

**Consultation Schedule – The Council Meeting 8 April 2026**

	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY	CORPORATE RESPONSE Y/N
1.	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Have your Say on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2026-27	17 April 2026	N
	<p>The Local Government Act (NI) sets out a General Duty of Improvement, which means that we as a Council are required to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of our functions.</p> <p>We must also set targets to improve the services we provide and put plans in place to achieve them. The steps we take to keep improving are checked each year by the Northern Ireland Audit Office through an independent audit and assessment.</p> <p><a href="https://www.newrymouredown.org/draft-performance-improvement-objectives-2026-2027">https://www.newrymouredown.org/draft-performance-improvement-objectives-2026-2027</a></p>			
2.	Department of Communities	Consultation on Amendments to the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014	27 April 2026	N
	<p>Summary The Department for Communities is holding a 8-week consultation on its proposals to review and amend the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.</p> <p><a href="#">Consultation on Amendments to the Landlord Registration Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014   Department for Communities</a></p>			

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3.	hseni	<b>Proposals for The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Repeals, Revocations and Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026</b>	<b>11 May 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
<p>This consultation relates to proposals by HSENI to revoke or repeal ten legislative measures (two Acts and eight Statutory Rules) that have been identified as being redundant or that have been overtaken by more up-to-date Regulations. It is also proposed to take the opportunity to make eight minor amendments to five Statutory Rules that are required.</p> <p><a href="#">Proposals for The Health and Safety (Miscellaneous Repeals, Revocations and Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026   Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland, controlling risk together</a></p>				
4.	<b>Department of Finance</b>	<b>Department of Finance Land Registration Fees Orders Consultation</b>	<b>21 May 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
<p>The Department of Finance is carrying out a consultation to seek your views on its policy proposals relating to Land Registration fees.</p> <p><a href="#">Department of Finance Land Registration Fees Orders Consultation   Department of Finance</a></p>				
5.	<b>Department for the Economy</b>	<b>Review of Mineral Licensing - Call for Evidence</b>	<b>21 May 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
<p>The Department for the Economy (the Department) is seeking views and evidence to inform the development of a future minerals policy for Northern Ireland. This CfE is part of a review aimed at ensuring future policy supports sustainable</p>				

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	<p>economic development, contributes to the transition to low carbon technologies and reflects best practice in environmental stewardship, social responsibility and good governance.</p> <p>Evidence gathered will inform the development of mineral licensing policy options. Those policy options will be subject to full public consultation and other appropriate assessments</p> <p><a href="#">Review of Mineral Licensing - Call for Evidence   Department for the Economy</a></p>			
<b>6.</b>	<b>Northern Health and Social Care Trust</b>	<b>Consultation on the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Draft Carer Strategy 2026-2031</b>	<b>22 May 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
	<p>We have developed a Draft Carer Strategy, which sets out our plans for the next 5 years, and how we believe we can support our carers. The Trust is committed to supporting carers, and we will ensure that the carers' voices are heard when developing specific support and resources. We hope you will take the time to join us in this work and help to shape the way we support our unpaid, family carers.</p> <p><a href="https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/department-finance-land-registration-fees-orders-consultation">https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations/department-finance-land-registration-fees-orders-consultation</a></p>			
<b>7.</b>	<b>Northern Ireland Policing Board</b>	<b>Public Consultation on Rural NI: Our New Approach 2026-2041   Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>	<b>24 May 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
	<p>The Policing Board is interested in seeking your views around policing in your community and also any experience you have of engaging with the PSNI.</p> <p>We would be grateful if you could complete this short survey which will help us inform the Policing Plan, in particular, to deliver indicator 2.2 on the effectiveness of working in partnership with local communities and community organisations, PCSPs and statutory agencies to provide solutions to local problems.</p>			

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	<p>Any information or comments you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence. No data will be released that would in any way identify individuals. By completing this survey, you are agreeing that your comments can be made public in a consultation report that will be published on Northern Ireland Policing Board website. We may use your comments within a press release or online (social media or website).</p> <p><a href="#">NI Policing Board Community Policing Survey 2026 - NI Direct - Citizen Space</a></p>			
<b>8.</b>	<b>Northern Health and Social Care Trust</b>	<b>Publication of EQIA for Draft Budget</b>	<b>1 June 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
	<p>On 6 January 2026 the Finance Minister published a Draft Budget setting out for each Northern Ireland department his proposals for Resource expenditure allocations for the period April 2026 to March 2029 and Capital investment funding for the period April 2026 to March 2030 (Draft Budget 2026-2029/30   Department of Finance). The Department of Health’s Equality Impact Assessment document provides an Equality Impact Assessment of the Finance Minister’s draft budget proposals, and we are seeking your comments.</p> <p><a href="#">Publication of EQIA for Draft Budget   Department of Health</a></p>			
<b>9.</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</b>	<b>Public Consultation on Rural NI: Our New Approach 2026-2041</b>	<b>1 June 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) invites you to take part in the public consultation for Rural NI: Our New Approach 2026–2041. We welcome contributions from everyone with an interest in rural communities. Share your views and help us understand, champion and support rural Northern Ireland.</p>			

