

APPENDIX B - Current Consultations – January 2016

Purpose of Document	Portfolio	Director	Response to be agreed by	Contact	Deadline for response
<p>Have your say on the future of Somerset bus services and bus pass use Somerset County Council is asking for views on proposed changes to bus routes and to its Discretionary Bus Pass Policy. There are two separate consultations and further details of each consultation can be found at:-</p> <p>www.somerset.gov.uk/concessionaryfareconsultation www.somerset.gov.uk/bussubsidysurvey</p>	Property & Climate Change	Assistant Director (Economy)	Portfolio Holder in consultation with officers	Nigel Collins	11 th January 2016
<p>National Planning Policy: consultation on proposed changes This consultation seeks views on specific changes to national planning policy to support delivery of new homes, including low cost homes for first time buyers.</p> <p>www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-planning-policy-consultation-on-proposed-changes</p>	Strategic Planning (Place Making)	Assistant Director (Economy)	Portfolio Holder in consultation with officers	David Norris	25 th January 2016
<p>Provisional local government finance settlement 2016 to 2017 and an offer to councils for future years This consultation invites the views of interested parties on proposals for the local government finance settlement for 2016 to 2017, and for the approach to future local government finance settlements.</p>	Finance and Legal Services	Assistant Director (Finance and Corporate Services)	Portfolio Holder in consultation with officers	Donna Parham	15 th January 2016

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www.gov.uk/government/consultations/provisional-local-government-finance-settlement-2016-to-2017-and-an-offer-to-councils-for-future-years					
<p>Consultation on the level of banded support for new solar PV under the Renewables Obligation</p> <p>This consultation sets out the Government's proposals for reduced support under the Renewables Obligation for solar PV up to 5MW, to apply from 1 June 2016.</p> <p>It also sets out the proposed eligibility criteria for the banding reduction exception that was announced in the government response to the consultation on changes to financial support for solar PV.</p> <p>www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-level-of-banded-support-for-new-solar-pv-under-the-renewables-obligation</p>	Property and Climate Change	Assistant Director (Environment)	Portfolio Holder in consultation with officers	Keith Wheaton-Green	27 th January 2016
<p>New Homes Bonus: sharpening the incentive: technical consultation</p> <p>This consultation seeks views on options for changes to the New Homes Bonus to better reflect authorities' delivery of new housing.</p> <p>It also seeks views on reducing the number of years in which current and future payments are made.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-homes-bonus-sharpening-the-incentive-technical-consultation</p>	Finance and Legal Services / Strategy and Policy	Assistant Director (Finance and Corporate Services)	Portfolio Holder in consultation with officers	Donna Parham	10 th March 2016