

ACSS Policy Monitor 1/2012 January 2012

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

AI. UK Consultations

20 January 2012

Office for National Statistics

Beyond 2011 – Public consultation

Invites views from statistics users about their needs and priorities.

More info on www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/consultations/open-consultations/beyond-2011.

23 January 2012

Office for National Statistics

National Well-being Measures

ONS is holding a consultation on key themes or domains and headline indicators to be used in their future measurement of well-being

More info on www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/social-trends-rd/social-trends/uk-measures-of-national-well-being/measuring-national-well-being---discussion-paper-on-domains-and-measures.html

23 January 2012

Welsh Government

Local participation strategies 0-25

Seeks views on draft statutory guidance on ensuring that children and young people have the opportunity to be involved on local decisions that affect their lives.

More info <http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/local/?lang=eng>.

30 January 2012

Department of the Environment Food and Rural Affairs

Consultation on the new rural policy functions within Government and the proposed abolition of the Commission for Rural Communities

More info on www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/11/01.rural-policy.

2 February 2012

Department of Communities and Local Government

Right to Buy

Consultation on proposals to increase the caps on Right to Buy and to ensure receipts are used for one-for-one replacement of housing.

More info on www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/reinvigoratingrighttobuy

3 February 2012

Welsh Government

Call for Evidence: Ensuring the planning system delivers

An independent advisory group is reviewing options for the Planning Bill due in 2013.

More info on <http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/planning/callforevidence/?lang=eng&status=open>.

3 February

Department for Education

Supporting Families in the Foundation Years: Proposed Changes to the Entitlement to Free Early Education and Childcare Sufficiency

More info on www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm

5 February 2012

Home Office

Stalking

Views are sought on how to protect the victims of stalking more effectively.

More info on www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/stalking-consultation.

13 February 2012

Ministry of Justice

Appointments and Diversity: A Judiciary for the 21st Century

Consultation on proposed amendments to the statutory and regulatory framework for judicial appointments to increase diversity.

More info on www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/judicial-appointments-cp19-2011.htm.

17 February 2012

Welsh Government

Meeting the Housing Challenge: Building a consensus for action

Views are invited on a wide range of housing policy issues.

More info on <http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/housingcommunity/housingchallenge>

17 February 2012

Exclusions from schools and pupil referral units

Consultation on draft revised regulations and guidance document.

More info on www.education.gov.uk/consultations

27 February 2012

Office for National Statistics

Ceasing production of rolling-year interregional migration estimates

More info on www.ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/open-consultations/

27 February 2012

Department for Work and Pensions

Support for mortgage interest

Views are invited on proposals for changes in such support for working age and pensioner households in line with the proposed Universal Credit.

More info on www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2011/support-for-mortgage-interest.shtml.

29 February 2012

Scottish Government

Discussion Paper: Improving Advocacy for Children and Young People – Principles and Minimum Standards

More info on www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/11/10141739/0

29 February 2012

Scottish Government

Review of The Unified Voluntary Sector Fund and Other Funds

This consultation focuses on a number of funding streams for children, young people and families.

More info on www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/12/09144704/1

5 March 2012

Department of Work and Pensions

Bereavement benefit

This consultation is on how these payments should support future working age widows, widowers and widowed civil partners.

More info on www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2011/bereavement-benefit.shtml.

13 March 2012

Welsh Government

Children and Young People's continuing care

Comments are invited on draft guidance for the planning and provision of such care.

More info on new.wales.gov.uk/consultation/healthsocialcare/careguidance/?lang=en

16 March 2012

Department of Culture, Media and Sport

The European Commission's proposal for a Creative Europe programme

Views are sought on this EC proposal to inform the government's approach to negotiations in 2012.

More info www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/8695.aspx.

30 March 2012

Department of Communities and Local Government

Social housing allocation

Consultation on new draft statutory guidance for English local authorities

More info on www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/allocationofaccommodation

30 March 2012

Home Office

Definition of domestic violence

Views are sought on four options for the definition to be used consistently across government.

More info on www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/definition-domestic-violence.

30 March 2012

Home Office

Forced marriage

Views are sought on whether forcing someone to marry should be a criminal offence or whether current arrangements provide adequate protection.

