

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

January 2022

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.

Department consultations

Cabinet office

No updates

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Enemy Property and Baltic States schemes: date for final claims

BEIS would like views on the final date by which claims should be submitted under the Enemy Property Payment Scheme and the Baltic State Scheme, to enable final claims to be assessed before we close the schemes.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 31 March 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enemy-property-and-baltic-states-schemes-date-for-final-claims>

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Proposal for legislation to improve the UK's cyber resilience

The government is consulting on proposals for new laws to improve the cyber resilience of organisations which are important to the UK economy.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 10 April 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposal-for-legislation-to-improve-the-uks-cyber-resilience>

Embedding standards and pathways across the cyber profession by 2025

The government is consulting on proposals to develop the cyber security profession and ensure the UK Cyber Security Council has the powers it needs.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 20 March 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/embedding-standards-and-pathways-across-the-cyber-profession-by-2025>

Project Gigabit National Rolling Open Market Review

An Open Market Review request for information from specific suppliers operating nationally to submit information about existing and planned build at premises level over the next 3-year period across the UK.

This consultation closes at **5pm on 15 February 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/project-gigabit-national-rolling-open-market-review>

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Consultation on Biodiversity Net Gain Regulations and Implementation

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on how biodiversity net gain will be applied to Town and Country Planning Act development, and, at a higher level, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.

Opens: 11 January 2022

Closes: 5 April 2022

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/defra-net-gain-consultation-team/consultation-on-biodiversity-net-gain-regulations/>

Waste carrier, broker and dealer system reform

Seeking views on our plans to improve the waste carrier, broker and dealer system in England.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 15 April 2022**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/eq-resources-and-waste/consultation-on-cbd-reform/>

Implementation of mandatory digital waste tracking

Proposals for the implementation of a mandatory digital waste tracking service across the UK

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 15 April 2022**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/environmental-quality/waste-tracking/>

Draft Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS)

Seeking views on the draft Joint Fisheries Statement.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 12 April 2022**

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/sustainability-devolution-and-legislation-team/jfs/>

Landscapes review (National Parks and AONBs): implementing the review

Seeking views on the government response to the landscapes review.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 9 April 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/landscapes-review-national-parks-and-aonbs-implementing-the-review>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

Reforming the leasehold and commonhold systems in England and Wales

This consultation seeks views on a number of reforms to the leasehold and commonhold system following recommendations in the Law Commission's reports published in July 2020.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 22 February 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reforming-the-leasehold-and-commonhold-systems-in-england-and-wales>

Department for Transport

HS2 Phase 2b: Crewe – Manchester Environmental Statement Consultation

Seeks views on the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Environmental Statement.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 31 March 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-crewe-manchester-environmental-statement-consultation>

HS2 Phase 2b: Crewe – Manchester Equality Impact Assessment Report Consultation

Seeks views on the High Speed Rail (Crewe – Manchester) Equality Impact Assessment Report

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 31 March 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hs2-phase-2b-crewe-manchester-equality-impact-assessment-report-consultation>



HM Treasury

Future Regulatory Framework Review: Central Counterparties and Central Securities Depositories

A consultation setting out the government's proposals for adapting the UK regulatory framework for central counterparties and central securities depositories.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 28 February 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-regulatory-framework-review-central-counterparties-and-central-securities-depositories>

OECD Pillar 2 – Consultation on Implementation

In line with the agreement on a two Pillar solution to reform the international tax system, the government will publish a consultation on how the Pillar Two rules will be implemented in the UK.

This consultation closes at **11:45pm on 4 April 2022**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/oecd-pillar-2-consultation-on-implementation>

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Reimagining where we live: cultural placemaking and the levelling up agenda

The Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee has launched an inquiry the role that culture might play in delivering a government commitment to level up the country.

Opens: 7 January 2022

Closes: 18 February 2022

<https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/676/>

EFRA Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

Building Safety: Remediation and Funding

The purpose of this inquiry is to examine the effectiveness and impact of the Government's planned measures to make developers and industry cover the costs of remediation, to scrutinise whether the Secretary of State's approach goes far enough to finally fix this crisis, and to examine what the funding arrangement to be agreed with industry should look like.

You can submit evidence until **Wednesday 16 February 2022**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6451/building-safety-remediation-and-funding/>

Public Accounts Committee

Use of evaluation and financial modelling in Government

Drawing on evidence from NAO's wider audits of models across government, the Committee will question senior officials at HM Treasury and Cabinet Office on current practices, and identify the systemic issues in government modelling which can lead to value for money risks.

You can submit evidence until **Wednesday 2 March 2022 at 18:00**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6433/use-of-evaluation-and-financial-modelling-in-government/>



Supporting local economic growth

The Committee will question senior officials at DLUHC, HM Treasury, BEIS and DfT on what government has learned and applied from previous local growth programmes.

