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Closes: 7 August 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **Food and nutrition in childcare settings**

The Welsh Government has opened a consultation on draft guidance to support healthy food and drink provision in regulated childcare settings.

Closes: 17 September 2018

[Welsh Government](#)

➤ **Consultation on children's rights**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views from the public on plans which will transform how children and young people experience their rights and are involved in the decisions that affect them.

Closes: 26 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **Relationships education, relationships and sex education, and health education**

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[Dept for Education](#)

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[Education and Skills Committee](#)

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[Public Accounts Select Committee](#)

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[The All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Students](#)

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Closes: 14 September 2018

[Welsh Government](#)

➤ **How much do you know about the Welsh Baccaalaureate? National Assembly committee launches inquiry**

The Welsh Children, Young People and Education Committee has launched an inquiry to examine how much people understand about the Welsh Baccaalaureate qualification, how it benefits learners, higher education and employers, and how much it is valued.

Closes: 20 September 2018

[Children, Young People and Education Committee](#)

Legislation

None

Culture

Consultations

- **Tackling harmful gender stereotypes in advertising**
The Advertising Standards Authority has opened a consultation on a new rule to tackle harmful gender stereotypes in ads, as well as on guidance to advertisers on how the new rule is likely to be interpreted in practice.
Closes: 26 July 2018
[Advertising Standards Authority](#)

- **Heritage Lottery Fund Policy Directions consultation**
The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation which seeks views on whether the revised Policy Directions adequately cover what HLF should take into account when allocating grants, and whether there is anything that HLF does that is not included.
Closes: 29 July 2018
[Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#)

- **Open call for sponsors and partners for the World Expo 2020 Dubai, UAE**
The Department for International Trade DIT has opened a consultation looking for sponsors and partners to help deliver the UK Pavilion at World Expo 2020 Dubai from 20th October 2020 to 10th April 2021.
Closes: 31 July 2018
[Department for International Trade](#)

- **Review of exemptions from paying charges to the ICO**
The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation to obtain views as to whether the current exemptions from paying charges are still appropriate and whether there should be any new exemptions.
Closes: 1 August 2018
[Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#)

- Pre-paid funeral plans**
HM Treasury has launched a consultation to look at the existing framework of the funeral planning sector. The call for evidence will help the government design a new framework which is fit for purpose.
Closes: 1 August 2018
[HM Treasury](#)

- **Ofcom consults on updated radio 'localness' guidelines**
The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on proposed updates to the 'localness' guidelines for local commercial radio broadcasters. These guidelines are designed to help ensure that stations provide an appropriate amount of locally-made programming.
Closes: 3 August 2018
[Office of Communications](#)

➤ **New consultation on the national Leadership Framework has now been launched**

The National Fire Chiefs Council has opened a consultation to gain views on the new national framework, which will refresh the Personal Qualities and Attributes (PQAs). The framework aims to make these simpler and to provide a consistent approach to leadership and development for all staff, irrespective of discipline, role or function.

Closes: 7 August 2018

[National Fire Chiefs Council](#)

➤ **Information Commissioner's Office Consultation on varying UK Broadband's licence for spectrum in the 3.6 GHz band**

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on UK Broadband's request to vary its licence for use of spectrum in the 3.6 GHz band.

Closes: 8 August 2018

[Office of Communications](#)

➤ **Honorary Queen's Counsel nominations**

The Ministry of Justice has opened a consultation inviting nominations for appointment as Queen's Counsel (QC).

Closes: 13 August 2018

[Ministry of Justice](#)

UK Sport launched public consultation on the future funding of elite sport

UK Sport has today launched an open public consultation on its future investment principles and how best to inspire the nation through elite success. The consultation was today launched to the media via an interactive panel debate with voices from the high-performance system past and present.

Closes: 19 August 2018

[UK Sport](#)

➤ **Designating a universal service provider for broadband**

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on the prospective universal service provider(s) for broadband.

Closes: 20 August 2018

[Office of Communications](#)

Nuisance calls and messages action against directors

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation seeking views on the current arrangements for holding individual directors to account.

Closes: 21 August 2018

[Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#)

➤ **Directory Enquiries (118) Review**

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation concerning the use and regulation of 118 numbers.

Closes: 22 August 2018

[Ofcom](#)

Consultation on Funeral Expense Assistance Regulations

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on the draft regulations to implement Funeral Expense Assistance (FEA) which will replace the current UK Government Funeral Expenses Payment (more commonly known as the Funeral Payment) in Scotland by summer 2019

Closes: 23 August 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ Consultation on the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation to encourage responses on the ways in which the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation operates.

Closes: 5 September 2018

[Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#)

➤ Call for evidence on sustainable high-quality journalism in the UK

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on how to sustain the production and distribution of high-quality journalism in a changing market.

Closes: 7 September 2018

[Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#)

➤ Consultation on Society Lottery Reform

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has opened a consultation on options for amending sales and prize limits for large and small society lotteries.

Closes: 7 September 2018

[Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#)

➤ Sentencing Council proposes General guideline for offences not covered by specific guidance

The Sentencing Council has opened a consultation on a proposed new General sentencing guideline for use when sentencing offences for which there is no existing guideline.

Closes: 11 September 2018

[Sentencing Council](#)

➤ Call for evidence - Age Appropriate Design Code

The Information Commissioner's Office has opened a consultation to gain views on the Age Appropriate Design Code (the Code).

Closes: 19 September 2018

[Information Commissioner's Office](#)

➤ A Culture Strategy for Scotland

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views on whether the public thinks the draft strategy presents a firm foundation for sustaining culture into the future.

Closes: 19 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **Reform of the Gender Recognition Act 2004**

The Government Equalities Office has opened a consultation seeking views on how best to reform the Gender Recognition Act 2004

Closes: 19 October 2018

[Government Equalities Office](#)

Inquiries

➤ **Lords Bribery Act Committee calls for evidence on post-legislative inquiry**

The House of Lords Select Committee on the Bribery Act 2010 has launched an inquiry into whether the Bribery Act 2010 is deterring bribery, whether it is clear and understood and whether it is adequately enforced.

Closes: 31 July 2018

[House of Lords Select Committee on the Bribery Act 2010](#)

➤ **BBC Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 inquiry**

The Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the BBC's performance in the last year and looks at how successful the broadcaster has been in fulfilling its remit

Closes: TBC

[Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee](#)

Legislation

None

Defence

Consultations

➤ **Armed Forces Pension Consultation regarding Amendments to the Armed Forces Pension Scheme 2015**

The Ministry of Defence has opened a consultation on proposed amendments to the Armed Forces Pension Scheme 2015, which will ensure the good conduct of the Scheme for its members.

