

Consultation Schedule – Council Meeting 7 January 2025

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1.	Equality Commission for Northern Ireland	Draft Corporate Plan	6 February 2025
	<p>Our draft corporate plan sets out how we will promote equality of opportunity and actively challenge discrimination over the next three years. It sets out what we aim to achieve and, just as importantly, how we're going to do it.</p> <p>The consultation on our draft corporate plan will run from the 14 November to the 6 February. Your ideas and feedback on our draft corporate plan are vital to shaping this plan and ensuring it reflects the needs and hopes of our community. Please share your thoughts <u>via our survey</u> to help us make sure our work reflects what the people in Northern Ireland need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECNI - Corporate Plan 2016-19 - Consultative Draft 		
2.	Department for Communities	Consultation on draft statutory guidance to support the implementation of the McCloud Remedy in the Local Government Pension Scheme (NI)	19 February 2025
	<p>The Department for Communities has commenced a consultation on draft statutory guidance to support the implementation of the McCloud Remedy in the Local Government Pension Scheme (NI). Details are in the attached letter. The consultation closes on 19 February 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-draft-statutory-guidance-implementation-mccloud-remedy-local-government-pension-scheme-northern-ireland 		

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3.	Department of Justice	Consultation on proposals for a Victims and Witnesses of Crime Bill	20 February 2025
	<p>The Minister of Justice has launched a consultation and is seeking the views of the public on proposals for inclusion in a Victims and Witnesses of Crime Bill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on proposals for a Victims and Witnesses of Crime Bill Department of Justice 		
4.	Department of Health	Consultation on strategy for the sustainable use of medicines	26 February 2025
	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to seek feedback on the draft Valuing Medicines Strategy for the Sustainable Use of Medicines in Northern Ireland. This will inform further development and finalisation of the strategy ahead of publication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on Valuing Medicines - A Strategy for the Sustainable Use of Medicines in Northern Ireland Department of Health 		
5.	Public Health Agency	Consultation on the draft PHA Corporate Plan 2025-2030	28 February 2025
	<p>The Public Health Agency (PHA) has developed a draft corporate plan for the period 2025-2030, setting out the strategic direction for the PHA for the next five years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc/pha-corporate-plan-2025-2030-public-consultation/ • Consultation Events attached 		

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6.	Northern Ireland Policing Board	Corporate Plan for 2025-30	3 March 2025
	<p>The Northern Ireland Policing Board (the Board) is currently developing its new Corporate Plan for 2025-30 and is seeking the views of stakeholders and the wider public on the draft Plan. The Board's new Corporate Plan has been designed as a 5-year Plan to align with the new Policing Plan 2025-30 currently in development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Consultation Northern Ireland Policing Board 		
7.	Department for Communities	Consultation on a new Fuel Poverty Strategy for Northern Ireland	6 March 2025
	<p>Summary The Department for Communities is holding a 12-week public consultation on a new Fuel Poverty Strategy for Northern Ireland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-new-fuel-poverty-strategy-northern-ireland 		
8.	Department of Health	Consultation re: Pathology Blueprint Programme Equality Impact Assessment	18 March 2025
	<p>The Department of Health has launched a public consultation document regarding the equality impact assessment of proposals for a new regional management structure for pathology services within Northern Ireland (NI) in the form of a new Health and Social Care agency, which is being taken forward via the Pathology Blueprint Programme. The aim of the consultation is to seek your views on the equality implications of the proposed new regional governance arrangements for pathology services in NI. We wish to ensure that we have identified all potential impacts of the new arrangements and considered appropriate mitigations.</p>		

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	<p>The consultation launched on 17 December and will run for 13 weeks, closing on 18 March 2025. The consultation documentation, including information on how to respond, can be found on the Department’s website. If you have any queries or would like further information, please contact us at RGIP@health-ni.gov.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on Pathology Blueprint Programme Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) Department of Health 	
<p>9. Department of Health</p>	<p>Public consultation on the draft ‘Being Open Framework’</p>	<p>21 March 2025</p>
	<p>A public consultation on the draft ‘Being Open Framework’ will take place between 10 December 2024 and 21 March 2025. As a valued stakeholder, we would like to invite you to review the consultation and respond accordingly. Please note that it is also planned that a number of stakeholder events will take place in January/February 2025. We will provide more information on these sessions in the new year. If you wish to attend any of these events, please send us an email at the address below and we will contact you once the dates have been confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being Open Framework consultation Department of Health 	

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Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Quarterly Screening Report 01 July - 30 September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications
Armagh City, Banbridge, and Craigavon Borough Council	Quarterly Screening Report September -December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/council/equality/#equalityscreeningreports

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Maze Long Kesh Section 75 NI Act 1998 - Maze Long Kesh Development Consultation: Equality Action Plan, Disability Action Plan and Equality Scheme, submission by 24 January 2025.
- Department of Education Department of Education Budget 2024/25 - Equality Impact Assessment submission by 10 January 2025
- Department of Justice Consultation on Repeal of the Vagrancy Act 1824 and the Vagrancy (Ireland) Act 1847 submission by 21 January 2025
- Department for Communities Equality Assessment Consultation on Anti-Social Behaviour Housing Proposals submission by 3 February 2024
- Department for Communities Consultation on the Gender Pay Gap Information Regulations submission by 14 February 2025
- Department of Education Review of Free School Meals and Uniform Grant Eligibility Criteria submission by 14 February 2025
- Ulster University Equality Screening of Ulster University's New and Revised Policies - Public Consultation submission by 24 February 2024

PHA Corporate Plan 2025-2030

Consultation Events Announcement

During the live 12 week consultation period for the draft Public Health Agency (PHA) Corporate Plan 2025-2030 two in-person stakeholder events will be held to give you the opportunity to collaborate on this important strategy.

Details of these events are as follows:

In-Person Stakeholder Consultation Events	
Date: Time: Venue:	<p>Monday 13 January 2025 2.00pm to 4.00pm Involve NI 16-18 Queen Street Magherafelt BT45 6AB</p>
Date: Time: Venue:	<p>Tuesday 21 January 2025 10.30am to 12.30pm Lagan Valley Island 1 The Island Lisburn BT27 4RL</p>

This draft Plan sets out the strategic direction for the PHA for the next five years in terms of what we will do and how we will work as an organisation and we would really encourage you to get involved and have your say.

Registration is essential. Please kindly confirm your attendance by completing the [registration form](#) or scanning the QR code below to secure your place at these events.

Please note as numbers are limited the maximum number of attendees per organisation will be two. The closing date for registration will be 12.00pm on Friday 10 January 2025.

NB: You will not be able to register after this date.



**Draft PHA Corporate Plan 2025-2030
Online Public Consultation Questionnaire**



The draft Corporate Plan, initial draft equality screening, initial draft rural screening and the consultation questionnaire are all available via the [PHA Website - Current Consultations section](#).

The consultation will end on 28 February 2025.

Should you have any queries or difficulty with registering please email phacorporateplan@hscni.net.

We look forward to seeing you there.

