ADEPT: Consultation Tracker

December 2018

This document is tailored to provide a monthly overview of key consultations and committee inquiries (2016 onwards) relevant to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport.

**Department consultations**

**Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**

**Capacity Market: technical amendments**

This consultation seeks views on changes to the Capacity Market in response to the recent judgment by the Court of Justice of the European Union, including conducting a replacement T-1 auction in Summer 2019 for delivery year 2019 to 2020.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 10 January 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-technical-amendments**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/capacity-market-technical-amendments)

**Salaried workers and salary sacrifice schemes: changing the National Minimum Wage rules**

We're seeking views on the National Minimum Wage (NMW) rules regarding salaried workers and the operation of salary sacrifice schemes.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 1 March 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/salaried-workers-and-salary-sacrifice-schemes-changing-the-national-minimum-wage-rules**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/salaried-workers-and-salary-sacrifice-schemes-changing-the-national-minimum-wage-rules)

**Transmission licence exemption order for offshore generators**

We're seeking views on a proposed exemption order to extend the period for which Tender Round 5 offshore generators can transmit electricity without a licence.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 2 January 2019**

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

No updates

**Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government**

**Developer contributions reform: technical consultation**

This consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy draft regulations focuses on technical implementation of the reforms outlined in the government response to supporting housing delivery through developer contributions. The reforms seek to improve the operation of the Community Infrastructure Levy by reducing complexity and increasing market responsiveness and transparency.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 31 January 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/developer-contributions-reform-technical-consultation**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/developer-contributions-reform-technical-consultation)

**Good practice on how residents and landlords work together to keep their home and building safe: call for evidence**

We are seeking views from residents and landlords/building managers on how residents are supported to meet their responsibilities.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 12 February 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/good-practice-on-how-residents-and-landlords-work-together-to-keep-their-home-and-building-safe-call-for-evidence**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/good-practice-on-how-residents-and-landlords-work-together-to-keep-their-home-and-building-safe-call-for-evidence)

**Technical review of Approved Document B of the building regulations: a call for evidence**

Call for evidence seeking views on the future technical guidance contained within Approved Document B (fire safety).

**Closes at 11:45pm on 1 March 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/technical-review-of-approved-document-b-of-the-building-regulations-a-call-for-evidence**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/technical-review-of-approved-document-b-of-the-building-regulations-a-call-for-evidence)

**Review of local authorities’ relative needs and resources**

Technical consultation on the assessment of local authorities’ relative needs, relative resources and transitional arrangements.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 21 February 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-local-authorities-relative-needs-and-resources**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-local-authorities-relative-needs-and-resources)

**Business rates retention reform**

This consultation seeks views on proposals for sharing risk and reward, managing volatility in income and setting up the reformed business rates retention system.

The reform of the business rates retention system will sit alongside wider changes to the local government finance system which the government aims to introduce in 2020.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 21 February 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/business-rates-retention-reform**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/business-rates-retention-reform)

**Provisional local government finance settlement 2019 to 2020: consultation**

Consultation on the local government financial settlement for 2019 to 2020.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 10 January 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/provisional-local-government-finance-settlement-2019-to-2020-consultation**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/provisional-local-government-finance-settlement-2019-to-2020-consultation)

**The proposed reorganisation of local government in Northamptonshire**

This consultation seeks views on the proposal that government has received from Northamptonshire councils for local government reorganisation.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 25 January 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-proposed-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-northamptonshire**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-proposed-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-northamptonshire)

**Department for Transport**

**Aviation 2050 — the future of UK aviation**

The Department for Transport is seeking feedback on its green paper which outlines proposals for a new aviation strategy. The strategy will set out the challenges and opportunities for aviation to 2050 and beyond and will emphasise the significance of aviation to the UK economy and regional growth.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 11 April 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/aviation-2050-the-future-of-uk-aviation**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/aviation-2050-the-future-of-uk-aviation)

**Williams Rail Review**

A call for evidence to support a review of the organisational and commercial frameworks of the UK rail industry.

