

ACSS Policy Monitor 8/2012 August 2012

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AI. UK Consultations

29 August 2012

Scottish Government

A consultation on the proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill

The paper offers ideas on how communities can meet their own goals through independent action and having their voices heard.

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/06/7786>

31 August 2012

Department for Education

Childcare Commission: call for evidence

The Commission is considering how to reduce the costs of childcare and the burdens on providers.

More info on

<https://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/departementalinformation/consultations/a00211976/childcare-commission-call-for-evidence>

31 August 2012

Office for National Statistics

Consultation on the recommended method of reflecting owner occupiers' housing costs in a new additional measure of consumer price inflation, and the strategy for Consumer Price statistics

More <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/user-engagement/consultations-and-surveys/open-consultations/owner-occupiers-housing-costs/index.html>

1 September 2012

Welsh Government

Review of qualifications for 14 to 19-year-olds in Wales

More info on <http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/education/nlnf/?lang=en>

5 September 2012

Department for Education

Co-operative Parenting Following Family Separation: Proposed Legislation on the Involvement of Both Parents in a Child's Life

More info on

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1825&external=no&menu=1>

5 September 2012

Department for Transport

Consultation on changes to the treatment of penalties for careless driving and other motoring offences

More info on <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2012-25/>

6 September 2012

HM Treasury

The future of building societies

More info on http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consult_future_building_societies.htm.

7 September 2012

Department of Health

Consultation on local authority health scrutiny

More info on <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/health-scrutiny>

7 September 2012

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

Richard review of apprenticeships: call for evidence

More info on <http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/richard-review-consultation?cat=open>

7 September 2012

Department for Work and Pensions

Work Capability Assessment – Year 3 call for evidence

More info on <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/wca-call-for-evidence.shtml>

7 September 2012

Scottish Government

A policy on architecture and placemaking for Scotland: public consultation

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/05/8766>

10 September 2012

HM Treasury

Consultation on creative sector tax reliefs

Seeks views on the design of tax reliefs for the animation, high-end television and video games industries.

More info on http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consult_creative_sector_tax_reliefs.htm

10 September 2012

Department for Transport

Taxi and private hire services: consultation

More info on <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/gov-20120510/>

10 September 2012

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

Midata 2012 review and consultation

Seeks views on proposal to compel suppliers of goods and services to provide customers with historic transaction and consumption data

More info on <http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/midata-review-and-consultation?cat=open>

11 September 2012

Department of Communities and Local Government

New opportunities for sustainable development and growth through the reuse of existing buildings: consultation

More info

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/reusebuildingsconsultation>

11 September 2012

Scottish Government

Integration of Adult Health and Social Care in Scotland: Consultation on Proposals

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/05/6469>

12 September 2012

Department for Communities and Local Government

High Income Tenants: Pay to Stay consultation

Consultation on proposal whereby landlords of subsidised housing could charge a fair rent to higher income tenants.

More info on <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/paytostayconsultation>

21 September 2012

Scottish Government

The Future of Right to Buy in Scotland – a Consultation

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/06/7065>

21 September 2012

Northern Ireland Assembly

Business Improvement Districts Bill

More info on <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/Assembly-Business/Committees/Social-Development/Inquiries/Inquiry-into-the-Business-Improvement-Districts-Bill>.

24 September 2012

Welsh Government

Consultation on the Further and Higher Education (Wales) Bill

More info on <http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/education/feandhebill/?lang=en>

24 September 2012

HM Treasury

Financial sector regulation: broadening the regime

Focuses on parts of finance sector apart from banks.

More info on http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consult_financial_sector_resolution_broadening_regime.htm

25 September 2012

Scottish Government

Getting Our Priorities Right

Consultation on updated Good Practice Guidance for practitioners working with children, young people and families affected by substance abuse

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/07/9484>

26 September 2012

Scottish Government

A consultation on the proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/06/7786>

26 September 2012

Department of Health

Developing our NHS care objectives: a consultation on the draft mandate to the NHS Commissioning Board

More info on <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/draft-mandate-consultation>

26 September 2012

Scottish Government

A Scotland for Children: A Consultation on the Children and Young People Bill

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/07/7181>

26 September 2012

Charity Commission

Public benefit consultation

Concerned with revised guidance on the public benefit test.