Closes: 27 July 2018

[Ministry of Defence](#)

Inquiries

Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry

The Home Affairs Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry

Closes: TBC

[Home Affairs Select Committee](#)

➤ **Protecting veterans from the spectre of investigation and re-investigation**

The House of Commons Defence Committee has launched an inquiry into protecting veterans from investigation through a statute of limitations. The Committee is also seeking views on how to protect personnel engaged in all conflicts

Closes: 24 July 2018

[Defence Select Committee](#)

Legislation

None

Economy and Financial Services

Consultations

ACS Calls on Retailers to Complete National Living Wage Survey

The Association of Convenience Stores has opened a consultation on the ACS National Living Wage Survey 2018 as part of its evidence gathering process for a submission to the Low Pay Commission

Closes: TBC

[Association of Convenience Stores](#)

Public consultation on potential measures for regulating the environmental impact of machine tools and welding equipment

Closes: 10 July 2018

[European Commission](#)

Ratepayers urged to submit evidence now for business rates revaluation, Reval2020

The Northern Ireland Department of Finance has opened a consultation seeking information from business ratepayers to collect rental data for the non-domestic rates revaluation – Reval2020

Closes: TBC

[Northern Ireland Department of Finance](#)

IFRS 16 Leases: Exposure Draft 18(01)

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on HM Treasury proposals for the application of IFRS 16 Leases across the Public Sector (excluding public bodies outside of the Government Financial Reporting Manual 2017-2018 (FREM) scope)

Closes: 31 July 2018

[HM Treasury](#)

CP18/11: Reviewing the funding of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

The Financial Conduct Authority has opened a consultation on reviewing the funding of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

Closes: 1 August 2018

[Financial Conduct Authority](#)

Reviewing the funding of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

The Financial Conduct Authority has opened a consultation on changes to their Professional Indemnity Insurance (PII) requirements for Personal Investment Firms (PIFs)

Closes: 1 August 2018

[Financial Conduct Authority](#)

➤ **CA98 Procedures Guidance consultation**

The Competition and Markets Authority has opened a consultation to gain views on some revisions to the current guidance. These changes are based on seeking to facilitate procedural efficiencies in conducting CA98 investigations and updating the guidance considering experience gained since 2014, when the current guidance was adopted.

Closes: 2 August 2018

[Competition and Markets Authority](#)

➤ **CILEx Regulation's Transparency Rules**

The CILEx Regulation has opened a consultation on the information it will require its regulated firms to publish online and provide to consumers.

Closes: 3 August 2018

[CILEx Regulation](#)

Financial Reporting Council independent review: call for evidence

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation calling for evidence and information, including specific examples, on the effectiveness of FRC

Closes: 6 August 2018

[Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#)

Tax and administrative treatment of short term business visitors from overseas branches

HM Revenue and Customs has opened a consultation seeking views on how to improve the tax and administrative treatment of short term business visitors from overseas branches of UK companies

Closes: 6 August 2018

[HM Revenue and Customs](#)

Off-payroll working in the private sector

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on the off-payroll working rules, known as IR35

Closes: 10 August 2018

[HM Treasury](#)

➤ **Changes to published gilt repo and stock lending statistics**

The Bank of England has opened a consultation to invite views on the proposed improvement to the available secured data and the addition of unsecured data in place of the currently published Form RSL-sourced data.

Closes: 17 August 2018

[Bank of England](#)

Securitisation: The new EU framework and Significant Risk Transfer

The Bank of England has opened a consultation on Prudential Regulation Authority's (PRA's) proposals to its approach to the European Union's Securitisation Regulation and certain aspects of the revised Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) banking securitisation capital framework

Closes: 22 August 2018

[Bank of England](#)

➤ **Supporting Ex-Offenders on their Path to Employment: A government call for evidence**

The Cabinet Office has opened a consultation seeking views to improve their understanding of employment and ex-offenders

Closes: 24 August 2018

[Cabinet Office](#)

➤ **FRC consults on proposed amendments to the FRC Taxonomies**

The Financial Reporting Council has opened a consultation on proposed amendments to the FRC Taxonomies to support the objectives of enhancing the quality and accessibility of financial reporting in the UK and to enable digital reporting of IFRS and UK GAAP standards.

Closes: 28 August 2018

[Financial Reporting Council](#)

CP18/12 and CP18/13: Consultations on High-cost Credit and on Overdrafts

The Financial Conduct Authority has opened a consultation on credit and overdrafts. As part of their ongoing review of high-cost credit products, we are publishing our proposed rules and guidance for consultation. We have also identified a number of areas for discussion.

Closes: 31 August 2018

[Financial Conduct Authority](#)

➤ **Finance Bill 2018-19: government releases draft legislation**

HM Treasury has opened a consultation on the draft legislation for the Finance Bill 2018-19

Closes: 31 August 2018

[HM Treasury](#)

➤ **IPCC methodology report: request for expert reviewers' expressions of interest**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation to gain experts views on the IPCC methodology report, '2019 refinement to IPCC guidelines for national greenhouse gas inventories'.

Closes: 2 September 2018

[Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#)

➤ **Discussion Paper: Data in the Payments Industry**

The Payment Systems Regulator has opened a consultation to examine how the growing use of payments-related data can have an affect on the payments industry and consumers.

Closes: 3 September 2018

[Payment Systems Regulator](#)

Public consultation on excise duties applied to manufactured tobacco and the possible taxation of novel products

Closes: 3 September 2018

[European Commission](#)

➤ **FCA clarifies fairer treatment of regular premium PPI complaints**

The Financial Conduct Authority has opened a consultation on new guidance about the handling of certain regular premium payment protection insurance (PPI) complaints

Closes: 4 September 2018

[Financial Conduct Authority](#)

➤ **CP18/17: Retirement Outcomes Review: Proposed changes to our rules and guidance**

The Financial Conduct Authority has opened a consultation on the proposed package of remedies from the Retirement Outcomes Review. For some of our remedies we are consulting on proposed changes to our rules, for other we are seeking feedback on discussion questions.

Closes: 6 September 2018

[Financial Conduct Authority](#)

➤ **Consultation on the Wates Corporate Governance Principles for Large Private Companies**

The Financial Reporting Council has opened a consultation on corporate governance principles for large private companies. Development of the principles follows the Government's 2016 Green Paper and the BEIS Select Committee's report of April 2017 which considered the need for improved transparency and accountability in this area.

