



Subject:	Consultation on Department of Health Budget 2023-24 – Council Response
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	This report provides an update on the recent Department of Health Budget Equality Impact Assessment consultation.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to endorse the Council's response to this consultation.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The 2023-24 Budget was announced by the NI Secretary of State on 27th April 2023. The Budget provides the proposed Resource and Capital investment funding allocations to each department for the 2023-24 financial year. A draft response, a copy of which is attached, has been submitted to the Department of Health, with a caveat that it is subject to SP and R approval and ratification by the Council.

3.2	The Department of Health provided an Equality Impact Assessment of the 2023-24 Budget Outcome and sought the Council's comments on the equality implications.
3.3	City and Neighbourhoods Service was given the responsibility by CMT for co-ordinating the response to the DoH consultation across the Council. For ease of reporting, a template was designed which highlighted the areas that needed to be considered.
3.4	An information request was sent to colleagues across the via email on 1st June and reminders were sent on 24th and 25th July. We received a number of responses e.g. Community Provision (Capacity and Neighbourhood Regeneration) within the City and Neighbourhood Services and Physical Programmes Departments. These are attached to this report. <u>Financial and Resource Implications</u>
3.5	None specifically relating to the Council at this stage. <u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.6	None specifically relating to the Council at this stage.
4.0	Document Attached
	Council response to DOH Budget EIA