



Subject:	Response received from DAERA re “Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy In NI” Consultation
Date:	2nd May, 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To note the correspondence received from Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the correspondence as set out in the report.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Committee will recall that, at the People and Communities Committee meeting held on 9th April, 2024, it was agreed to write to the Minister responsible for the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs asking for an extension to the closing date for responses to the consultation on <i>Rethinking Our Resources: Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy In NI</i> .
3.2	The Committee is advised that a response has been received from Ms Katrina Godfrey, Permanent Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.
3.3	In her response she advises that she has already communicated to all Council Chief Executives the news that Minister Muir has already agreed to extend the closing date for responses to the consultation until 5.00 pm on 27th June, 2024. It will unfortunately not be possible to grant a further extension but she hopes that this extra period of time will be helpful for the Council.
3.4	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> None associated with this report.
3.5	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Response from Ms Katrina Godfrey, Permanent Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.