Closes: 7 September 2018

[Financial Reporting Council](#)

➤ **Public consultation on the evaluation of invoicing rules**

Closes: 20 September 2018

[EU Commission](#)

➤ **UK leverage ratio: Applying the framework to systemic ring-fenced bodies and reflecting the systemic risk buffer**

The Bank of England has opened a consultation on the Prudential Regulation Authority proposals to apply the systemic risk buffer (SRB) framework in the UK leverage ratio framework.

Closes: 25 September 2018

[Bank of England](#)

➤ **Culture First survey on marketing effectiveness**

The Incorporated Society of British Advertisers has opened a consultation for a survey into current attitudes and practices relating to marketing effectiveness.

Closes: TBC

[Incorporated Society of British Advertisers](#)

➤ **Solvency II: Equity release mortgages**

The Bank of England has opened a consultation on the Prudential Regulation Authority's (PRA) expectations in respect of firms investing in equity release mortgage (ERMs) portfolios, as set out in Chapter 3 of Supervisory Statement (SS) 3/17.

Closes: 30 September 2018

[Bank of England](#)

➤ **Evaluation of the activities of the EU Intellectual Property Office related to enforcement and the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights (Regulation No 386/2012)**

Closes: 2 October 2018

[EU Commission](#)

➤ **Amending HMRC's civil information powers**

HM Revenue and Customs has opened a consultation seeking comments on the relevance of some of the information powers enacted by schedule 36 of the Finance Act 2008, and on potential improvements

Closes: 2 October 2018

[HM Revenue and Customs](#)

➤ **Building the UK financial sector's operational resilience discussion paper**

The Financial Conduct Authority has opened a consultation on a joint discussion paper (DP) on an approach to improve the operational resilience of firms and financial market infrastructures (FMI's)

Closes: 5 October 2018

[Financial Conduct Authority](#)

➤ **IASB consults on the accounting for financial instruments with characteristics of equity**

The International Accounting Standards Board has opened a consultation on a Discussion Paper on how companies issuing financial instruments should classify them in their financial statements.

Closes: 7 January 2019

[The International Accounting Standards Board](#)

Inquiries

➤ **New inquiry launched into use of RPI as a measure of inflation**

The Economic Affairs Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the use of RPI with two evidence sessions. Witnesses will be asked if they should stop using the Retail Price Index (RPI) as a measure of inflation.

Closes: TBC

[Economic Affairs Select Committee](#)

Support for micro businesses in London

The London Assembly Economy Committee has launched an inquiry investigating the challenges micro businesses face in London and what support the Mayor can provide to this sector

Closes: 31 July 2018

[Mayor of London](#)

Supporting the backbone of Scotland's economy – is enough being done?

The Scottish Parliament Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee has launched an inquiry into supporting the Scottish economy

Closes: 10 August 2018

[Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee](#)

Business Support Inquiry

The Scottish Parliament Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee has launched an inquiry on business support would like to hear your views

Closes: 10 August 2018

[Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee](#)

Service Disruption at TSB inquiry

The House of Commons Treasury Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the Service Disruption at TSB

Closes: TBC

[Treasury Select Committee](#)

Treasury Committee launches inquiry into digital currencies

The Treasury Committee has launched a new inquiry into digital currencies and distributed ledger technology

Closes: TBC

[Treasury Committee](#)

SME Finance inquiry

The Treasury Committee has launched an inquiry into SME finance. It will look at the lessons to be learned from RBS' Global Restructuring Group (GRG), and more broadly at the state of the market for SME finance

Closes: TBC

[Treasury Committee](#)

HMRC Transformation Programme inquiry

The House of Commons Treasury Sub-Committee has opened an inquiry into HM Revenue and Custom's ten-year modernisation programme to create a tax authority fit for the future

Closes: TBC

[House of Commons Treasury Sub-Committee](#)

The Work of the National Infrastructure Commission

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Closes: TBC

[Treasury Select Committee](#)

UK's economic relationship with the EU

The House of Commons Treasury Committee is today launching a new inquiry into the UK's economic relationship with the EU

Closes: TBC

[Treasury Committee](#)

Legislation

Trade Bill 2017-19

Make provision about the implementation of international trade agreements; to make provision establishing the Trade Remedies Authority and conferring functions on it; and to make provision about the collection and disclosure of information relating to trade.

Report stage: 2nd reading: House of Lords | 11.09.2018

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Summary of the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Bill 2017-19

A Bill to impose and regulate a duty of customs by reference to the importation of goods into the United Kingdom; to confer a power to impose and regulate a duty of customs by reference to the export of goods from the United Kingdom; to make other provision in relation to any duty of customs in connection with the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU; to amend the law relating to value added tax, and the law relating to any excise duty on goods, in connection with that withdrawal; and for connected purposes.

Report stage: 2nd reading: House of Lords | 04.09.2018
[Houses of Parliament](#)

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Closes: 7 Nov 2018

[Dept for Education](#)

SCiP Alliance launches stakeholder consultation

The Service Children's Progression Alliance has opened a consultation on enabling Service children to make informed and confident transitions through further and higher education.

Closes: TBC

[Cobseo](#)

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Legislation

None

Energy and Utilities

Consultations

➤ **Supplier Guaranteed Standards of Performance: Consultation on Switching Compensation**

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation on supplier guaranteed standards of performance

Closes: 31 July 2018

[Office of Gas and Electricity Markets](#)

Switching Programme: Proposed modifications to regulation and governance

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation on proposals for governance of the new switching arrangements, in particular the service provided by and interactions with the Central Switching Service (CSS), to be procured by the DCC

Closes: 31 July 2018

[Office of Gas and Electricity Markets](#)

Office Of Gas and Electricity Markets Annual Licence Fees for 900 MHz and 1800 MHz frequency bands

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on levels of annual licence fees (ALFs) for 900 MHz and 1800 MHz spectrum, to be paid by mobile network operators (MNOs) from the date they make new regulations

Closes: 3 August 2018

[Office of Communications](#)

➤ **Wylfa Newydd nuclear power station - Registration opens to make a representation**

The Planning Inspectorate has opened a consultation to members of the public who are now invited to register with The Planning Inspectorate and make a representation about the proposed Wylfa Newydd nuclear power station

Closes: 13 August 2018

[Planning Inspectorate](#)

➤ **Ofcom consults on recovering costs for satellite filings work**

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation which sets out their proposed approach to recovering the costs of our satellite filing work, and the charges that we propose to apply.