More info on <http://publicbenefitconsultation.blogspot.co.uk/>

28 September 2012

Scottish Government

Safeguarding Scotland's Resources – a programme for the efficient use of our materials: consultation

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/06/4215>

28 September 2012

Scottish Government

Homes that don't cost the earth: a consultation Strategy on Scotland's

Sustainable Housing Strategy

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/06/8390>

28 September 2012

Northern Ireland Assembly

Charities Bill

More info on <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/Assembly-Business/Committees/Social-Development/Inquiries/Charities-Bill>

28 September 2012

Department of Health

Consultation on fertility and human tissue regulators

More info on <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/06/consultation-regulators>

28 September 2012

Department of Health

Consultation on joint strategic needs assessments and joint health and wellbeing strategy guidance

Part of the reorganisation of the NHS.

More info on <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/consultation-jsna/>

4 October 2012

Department for Work and Pensions

The future of the annual statistical publication Income Related Benefits: Estimates of Take-Up

DWP proposes to cease its publication.

More info on <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/take-up-stats.shtml>

5 October 2012

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

Consultation on enhancing consumer confidence by clarifying consumer law

More info on <http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/consultation-rationalising-modernising-consumer-law?cat=open>

10 October 2012

Department for Work and Pensions

Consultation on the future closure of the Independent Living Fund

More info on <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/future-of-ilf.shtml>

12 October 2012

Department of Health

Consultation on a new adult safeguarding power

More info on <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/safeguardingadults>

15 October 2012

Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Consultation new Sustainable Development Indicators

More info on <http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/07/24/sus-dev-indicators/>

17 October 2012

Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Consultation on guidance for business on environmental key performance indicators

More info on <http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2012/07/25/environmental-kpi/>

17 October w2012

Welsh Government

Use of the State of the Environment Indicators

More info on

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/statistics/environmentindicators/?lang=en&status=open>

19 October 2012

Ministry of Justice

Transforming the services of the Office of the Public Guardian

More info on http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consult_financial_sector_resolution_broadening_regime.htm

19 October 2012

Welsh Government

Proposals for reform of the legislative framework for special educational needs

More info on

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/education/senframeworkconsultation/?lang=en>

20 October 2012

Welsh Government

Council Tax and Long-term Empty Homes in Wales

More info on

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/ctaxemptyhomes/?lang=en>

23 October 2012

Department of Culture, Media and Sport

Consultation on the proposed merger of the Gambling Commission and the National Lottery Commission

More info on <http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/9255.aspx>

24 October 2012

Welsh Government

The People's NHS

More info on <http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/people/?lang=en>

26 October 2012

Department for Work and Pensions

Supporting separated families; securing children's futures

More info on <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/childrens-futures.shtml>

26 October 2012

Scottish Government

Consultation on proposals for a Better Regulation Bill

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/08/8403>

31 October 2012

Department for Transport

Draft Aviation Policy Framework consultation

This does not include the question of new airport capacity on which a Call for Evidence will issue later in the year.

More info on <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2012-35/>

2 November 2012

Northern Ireland Assembly

Future of the Education Maintenance Allowance scheme consultation

More info on <http://www.delni.gov.uk/ema-consultation>

2 November 2012

Northern Ireland Assembly

Urban Regeneration and Community Development Policy Framework: consultation

More info on <http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/index/consultations/consultations-urcd-policy-framework.htm>

2 November 2012

Scottish Government

Procurement Reform Bill - consultation

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/08/3295>

22 December 2012

Environment Agency

Consultation on Working Together to deliver river basin management

More info on <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/wfd/working/together2012>

A2. EC Consultations

23 August 2012

European Commission: Home Affairs

Consultation on the future rules on the entry and residence of non-EU researchers, students, school pupils, unremunerated trainees and volunteers in the EU

The consultation will collect opinions with a view to revision of the students and researchers Directives.

More info on http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/consulting_public/consulting_0024_en.htm

5 September 2012

European Commission: Internal Market

A clean and open Internet: Public consultation on procedures for notifying and acting on illegal content hosted by online intermediaries

More info on

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=noticeandaction&lang=en>

5 September 2012

European Commission

Energy Efficiency: Public consultation

More info on

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/efficiency/consultations/iee3_in_horizon_2020_en.htm

6 September 2012

European Commission: Enterprise and Industry

Industrial innovation: Public consultation on demand-side policies to spur European industrial innovation in a global market.

More info on http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index_en.htm then follow link [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/innovation/documents/innovation-consultation_en.htm].

9 September 2012

European Commission

Consultation on the 2013 EU Citizenship Report 'EU citizens – Your rights, your future'

The Commission wants to know about obstacles faced in daily life living, studying, working, shopping or travelling in the EU and ideas on removing such obstacles and further developing EU citizenship.

