

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker January 2025

This document is tailored to provide a monthly overview of key consultations and committee inquiries relevant to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

Key dates:

February recess: 13 – 24 February 2025

Spring Forecast: 26 March 2025

Easter recess: 8 - 22 April 2025

May Day: 01 – 06 May 2025

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

Department for Business and Trade (Business, Economy & Financial Services) 2025-28 Strategy and Plan and Budget Consultation

The Financial Reporting Council has opened a consultation on the 2025-28 Strategy and Plan and Budget.

Opens: 2 January 2025

Closes: 6 February 2025

<https://www.frc.org.uk/consultations/2025-28-strategy-consultation/>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Protecting built heritage

Closes: 3 February 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8742/protecting-built-heritage/>

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Developing an Energy Smart Data Scheme

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a call for evidence on the potential for developing a Smart Data scheme in the energy sector.

Opens: 13 January 2025

Closes: 10 March 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/developing-an-energy-smart-data-scheme>

Funding Mechanism for the Hydrogen Production Business Model: Proposed Design of the Gas Shipper Obligation

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has opened a consultation on the proposed design of the Gas Shipper Obligation, a funding mechanism for the Hydrogen Production Business Model and related costs.

Opens: 16 January 2025

Closes: 9 April 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/funding-mechanism-for-the-hydrogen-production-business-model-proposed-design-of-the-gas-shipper-obligation>

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Applying Environment Act 2021 Civil Sanctions

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on a proposed update to the Environment Agency's enforcement and sanctions policy.

Opens: 8 January 2025

Closes: 5 March 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/applying-environment-act-2021-civil-sanctions>

Environmental Assessment Levels for the Amine-Based Carbon Capture Process

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the development of Environmental Assessment Levels (EALs) for the amine-based carbon capture process.

Opens: 17 January 2025

Closes: 13 March 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environmental-assessment-levels-for-the-amine-based-carbon-capture-process>

Humber 2100+ Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Addendum Consultation

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report Addendum for the Humber 2100+ adaptive strategy to manage tidal flood risk across the Humber.

Opens: 22 January 2025

Closes: 5 March 2025

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/humber/sa-scoping-report-addendum/>

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

No updates

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

No updates

Department for Transport

Phasing out sales of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 and supporting the ZEV transition

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on phasing out sales of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 and supporting the ZEV transition.

Opened: 24 December 2024

Closes: 18 February 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/phasing-out-sales-of-new-petrol-and-diesel-cars-from-2030-and-supporting-the-zev-transition>

Integrated National Transport Strategy: a call for ideas

The Department for Transport has opened a call for evidence to support the development of an Integrated National Transport Strategy for England.

Opens: 28 November 2024

Closes: 20 February 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/integrated-national-transport-strategy-a-call-for-ideas>

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business and Trade Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Housing and Communities and Local Government Committee

Delivering 1.5 Million New Homes: Land Value Capture Inquiry

The Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee has opened an inquiry into how land value capture policies can contribute to the Government's house building plans and help fund affordable housing and public infrastructure.

Opens: 22 January 2025

Closes: 5 March 2025

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8817/delivering-1.5-million-new-homes-land-value-capture/>

Public Accounts Committee

Local Government Financial Sustainability

The Public Accounts Committee has published an inquiry into what local government in England spends, how this spending is funded and the effect of changes in recent years, with the aim of enhancing financial transparency in the sector.

Opens: 15 January 2025

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8827/local-government-financial-sustainability/>

Government cyber resilience

The Public Accounts Committee has published an inquiry into current threats, plans to maintain and improve resilience, and funding and strategy.

Opens: 15 January 2025

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8823/government-cyber-resilience/>

Governance and decision-making on major projects

The Public Accounts Committee has published an inquiry hearing from senior Treasury officials on topics including governance and decision-making structures on Government projects and information that has fed into key decisions on projects

Opens: 15 January 2025

Closes: TBC

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8822/governance-and-decisionmaking-on-major-projects/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

Ofwat's Forward Programme 2025-26 – Draft for Consultation

Ofwat has opened a consultation on its forward work programme for 2025-26, outlining proposed activities to drive water companies to improve performance and deliver value for customers, communities, and the environment.

Opens: 22 January 2025

Closes: 28 February 2025

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/consultation/ofwats-forward-programme-2025-26-draft-for-consultation/>