

## ACSS policy monitor 3/2011 November 2011

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

### A. Consultations

25 November 2011

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

#### **Executive Remuneration**

A discussion paper seeking views on issues relating to executive remuneration.

More info on [www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/executive-remuneration-discussion-paper?cat=open](http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/executive-remuneration-discussion-paper?cat=open)

25 November 2011

Scottish Government

#### **Public sector Equality Duty**

Consultation on revised draft regulations on duties of Scottish public authorities under the Equality Act 2010.

More info on [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/09134605](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/09134605)

29 November 2011

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

#### **Proposal to establish the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) as an independent charity**

Following its review of quangos Government proposes to change the status of NESTA from that of a Non-departmental Public Body to that of a charity and invites views.

More info on [www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/nesta-charity-and-trust-proposal?cat=open](http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/nesta-charity-and-trust-proposal?cat=open)

30 November 2011

Department for Education

#### **Review of Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) Education**

Invites views on the core knowledge that pupils should learn and how best to deliver it.

More info on [www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm)

1 December 2011

Scottish Government

#### **The Rights of Young Children and Young People**

Invites views on the proposed Bill.

More info on [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/07110058](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/07110058).

2 December 2011

Department of Health

**Caring for our future: shared ambitions for care and support**

Views are invited via a dedicated website on the priorities that have the biggest potential to make improvements to the care and support system. Views are also invited on the recommendations made by the Commission on Funding of Care and Support (chaired by Andrew Dilnot).

More info on <http://caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk>.

3 December 2011

Scottish Government

**Putting Learners at the Centre: Delivering our ambitions for post-16 Education**

Invites views on proposals covering universities, colleges, skills and training.

More info on [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/15103949](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/15103949).

9 December 2011

Scottish Government

**Registration of civil partnership and same sex marriage consultation**

More info on [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/05153328](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/05153328).

12 December 2011

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

**Mutualisation of the Post Office**

Seeks views on the case for and shape of any mutualisation, building on the report commissioned from Cooperatives UK on Mutual Options for Post Office Ltd published in May 2011.

More info on [www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/post-office-mutualisation?cat=open](http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/post-office-mutualisation?cat=open).

21 December 2011

BBC

**Delivering Quality First consultation**

The BBC is consulting on its proposals to achieve savings of £600M by 2016/2017 by increased productivity, reductions in programmes and services, added commercial income and savings in working capital.

More info on [www.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/dqf/ataglance.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/aboutthebbc/dqf/ataglance.shtml).

23 December 2011

(N Ireland) Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister

**Social Investment Fund**

Seeks views on proposals for the operation of the Fund that will promote and support area-based partnership initiatives.

23 December 2011

Welsh Government

### **Supporting People Programme Guidance**

Seeks views on draft of guidance due for publication in April 2012

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

23 December 2011

Department for Education

### **Call for Evidence for Independent Review of Early Education and Childcare Qualifications**

Invites the views of parents and families and all those involved in the delivery of early years education and childcare.

More info on [www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm).

2 January 2012

Department of Health

### **Duty of candour**

Proposes a contractual requirement on NHS providers to be open with patients when things go wrong with their healthcare.

More info on [www.dh.gov.uk/health/2011/10/candour-consultation](http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2011/10/candour-consultation).

3 January 2012

Department for Education

### **Review of Intercountry Adoption Legislation**

Proposes changes to the list of countries whose adoptions are recognised in the UK.

More info on [www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm).

3 January 2012

Department of Communities and Local Government

### **What can a mayor do for you? A consultation**

Seeks views on giving powers to mayors in the 12 largest cities elected by the referendums to be held in May 2012.

More info [www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/mayorsconsultation](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/mayorsconsultation).

4 January 2012

Department for Education

### **Removing the statutory duty to deliver work related learning at Key Stage 4**

The proposal leaves schools to determine whether and how to provide such learning.

More info on [www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm).

4 January 2012

Department for Education

### **Study programmes for 16-19 year olds**

Makes proposals in the wake of Professor Alison Wolf's review of Vocational Education published in March 2011.

More info on [www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm).