Closes: 23 August 2018

[Office of Communications](#)

➤ **Consultation on access to half-hourly electricity data for settlement purposes**

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation on access to half-hourly electricity data for settlement purposes

Closes: 3 September 2018

[Office of Gas and Electricity Markets](#)

➤ **Widening eligibility for renewable electricity cost relief schemes**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy have opened a consultation to seek the views on whether there is evidence of potential competitive distortions as a result of the current eligibility threshold for the renewable electricity cost exemption schemes.

Closes: 7 September 2018

[Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#)

UK preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019

The Office of Communications has opened a consultation on the UK's preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (WRC-19) of the International Telecommunication Union

Closes: 13 September 2018

[Office of Communications](#)

➤ **Nuclear Safeguards Regulations**

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation seeking views on the proposed regulations for a new domestic nuclear safeguards regime, following the UK's withdrawal from Euratom

Closes: 14 September 2018

[Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#)

➤ **Investing in and paying for your water services from 2021**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views on Investing and Paying for Water Services from 2021

Closes: 14 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

Informal consultation on RIIO-1 price control reopeners (May 2018)

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation on RIIO-1 price control reopeners

Closes: TBC

[Office of Gas and Electricity Markets](#)

Update letter on ACER's study into practices for setting electricity Value of Lost Load (VoLL) across European Member States

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets has opened a consultation seeking views on the study being undertaken by Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA) on the Value of Lost Load

Closes: TBC

[Office of Gas and Electricity Markets](#)

Inquiries

Digital connectivity in Scotland inquiry

The Scottish Affairs Committee has launched an inquiry into broadband and mobile phone coverage in Scotland, exploring the quality of digital connectivity across the country

Closes: TBC

[Scottish Affairs Committee](#)

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Closes: TBC

[Treasury Select Committee](#)

➤ **Sustainability of the fashion industry inquiry launched**

The Environmental Audit Select Committee has launched an inquiry to investigate the social and environmental impact of disposable 'fast fashion' and the wider clothing industry. The inquiry examines the carbon, resource use and water footprint of clothing throughout its lifecycle. It will look at how clothes can be recycled, and waste and pollution reduced.

Closes: 3 September 2018

[Environmental Audit Select Committee](#)

➤ **The Office of Nuclear Regulation's Brexit preparedness**

The House of Lords EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee has launched an inquiry examining the Office for Nuclear Regulation's preparations for administering a domestic nuclear safeguarding regime post-Brexit

Closes: TBC

[EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee](#)

Legislation

Nuclear Safeguards Bill 2017-19

A Bill to make provision about nuclear safeguards; and for connected purposes.

Royal Assent: 26.06.2018

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Domestic Gas and Electricity (Tariff Cap) Bill 2017-19

Report stage: Ping Pong: 18.07.2018

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Consultations

50-Point Animal Welfare Plan

The Labour Party has opened a consultation seeking comments on the proposed 50-point animal welfare plan. The plan covers a broad area of animal welfare, including strengthening animal welfare in UK law, domestic pets, factory farming and slaughterhouses, wild animals, animals used in sport, animals used in research, and an appointment of an animal Welfare Commissioner

Closes: TBC

[The Labour Party](#)

Automation and Robotics Survey 2017

The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board has issued a survey on automation and robotics in the agricultural sector

Closes: TBC

[AHDB](#)

Metal recycling merger likely to reduce competition

The Competition and Markets Authority has opened a consultation on provisional findings that the merger between EMR and MWR could lead to a worse deal for firms that recycle metal and those that buy it to re-use.

Closes: 24 July 2018

[Competition and Markets Authority](#)

Public consultation on the Evaluation of the 7th Environment Action Programme

Closes: 26 July 2018

[European Commission](#)

IPCC special report on climate change and land: call for expert reviewers

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has opened a consultation inviting experts to express their interest in becoming Expert Reviewers for the first order draft of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land

Closes: 29 July 2018

[Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy](#)

SEPA calls on public to join national flood conversation

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency has opened a consultation to start a national conversation to improve Scotland's future flood risk management plans

Closes: 31 July 2018

[Scottish Environment Protection Agency](#)

Public Consultation to support the Fitness Check of the EU Ambient Air Quality Directives

Closes: 31 July 2018

[European Commission](#)

New environment law to deliver a Green Brexit

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the contents of the Environmental Principles and Governance Bill, which will establish a world-leading body to hold government to account for environmental outcomes

Closes: 2 August 2018

[Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

Air quality: draft Clean Air Strategy 2018

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation seeking views on a new Clean Air Strategy, and on actions to improve air quality by reducing pollution from a wide range of sources

Closes: 14 August 2018

[Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

Fishing opportunities for 2019 under the common fisheries policy

Closes: 21 August 2018

[European Commission](#)

➤ **Making byelaws to protect sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs): how to comment**

Natural England has opened a consultation to consider its byelaw-making powers to protect SSSIs at a local level, where necessary.

Closes: 22 August 2018

[Natural England](#)

Sheep carcass classification changes revealed

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs have opened a consultation on carcass classification. Measures proposed to improve transparency across the food chain and ensure farmers are paid fairly.

Closes: 23 August 2018

[Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

Public Consultation on the evaluation of the Ozone Regulation

Closes: 24 August 2018

[European Commission](#)

➤ **Household waste duty of care: updating the guidance**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation on the guidance for householders on meeting the duty of care for household waste.

Closes: 28 August 2018

[Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

➤ **Improving protection given to PMFs outside the MPA network**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views on the scope of the project to improve protection given to PMFs outside the MPA network

Closes: 31 August 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

Consultation on Measures for the Conservation of Pike

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views on proposals to introduce a maximum size, a daily 'bag limit' of one pike per angler per day that can be retained and to make it illegal for anglers to sell pike

Closes: 31 August 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

Public consultation on the evaluation of the entry-exit fleet scheme

Closes: 3 September 2018

[European Commission](#)

Public consultation on the interim evaluation of the direct management under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

Closes: 3 September 2018

[European Commission](#)

➤ **Fisheries white paper: sustainable fisheries for future generations**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has opened a consultation seeking views on their future approach to fisheries management

Closes: 12 September 2018

[Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

➤ **Biowaste permits: review to improve environmental outcomes**

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the biowaste treatment sector to contribute to the government's 25-year environment plan, clean growth strategy and clean air strategy.

