

**CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 7 December 2021**

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1.	The Executive Office	<b>Building Forward: Consolidated Covid-19 Recovery Play - Link</b>	<b>29 November 2021</b>
	<p><b>Summary</b> Equality Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) documents for this Plan have now also been published and can be viewed via the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/topics/making-government-work">www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/topics/making-government-work</a></li> </ul> <p>Circulated via email to Councillors 24 November 2021– nil response.</p>		
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2.	DfC HSTF Secretariat	<b>High Street Task Force Call For Evidence</b>	<b>6 December 2021</b>
	<p><b>Summary</b> The Executive launched the High Street Task Force Call for Evidence, which gives everyone an opportunity to have their say on how to breathe new life into our high streets. The Call for Evidence seeks views on solutions to continue to make our city centres, towns and villages thriving and sustainable places. It asks respondents for any evidence they have that either supports or challenges initial thoughts and/or addresses any evidence gaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc-analytical-services-unit/high-streets-call-for-evidence">https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc-analytical-services-unit/high-streets-call-for-evidence</a></li> </ul>		

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3.	Department of Health	Consultation on Original Pack Dispensing (OPD) and Supply of Medicines Containing Sodium Valproate	13 December 2021
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The aim of this proposal is to update the requirements in legislation to enable original pack dispensing (OPD) for pharmacists and to introduce requirements to ensure medicines that contain sodium valproate are always dispensed in the original manufacturer's packaging. The proposals are aimed at supporting increased patient safety by ensuring patients receive the necessary information included in the original manufacturer's packaging about the safe and effective use of a product.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.gov.uk">Original pack dispensing and supply of medicines containing sodium valproate - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></li> </ul>			
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4.	Department of Finance	Consultation on Building (Prescribed Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022	19 December 2021
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The proposed increases would be taking place in the context of a wholesale review of the Fees Regulations, with the aim of applying a 'user pays' principle across the range of prescribed fees, resulting in full cost recovery by councils. As well as seeking your views on the proposed uplifts in Schedule 1 and 2 fees, the Department is taking the opportunity in this consultation to ask for your views on the Fees Regulations in general, to feed into the review process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a></li> </ul>			

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5.	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Team	Consultation on a draft Environment Strategy DAERA	18 January 2022
<p><b>Summary</b>  DAERA, on behalf of the Northern Ireland Executive, has published a consultation on the draft Environmental Strategy and welcomes the view of everyone across Northern Ireland. We would encourage participation from all interested parties. The primary method for response is online via Citizen Space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/environment-strategy-consultation">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/environment-strategy-consultation</a></li> </ul>			
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6.	Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon Borough Council	Consultation on Draft Armagh Place Plan	23 January 2022
<p><b>Summary</b>  The development of the plan seeks to discover what Armagh is all about and how people feel about their city, as well as defining the case for change and identifying the city's key strengths and opportunities. The draft plan contains four outcomes for the city to focus on and a series of clear actions that will help drive the cultural regeneration of the city forward across a series of defined city spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://bit.ly/3EnZyDw">https://bit.ly/3EnZyDw</a></li> </ul>			

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7.	Department of Infrastructure	Consultation on Secondary Legislation to Further Commence and Implement the Requirements of the Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland) 2015	23 January 2022
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>You are invited to comment on the draft secondary legislation required to further commence and implement the key elements of the management and maintenance regime for reservoir safety provided by Reservoirs Act (NI 2015 (the Act))</p> <p>The Key elements include registration, designation, supervision by a supervising engineer, inspection by an inspecting engineer and a requirement to undertake measures in the interests of safety. This management and maintenance regime will minimize the risk of flooding due to an uncontrolled release of water resulting from dam or structural failure of a reservoir therefore safeguarding human life, the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/reservoir-safety-legislation-commence-and-implement-reservoirs-actni-2015">https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/reservoir-safety-legislation-commence-and-implement-reservoirs-actni-2015</a></li> </ul>			
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8.	The Electoral Commission	Consultation on Draft UK wide Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy	28 January 2022
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The strategy sets out our Single Equality Scheme and how we will fulfil our duties as required under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. We are interested in hearing from a range of voices on our proposed approach, and we would welcome your contributions to this important area of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">consultation on our draft UK wide Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy</a></li> </ul>			

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9.	Patient Client Council	Consultation on Draft Strategic Statement of Intent 2022-2025	28 January 2022
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>We welcome your support in sharing the attached document and the link to the survey below across your organisation and within your wider networks. We value the public and key stakeholders input in reviewing and commenting on our ambition, and on the proposed journey ahead. We hope this best reflects and positions what we do and the people we are here to support and advocate for. We welcome feedback in any format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://bit.ly/3HkSIWV">https://bit.ly/3HkSIWV</a></li> </ul>			
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10.	Department of Finance	Public Consultation on Marriage Law	18 February 2022
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>Department of Finance has launched a public consultation on marriage law: (marriage solemnised by a celebrant who subscribes to a non-religious philosophy such as humanism). The minimum age at which people can legally marry or enter into a civil partnership, currently 16. Changing the marriage laws to include belief marriage will put belief marriage on an equal footing with religious marriage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/public-consultation-marriage-law">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/public-consultation-marriage-law</a></li> </ul>			

### Equality Screening reports available to view

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1.	Department of Economy	Equality Screening Reports	• <a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/</a>
2.	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Equality Scheme in Action	• <a href="https://vimeo.com/641092135">https://vimeo.com/641092135</a>

3.	Department of Health	Advanced Care Planning Policy for Adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/what-advance-care-planning#toc-2">https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/what-advance-care-planning#toc-2</a></li> </ul>
4.	Ulster University	Screening of New and Revised Policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/peopleandculture/employee-benefits/equality-diversity/equality-scheme/consultation-exercises">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/peopleandculture/employee-benefits/equality-diversity/equality-scheme/consultation-exercises</a></li> </ul>

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

- DfC Consultation on Government Pension Scheme – To see views on changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme in Northern Ireland (LGPS (NI) – submission by 10 December 2021
- DoF Consultation Proposals for amendment of Technical Booklet Guidance to Part F (Conservation of fuel and power) - Consulting on the uplift to standards of Part F of the Building Regulations – submission by 10 December 2021
- DEARA Consultation for the Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers - Consultation on proposals for the reduction of the usage of Single-use Plastic (SUP) beverage cups and food containers in Northern Ireland (NI) – submission by 17 December 2021
- DfC Consultation on Intermediate Rent Development of Policy and Model -A programme of work to explore the development of new, good quality, secure and affordable rent products, is exploring the introduction of a new model of affordable rental homes known as Intermediate Rent – submission by 14 January 2022