



Subject:	Response by NILGA to the Consultation on Non-domestic and Domestic rating measures to support budget sustainability by raising additional revenue
Date:	23 rd February 2024
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Is this report restricted? Yes No

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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sometime in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in? Yes No

1.0 Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues	
1.1	The purpose of this report is to bring to members attention NILGA's responses to the Department of Finance's revenue raising consultation and the rates measures consultation.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the correspondence received by the Council from NILGA in relation to the recent Department of Finance consultations on general revenue raising opportunities and the specific consultation on the revenue raising opportunities from the NI rates system.
3.0	Main report
3.1	In September 2023 the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland wrote to Permanent Secretaries of Northern Ireland Departments directing that they launch public consultations on measures to support budget sustainability by raising additional revenue.
3.2	On the 11 th of October the Department of Finance published a document setting out the financial context for the revenue raising consultations. This was followed on the 7 th of November 2023 with the launch of a 14-week consultation on the revenue raising potential associated with the removal of rating measures.
3.3	On the 16 th February, NILGA wrote to all Council Chief Executives advising that they have responded to the two consultations and provided Councils with copies of the responses made. They have asked that these responses are brought to relevant committee as soon as possible. The correspondence received including the consultation responses are included at appendix 1, 2 and 3 for members information.
3.4	Members are asked to note the responses.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.5	None
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
3.6	None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Letter to Council Chief Executive</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Response Letter to Neil Gibson re Revenue Raising Context Consultation</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Response Letter to Sharon Magee re Rates Measures Consultation</p>