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## **Rating Policy - Recent developments**

Public Consultation on Review of Public Administration - Managing Convergence of District Rates

The Department of Finance and Personnel has launched a public consultation on the details of the Transitional Rate Relief Scheme to manage rates convergence as a result of local government reorganisation. The scheme is intended to help ratepayers who would otherwise face sudden increases in District Rates.

The consultation document\* is seeking views on the following:

- The eligibility criteria for the scheme;
- The duration of the scheme;
- The level of relief to be provided each year.

This is an open consultation and the views of organisations and individual ratepayers are welcome.

Comments should be provided by Tuesday 19th August 2014. Written responses should be sent to:

Rating Policy Division
Department of Finance and Personnel
Longbridge House
20-24 Waring Street
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Email responses may also be sent to: <a href="mailto:ratingpolicy.cfg@dfpni.gov.uk">ratingpolicy.cfg@dfpni.gov.uk</a>