

Consultation Schedule – The Council Meeting 3 February 2026

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1.	The Executive Office	NI Executive's Response to the Covid-19 Inquiry Module 2 Report	Dates found below (letter attached)
	<p>The UK Covid-19 Inquiry is an independent public inquiry into the UK's response to and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Inquiry, chaired by Baroness Heather Hallett, was launched in July 2022.</p> <p>Module 1 The UK Covid Inquiry Module 1 Report - Executive Response to the COVID-19 Module 1 Report can be found at the following link</p> <p>(Executive 3rd Response to the Covid-19 Module 1 Report January 2026 The Executive Office).</p> <p>Module 2 As you may be aware, the UK Covid-19 Inquiry published its second report, Module 2 Module 2, 2A, 2B, 2C Report: Core decision-making and political governance on 20 November 2025. This report covers the period from the emergence of Covid-19 in January 2020, until the final restrictions were lifted in May 2022.</p> <p>We are now seeking your views on the implementation of the Module 2 recommendations. A series of engagement sessions—both in-person and online—has been arranged. Details (subject to change) are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Online – 16th February 2026 at 3pm (TEAMS) · Online – 19th February 2026 at 3pm (TEAMS) · In-person – Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate – 23rd February 2026 at 11am · In-person – Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate – 27th February 2026 at 10am 		

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	<p>If you wish to attend any session, please send your name, email address and name of organisation to the email address Covid.inquiry@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk, and indicate which session you would like to join. Please also advise us of any accessibility requirements.</p> <p>Space at the in-person sessions is limited and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Online sessions will be hosted via Microsoft Teams, and joining details will be issued once expressions of interest are received. We also welcome written feedback. Submissions should be emailed to Covid.inquiry@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk by 23 March 2026, to allow us to consider your views as part of the Executive's ongoing work to address the Module 2 recommendations.</p> <p>Your participation is an important part of this process. Thank you in advance for your time and input. If you would like to discuss any aspect further, please do not hesitate to contact this office.</p> <p>Together, we can ensure that the Inquiry's recommendations are implemented effectively and in a way that benefits all stakeholders</p>		
2.	Department for Communities	Consultation on notice to quit periods	29 March 2026
	<p>Summary Article 14 of the Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 as amended by Section 11 of the Private Tenancies Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (the Act) contains the provision for the Department for Communities (DfC) to introduce much longer notice to quit periods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on notice to quit periods Department for Communities 		
3.	Department for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs	Rethinking Our Resources: Northern Ireland Resources and Waste Management Strategy	8 April 2026

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	<p>Summary The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is launching a public consultation to seek views on the draft Rethinking Our Resources: Northern Ireland Resources and Waste Management Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rethinking Our Resources: Northern Ireland Resources and Waste Management Strategy Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs 		
4.	Department for Infrastructure (Roads)	Speed Limit Review 2026 - Councils	22 April 2026
	<p>Road safety is an issue that impacts on all of us in our everyday lives and is a matter the Department is committed to addressing. Across the world deaths on the road remain unacceptably high. One life lost on our roads is one too many and while there has been considerable progress in reducing road deaths, there is more that we can and must do to make our roads safer for everyone.</p> <p>The relevant documents associated with the public consultation can be obtained via the following link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations/speed-limit-review-2026 		
5.	Department for Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs	Significant Water Management Issues	18 June 2026
	<p>Summary This consultation asks you whether the Department has correctly identified the most significant and frequent pressures on Northern Ireland's water environment. The consultation will run for six months from 18 December 2025 to 18 June 2026. Please reply online via Citizen Space if possible.</p>		

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Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Corporate Policy & Equality	Corporate Policy & Equality - Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- HSENI Proposals for amendments to the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 submission by 10 February 2026
- Department of Education Consultation on a pupil attendance strategy - Attendance Matters submission by 6 March 2026

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Dear Stakeholder,

NI EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 INQUIRY MODULE 2 REPORT

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Module 1

At its meeting on 15 January 2026, the Northern Ireland Executive approved publication of its third Response to the UK Covid Inquiry Module 1 Report - Executive Response to the COVID-19 Module 1 Report. ([Executive 3rd Response to the Covid-19 Module 1 Report January 2026 | The Executive Office](#)).

Work is ongoing to implement the Module 1 recommendations. We remain committed to ensuring that these actions align with the needs and expectations of all stakeholders and recognise the valuable role you continue to play in this process

Module 2

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Yours sincerely,



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Director

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