More info on www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/forced-marriage

A2. EC Consultations

7 February 2012

European Commission

Renewable Energy Directive

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

1 March 2012

European Commission

The right to family reunification of third country national living in the EU

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

B. Reviews

24 January 2012

Department for Education

Independent Review of Early Education and Childcare Qualifications

Professor Cathy Nutbrown has been commissioned to undertake this review to which evidence is invited.

More info on www.education.gov.uk/consultations.

10 February 2012

Tenant Services Authority

Revised regulatory framework for social housing in England.

Views sought on a new framework to take effect from April 2012.

More info on www.tenantservicesauthority.org.

10 February
HM Treasury
PFI Reform

The government invites evidence for its review of the reform of the Private Finance Initiative.

More info on www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/iuk_pfi_reform_call_for_evidence.htm

B. Select Committee inquiries

23 January 2012

House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Water White Paper

The Committee invites evidence on the proposals in the December 2011 White Paper Water for Life.

More info on www.parliament.uk/efracom.

23 January 2012

House of Commons Education Committee

The child protection system: revised terms of reference

The Committee has decided to refocus its existing inquiry and invites further evidence on the impact of neglect, older young people and thresholds for intervention.

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

27 January 2012

Scottish Parliament Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee

The Homelessness 2012 commitment

Views are invited on progress towards the commitment that every unintentionally homeless person is provided with settled accommodation by the end of 2012

More info on

www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/44467.

30 January 2012

House of Commons Political and Constitutional Reform Committee

Recall of MPs

The Committee is examining government proposals for the recall of MPs and invites evidence.

More info on www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/political-and-constitutional-reform-committee

31 January 2012

House of Commons Liaison Committee

Select Committee powers and effectiveness

The Committee invites written evidence.

More info on www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/political-and-constitutional-reform-committee

1 February 2012

House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee

Park Homes

In anticipation of a future government consultation on regulatory measures for park homes the Committee invites evidence for an inquiry.

More info on www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/communities-and-local-government-committee

2 February 2012

House of Commons Treasury Committee

Credit Rating Agencies

Written submissions are invited on the role, methods and accountability of these agencies.

More info on www.parliament.uk/treascom.

3 February 2012

House of Commons Business, Innovation and Skills Committee

Apprenticeships

Evidence is invited on how successful has been the National Apprenticeship Service since its creation in April 2009.

More info www.parliament.uk/biscom.

3 February 2012

House of Commons Justice Select Committee

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Evidence is invited on the effectiveness of the Freedom of Information Act, its strengths and weaknesses, in relation to its intentions.

More info on www.parliament.uk/justicecom.

6 February 2012

Scottish Parliament Equal Opportunities Committee

Youth homelessness

Views are invited on good practice in preventing youth homelessness.

More info on

www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/45098

8 February 2012

House of Commons Science and Technology Committee

Improving the commercialisation of research

Following publication of the government's Innovation and Research Strategy for Growth the Committee will inquire into how the government and others can improve the commercialisation of research.

More info www.parliament.uk/science

17 February 2012

Scottish Parliament Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Public sector reform and local government in Scotland

Views are invited for three short inquiries into Partnerships and outcomes; Benchmarking and performance measurement; Developing new ways of delivering services.

More info on

www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/45490.

C. Northern Ireland Executive programmes

The Northern Ireland Executive has published a Programme for Government 2011-2015. It embraces actions on 5 priorities: sustainable economic growth; creating opportunities, tackling disadvantage and improving health and well-being; environmental protection and public safety; a strong and shared community; and high quality and efficient public services.

More info www.northernireland.gov.uk/draft-pfg-2011-2015.pdf.

D. Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)

POST provides briefing for Parliament on science and technology, mostly in the form of short POSTnotes. Its work is overseen by a Board of parliamentarians and leading members of the science and technology community. Its future work programme has been announced and includes new POSTnotes on

- Low carbon technologies for energy intensive industries
- Land sharing versus land sparing
- GM crops in developing countries
- Bioenergy
- Super Farms
- Measuring Wellbeing

More info on www.parliament.uk/post.

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11 January 2012