

**FUTURE DELIVERY OF ELECTORAL SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND
RESPONSE TEMPLATE**

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

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RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Please provide below any comments you may have on the consultation options, as outlined above in chapter 2.3 of the consultation document. Please use additional pages as necessary.

Q.1 *Do you see benefit in having all district councils providing advice and support to local residents on electoral matters, particularly those who do not wish to use online registration?*

Yes No

Council is not in a position to comment on the benefits. In order to do so Council will require details on the resource implications and how this will be funded. There will also be resource requirements in terms of training. The detail on this additional funding/resourcing will be required. Council would not wish to place an additional burden on local ratepayers in this regard.

Q.2 *Are there other electoral services that you would like to see district councils providing locally?*

Yes No

As at Q1 Council cannot comment on this until the position regarding funding of additional services is clear. Council would be willing at that point to discuss this matter where it is of benefit to citizens and elected members.

Please provide below any comments you may have on the consultation options, as outlined above in chapter 2.4 of the consultation document. Please use additional pages as necessary.

Q.3 *With EONI's routine work more focussed on maintaining the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the electoral register, and district councils providing advice to the public at local level, would you see a role for regional electoral offices?*

Yes No

Council would not consider some council areas having regional offices and others not having them as acceptable particularly in remote areas of which there are several in the Council's area. Council also records its disappointment at the lack of political engagement on this matter. Members of the public will still require face to face contact at regional offices especially those who cannot access the internet for a number of reasons. There is also the issue of capacity within Council offices.

Please provide below any comments you may have on the consultation options, as outlined above in chapter 2.5 of the consultation document. Please use additional pages as necessary.

Q.4 *Should district councils have a role in delivering all elections and referendums in Northern Ireland, including Parliamentary and NI Assembly elections and referendums?*

Yes No

Council would require further information on resource implications, funding, boundary issues and the same approach being adopted by all councils before it could assess this question.

Q.5 *Should councils take on the functions set out in paragraph 2.5.3 (and Annex C) at all elections and referendums?*

Yes No

Council would require further information on resource implications, funding and the same approach being adopted by all councils.

Q.6 *Are the safeguards set out in paragraph 2.5.5 & 2.5.6 sufficient to protect council employees undertaking electoral functions from the risk of political interference?*

Yes No

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