More info on

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=EUCitizenship3&lang=en>

21 September 2012

European Commission: Secretariat-General

Consultation on Smart Regulation

Stocktaking of implementation of a 2010 Communication on how the Commission designs, enforces and evaluates European policies and regulations.

More info on http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index_en.htm then follow link.

30 September 2012

European Commission: Information Society

On-line public consultation on Code for Effective Open Voluntarism: Good design principles for self- and co-regulation and other multi-stakeholder actions

Intended to gather knowledge, ideas and opinions about how to ensure that voluntarism has attention in the policy making toolbox.

More info on http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/digital-agenda/actions/consultation/index_en.htm

1 October 2012

European Commission: Enterprise and Industry

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): Consultation on Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan

More info on http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/consultations/index_en.htm then follow link.

5 October 2012

European Commission

State aid modernisation: reform of State aid procedures

More info on

http://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2012_state_aid_reform_procedures/index_en.html

15 October 2012

European Commission

Improving network and information security (NIS) in the EU

More info on <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=securitystrategy2>

22 October 2012

European Commission

Options for resource efficiency indicators

This follows up the Commission's 2011 Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe, concerning natural resources.

More info on <http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=REI&lang=en>

23 October 2012

European Commission: Competition

State aid for environmental protection

More info on

http://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2012_state_aid_environment/index_en.html

B. Select Committee inquiries

24 August 2012

Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards: call for evidence

The Commission invites responses to its initial questions.

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/bankingstandards>

28 August 2012

Scottish Parliament: Education and Culture Committee

Inquiry into decision making on whether children should be taken into care

More info on

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/52590.aspx>.

28 August 2012

House of Commons Home Affairs Committee

Child exploitation and protection

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/news/120620-grooming-new-inquiry/>

3 September 2012

House of Commons Education Committee

Careers guidance for young people

More info on www.parliament.uk/education-committee

3 September 2012

House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Rural communities

More info on www.parliament.uk/efracom

3 September 2012

House of Commons Justice Committee

Interpretation and Translation Services and the Applied Language Solutions contract

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/justice-committee/news/interpretation-and-translation-services/>

5 September 2012

House of Commons Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

Hargreaves Review of Intellectual Property

An inquiry into the Review and the government's response to it.

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/business-innovation-and-skills/inquiries/parliament-2010/hargreaves-review-of-intellectual-property/>

6 September 2012

House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee

The role of the Housing Ombudsman

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/communities-and-local-government-committee/news/housing-ombudsman---tor/>

10 September 2012

House of Commons Justice Committee

Women offenders

More info on www.parliament.uk/justicecttee

14 September 2012

House of Commons Public Administration Select Committee

The impact and implementation of the 2006 Charities Act

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/public-administration-select-committee/news/charities-iq/>

19 September 2012

House of Commons Science and Technology Committee

Marine Science

More info on www.parliament.uk/science

20 September 2012

House of Lords Science and Technology Committee

Regenerative Medicine

More info on

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2010/regenerative-medicine/>

21 September 2012

Northern Ireland Assembly

Business Improvement Districts Bill

More info on <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/Assembly-Business/Committees/Social-Development/Inquiries/Inquiry-into-the-Business-Improvement-Districts-Bill/>

21 September 2012

Northern Ireland Assembly

Charities Bill

More info on <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/Assembly-Business/Committees/Social-Development/Inquiries/Charities-Bill/>

24 September 2012

House of Lords Communications Select Committee

Media convergence and its public policy impact

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/communications/mediaconvergence/MCcf020812.pdf>

1 October 2012

House of Commons Energy and Climate Change Committee

The impact of shale gas on energy markets

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/energy-and-climate-change-committee/inquiries/parliament-2010/impact-of-shale-gas/>

1 October 2012

House of Lords EU Sub-committee

Reform of the EU banking sector

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/eu-economic-and-financial-affairs-and-international-trade-sub-committee-a/inquiries/parliament-2010/reform-of-the-eu-banking-sector/>

5 October 2012

House of Commons International Development Committee

Post 2015 Development Goals

This inquiry is preliminary to UN work on the replacement of the UN Millennium Development Goals which expire in 2015.

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/international-development-committee/news/mdgs/>

5 October 2012

House of Commons Home Affairs Committee

Leadership and standards in the police

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2010/leadership/>

18 October 2012

House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee

The future role of local authorities in health issues

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/communities-and-local-government-committee/news/health-issues---tor/>

William Solesbury

13 August 2012