Closes: 20 September 2018

[Environment Agency](#)

➤ **Standard rules consultation no 16: changes to rules**

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on proposed rule changes to a range of issues including water discharges, material recovering and recycling and storage of electrical insulating oils.

Closes: 20 September 2018

[Environment Agency](#)

➤ **Public consultation on EU marketing standards for fishery and aquaculture products**

Closes: 9 October 2018

[EU Commission](#)

➤ **Strategy for long-term EU greenhouse gas emissions reductions**

Closes: 9 October 2018

[EU Commission](#)

➤ **Public consultation on the Evaluation of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive**

Closes: 19 October 2018

[EU Commission](#)

➤ **River basin planning: working together**

The Environment Agency has opened a consultation on the current river basin management plans which were published in February 2016 and which must be reviewed and updated every six years. The first consultation on updating the plans is the Working Together consultation.

Closes: 22 December 2018

[Environment Agency](#)

Inquiries

➤ **Holyrood Committee to examine Scotland's spend on the environment**

The Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee has launched an inquiry and call for views on the future budget allocated to the environment, climate change and land reform in Scotland

Closes: 10 August 2018

[Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee](#)

Legislation

None

Foreign Affairs

Consultations

None

Inquiries

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Human Rights Work inquiry

The House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee has launched an inquiry to scrutinise the Foreign and Commonwealth Human Rights and Democracy Annual Report 2016

Closes: TBC

[FAC](#)

Brexit: the proposed UK-EU security treaty inquiry launched

The House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee has opened an inquiry into the proposed UK-EU security treaty

Closes: TBC

[House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee](#)

Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry

The Home Affairs Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry

Closes: TBC

[Home Affairs Select Committee](#)

Human Rights: Annual review of the work of the FCO

The House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee has opened an inquiry on its annual review of the work of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in relation to human rights

Closes: TBC

[House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee](#)

Progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal inquiry launch

The House of Commons Exiting the European Union Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the progress of the negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union

Closes: TBC

[Exiting the European Union Select Committee](#)

Global Britain: FCO skills inquiry

The Foreign Affairs Committee has launched an inquiry to consider how the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) develops and maintains the skills its staff need for the effective delivery of UK priorities.

Closes: 2 July 2018

[Foreign Affairs Committee](#)

Legislation

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill 2017-19

Report stage: Ping Pong | Date to be announced

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Health

Consultations

- **Myalgic encephalomyelitis (or encephalopathy)/chronic fatigue syndrome: diagnosis and management**
The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has opened a consultation on this current draft scope. The scope defines what the guideline will (and will not) cover.
Closes: 26 July 2018
[National Institute for Health and Care Excellence](#)

- **UK National Radon Action Plan**
Public Health England has opened a consultation to gain feedback on the draft NRAP which addresses the health risks from public exposure to radon.
Closes: 27 July 2018
[Public Health England](#)

- Study supporting the Evaluation of the European Medicines Agency Fee System**
Closes: 2 August 2018
[European Commission](#)

- **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (acute exacerbation): antimicrobial prescribing**
The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has opened a consultation on Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (acute exacerbation): antimicrobial prescribing
Closes: 6 August 2018
[National Institute for Health and Care Excellence](#)

- Lenvatinib and sorafenib for treating differentiated thyroid cancer after radioactive iodine**
The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has opened a consultation on Lenvatinib and sorafenib for treating differentiated thyroid cancer after radioactive iodine
Closes: 8 August 2018
[National Institute for Health and Care Excellence](#)

- Public consultation on the Evaluation of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)**
Closes: 10 August 2018
[European Commission](#)

- **New safeguards to protect people trying to obtain medicines online**
The General Pharmaceutical Council has opened a consultation on its proposals that online pharmacies will have to put in place new safeguards to protect people who want to obtain medicines online, including opiates, antibiotics, asthma inhalers and Botox.
Closes: 21 August 2018
[General Pharmaceutical Council](#)

Safety and security arrangements in high security psychiatric hospitals

The Department of Health and Social Care has opened a consultation on proposed changes to the High Security Psychiatric Service (Arrangements for Safety and Security) Directions.

Closes: 23 August 2018

[Department of Health and Social Care](#)

National Diabetes Audit - Type 1 Diabetes Insulin Pump Structures Survey

NHS Digital has opened a consultation as part of the National Diabetes Audit (NDA) Core data collection on Type 1 Diabetes insulin pump structures

Closes: 26 August 2018

[NHS Digital](#)

➤ Polypharmacy

The RPS is consulting on professional guidance to outline the size of the challenge of problematic polypharmacy, highlight the good work being done to address it and make clear recommendations to organisations and individuals involved with medicines as part of the care of the people they serve.

Closes: 28 August 2018

[Royal Pharmaceutical Society](#)

➤ New call for evidence as interim Technology Review is published

Health Education England has opened a consultation which seeks expert views across the NHS and the technology sector to support the Topol Technology Review as the interim report is published.

Closes: 29 August 2018

[Health Education England](#)

➤ Standards for Optical Businesses

The General Optical Council has opened a consultation on standards for optical business. They seek to update its current standards for optical businesses to make sure they are consistent with the Standards of Practice that apply to optometrists and dispensing opticians and ensure that they are up to date.

Closes: 30 August 2018

[General Optical Council](#)

➤ Pharmacy legislation on dispensing errors and organisational governance

The Department of Health and Social Care has opened a consultation seeking views on proposals for 2 draft orders which would amend current pharmacy legislation on dispensing errors and clarify how registered pharmacies are governed.

