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**Call for Views on the Ulster-Scots Expert Advisory Panel’s Recommendations Report**

Overview

## A Call for Views has been launched alongside the publication of the Expert Advisory Panel Recommendations Reports. The information gathered will help inform the development of two new draft strategies led by the Department for Communities:

## (i) an Ulster-Scots Language, Heritage and Culture Strategy; and (ii) an Irish Language Strategy

## There is a commitment under the New Decade, New Approach agreement to adopt the principals and practice of citizen and community engagement, co-design and coproduction during the development and delivery of both strategies. In addition, Section 28D of the Northern Ireland Act (1998) commits to the development of both strategies, and will enhance and protect the development of the Irish language and enhance and develop the Ulster-Scots language, heritage and culture.

## Minister Hargey established two Expert Advisory Panels to bring together a wide range of academic and community experience for the purpose of providing recommendations that the strategies should seek to address.

## Why are we doing this survey?

## Thank you for your interest in taking part in this survey. We are interested in hearing the public’s views on the Recommendations Reports produced by the Expert Advisory Panels. This information will be of great assistance and will be used to help us develop the Irish Language Strategy and Ulster-Scots Language, Heritage and Culture Strategy.

## Each survey is open to individuals aged 16 and above and everyone is welcome to complete one or both. For those aged under 16, we are asking our partner organisations to facilitate targeted focus group discussions.

## What does my participation involve?

## There are no right or wrong answers; please give as honest an opinion as you feel able.

## All responses to the questions will be totally anonymous and no-one will know that you participated. We do not ask for your name at any point (except for your email address if you want a copy of your response). We will, however, ask about some of your characteristics (e.g. age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, etc.) as it is helpful for us to understand the views of individuals from a range of demographic backgrounds. These questions are, however, voluntary and there is no pressure on anyone to answer them.

## Why your views matter

Your views are being sought in order to inform the development of the new draft Ulster-Scots language, Heritage and Culture Strategy and the Irish Language Strategy.

It is advisable to read the Call for Views document prior to completing the survey.

The information you provide in completing this survey will be controlled and processed in line with Data Protection Legislation by the DfC and its Communications Unit. To find out more about how we handle your personal information, DfC’s Privacy Notice can be viewed online at [DfC Privacy Notice](http://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/dfc-privacy-notice).

Further Information

In responding to this review please do not submit any sensitive personal data or information. You are under no obligation to provide personal details in responding to this review.

We will only use your information for the purposes of analysis of feedback in responding to this review.

Thank you for participating.



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**The Ulster-Scots Expert Advisory Panel’s Recommendations Report**

**WRITTEN RESPONSES**

Section 1 – **Policy Analysis & Framework** – provides the context for the Ulster-Scots Language, Heritage and Culture Strategy.

**Question 1 - What are your views on this section?**

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Section 2 – **Vision Statement** – presents a 20 year vision for Ulster-Scots language, heritage and culture.

**Question 2 - What are your views on this vision’s timeframe and ambitions?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.1 - What are your views on the 'Powers & Resources' action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.2 - What are your views on the ‘Education’ action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.3 - What are your views on the ‘Academic Research & Development’ action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.4 - What are your views on the ‘Language' action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.5 - What are your views on the ‘Community & Cultural Life’ action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.6 - What are your views on the ‘Institutional Establishment' action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.7 - What are your views on the ‘Media’ action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.8 - What are your views on the ‘Our Human Rights’ action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.9 - What are your views on the ‘Connectedness’ action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 3 – **Actions** – outlines a number of recommendations within 10 action areas.

**Question 3.10 - What are your views on the ‘Economic Development’ action area and its related recommendations?**

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Section 4 – **Implementation & Monitoring** – proposes the creation of three groups to oversee the enactment of the recommendations.

**Question 4 - What are your views on this framework?**

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**Question 5 – Do you have any further views on this report?**

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**Thank you for completing this Call for Views**

**Your response should be sent by email to**  [**CallforViews@communities-ni.gov.uk**](mailto:%20CallforViews@communities-ni.gov.uk) **or by post to the address below by 11.59pm 29 April 2022.** *[Please note that if you opt to email your response this information will be transferred across the internet which could result in your personal information being compromised].*

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