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Dear Stakeholder,

## **CONSULTATION – DAERA KNOWLEDGE FRAMEWORK (EDUCATION STRATEGY)**

The Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has opened a public consultation on the Department's Knowledge Framework (Education Strategy).

A copy of the consultation document is attached, however alternative formats can be made available by contacting [policy.development@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:policy.development@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by telephoning (028) 9052 4355.

**The consultation will close on Monday 27 February 2017** and we would welcome your comments by this date.

### **Purpose of the consultation**

The draft DAERA Knowledge Framework is a succinct, high level framework that sets out the rationale for the Department's involvement in education, knowledge and skills, what the Department seeks to achieve and the nature of its interventions.

The Framework is broader than solely education and also encompasses training and technology exchange provision. All of these elements should be central to the Department's policy objectives and strategic goals, and wherever possible, knowledge and skills acquisition should be integral components of all policy interventions and programmes aimed at delivering the Department's strategic objectives.

It is intended that the Framework will act as the point of reference against which all of the Department's future knowledge interventions can be tested and anchored. It is this latter aspect (i.e. the testing of what we do against the Framework) that will both drive change and guide the nature of future knowledge interventions.

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A body of background information, together with the findings from research, has been collated within a single document to provide the context and underpinning evidence base to inform the development of the Framework. This Evidence document will be published on the Departmental website in due course.

### **How to respond**

If you wish to make a response to this consultation exercise a consultation response pro forma is available on the DAERA website at the following link ([link](#)).

Responses to this consultation should be sent to:

**CAP Policy, Economics and Statistics Division  
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Or by e-mail to: [policy.development@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:policy.development@daera-ni.gov.uk)

### **Timetable**

Responses to the consultation should be sent to the postal or e-mail addresses above and should arrive no later than **Monday 27 February 2017**. It may not be possible to consider responses received after this date. An acknowledgement will be sent to confirm receipt of each response.

### **Equality Screening**

Equality screening was undertaken and has been published as part of this consultation exercise. The Knowledge Framework sets out the longer-term goals of the Department in relation to its involvement in education and knowledge, what it seeks to achieve, and the nature of its interventions and so it is not yet possible to specify the likely impact of future policies that may arise as a consequence of the Framework. However S75 issues will be kept under review as the Framework evolves, and equality screening will be undertaken on all related future policy as part of the normal policy development process.

Yours faithfully



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