**Closes at 11:45pm on 31 May 2019**

[**https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/williams-rail-review**](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/williams-rail-review)

**HM Treasury**

No open consultations currently

**Department for Exiting the European Union**

No open consultations currently

**Current committee consultations & inquiries**

**Transport Committee**

No inquiries

**Science and Technology Committee**

**Brexit, Science and Innovation: Preparations for 'No-Deal' inquiry**

The UK is due to leave the European Union on 29 March 2019. At present the House of Commons has not voted on, or agreed, the Government’s Withdrawal Agreement with the European Union. What will ‘No Deal’ mean for science and innovation?

Building on the work we have already undertaken on Brexit in this Parliament we intend to explore in January 2019 the Government and its non-departmental public bodies’ preparedness for a ‘No-Deal’ Brexit.

We intend to hold an oral evidence session on **30 January 2019** on ‘No-Deal’ Brexit preparedness in relation to science and innovation.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/brexit-science-and-innovation-preparations-for-no-deal-17-19/>

**Work of the Science Minister and Government Chief Scientific Adviser inquiry**

The new Government Chief Scientific Adviser, Dr Patrick Vallance, has now been in post for eight months. This session is an opportunity for the Committee to ask the new GCSA about his aims in the role, the priorities for the Government Office for Science and the work of the Departmental Chief Scientific Adviser network.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/science-and-technology-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/work-of-the-science-minister-and-government-chief-scientific-adviser-17-19/>

**Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee**

**Modern Methods of Construction inquiry**

This new inquiry will look at the benefits achieved by housebuilders who have used MMC techniques and some of the drawbacks that have been experienced. It will examine how national and local government can support the use of MMC by and encourage innovation in the sector.

The deadline for written submissions is **30 January 2019.**

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/housing-communities-and-local-government-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/inquiry15/>

**Business Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee**

No inquiries

**EFRA Committee**

**Is Defra ready for Brexit? inquiry**

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee held a one-off evidence session with the Secretary of State examining Defra’s staffing, legislative programme and efforts to replace or negotiate access to EU systems after Brexit.

No listed close date.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/is-defra-ready-for-brexit-17-19/>

**Environmental Audit Committee**

**Scrutiny of the draft Environment (Principles and Governance) Bill inquiry**

The Chairs look forward to receiving evidence for the draft clauses of the bill, the policy paper, statement of impacts, the memorandum from Defra to the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee and the information paper on the policy statement on Environmental Principles. The Committees invite all interested parties to address the following questions and any other aspect of the draft legislation in writing by **the end of January**, in no more than 3,000 words.

[**https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/scrutiny-of-the-draft-environment-bill-17-19/**](https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environment-food-and-rural-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/scrutiny-of-the-draft-environment-bill-17-19/)

**Chemicals Regulation after the UK has left the EU inquiry**

Following the Committee’s work in 2016-17 into the Future of chemicals regulation after the EU referendum there will be a one-off session asking what has changed and what more needs to be done to prepare the chemicals industry for the UK leaving the EU, as well as examining preparations for a no deal scenario. The session begins with a panel of industry experts looking at possible future outcomes for REACH, the EU chemicals regulatory framework.

No listed close date.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/chemicals-regulation-after-the-uk-has-left-the-eu-17-19/>

**Session with the Secretary of State for Defra inquiry**

The Environmental Audit Committee evidence session focuses on Defra’s plans for a renewed resources and waste strategy, particularly actions for tackling plastic waste and reform of the packaging system.

No listed close date.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/session-with-the-secretary-of-state-for-defra-17-19/>

**How green was the Budget? inquiry**

The Environmental Audit Committee holds a one-off session to scrutinise the green credentials of the Government’s proposals for tax changes and spending commitments outlined in the 2018 Budget, as well as asking what the Government missed out in light of the Clean Growth Strategy.

No listed close date.

[**https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/how-green-was-the-budget-17-19/**](https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/how-green-was-the-budget-17-19/)

**Nitrates inquiry**

The Environmental Audit Committee will consider the nature, scale and impacts of nitrate pollution on the environment and human life, and review the Government’s approach to the regulation of the chemicals concerned and its approach to reducing them.

No listed close date.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/environmental-audit-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/nitrates-inquiry-17-19/>

**Exiting the European Union**

No inquiries

**National Infrastructure Commission**

**Future of freight: responses to call for evidence**

Responses to the call for evidence for the National Infrastructure Commission freight study.

<https://www.nic.org.uk/publications/3755/>