

ACSS Policy Monitor 9/2012 September 2012

All items listed in closing date order
Highlighted items appeared in a previous Policy Monitor

AI. UK Consultations

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>

8 October

Department of Communities and Local Government

Renegotiation of Section 106 planning obligations: consultation

More info on

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

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 Culture, Media and Sport

Consultation on the future Constitution of the English Tourist Board (known as the Visit England Board)

More info on <http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/9285.aspx>

12 October 2012

Welsh Government

National Literacy and Numeracy Framework and Tests

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

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>

22 October 2012

Department of Health

Consultation in new licensing regime for providers of NHS services

More info on <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/consultation-licensing/>

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>

23 October 2012

Northern Ireland Office

Consultation on measures to improve the operation of the Northern Ireland Assembly

More info on <http://www.nio.gov.uk/index/public-consultation/documents.htm>

24 October 2012

Welsh Government

The People's NHS

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

25 October 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>

26 October 2012

Department of Health

Consultation on proposals for NHS commissioners to deliver best value

More info on <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/consultation-commissioners/>

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>

30 October

Office for National Statistics

Proposal to reduce the number of datasets produced using the Integrated Household Survey

More info on <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/user-engagement/consultations-and-surveys/open-consultations/ihs/index.html>

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

Scottish Government

Procurement Reform Bill - consultation

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

14 November 2012

Department for Work and Pensions

Changes to JobCentre Plus vacancies statistics

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

23 November 2012

Welsh Government

Registering and monitoring home-based education

More info on

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

23 November 2012

Welsh Government

Statutory guidance to Welsh local authorities on the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental well-being under the Local Government Act 2000

More info on

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

27 November 2012

Department of Health

Consultation on the arrangements for consideration of proposals for the fluoridation of drinking water

More info on <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/09/fluoridation-of-drinking-water/>

29 November 2012

Scottish Government

Reducing the drink drive limit in Scotland

More info on <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/09/3556>

30 November

Law Commission

Wildlife law

More info on <http://lawcommission.justice.gov.uk/consultations/wildlife.htm>

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

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

4 November 2012

European Commission

Stakeholder consultation on the charging of the use of road infrastructure

More info on http://ec.europa.eu/transport/road/consultations/2012-11-04-roadcharging_en.htm

13 November 2012

European: Education and Culture

Consultation on Opening up education – a proposal for a European Initiative to enhance education and skills development through new technologies

More info on http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/consult/open_en.htm

B. Select Committee inquiries

20 September

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

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

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

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/>

5 October 2012

House of Commons Business Innovation and Skills Committee

Women in the Workplace

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/business-innovation-and-skills/news/women-in-the-workplace>

11 October

House of Commons Education Committee

Pre-legislative scrutiny: Special education needs

Focused on government's proposals in Cm 8438 for reform of provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/education-committee/news/new-inquiry-sen/>

12 October 2012

House of Commons Public Administration Committee

Communicating and publishing statistics

This is PASC's fourth study in its ongoing programme of work on statistics

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/public-administration-select-committee/news/iq-statistics-study-4/>

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/>

19 October 2012

House of Commons Education Committee

Foundation Years – Sure Start Children's Centres

More info on <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/education-committee/news/new-inquiry-foundation-years/>

2 November 2012

Welsh Government

Inquiry into Integrated Public Transport

More info on <http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=4436>

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