

ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONSULTATION – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2010

Business Area/Name of Consultation Exercise	Anticipated Date of Consultation	Brief Description	Contact Name and <u>Full</u> Telephone Number
Local Government Policy Division (LGPD) Draft Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2010	12 April 2010	The regulations would amend the provisions relating to employers' payments in the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2009 to clarify employers' obligations in respect of pension liabilities.	William Dobbin Tel: 028 9025 6092
LGPD Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill.	May 2010	The Department plans to bring forward a Reorganisation Bill which will provide for the winding up of the current 26 Northern Ireland district councils and the establishment and coming into operation of 11 new district councils.	Julie Broadway Tel: 028 90256094
Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) Revised Criteria for Listing. Change to Annex C of Planning Policy Statement 6.	12 April 2010	The criteria for listing explain how the Department interprets Article 42 of the Planning Order 1991. This sets out the test that for such protection structures must be 'of special architectural or historic interest'. Correspondence on the subject in 2008 prompted the then Minister to ask for the current criteria (in place since 1999) to be revised and	Manus Deery Tel: 028 90543144

		clarified. The criteria have now been reviewed taking into account processes in neighbouring regions.	
NIEA NIEA Enforcement Policy Consultation II.	May 2010	Final revised Enforcement Policy to take into account the responses from the initial consultation exercise and the outworking of the new Environmental Crime Unit.	Sara McGuckin Tel: 028 9056 9375
Climate and Waste Division Consultation on amendment to the Landfill Regulations (NI) 2003.	April 2010	Consultation on applying amended Regulations to landfill sites closed between July 2001 and Jan 2004	Gerry Arkins 028 9025 4857
Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on policy proposals for a Northern Ireland Marine Bill.	April 2010	Part of the ongoing work on a marine programme to help deliver sustainable management and development of NI's seas. The Bill will provide the legislative framework for marine planning, further streamlining of marine licensing and marine nature conservation.	Beverley Cowan Tel: 028 9025 4810
Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on Draft Planning Policy Statement 2: Natural Heritage (Provisionally renamed).	April 2010	Revised draft planning policy to protect and conserve, and where possible enhance and restore, the diversity of habitats, wildlife and earth science features. It will also address landscape issues.	Valerie Hamilton Tel: 028 9025 4727

<p>Climate and Waste Division Consultation (joint) on the Controls on Ozone Depleting Substances Regulations (NI) 2010 and the Ozone Depleting Substances (Qualifications) Regulations (NI) 2010</p>	<p>Apr 2010</p>	<p>To transpose the requirements of Regulation (EC) 1005/2009 on substances that deplete the ozone layer. The draft regulations set out measures and controls related to production, marketing, and labelling, of ODS and of equipment which contains ODS. Also, leakage checking, recycling and recovery of ODS or equipment. The regulations set out minimum qualifications required by personnel who work with equipment containing ODS.</p>	<p>Roger Irwin Tel: 028 9025 4758</p>
<p>Climate and Waste Division Consultation on the introduction of restrictions on the landfilling of certain wastes</p>	<p>May 2010</p>	<p>Consultation on the principles of introducing landfill restrictions, and options under consideration for diverting waste from landfill.</p>	<p>Clifford Maxwell Tel: 028 9025 4839</p>
<p>Climate and Waste Division Consultation on meeting EU Landfill Diversion targets.</p>	<p>May 2010</p>	<p>The implications of changing the UK's approach to meeting targets to reduce the amount of biodegradable municipal waste to landfill in the Landfill Directive.</p>	<p>Catherine Torrens Tel: 028 9025 4759</p>
<p>Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on Draft Planning Policy</p>	<p>May 2010</p>	<p>Draft planning policy to encourage and facilitate the provision of good quality tourism developments in appropriate locations within the built</p>	<p>Michael Francey Tel: 028 9025 7307</p>

Statement 16: Tourism		and natural environment.	
Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on the draft Nitrates Action Programme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010	May/June 2010	Review of Action Programme and re-application for derogation under Nitrates Directive jointly with DARD.	Fiona Wilson Tel: 028 9025 4789
Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on the draft Water Framework Directive (Priority Substances and Classification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010	May/June 2010	To transpose the Priority Substances Daughter Directive setting environmental quality standards to protect water quality in terms of dangerous substances and to set out the classification schemes that the Northern Ireland Environment Agency use to classify water bodies under the Water Framework Directive.	Emma Neill Tel: 028 9025 4793
Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on proposals for new marine licensing legislation	May/June 2010	To detail new marine licensing system for Northern Ireland, including appeals process, civil sanctions and exemptions.	Brenda Cunning Tel: 028 9025 4717
Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on Draft Planning Policy Statement 22: Social and Affordable	June 2010	Pending the outcome of an economic appraisal - DSD and DOE will be bringing forward housing policy and planning policy for developer contributions in the provision of affordable housing in new residential	Stephen Hamilton Tel: 028 9025 4722

