

Consultation Schedule – The Council Meeting 04 November 2025

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1.	Department for Communities	Consultation on Support Framework for Independent Advice and Debt Services	03 November 2025
	The Department for Communities is seeking views on draft proposals to support the delivery of independent advice and debt services in Northern Ireland. • Consultation on Support Framework for Independent Advice and Debt Services Department for Communities		
2.	Department for the Economy	Closure of the Northern Ireland Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme	24 November 2025
	On 30 July 2024, the Minister for the Economy received Executive approval to close the RHI Scheme. The Minister outlined to executive colleagues that this ‘would draw a line’ and set out arrangements for closure payments to existing participants. Closure payments should be fair to participants and take into consideration the appropriate tariff payments that they would otherwise expect to receive. Closure payments should also be fair to taxpayers. • Closure of the Northern Ireland Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Department for the Economy		
3.	Department for Education	Consultation on the establishment of a new organisation to support controlled schools	11 December 2025
	The Department is seeking views on proposals to set up a new dedicated organisation to support Controlled schools. The consultation seeks views on the role, structure and functions of the proposed new organisation before legislation is introduced in the Northern Ireland Assembly.		

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	Consultation on the establishment of a new organisation to support controlled schools Department of Education		
4.	Department for the Economy	Consultation on Policy - The Statutory Regulation of Tourist Accommodation	06 January 2026
	The Department for the Economy, in consultation with Tourism NI, is seeking to obtain the views of stakeholders, including industry groups, accommodation operators and the general public, on proposed amendments to the regulatory arrangements concerning the minimum quality standards and statutory requirements of Northern Ireland's visitor/tourist accommodation sector. This includes Hotels, B&Bs and Self-Catering Establishments etc. Consultation on Policy - The Statutory Regulation of Tourist Accommodation Department for the Economy		
5.	Department of Finance	Land Registration Legislation Project consultation	12 January 2026
	The Department of Finance is carrying out a consultation to seek your views on its proposals to amend the current Land Registry legislation to allow for digital/ electronic submissions. Land Registration Legislation Project consultation Department of Finance		
6.	Department for Communities	Consultation on Disability and Work: A Strategy for Northern Ireland	12 January 2026
	Disability and Work: A Strategy for Northern Ireland sets out the Department for Communities' commitment to achieve better employment outcomes for disabled people, people with health conditions, and people who are neurodivergent.		

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	The key outcome of the Strategy is to get an additional 50,000 disabled people into work by March 2036, and to achieve a disability employment rate of 50% and growing. The Strategy also aims to get more disabled people into better jobs, helping to reduce the disability pay gap; reduce underemployment; and support more disabled people into self-employment. • Consultation on Disability and Work: A Strategy for Northern Ireland Department for Communities		

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Department Of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Review of Environmental Governance NI Full Report	Review of Environmental Governance NI - Full Report Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	Equality Scheme	Equality - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Equality Scheme	https://www.newrymournedown.org/corporate-policy-and-equality

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Translink	Equality Screening Reports for July - September 2025	NITHC Reports
Department of Health	Update to report on Equality Action Plan 2025–2030 and Disability Action Plan 2025–2030	Consultation response report EAP DAP 24 25 - UPDATED.pdf
Department for Communities	Equality Screening Update	Publications Department for Communities

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Fisheries and Water Environment Bill – Protection of the Water Environment submission by 5 November 2025
- Waterways Ireland Equality Consultations 2025 submission by 24 November 2025
- Department of Health Extend medicines for optometrists and contact lens opticians submission by 27 November 2025
- Department of Health Enabling pharmacist flexibilities when dispensing medicines submission by 11 December 2025
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Public Consultation on the Timetable and Work Programme for Developing the Forth Cycle River Basin Management Plan submission by 3 January 2026