Closes: 10 September 2018

[Department of Health and Social Care](#)

Living with persistent pain in Wales guidance

The Welsh Government has opened a consultation on the proposed direction of the draft guidance which includes living with pain, supported self-management and health service provision

Closes: 14 September 2018

[Welsh Government](#)

- **Relationships education, relationships and sex education, and health education**
The Dept for Education are seeking views on the draft regulations, statutory guidance, and regulatory impact assessment relating to Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education.
Closes: 7 Nov 2018
[Dept for Education](#)

Improvement Knowledge Hub: Website satisfaction survey

NHS England has opened a consultation on how well their website is doing to meet needs and satisfaction

Closes: 1 December 2018

[NHS England](#)

Inquiries

- **NHS funding inquiry**
Health and Social Care Committee has launched an inquiry into how the Government is responding to the challenges of NHS Funding.
Closes: TBC
[Health and Social Care Committee](#)
- **Dentistry in Wales**
The National Assembly for Wales Health, Social Care and Sport Committee has launched an inquiry seeking views in dentistry in Wales
Closes: 31 August 2018
[Health, Social Care and Sport Committee](#)
- **Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in over 16s: diagnosis and management (update)**
The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence has opened a consultation on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in over 16s: diagnosis and management
Closes: 6 August 2018
[National Institute for Health and Care Excellence](#)

Legislation

Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Welfare of Women) Bill 2017-19

2nd reading: House of Commons | 26.10.2018

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Civil Liability Bill [HL] 2017-19

Report stage: House of Lords | Date to be announced

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Home Affairs, Legal, and Equalities

Consultations

Reconsideration of Parole Board decisions: Creating a new and open system

The Ministry of Justice has opened a consultation aimed at those who have an interest in the decision making of the Parole Board for England and Wales

Closes: 27 July 2018

[Ministry of Justice](#)

New guidelines proposed for sentencing people convicted of public order offences

The Sentencing Council has opened a consultation on new guidelines covering public order offences sentenced in England and Wales

Closes: 8 August 2018

[Sentencing Council](#)

Police pursuits

The Home Office has opened a consultation on proposals to changes to the law, guidance and training governing police pursuits

Closes: 13 August 2018

[Home Office](#)

Serious Violence Strategy Launched

The House of Commons Home Affairs Committee has launched an inquiry into serious violence

Closes: 16 August 2018

[Home Affairs Select Committee](#)

➤ **Public consultation on a new online platform for public access to documents held by the Commission**

Closes: 21 September 2018

[EU Commission](#)

➤ **Domestic Homicide Reviews**

The Northern Ireland Department of Justice has opened a consultation inviting opinion on a proposed model for the introduction of Domestic Homicide Reviews in Northern Ireland

Closes: 28 September 2018

[Department of Justice](#)

➤ **Public consultation on the stocktaking of the Commission's 'better regulation' approach**

Closes: 23 October 2018

[EU Commission](#)

Inquiries

➤ **Justice Committee seeking views on Vulnerable Witnesses Bill**

The Scottish Parliament Justice Committee has launched an inquiry and call for evidence into the Government's new Vulnerable Witnesses Bill

Closes: 29 August 2018

[Justice Committee](#)

➤ **Holyrood Committee to review dog control law**

The Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee has launched an inquiry on the control of dangerous dogs

Closes: 5 October 2018

[Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee](#)

Exiting the EU: the financial settlement inquiry

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has launched an inquiry into Exiting the EU: the financial settlement

Closes: TBC

[Public Accounts Committee](#)

Committee launches follow-up inquiry into civil justice cooperation post Brexit

The House of Lords EU Justice Sub-Committee has launched an inquiry into civil justice cooperation post Brexit by hearing from the UK Law Societies and a representative from the Bar Council

Closes: TBC

[EU Justice Sub-Committee](#)

Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry

The Home Affairs Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the Post-Brexit migration policy inquiry

Closes: TBC

[Home Affairs Select Committee](#)

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Human Rights Work inquiry

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Closes: TBC

[FAC](#)

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Closes: TBC

[House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee](#)

➤ **EU policing and security cooperation inquiry**

The Home Affairs Select Committee has launched an inquiry which examines the status of the Brexit negotiations relating to security matters and to consider how the UK can achieve its intention of maintaining the "closest possible cooperation" with the EU in tackling terrorism, organised crime and other security threats now and in the future.

Closes: TBC

[Home Affairs Select Committee](#)

Legislation

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill 2017-19

Royal Assent: 26.06.2018

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Civil Liability Bill [HL] 2017-19

Report stage: 2nd reading: House of Commons | Date to be announced

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Labour Market

Consultations

Public consultation on integration of long-term unemployed into the labour market

Closes: 31 July 2018

[European Commission](#)

Increasing the Employment of Disabled People in the Public Sector

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on increasing the employment of disabled people in the public sector

Closes: 15 August 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **STEM Engagement across the NDA Estate**

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority has opened a consultation on STEM engagement across the NDA estate. The objective being to inspire young people in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths subjects so they are better informed about nuclear decommissioning, and encouraged to consider the NDA mission as a future career.

Closes: 18 August 2018

[Nuclear Decommissioning Authority](#)

➤ **Government proposal to move claimants on 'legacy' benefits to Universal Credit**

The Social Security Advisory Committee has opened a consultation on proposals to move existing claimants in receipt of a working age income-related benefit to Universal Credit. The Committee would welcome responses to ensure that its advice to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions is informed by a range of perspectives. The committee would welcome real or hypothetical case studies or specific examples as part of that evidence.

Closes: 20 August 2018

[Social Security Advisory Committee](#)

Draft Northern Ireland Equality Scheme for HMRC

HM Revenue and Customs has opened a consultation seeking views on HMRC's draft Northern Ireland Equality Scheme, which shows how they will promote equality of opportunity and good relations

Closes: 21 August 2018

[HM Revenue and Customs](#)

➤ **Protecting defined benefit pension schemes – a stronger Pensions Regulator**

The Department for Work and Pensions has opened a consultation to set out plans to improve the regulator's powers and increase the protections for defined benefit scheme members.

Closes: 21 August 2018

[Department for Work and Pensions](#)

➤ **Supporting Ex-Offenders on their Path to Employment: A government call for evidence**

The Cabinet Office has opened a consultation seeking views to improve their understanding of employment and ex-offenders

Closes: 24 August 2018

[Cabinet Office](#)

Inquiries

None

Legislation

None

Local Government and Devolution

Consultations

- **Sensory Support Service for Children and Young People with a Sensory Impairment**
Closes: 31 Jul 2018
[Bristol City Council](#)
- **Bristol Early Help Strategy 2018-2021**
Closes 1 Aug 2018
[Bristol City Council](#)
- **Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Consultation- Draft Grant Funding Plan-2019-2021**
Closes 9 Aug 2018
[Bristol City Council](#)

A Consultation on Land and Buildings Transaction Tax - Property Investment Funds

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking opinions and commentary on the potential introduction of reliefs from LBTT to bring parity with Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) for certain authorised property investment funds

Closes: 2 August 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

- **Banning the use of combustible materials in the external walls of high-rise residential buildings**
The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation on which materials to ban in the construction of high-rise residential buildings and how best to implement any changes.
Closes: 14 August 2018
[Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#)
- **Consultation paper on Scottish Government guidance on protecting the public from radioactive contamination in land**
The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on the proposed revisions to the guidance on protecting the public from radioactive contamination in land, to include revisions to the statutory guidance on the Radioactive Contaminated Land (Scotland) Regulations, and best practice guidance on the wider measures that protect the public.
Closes: 21 August 2018
[Scottish Government](#)

Have your say on A55 Junctions 15 and 16 improvement plans

The Welsh Government are inviting people to share their views on plans to improve the layout of the A55 at Junctions 15 Llanfairfechan and 16 Penmaenmawr.