Housing.		developments.	
Climate and Waste Division Stage Two Consultation on the revised Waste Framework Directive.	June 2010	To transpose the requirements of the revised Waste Framework Directive. This consultation follows on from the Stage-One (policy) consultation that was completed in January 2010. It will contain draft transposing legislation.	Mairéad Adams Tel: 028 9025 4746
Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on Draft Planning Policy Statement 1: Planning for Sustainable Development	September 2010	Revised draft planning policy to set out the core principles to underpin delivery of the new planning system and to give support to the planning reform legislation and guidance being brought forward.	Anne Lockwood Tel: 028 9025 4824
Climate and Waste Division The Draft Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Charging Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010.	September 2010	To provide for fees/charges for the regulation of aviation sector as a result of its inclusion in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme.	Chris McWilliams Tel: 028 9025 4842
Planning and Natural Resources Division Consultation on UK-wide Marine Policy Statement	Summer 2010 (tbc)	The Marine Policy Statement will contain high-level policies and objectives for the whole of the UK marine area, setting the context for marine planning across the UK.	Brenda Cunning Tel: 028 9025 4717

<p>Road Safety Division (RSD) Consultation on the Northern Ireland Road Safety Strategy 2010.</p>	<p>16 March 2010</p>	<p>The consultation seeks views on a 10-year road safety strategy for Northern Ireland and measures to improve road safety and further reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads.</p> <p>The consultation also seeks views on road casualty reduction targets and performance indicators for Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>Desi McDonnell Tel: 028 9054 1152</p>
<p>RSD Bus Construction.</p>	<p>May 2010</p>	<p>The Division plans to issue a consultation paper on proposed amendments to Bus Construction Regulations to recognise United Nations Economic Commission for Europe technical standards.</p>	<p>Richard Crawford Tel: 028 9054 0178</p>
<p>RSD Tyre noise emissions.</p>	<p>May 2010</p>	<p>The Division plans to issue a consultation paper on proposed amendments to the Construction and Use Regulations to transpose Directive 2001/43/EC in respect of noise limits for replacement tyres.</p>	<p>Richard Crawford Tel: 028 9054 0178</p>
<p>RSD UK-wide consultation on changes resulting from Commission Directives 2009/112/EC and 2009/113/EC.</p>	<p>May 2010, subject to progress in GB</p>	<p>These Directives introduce revised standards in relation to eyesight, diabetes mellitus and epilepsy for applicants for driving licences or for the renewal of such licences.</p>	<p>Catherine Johnston Tel: 028 9054 1173</p>

<p>RSD Reform of the Learner and Restricted Driving Schemes and Introduction Graduated Driver Licensing.</p>	<p>May 2010</p>	<p>The paper will seek views on a wide range of possible measures intended to address the continued overrepresentation of young and other novice drivers in fatal and serious road collisions and casualties.</p>	<p>Betty Holland Tel: 028 9054 1165</p>
<p>RSD Reflective markings on emergency vehicles, conspicuity markings on heavy goods vehicles and beacons/sirens on mountain rescue vehicles.</p>	<p>June 2010</p>	<p>The Division plans to issue a consultation paper regarding (a) removal of restrictions on use by emergency vehicles of reflective markings, (b) conspicuity markings on heavy goods vehicles, and (c) use of beacons and sirens on mountain rescue vehicles.</p>	<p>Uel Banks Tel: 028 9054 0074</p>
<p>RSD Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) Testing Exemptions.</p>	<p>September 2010</p>	<p>The Division plans to issue a consultation paper to seek views on proposals to remove a number of exemptions from the HGV roadworthiness testing scheme.</p>	<p>Uel Banks Tel: 028 9054 0074</p>
<p>Transport Regulators Office (TRO) Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act – Proposals for exemptions and in/out of scope vehicles.</p>	<p>July 2010</p>	<p>The Department plans to consult on the scope of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act and the vehicles to be exempt.</p>	<p>Donald Armstrong Tel: 028 9054 0141</p>