

## APPENDIX B - Current Consultations – April 2018

Purpose of Document	Portfolio	Director	Response to be agreed by	Contact	Deadline for response
<p><b>Strengthening consumer redress in the housing market</b></p> <p>This consultation seeks views on the redress landscape in housing, including exploring the option of a single housing ombudsman. It looks at improvements to existing services, filling gaps in redress, and the potential to reconfigure services in the future to better serve consumers.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-consumer-redress-in-housing">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/strengthening-consumer-redress-in-housing</a></p>	Strategy & Policy	Director – Service Delivery	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Colin McDonald	16 April 2018
<p><b>SCC Library Services Consultation</b></p> <p>In summary, under the proposals, 15 of our 34 library buildings would be seeking community involvement to remain open. Where this is not possible, services would instead be provided either through outreach in community venues or through additional mobile library stops.</p> <p>For 7 of our libraries, the County Council is consulting on two alternative options – either to seek community involvement to maintain library buildings or to keep existing library services as they currently are.</p> <p><a href="http://www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation">www.somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation</a>.</p>	Leisure and Culture	Service Manager – Communications SSC	No official SSDC response	Councillors to make their own individual responses	22 April 2018
<p><b>Local government ethical standards: stakeholder consultation</b></p> <p>The Committee on Standards in Public Life invites responses to its consultation to inform its review of local government ethical standards.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-</a></p>	Democratic Services, Member Development, Equalities and Diversity	Director – Support Services	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Angela Watson	18 May 2018

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<a href="#">government-ethical-standards-stakeholder-consultation</a>					
<p><b>Civil society strategy: have your say</b></p> <p>Have your say on how government can work with and for civil society to tackle challenges and unlock opportunities to build a stronger society now and in the future. From supporting the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society to the work of charities, community groups and businesses helping good causes, civil society is part of the fabric of our society. We want to have an open conversation about civil society, what is working well, and what government can do to strengthen it further. If you want to help create a stronger civil society, we want you to share your ideas on how government can work with and support civil society to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support people - including young people - to play an active role in building a stronger society</li> <li>• unlock the full potential of the private and public sectors to support social good</li> <li>• help improve communities to make them better places to live and work in</li> <li>• build stronger public services</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/civil-society-strategy-have-your-say">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/civil-society-strategy-have-your-say</a></p>	Leisure and Culture	Communities Lead	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	David Crisfield Third Sector and Equalities Co-ordinator	22 May 2018
<p><b>Draft revised National Planning Policy Framework</b></p> <p>The draft revised National Planning Policy Framework incorporates policy proposals previously consulted on in the <a href="#">Housing White Paper</a> and the <a href="#">Planning for the right homes in the right places consultation</a> - the government responses to these are available at the respective consultation pages.</p>	Strategic Planning (Place Making)	Director – Service Delivery	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Jo Wilkins & Colin McDonald	10 May 2018

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<p>The Budget 2017 included additional proposals to change planning policy and legislation to bring forward more land in the right places.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework</a></p>					
<p><b>Supporting housing delivery through developer contributions</b></p> <p>Following the announcements at Autumn Budget 2017, the government is seeking views on a series of reforms to the existing system of developer contributions in the short term. These reforms will benefit the local authorities who administer them, developers who pay them and the communities in which development takes place.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/supporting-housing-delivery-through-developer-contributions">https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/supporting-housing-delivery-through-developer-contributions</a></p>	Strategy and Policy	Director – Service Delivery	Officers in consultation with Portfolio Holder	Jo Wilkins, Colin McDonald, Simon Fox	10 May 2018