Closes: 24 August 2018

[Welsh Government](#)

- **Overcoming the barriers to longer tenancies in the private rented sector**
The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has opened a consultation seeking views on the benefits and barriers of landlords offering longer tenancies. They are also seeking views on our proposed model for a 3 year tenancy with a 6 month break clause, and the options for implementing this.
Closes: 26 August 2018
[Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#)

- **Rough Sleeping Encampments Consultation**
Closes: 26 Aug 2018
[Bristol City Council](#)

- 20mph Limits Review**
Closes 31 Aug 2018
[Bristol City Council](#)

- **Views sought on opt-out system of organ donation**
The Scottish Health and Sport Committee has opened a consultation on Proposed legislation which will create an opt-out system for organ donation, that would assume people were in favour of donation unless they have stated otherwise.
Closes: 4 September 2018
[Health and Sport Committee](#)

- Consultation on the Supporting Disabled Children, Young People and Their Families Resource**
The Scottish Government has opened a consultation which focuses on the content and format of a public resource that will look to provide information across three pillars: rights and information, accessibility of support, and transitions.
Closes: 5 September 2018
[Scottish Government](#)

- **Scottish Government Draft Budget 2019-20 - Call for Views**
The Scottish Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee has opened a consultation on the Scottish Government Draft Budget 2019-20. The Committee are seeking views on employment support, fair work and community and locally owned energy.
Closes: 7 September 2018
[Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee](#)

- **Consultation on the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill**
The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee has opened a consultation for the Welsh Government's Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill.
Closes: 7 September 2018
[Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee](#)

- **Stability, certainty and simplicity in rural support**
The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on proposals for a five-year transition period for farming and rural support, should Scotland leave the EU. The proposals aim to provide stability, certainty and simplicity for farmers, crofters and land

users, with the key measure of a transition period of between three and five years being one of the main recommendations of the Agriculture Champions.

Closes: 7 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

Gambling Act Policy Review 2018

One of the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005 is for the council to produce a Statement of Gambling Policy setting out how gambling will be regulated in Bristol. The Gambling Act requires local authorities to review their policy every three years.

Closes: 9 Sep 2018

[Bristol City Council](#)

Addressing the Legacy of Northern Ireland's Past

The Northern Ireland Office has opened a consultation that gives everyone a chance to have their say on the best way to address the legacy of Northern Ireland's troubled past

Closes: 10 September 2018

[Northern Ireland Office](#)

➤ **Publicly Owned Energy Company**

The Scottish Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee has opened a consultation to gain views on the merits or otherwise of a Scottish publicly owned energy company.

Closes: 13 September 2018

[Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee](#)

➤ **Scottish Building Regulations: Review of Energy Standards: 'Call for evidence'**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on the energy standards of the Scottish Building Regulations. This review is considering the next steps to improve the energy performance of buildings and reduce associated carbon emissions.

Closes: 14 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **Widening the Exemption for Energy Intensive Industries from the Indirect Costs of the Renewables Obligation**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on the claim that the current mechanism for exemption of Energy Intensive Industries from the indirect costs of the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) creates market distortions.

Closes: 14 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **Food and nutrition in childcare settings**

The Welsh Government has opened a consultation on draft guidance to support healthy food and drink provision in regulated childcare settings.

Closes: 17 September 2018

[Welsh Government](#)

➤ **Consultation on non-domestic rates reform**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on non-domestic rates reform. The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of stakeholders on some of the specific details of the proposed reforms to legislation.

Closes: 17 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **A Culture Strategy for Scotland**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views on whether the public thinks the draft strategy presents a firm foundation for sustaining culture into the future.

Closes: 19 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **Welsh Government consults on new powers for petroleum extraction**

The Welsh Government has opened a consultation on the proposed policy on petroleum extraction including fracking.

Closes: 25 September 2018

[Welsh Government](#)

➤ **A Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on the options for distinct elements of a deposit return scheme on beverage containers, seeking views on which options will deliver the best results for Scotland.

Closes: 25 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **People from across Scotland urged to give their view on proposed transport laws**

The Scottish Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee has opened a consultation to gain views on Improving bus services, combatting pavement and double parking, and delivering smart ticketing in Scotland.

Closes: 28 September 2018

[Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee](#)

➤ **Building Standards Compliance and Fire Safety – a consultation on making Scotland’s buildings safer for people**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views of stakeholders on a review of building and fire safety regulatory frameworks in order to help ensure the safety of people in and around Scotland's buildings

Closes: 26 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **Consultation on children’s rights**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views from the public on plans which will transform how children and young people experience their rights and are involved in the decisions that affect them.

Closes: 26 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **A consultation to establish a consumer body for Scotland**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation seeking views stakeholders on the proposed powers and functions of a new consumer body, called Consumer Scotland

Closes: 28 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

➤ **Delivering Improved Transparency of Land Ownership in Scotland: Consultation on Draft Regulations**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on proposals that will help people and communities to know more about, and engage with, the individuals who control the decision making of land owners and tenants of land in Scotland.

Closes: 8 November 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

The Bristol Eating Better Award Scheme

This is an online application for a Bristol Eating Better Award. This scheme aims to help reduce obesity within the city by working with the out of home food environment and forms one of the delivery strands under the Healthy Weight Framework, it also promotes various sustainability criteria.

Closes: 31 December 2018

[Bristol City Council](#)

Have your say in the development of potential new Welsh taxes

The Welsh Government has opened a consultation on ideas for potential new Welsh taxes

Closes: TBC

[Welsh Government](#)

➤ **Allotments - Further Guidance for Local Authorities (Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015)**

The Scottish Government has opened a consultation on draft statutory guidance for local authorities relating to certain sections of Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Allotments. This consultation seeks comments and feedback on the draft statutory guidance to local authorities.

