

**CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

1.	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	<b>CONSULTATION ON DRAFT CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016/17</b>	<b>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>
	<p>Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has produced a Draft Corporate Improvement Plan for 2016/17. The Council is seeking views on the Draft Corporate Improvement Plan within an eight week Public Consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.fermanaghmagh.com">www.fermanaghmagh.com</a></li> </ul>		
2.	TITLE	RECEIVED FROM	SUBMISSION BY
	<b>LAUNCH OF THREE DARD CONSULTATIONS</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture &amp; Rural Development</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>
	<p>Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has initiated public consultations on three policy areas:</p> <p><b>1. Options for Future Support to Areas of Natural Constraint</b> The current support scheme for Areas of Natural Constraint (ANC) forms part of the Rural Development Programme 2014 - 2020, providing a payment to farmers in constrained areas to compensate for part of the additional costs incurred and income forgone related to the constraints on agricultural production in the area. The Scheme is operating for the two years 2016 and 2017 (i.e. for claims made in 2015 and 2016). The Department is seeking views on options for potential future support to those farming in these areas after the 2016/17 year.</p> <p><b>2. Designation of Areas of Natural Constraint</b> In accordance with Regulation EU No 1305/20131, the Department must designate Areas of Natural Constraint based on a set of common EU criteria to replace the current Less Favoured Areas. The Department is seeking views on initial draft maps based on the new criteria. The final map will be subject to approval by the EU Commission via a modification to the Rural Development Programme.</p> <p><b>3. Review of CAP Coupled Support Options</b> Pillar I of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) permits the use of coupled support i.e. a payment directly linked to the volume of output of a specific agricultural product. In June 2014, as part of the CAP reform decisions, the DARD Minister announced that a coupled support scheme would not be introduced but that this position would be kept under review. If coupled support were to be used</p>		

	<p>in Northern Ireland during the remainder of the current CAP mandate, then this would need to be notified to the EU Commission by no later than 1 August 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.dardni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.dardni.gov.uk/consultations</a></li> </ul>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>RQIA – CONSULTATION ON REVISED INSPECTION POLICY FOR REGULATED SERVICES</b>	<b>Regulation &amp; Quality Improvement Authority</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> April 2016</b>
	<p>RQIA has revised their inspection policy for regulated services. They have developed an assessment framework and a revised report format, which they plan to introduce following feedback from stakeholders, through public consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.rgia.org.uk">https://www.rgia.org.uk</a></li> </ul>		
<b>4.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>CONSULTATION - OUTPUT GEOGRAPHY FOR THE UPDATED MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION MEASURE (NIMDM 2017)</b>	<b>Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>
	<p>The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) has been commissioned by the cross departmental Statistics Coordinating Group to undertake an update of the current Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM 2010). This was last published in 2010 and remains the official measures until the update has been completed.</p> <p>The purpose of this consultation is to consider the options for the geographical levels for which the Updated Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM 2017) will be produced and published.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.nisra.gov.uk/deprivation/nimdm_2017.htm">http://www.nisra.gov.uk/deprivation/nimdm_2017.htm</a>.</li> </ul>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE EQUALITY COMMISSION'S ADVICE TO PUBLIC AUTHORITIES ON CONSULTATION TIMESCALES</b>	<b>Equality Commission</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>
	<p>The Equality Commission is proposing to amend its guidance for public authorities on the timescales for public consultations that are committed to in their Equality Schemes.</p> <p>The Commission currently recommends that a consultation period should last for a minimum of 12 weeks, however, the proposal is to amend this set period to a more flexible recommendation that adequate time be allowed for meaningful and effective consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.equalityni.org/Section75Consultation">http://www.equalityni.org/Section75Consultation</a></li> </ul>		

	<u>Consultation event</u> Date: Tuesday 26 April 2016; 10:30am Venue: Riddell Hall, 185 Stranmillis Rd, Belfast		
<b>6.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>CURRENT CONSULTATIONS &amp; EQIAs</b>	<b>Fermanagh &amp; Omagh District Council</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>
	Fermanagh and Omagh District Council is currently conducting a 12 week Equality Impact Assessment on the following draft strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The draft Customer Service Strategy</li> <li>2. The draft Communications Strategy</li> <li>3. The draft Community Engagement and Involvement Strategy</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.fermanaghomagham.com">www.fermanaghomagham.com</a></li> </ul>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>CONSULTATION ON DRAFT DIABETES STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN</b>	<b>Department of Health, Social Services &amp; Public Safety</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> May 2016</b>
	The Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety invites responses to the consultation document: Diabetes Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan.  The overall aim of the Diabetes Strategic Framework is to realise a vision of care which improves outcomes for people living with diabetes, or at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes, including services that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evidence-based and co-designed with people living with diabetes to achieve best clinical outcomes;</li> <li>- Person-centred and encouraging self-management; and</li> <li>- Seamless from the service user perspective, responsive and accessible.</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/consultations</a></li> </ul>		
<b>8.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>CONSULTATION ON SIGN LANGUAGE FRAMEWORK WITH PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATION</b>	<b>Department of Culture, Arts &amp; Leisure</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July 2016</b>



	<p>A consultation seeking views on a Framework promoting Sign Language to ensure that Irish Sign Language and British Sign Language users have the same rights, responsibilities, opportunities and quality of life as those in the hearing community by enshrining equality and social inclusion in legislation for the current and future generations of Deaf Sign language users and their families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.dcalni.gov.uk/consultations">www.dcalni.gov.uk/consultations</a>.</li> </ul>		
<b>9.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>RECEIVED FROM</b>	<b>SUBMISSION BY</b>
	<b>CONSULTATION RESPONSE ON PROPOSED EARLY CLOSURE OF NORTHERN IRELAND RENEWABLES OBLIGATION (NIRO) TO ONSHORE WIND IN 2016.</b>	<b>RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND INVESTMENT</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	<p>The response confirms closure of the NIRO to large scale onshore wind from 1 April 2016 with exceptions in the form of grace periods for eligible projects. The NIRO will remain open for the time being to small scale wind until further consultation is completed.</p> <p>The Minister will consult further on closure arrangements for small scale onshore wind, which must now be set in the context of DECC's intention to protect GB consumers if Northern Ireland does not close the NIRO on equivalent terms to GB.</p> <p>The proposed closure to large scale wind will be adopted in a Renewables Obligation Closure Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 which is intended to come into operation in mid March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.detini.gov.uk/consultations/closure-niro-new-onshore-wind-2016">https://www.detini.gov.uk/consultations/closure-niro-new-onshore-wind-2016</a></li> </ul>		

**Reminder - current Consultation Documents**

- **Proposals on the Transposition of Directive 2013/35/EU on the Minimum Health and Safety Requirements regarding the Exposure of Workers to the Risks Arising from Physical Agents – Electromagnetic Fields (ENF)**  
Health & Safety Executive for NI  
Submission by 28 March 2016  
<https://www.hseni.gov.uk>



# Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

- **Consultation on the PPC Regulations – New CEN Technical Standards for Stage II Petrol Vapour Recovery**  
Department of Environment  
*Submission by 28 March 2016*  
<https://www.doeni.gov.uk>