You can submit evidence until **Wednesday 23 February 2022 18:00**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6432/supporting-local-economic-growth/>

Lessons from implementing IR35 reforms

The Committee has previously reported on concerns that some people who had complied correctly with the IR35 rules had missed out on Covid support for those still classified for tax purposes as "self-employed". With the reforms now taking effect in more sectors, the Committee will question senior officials at HMRC on what lessons have been learned from the public sector implementation of the IR35 reforms.

You can submit evidence until **Monday 14 February 2022 18:00**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6430/lessons-from-implementing-ir35-reforms/>

Future of the Advanced Gas-cooled Reactors

The Committee will question senior officials at BEIS and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority on:

- the estimated cost of decommissioning AGRs and the funding available to do so;
- the revised agreements covering the defueling and decommissioning of AGRs; and
- progress with planning for defueling and decommissioning the stations, and risks to value for money.

You can submit evidence until **Monday 31 January 2022 18:00**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6429/future-of-the-advanced-gas-cooled-reactors/>

Financial sustainability of the higher education sector in England

The Office for Students, an arm's-length body sponsored by the Department for Education, began operating in January 2018 and seeks to protect students' interests. The Committee will question senior officials at DfE and OfS on how effectively they are protecting students' and taxpayers' interests from risks to higher education providers' financial sustainability.

You can submit evidence until **Monday 14 March 2022 18:00**

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6435/financial-sustainability-of-the-higher-education-sector-in-england/>

Child Maintenance + Child Maintenance Service accounts

The Committee will question senior officials at DWP on the value for money of the child maintenance system.

You can submit evidence until **Wednesday 9 March 2022 18:00**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6434/child-maintenance-child-maintenance-service-accounts/>

BEIS Annual Report & Accounts 2020-21

The Committee will question senior officials at BEIS on

- the reasons and context for the qualified audit opinion in relation to fraud and error in the COVID-19 business loan scheme guarantees and COVID-19 business support grants; and
- the Department's current estimates of the level of fraud and error in these loan and grant schemes, including the levels of uncertainty in these estimates.

You can submit evidence until **Wednesday 16 February 2022**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6431/beis-annual-report-accounts-202021/>



NAO Estimates 2021-22

The Committee will hold a brief hearing with Gareth Davies, the Comptroller & Auditor General, and NAO executive directors on the NAO's annual spending Estimate for 2021-22. If you have any evidence on the NAO's estimated expenditure in 2021-22.

You can submit evidence until **Wednesday 16 February 2022**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6443/nao-estimates-202122/>

Roll out of the COVID:19 vaccine programme

The Committee will question senior officials at DHSC, NHS England and the UK Health Security Agency on how well placed the government is to meet its full objectives for the COVID-19 vaccine programme.

You can submit evidence until **Monday 21 March 2022**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6486/roll-out-of-the-covid19-vaccine-programme/>

Restoration and renewal of Parliament

The Committee will question senior executives at the formally established Sponsor Body and Delivery Authority, as well as the Clerk of the House of Commons and Clerk of the Parliament, on current progress in the programme. You can submit evidence until **Monday 7 March 2022 18:00**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6485/restoration-and-renewal-of-parliament/>

Excess votes 2020-21: Serious Fraud Office

The Public Accounts Committee considers any instances in which a government department or body exceeds its authorised annual spending limits, thereby incurring an 'Excess Vote' – the procedure for Parliamentary authorisation of the additional spending.

You can submit evidence until **Wednesday 2 February 2022**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6484/excess-votes-202021-serious-fraud-office/>

Armoured Vehicles

The PAC will question senior officials at MOD on their management of the Ajax programme and progress against cost, time, and performance milestones.

You can submit evidence until **Wednesday 23 March 2022**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6487/armoured-vehicles/>

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

National Infrastructure Commission

No updates



Misc of interest

Call for Input: Ofgem draft guidance on Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (DRHI) Scheme Closure

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation seeking views on draft guidance detailing their proposed administration following closure, and planned changes to the scheme for new and current applicants.

Opens: 10 January 2022

Closes: 7 February 2022

[https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/call-input-ofgem-draft-guidance-domestic-renewable-heat-incentive-drhi-scheme-closure?utm_medium=email&utm_source=dotMailer&utm_campaign=Daily-Alert_10-01-2022&utm_content=Call+for+Input:+Ofgem+draft+guidance+on+Domestic+Renewable+Heat+Incentive+\(DRHI\)+Scheme+Closure&dm_i=1QCB,7OTPG,F31G98,VC5GG,1](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/call-input-ofgem-draft-guidance-domestic-renewable-heat-incentive-drhi-scheme-closure?utm_medium=email&utm_source=dotMailer&utm_campaign=Daily-Alert_10-01-2022&utm_content=Call+for+Input:+Ofgem+draft+guidance+on+Domestic+Renewable+Heat+Incentive+(DRHI)+Scheme+Closure&dm_i=1QCB,7OTPG,F31G98,VC5GG,1)