Closes: TBD

[Scottish Government](#)

Future of social care in Scotland

The Scottish Liberal Democrats have published a consultation seeking views on the future of social care

Closes: TBC

[Scottish Liberal Democrats](#)

Inquiries

➤ **Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill**

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee has launched an inquiry into the general principles of the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Bill.

Closes: 7 September 2018

[Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee](#)

➤ **City Region Deals inquiry**

The Scottish Affairs Select Committee launches an inquiry into city region deals. The committee seek to investigate a range of issues including the governance structure for city region deals and the role devolution settlements play in agreeing deals.

Closes: TBC

[Scottish Affairs Select Committee](#)

➤ **Social security and in-work poverty to be investigated by a Holyrood Committee**

The Scottish Social Security Committee has launched an inquiry to look at the impact that the roll-out of Universal Credit is having on in-work poverty.

Closes: 23 August 2018

[Scottish Social Security Committee](#)

➤ **Finance & Constitution Committee begins next phase of its constitutional scrutiny: Common UK frameworks**

The Scottish Finance and Constitution Committee has launched an inquiry with a call for evidence on Commons UK and devolved areas. Many issues are being discussed including looking at what should replace the current EU policy-making processes across the UK.

Closes: 31 August 2018

[Scottish Finance and Constitution Committee](#)

➤ **How much do you know about the Welsh Bacallaureate? National Assembly committee launches inquiry**

The Welsh Children, Young People and Education Committee has launched an inquiry to examine how much people understand about the Welsh Bacallaureate qualification, how it benefits learners, higher education and employers, and how much it is valued.

Closes: 20 September 2018

[Children, Young People and Education Committee](#)

➤ **Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2019-20**

The Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee has launched an inquiry into the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2019-20

Closes: 7 September 2018

[Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee](#)

Legislation

None

Planning and Housing

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[Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#)

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[Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#)

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Closes: 26 September 2018

[Scottish Government](#)

Inquiries

The Work of the National Infrastructure Commission

The Treasury Select Committee is to examine the organisational structure of the Commission, its preparedness for Brexit, and how it will be impacted by devolution, the Commission's work to date, including the Interim National Infrastructure Assessment, as well as its infrastructure priorities and its future work programme
Closes: TBC

[Treasury Select Committee](#)

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Closes: TBC

[Scottish Affairs Select Committee](#)

Legislation

Secure Tenancies (Victims of Domestic Abuse) Bill [HL] 2017-19

Royal Assent: 10.05.2018

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Bill 2017-19

2nd reading: House of Lords | Date to be announced

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Tenant Fees Bill 2017-19

2nd reading: House of Commons | 21.05.2018

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Transport

Consultations

Rail market-led proposals

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on enhancing the railway so that is financially credible without government support and guidance for promoters and investors

Closes: 31 July 2018

[Department for Transport](#)

Future Rail

The London Assembly Transport Committee is investigating the future of rail in London, to consider how rail capacity, frequency and reliability can be improved, and what infrastructure improvements are needed to ensure London's rail services are fit for purpose over the coming decades.

Closes: 31 July 2018

[London Assembly](#)

Have your say on A55 Junctions 15 and 16 improvement plans

The Welsh Government are inviting people to share their views on plans to improve the layout of the A55 at Junctions 15 Llanfairfechan and 16 Penmaenmawr.

Closes: 24 August 2018

[Welsh Government](#)

Rail Fares consultation launched

Transport Focus is calling on passengers to have their say on the future of the rail fares system.

Closes: TBC

[Transport Focus](#)

Cross Country rail franchise

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on various aspects of the Cross-Country passenger rail service. This will inform what the Department for Transport asks from potential operators when reletting the franchise in 2019

Closes: 30 August 2018

[Department for Transport](#)

Restricted licence holders: level of financial resources

The Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain have opened a consultation reviewing the financial levels required for applicants and operators who hold restricted truck or bus /coach licences

Closes: 31 August 2018

[Traffic Commissioner for Great Britain](#)

Network Rail periodic review 2018: draft determination

The Office of Rail and Road has opened a consultation on their draft determination on how they will regulate Network Rail's delivery in CP6

Closes: 31 August 2018

[Office of Rail and Road](#)

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Closes: 31 August 2018

[Office of Rail and Road](#)

➤ **Transport appraisal and modelling strategy: informing future investment decisions**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation on informing future investment decisions. Have your say on priorities for developing our appraisal and modelling evidence base and making WebTAG more user friendly.

Closes: 15 October 2018

[Department for Transport](#)

➤ **Consultation post implementation review MLC, survey and certification regulations 2013**

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has opened a consultation seeking views on the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Survey and Certification) Regulations 2013.

Closes: 24 August 2018

[Maritime and Coastguard Agency](#)

➤ **Control Period 6: Office of Rail and Road role and responsibilities**

The Office of Rail and Road has opened a consultation on the suggested role of Office of Rail and Road (ORR) for the rail enhancements of the Control Period 6 (CP6).

Closes: 30 August 2018

[Office of Rail and Road](#)

➤ **Bus Services Act 2017: bus open data**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking feedback on Bus Services Act 2017 and open data policy proposals

Closes: 17 August 2018

[Department for Transport](#)

➤ **Bus Services Act 2017: accessible information**

The Department for Transport has opened a consultation seeking views on ways to improve information for bus passengers through the Bus Services Act 2017 and accessible information regulations

Closes: 17 August 2018

[Department for Transport](#)

➤ **Public Consultation on summertime arrangements**

Closes: 16 August 2018

[EU Commission](#)

Inquiries

➤ **Rail timetable changes inquiry**

The Transport Select Committee has launched an inquiry to question train company's top representatives as part of its inquiry into rail timetable changes.

Closes: TBC

[Transport Select Committee](#)

➤ **MPs continue scrutiny of May 2018 rail timetable changes**

The Transport Select Committee has launched an inquiry into the scale and impact of the May 2018 timetabling changes

Closes: 5 September 2018

[Transport Select Committee](#)

Legislation

High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill 2017-19

A Bill to make provision for a railway between a junction with Phase One of High Speed 2, near Fradley Wood in Staffordshire, and a junction with the West Coast Main Line near Crewe in Cheshire; and for connected purposes.

Committee stage: House of Commons | Date to be announced

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill 2017-19

A Bill to make provision about automated vehicles and electric vehicles.

Report stage: Ping Pong | Date to be announced

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Bill [HL] 2017-19

Royal Assent: 10.05.2018

[Houses of Parliament](#)

Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Bill [HL] 2017-19

Report stage: House of Commons | 25.06.2018

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