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	<a href="#">Public Consultation on Rural NI: Our New Approach 2026-2041   Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</a>			
<b>10.</b>	<b>The Executive Office</b>	<b>Consultation on the Framework for Race Relations</b>	<b>3 June 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
	<p>As we continue engagement and agile development, we now wish to consult on the draft Framework for Race Relations. We want to hear from individuals and organisations across the whole of society and invite you to tell us your views. We welcome feedback on identifying preventative and effective interventions to tackle inequalities and create a more prosperous society for all.</p> <p><a href="#">Consultation on the Framework for Race Relations   The Executive Office</a></p>			
<b>11.</b>	<b>Department of Education</b>	<b>Consultation on Restrictive Interventions: Guidance for educational settings</b>	<b>4 June 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
	<p>The Department has launched a consultation seeking views on ‘Restrictive Interventions: Guidance for educational settings’.</p> <p>The issue of the use of restrictive practices in educational settings has emerged as an area of significant public interest in recent years, with a number of cases brought to public attention by parents and carers of children with lived experience of restrictive practices.</p> <p>The consultation is an opportunity for interested parties to provide views on the relevant guidance. An Equality Impact Assessment consultation has also been published.</p> <p>The consultation period will run from Thursday 12 March 2026 until Thursday 4 June 2026 for both consultations.</p> <p><a href="#">Restrictive Interventions: Guidance for educational settings   Department of Education</a></p>			

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<b>12.</b>	<b>Department for Infrastructure</b>	<b>Public consultation on Taxis in Bus lanes Experimental Traffic Control Scheme</b>	<b>10 June 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
<p>Public consultation on Taxis in Bus lanes Experimental Traffic Control Scheme</p> <p>The Department for Infrastructure has launched a public consultation to seek feedback on the current Experimental Traffic Control Scheme which permits taxis to use some bus lanes in Belfast city centre.</p> <p>The ongoing Experimental Scheme will also be extended for a further six months to enable us to monitor the effectiveness of the scheme since the reopening of Durham Street.</p> <p>A DfI spokesperson said: “As the Experimental Scheme permitting taxis to use some city centre bus lanes has been place for a period of time, we are keen to hear views from interested parties. The public consultation now open will provide road users and key stakeholders with the opportunity to express their views and make representations for the Department to consider in our future decision-making on this issue. The Department will also continue to monitor the effectiveness of the scheme and the impact on road users.</p> <p>“An online survey is available at: <a href="#">Taxis in bus lane Citizen Space survey</a> and we encourage people to respond by 5pm on Wednesday 10 June 2026</p>				
<b>13.</b>	<b>Ulster University</b>	<b>Equality Screening</b>	<b>10 July 2026</b>	<b>N</b>
<p>In accordance with Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and commitments made within our <a href="#">Equality Scheme</a>, the University is consulting on the equality screening of the following new and revised policies, as defined by the Equality Commission (NI):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rights Retention Policy</li> <li>2. Conflicts of Interest Policy</li> <li>3. Practical Guidance for Schools and Departments on the Development and Application of Academic Workload Distribution Models</li> </ol>				

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	<p>4. Race Charter Bronze Award Action Plan, February 2026          5. Procurement Policy          6. Responsible Investment Policy          7. Direct Awards Contracts Policy</p> <p>Policy documents and screening proformas are available to download on the University's <a href="#">Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) webpage</a>.</p> <p>The closing date for comments is <b>Friday 10 July 2026</b>.</p>
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Department of Finance	Land Registration Legislation Project consultation	<a href="#">Land Registration Legislation Project consultation   Department of Finance</a>

**Open Consultations (previously Listed)**

- Department for Infrastructure (Roads) Speed Limit Review 2026 - Councils submission by 22 April 2026
- Department for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs Significant Water Management Issues submission by 18 June 2026