

Consultation Schedule – The Council Meeting 4 August 2026

	RECEIVED FROM	TITLE	SUBMISSION BY	CORPORATE RESPONSE Y/N
1.	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	Consultation on Fixed Monetary Penalties (FMPs) in Northern Ireland's Marine Protected Areas	4 September 2026	
	The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is currently seeking public feedback on its guidance regarding the use of Civil Sanctions – Fixed Monetary Penalties (FMPs) in Northern Ireland's Marine Protected Areas. The consultation outlines how these penalties operate within DAERA's graduated approach to marine conservation enforcement. Consultation on Guidance on the use of Fixed Monetary Penalties in Marine Protected Areas - NI Direct - Citizen Space			
2.	Northern Ireland Assembly	Consultation on Tree Protection Bill	16 September 2026	
	The Tree Protection Bill sets out to:- - Amend and strengthen primary legislation to provide enhanced legal protection for Northern Ireland's oldest and most significant trees and woodlands. - Reform the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) system to align with practice in England, Scotland, and Wales – closing loopholes - Ensure legislative protections reflect the modern understanding of the role trees play. - Protect ancient and long-established woodland. Tree Protection Bill			

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3.	Northern Ireland Assembly	Consultation on The Display of Flags and Emblems Bill	17 September	
	The Display of Flags and Emblems Bill sets out to: • Address the ongoing misuse of public property for the display of flags or emblems intended to exclude, intimidate, or assert control. • Establish a clear and fair legal framework governing when and how flags or emblems may be displayed, balancing respect for cultural expression with the need to prevent intimidation, territorial marking, and the coercive use of symbols in shared public spaces. Display of Flags and Emblems - Call for Evidence - Northern Ireland Assembly - Citizen Space			
4.	Northern Ireland Assembly	Consultation on Regional Balance Bill	22 September 2026	
	The Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for the Economy is seeking your views on the Regional Balance Bill. The Committee would therefore welcome your comments on the clauses and schedules of the Bill including any related proposals for amendments. Committee for the Economy - Primary legislation.			

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5.	Department of Education	Consultation on the Religious Education Core Syllabus	30 September 2026	
	A consultation on the draft Religious Education (RE) Core Syllabus is underway, led by the RE Drafting Group, under the chairmanship of Professor Noel Purdy.. In line with the Terms of Reference, the revised syllabus aims to provide Religious Education that is objective, critical and pluralistic; that recognises the significance of Christianity within the history, culture and society of Northern Ireland while engaging meaningfully with other religious and non-religious worldviews Consultation on the Religious Education Core Syllabus Department of Education			
6.	Translink	Consultation on range of potential changes to services and fares	30 September 2026	
	Public transport is currently facing significant financial pressures. While we have worked hard to manage costs and grow passenger numbers, reductions in funding in real terms mean we must consider options to ensure the long-term sustainability of the network. This consultation is an opportunity for passengers, stakeholders and the wider public to share their views on the potential impacts of these proposals. Your feedback will help inform our assessment and any future decisions. We are particularly keen to understand how proposals may affect different groups of people and how any adverse impacts could be reduced or mitigated. Public Consultation on fare and service changes Translink			

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7.	Department for Communities	Consultation on Every House Matters – a new approach to tackling social housing tenancy fraud and misuse	6 October 2026	
	The Department for Communities is holding a 14-week public consultation on a new approach to tackling social housing tenancy fraud and misuse. The consultation aims to inform the development of an overarching strategic framework and to consider whether existing legislation should be strengthened to better prevent, detect and address fraud. The overall aim is to get better at identifying tenancy fraud, improve how cases are investigated and help prevent fraud from taking place. https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc/tackling-social-housing-tenancy-fraud/			
8.	Northern Ireland Water	Consultation on proposed Article 161 Sewer Bond incentivisation and Surety Policy Framework	20 October 2026	
	The proposals aim to make sewer bond arrangements clearer, fairer and more proportionate, while helping to reduce the number of housing developments that remain unadopted for long periods. The proposed approach would introduce a performance-based system for determining bond requirements. Developers with a strong record of compliance and timely adoption may benefit from reduced bond levels, while higher-risk developers may be required to provide stronger financial surety.			

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	NI Water currently records approximately 600 development sites that have remained unadopted for more than five years. These cases can create uncertainty for homeowners, including difficulty selling or remortgaging properties, uncertainty over maintenance responsibility, and concerns about long-term repair costs and environmental risk. The consultation forms part of NI Water's wider programme to reduce historic unadopted development numbers and move towards a more proactive adoption model. The aim is to provide greater confidence for customers, support responsible developers, and help enable sustainable housing delivery across Northern Ireland. NI Water Launches Consultation on Article 161 Sewer Bond Incentivisation News About us Northern Ireland Water
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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	Equality Screening April - June 2026	https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/Sle5CLnXOUm0mylBfMfyiQ4n?domain=newrymournedown.org
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	Equality Screening Report May 2026	Equality - Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

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Open Consultations (previously Listed)

Department of Justice consultation on compensation for miscarriage of justice: options for Northern Ireland statutory compensation limits – submission by 17th August 2026

Department for Communities consultation on new Warm Healthy Homes Fund for Northern Ireland – submission by 19th August 2026

Department of Health consultation on Claim Period for the day Care Foods (Nursery Milk) Scheme – submission by 13th August 2026

Department of Justice consultation on the future of Limavady Courthouse – submission by 21st August 2026

Department of Health consultation on 'This is your health – have your say this summer' – submission by 31st August 2026.

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) consultation on Draft Air Quality (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 – submission by 31st August 2026.

Department of Education consultation on New Direction for Youth Services – submission by 29th September 2026

Department of Education consultation on Proposed Northern Ireland Curriculum – submission by 30th September 2026.