



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Consultation on Draft Guidance on Termination of Pregnancy</b>
<b>Date:</b>	10th May, 2012
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Relevant Background Information</b>
1.1	The Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety has launched for consultation Draft Guidance on the Termination of Pregnancy which is entitled The Limited Circumstances for a Lawful Termination of Pregnancy in Northern Ireland.
1.2	The draft guidance builds on previous versions which have been consulted upon and aims to provide guidance to Health and Social Care professionals on the law in Northern Ireland.
1.3	Responses to the consultation are required by 29th July, 2013.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
2.1	None associated with this report.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations Considerations</b>
3.1	There are no relevant equality and good relations implication.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
4.1	It is recommended that the consultation is referred to the Political Parties for

	consideration and comment.
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