 March 2021;

- Department for Infrastructure, Consultation on draft Flood Risk Management Plan 2021-2027 second cycle, submission by 25 June 2021