5 January 2012

Welsh Government

### **School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Bill**

This White Paper invites views on the proposed legislation concerning inter alia intervention for schools causing concern, school organisation, school-based counselling.

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

6 January 2012

Department for Education

### **Revised Statutory Guidance on the Roles and Responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services**

More info on [www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm)

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13 January 2012

Home Office

### **Consultation on police powers to promote and maintain public order**

Invites views on three specific issues the government is reviewing: the relevance of the word 'insulting'; in existing legislation; new powers to request removal of face coverings; new curfew powers.

More info on [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/police-powers](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/police-powers)

13 January 2012

Home Office

### **Domestic violence disclosure scheme**

Consultation on proposal for a scheme for disclosing an individual's history of domestic violence to a new partner.

More info on [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/domestic-violence](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/domestic-violence).

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/2011/11/01.rural-policy).

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](http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm)

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](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/11/10141739/0)

## B. Reviews and inquiries

24 November 2011

HoC Treasury Committee

### **Global imbalances**

The Select Committee is inquiring into the causes and consequences of global imbalances.

More info on [www.parliament.uk/treascom](http://www.parliament.uk/treascom).

30 November 2011

HoC Science and Technology Committee

### **The Census and social science**

The Committee is conducting a short inquiry on the impact on social science of the decision to axe the decennial Census

More info on [www.parliament.uk/scitechcom](http://www.parliament.uk/scitechcom)

5 December

Boundary Commission

### **Review of parliamentary constituencies**

The Commission has published proposals that will reduce the number of constituencies in England from 533 to 502 and invites responses.

More info on [www.parliament.uk/business/news/2011/boundary-commission-proposals](http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2011/boundary-commission-proposals).

12 December 2011

Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee

### **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill**

The Committee calls for evidence to inform its consideration of the Bill.

More info on

[www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/43552](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/43552)

14 December 2011

HoC Science and Technology Committee

### **Risk perception and energy infrastructure**

More info on [www.parliament.uk/scitechcom](http://www.parliament.uk/scitechcom)

15 December 2011

HoC Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

### **Changes to Daylight Saving: Implications for Agriculture and Rural Communities**

The Committee will hold an evidence session given that the Government has announced it is considering supporting the Private Member's Daylight Saving Bill.

More info on [www.parliament.uk/efracom](http://www.parliament.uk/efracom)

16 December 2011

Welsh Assembly Health and Social Care Committee

**Inquiry into Residential Care for Older People**

More info on [www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=2222](http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=2222)

16 December 2011

HoC Science and Technology Committee

**Science and international development**

An inquiry into DfID's work to build scientific capacity in developing countries

More info on [www.parliament.uk/scitechcom](http://www.parliament.uk/scitechcom)

19 December 2011

Hoc Health Committee

**Education, training and workforce planning**

An inquiry into government plans for the development of the healthcare workforce

More info on [www.parliament.uk/healthcom](http://www.parliament.uk/healthcom)

## C. Scottish and Welsh government programmes

The **Scottish Government** announced its programme for the 2011-2012 term in early September. It included inter alia

- a commitment on an independence referendum in this parliament
- police and fire service reform.
- A commitment that all 16-19 year olds be in education, training or work
- plans for more collaboration in public service delivery

More info on [www.scotland.gov.uk/News?releases/2011/09/07120559](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News?releases/2011/09/07120559).

The **Welsh Government** announced its programme for the current term at the end of September. Key commitments include inter alia

- establishing a Welsh jobs fund
- increasing access to GP services
- funding 500 new community support officers
- introducing a statutory Literacy and Numeracy Framework
- an anti-poverty action plan

More info on <http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/firstminister/2011/pfg/?lang=en>

## D. Labour Party Policy reviews

Political parties in opposition are often in the market for new evidence and ideas for policy. Currently the Labour Party has six Policy Commissions reviewing policy on

- Britain in the World
- Creating Sustainable Communities
- Crime, Justice, Citizenship and Equalities
- Education and Skills
- Health
- Prosperity and Work

The Labour Party website states that 'Policy Commissions welcome your ideas and thoughts' and provides email addresses for them.

More info on [http://www.labour.org.uk/policy\\_commissions](http://www.labour.org.uk/policy_commissions).

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