

CONSULTATION SCHEDULE – Council Meeting 27 June 2024

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1.	Department for Communities	Consultation on Disability Benefits System	22 July 2024
	<p>A consultation on proposals to change the disability benefits system has been added to the Department for Communities website.</p> <p>The consultation on the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) ‘Modernising support for independent living: health and disability Green Paper’ will run until Monday 22 July 2024.</p> <p>The Green Paper explores how the welfare system could be redesigned in regards to payments for disabilities and long-term health conditions and includes proposals for reform of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) system.</p> <p>Those interested in contributing to the DWP consultation can access the link here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.communities-ni.gov.uk/consultation-modernising-support 		
2.	Department for the Economy	Consultation on a proposal for primary legislation to resolve issues in regard to the Department for the Economy’s financial powers	1 August 2024
	<p>Please see link below to the consultation on a proposal for primary legislation to resolve issues in regard to the Department’s financial powers. The published documents include drafts of the section 75 screening and rural needs impact assessments applicable to this proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for primary legislation to resolve issues in regard to the department’s financial powers 		

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	<p>DfE is consulting at present as a preparatory step on the measures that are within our remit. We have outlined the issues and how they might be resolved, and we welcome your views on the consultation documents.</p> <p>This is an 8-week consultation. A virtual information session will be held on 25 June from 10:00am to 11:00am and will include an opportunity for you to ask questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on a proposal for primary legislation to resolve issues in regard to the Department for the Economy's financial powers Department for the Economy (economy-ni.gov.uk) 	
3.	<p>Department for the Economy</p> <p>Consultation on proposed new Bill to allow the Utility Regulator to support the Department through the provision of advice, information and assistance in fulfilling obligations under the Climate Change (NI) Act 2022</p>	16 August 2024
	<p>The Bill is technical in nature and designed to allow the Utility Regulator to support the Department through the provision of advice, information and assistance in fulfilling obligations under the Climate Change (NI) Act 2022.</p> <p>This consultation can be found by clicking on the below link and we encourage your participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfe/utility-regulator-support-for-decarbonisation 	
4.	<p>Department of Health</p> <p>Equality Impact Assessment of the 2024-25 Budget Outcome for the Department of Health</p>	29 August 2024
	<p>The Department of Health has published an Equality Impact Assessment of the 2024-25 Budget Outcome for the Department and welcomes comments on any potential equality implications arising from the Budget and will consider whether any further mitigating actions can be implemented in light of responses received during the consultation. To facilitate this consideration early responses would be appreciated.</p> <p>The EQIA can be found by clicking on the following link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Impact Assessment of the 2024-25 Budget Outcome Department of Health (health-ni.gov.uk) 	

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5.	Department of Finance	NICS Guide: Supporting Carers	
	<p>As part of the Civil Service’s commitment to being an inclusive employer it has developed a new NICS Guide: Supporting Carers.</p> <p>The guide has been equality screened and has been published on the Department of Finance’s website below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Screening Document - NICS Guide: Supporting Carers Department of Finance (finance-ni.gov.uk) 		

Open Consultations (previously Listed)

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs - Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a circular Economy in NI – submission by 27 June 2024
- Ulster University Equality - Screening of new and revised policies – submission by 5 July 2024
- Department for the Economy - Call for Evidence on ‘Developing Biomethane Production in Northern Ireland – submission by 9 August 2024
- Department for Communities - Public consultation launched on £20k threshold for Charities in NI – submission by 11 August 2024