

Consultation Schedule – The Council Meeting 30 June 2026

	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY	CORPORATE RESPONSE Y/N
1.	Department for the Economy	Call for Evidence - Petroleum Exploration and Licensing (Repeal) Bill	24 th June 2026 (expired)	n/a
	<p>The Northern Ireland Assembly's Committee for the Economy is currently reviewing the Petroleum Exploration and Licensing (Repeal) Bill. This legislation permanently ends onshore petroleum exploration and licensing, effectively banning fracking in Northern Ireland by removing the Department for the Economy's statutory power to grant such licenses.</p>			
2.	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Public Consultation on the Designation of Lagan Medows as a Quiet Area pursuant to the Environmental Noise Regulation (Northern Ireland) 2006	27 th July 2026	
	<p>The Environmental Noise Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (the 'Regulations') aim to avoid, prevent and reduce, on a prioritised basis, the harmful effects, including annoyance, resulting from exposure to environmental noise. The Regulations require that the Department shall prepare maps identifying quiet areas pursuant to regulation 40. The primary method for responding to this consultation is online via Citizen Space.</p> <p>Consultation on designation of Lagan Meadows as a Quiet Area pursuant to the Environmental Noise Regulation (NI) 2006</p>			

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3.	Department of Agriculture, Environmental and Rural Affairs	Public Consultation on the proposed introduction of fixed fees for providing Screening and Scoping Opinions under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) Regulations 2007 (as amended)	31st July 2026	
<p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has published a consultation document which is seeking views on proposals to introduce fixed fees for providing screening and scoping opinions under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) Regulations 2007 (the Marine Works Regulations). We encourage participation from all interested parties.</p> <p>Opinions under the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)) Regulations 2007 (as amended)</p>				
4.	Department of Health	Consultation on Claim Period for the day Care Foods (Nursery Milk) Scheme	13th August 2026	
<p>This consultation seeks views on reimbursement arrangements under The Healthy Start Scheme and Day Care Food Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.</p> <p>The Department of Health values all views, however feedback from Day Care Providers is particularly welcome</p> <p>Consultation on Claim Period for the day Care Foods (Nursery Milk) Scheme</p>				

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5.	Department for Justice	Consultation on compensation for miscarriages of justice: options for Northern Ireland statutory compensation limits	17th August 2026	
<p>The Department of Justice is seeking views on proposals to amend miscarriage of justice overall compensation limits. The primary proposal under consideration is a 30% uplift to the existing limits in miscarriage of justice cases administered by the Department of Justice. The proposals would bring Northern Ireland into line with the position recently adopted in England and Wales.</p> <p>The consultation also invites initial views on two broader structural reforms - a separate statutory maximum award for exceptionally long periods spent in custody or the removal of statutory maximum awards altogether. Both would require primary legislation.</p> <p>Consultation on compensation for miscarriages of justice: options for Northern Ireland statutory compensation limits - NI Direct - Citizen Space</p>				
6.	Department for Communities	Consultation on New Warm Healthy Homes Fund	19th August 2026	
<p>The Department for Communities is holding a 12-week public consultation on a new Warm Healthy Homes Fund for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Consultation on New Warm Health Homes Fund</p>				

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7.	Department of Justice	Consultation on the future of Limavady Courthouse	21st August 2026	
	<p>The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on a proposal in relation to the future of Limavady Courthouse.</p> <p>Consultation on the future of Limavady Courthouse Department of Justice</p>			
8.	Department of Health	This is your health – have your say this summer	31st August 2026	
	<p>Health Minister Mike Nesbitt is calling on the public to have their say about their health and the future of health and social care in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>This is your health – have your say this summer</p>			
9.	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Consultation on the Draft Air Quality (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland)	31st August 2026	
	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has launched a public consultation on the Draft Air Quality (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 to tighten annual average particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) limits, targets and objectives in Northern Ireland. The primary method for responses is online via Citizen Space.</p>			

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	Consultation on the Draft Air Quality (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland)			
10.	Department of Education	New Direction for Youth Services	29th September 2026	
	<p>Consultation on a new draft policy setting out a strategic direction for youth services for children and young-people aged 4 to 25. ‘Stronger Futures – A Northern Ireland Youth Work Policy Statement’ has been co-designed with young people and aims to ensure that every child and young person in Northern Ireland has access to consistent, inclusive, and high-quality youth provision in their community with support tailored to their needs.</p> <p>Consultation on New Direction for Youth Services</p>			
11.	Department of Education	Consultation on Proposed Northern Ireland Curriculum	30th September 2026	
	<p>The Department of Education is seeking views on the draft Northern Ireland Curriculum Framework 2028. This consultation sets out a new, knowledge-rich curriculum designed to improve clarity, coherence and progression for all learners. Responses from stakeholders will inform the final design of the curriculum prior to implementation.</p> <p>Consultation on Proposed Northern Ireland Curriculum</p>			

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Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Equality Screening January – March 2026	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/daeras-equality-scheme
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	The Council's Policy Screening Report May 2026	Equality - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Consultation on Proposed Animal Welfare Policy Reforms in Northern Ireland – submission by 30th June 2026
- Department of Education Consultation on Leading Together for Excellence: A Transformed NI Strategy for Teacher Professional Learning – submission by 6th July 2026
- Ulster University Equality screening of new and revised policies – submission by 10th July 2026
- Department for the Economy Consultation - Comhairliúchán ar Dhréachtbheartas Gaeilge na Roinne Geilleagair. Consultation on Draft Department for the Economy Irish Language Policy – 23rd July 2026
- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Accessibility & Inclusion Plans Consultation 2026 – submission by 6th August 2026
- Department for the Economy Proposals for Geothermal Regulation Consultation – submission by 7th August 2026