

25 January 2021

Dear Stakeholder

LAUNCH OF THE CONSULTATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW STRATEGIC PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT (PFG)

We are writing to advise you of the launch of an **eight week** formal consultation on the new draft Outcomes Framework for the Programme for Government (PfG) along with a **twelve week** Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) Consultation, both commencing on 25 January 2021. We are inviting you to share your views.

Draft Programme for Government Outcomes Framework

The Programme for Government focuses on achieving wellbeing for all. The new draft Framework sets out nine ambitious Outcomes aimed at making a real and positive difference to people's lives.

To ensure that the PfG is informed by citizen and stakeholder engagement and co-design, we would like your views on the high level draft Outcomes Framework – that is, the Outcomes themselves and the key priority areas that underpin them.

The consultation document contains the new draft Outcomes Framework and sets out the wider context to the PfG. It explains how it will provide the starting point for long-term strategic policy planning by the Executive as well as delivery of key strategies and actions moving forward. The document and alternative versions (easy read and children and young persons, as well as alternative language versions in Irish and Ulster Scots) can be found on the NI Executive website:

www.northernireland.gov.uk/pfg-consultation-documents

The best way to respond to this consultation is online, through our survey which can be accessed here:

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/nisra-pfg-analytics/pfg-consultation/>

A separate children's survey questionnaire is available here:

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/nisra-pfg-analytics/pfg-childrens-consultation>

The survey is quick and simple to complete, and provides for views focusing on the Outcomes Framework and the Key Priority areas.

A copy of the survey is also available for you to download at the following link:

www.northernireland.gov.uk/pfg-downloads

Completed hard copy survey questionnaires and general written responses can be sent to us by:

E-mail at: PFG@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk
Or
Post at: Programme for Government Team,
The Executive Office
Block E, Castle Buildings
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Responses to this consultation are invited until **11.59pm on 22 March 2021**.

Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) Consultation has also launched on 25 January 2021 for a **twelve week period**. The EQIA document is available here:

www.northernireland.gov.uk/pfg-eqia

Again the best way to respond to the consultation is online, through our EQIA consultation survey which can be accessed here:

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/nisra-pfg-analytics/pfg-eqia-consultation/>

As with the consultation for the PfG Draft Outcomes Framework, hardcopy survey responses and general written responses can also be emailed or posted to us. Responses to this consultation are invited until **11.59pm on 19 April 2021**.

Virtual Engagement Events

We are providing the opportunity for face-to-face discussion and engagement via online engagement events with members of the PfG Team within The Executive Office. At these events the PfG Team will provide an overview of the work that we have undertaken to date in the development of the draft Outcomes Framework and

answer any questions you may have in advance of you completing your consultation response via our online survey. It is anticipated that events will take place between 1 February and 12 March 2021.

We look forward to hearing from you and are keen to engage with you. If you want to speak to a member of the Team about the PfG, the approach being taken, the EQIA, to request an alternative version of the consultation document or if you or a group you are involved with would like to participate in a PfG engagement event, please do let us know. You can contact us by email at PFG@executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk or by telephone on 028 9052 3466.

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