

ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

October 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:

November recess: 5 – 11 November

Autumn Statement: 26 November

Christmas recess: 18 December – 5 January

Department consultations

Cabinet Office

No updates

Department for Business and Trade (Business, Economy & Financial Services)

No updates

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

No updates

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

No updates

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Consultation on strengthening penalties for water company offences

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on new civil and automatic penalties for water company offences.

Opened: 22 October 2025

Closes: 3 December 2025

https://consult.defra.gov.uk/water-sector-civil-penalties/strengthening-penalty-powers/consult_view/

Department for Justice and Home Affairs

No updates

Department for Health and Social Care

No updates

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales: Scheme improvements (access and protections)

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on proposals to improve access and protections within the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Opened: 13 October 2025

Closes: 22 December 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-pension-scheme-in-england-and-wales-scheme-improvements-access-and-protections>

Home buying and selling reform

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on reforming the home buying and selling process.

Opened: 6 October 2025

Closes: 29 December 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/home-buying-and-selling-reform>

Material information in property listings

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on material information in property listings.

Opened: 6 October 2025

Closes: 29 December 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/material-information-in-property-listings>

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

AI Growth Lab

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has opened a call for evidence on proposals for a cross-economy sandbox to support responsible AI innovation.

Opened: 21 October 2025

Closes: 2 January 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/ai-growth-lab>

Department for Transport

No updates

Department for Work and Pensions

No updates

HM Treasury

No updates

Current committee consultations & inquiries

Business and Trade Committee

No updates

Culture, Media and Sport Committee

No updates

EFRA Committee

No updates

Economic Affairs Committee

No updates

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

No updates

Environmental Audit Committee

No updates

Housing and Communities and Local Government Committee

No updates

Public Accounts Committee

No updates

Science and Technology Committee

No updates

Transport Committee

No updates

Treasury Committee

No updates

Misc of interest

Water Resources Planning Guideline

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on proposed updates to the water resources planning guideline used by water companies when preparing statutory water resources management plans.

Opened: 13 October 2025

Closes: 5 December 2025

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/environment-and-business/water-resources-planning-guideline/>

Decarbonisation readiness: standard rules consultation 32

Environment Agency has opened a consultation on proposals to update standard rules permits in line with new decarbonisation readiness requirements.

Opened: 23 October 2025

Closes: 18 December 2025

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/decarbonisation-readiness-standard-rules-consultation-32>