

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – 1 October 2019

1.	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	Northern & Western Regional Assembly	Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES) Update – Proposed Material Amendments & Public Consultation	11 October 2019
	<p>The Northern and Western Regional Assembly published a Draft Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) in November 2018, following significant engagement and consultations over the previous 12 months. This included the formal Pre-Draft RSES consultation that took place between November 2017 and February 2018.</p> <p>The draft itself was the subject of public consultation from November 2018 until February 2019. The submissions received were considered by the Assembly at its April meeting (26/04/19) and decided to propose Material Amendments to the Draft, they also determined that SEA and AA were required in relation to the proposed Material Amendments. The Assembly further decided on 26/07/19 to publish the Material Amendments and the SEA and AA carried out for them. The consultation period is from 4 August 2019 until 11 October 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.nwra.ie/rsesma 		

2.	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	Changes to the Annual Return Regulations 2019 (ARR 2019) and the Online Registration Application	22 October 2019
	<p>The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland has opened a public consultation on proposed changes to the Annual Return Regulations 2019 (ARR 2019) and the online application for registration. The ARR 2019 applies to those registered charities which have a financial period which begins on or after 1 January 2020.</p> <p>A key role of the Commission is to increase public trust and confidence in charities. To respond to recent issues which can have a negative impact on public confidence, for example safeguarding, the Commission is proposing to include additional questions in both the online application for registration and the Annual Return Regulations 2019. The information provided by charities to these questions will increase the transparency around key areas, contributing to public confidence in charities. The Commission will also use the information to adapt its work processes, ensuring that our limited resources are used in the most proportionate, transparent and effective way possible.</p> <p>The Charity Commission would like to hear from charity trustees, organisations and professionals which help charities, and members of the public who are interested in the good governance of charities.</p> <p>The consultation will run for 8 weeks closing at 5pm on Tuesday 22 October 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/ 		
3.	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY
	DfC Equality Unit	Draft Equality Action Plan 2019 – 2022	22 November 2019
	<p>The Department has launched a public consultation on a draft Equality Action Plan 2019 – 2022.</p> <p>Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires public authorities, in carrying out their functions, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and regard to the desirability of promoting good relations across the S75 categories.</p>		

	<p>The Department's Equality Scheme commits the Department to developing an Equality Action Plan which sets out the actions the Department proposes to take to address inequality issues identified from the Audit of Inequalities.</p> <p>The Department would welcome your comments on the proposed action measures in the Equality Action Plan or views on other ways in which the commitment to the Section 75 duties could be better demonstrated.</p> <p>A consultation questionnaire had been provided within the consultation document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/section-75-equality-action-plan-consultation 		
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	Commission for Victims and Survivors Disability and Quality Action Plans	Draft Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan	29 November 2019
	<p>The Commission for Victims and Survivors has reviewed its current Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan. The revised documents are both now available for consultation and can be accessed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.cvsni.org/resources/section-75-equality-and-diversity/ 		

Current Open Consultations

- Department for Communities - Definition of Affordable Housing – 13 September 2019
- DAERA - Options for Basic Payment Scheme Entitlement Unit Values post 2019 – 30 September 2019