

30 May 2018

Dear Consultee

Consultation on NILGOSC's Vision, Mission, Strategic Aims and Values

NILGOSC is currently carrying out a consultation on the draft statement of its Vision, Mission, Strategic Aims and Values and would like to give you the opportunity to comment and help shape the service that we provide.

NILGOSC reviews these high-level elements of its strategic plan every three years and details of the strategic review process currently underway is set out in the attached summary document. This document sets out the background to NILGOSC as a pension service provider as well as the context within which the review has been undertaken.

The purpose of this consultation exercise is to obtain your views as either a beneficiary of or stakeholder in the NILGOSC pension scheme. A copy of the draft Vision, Mission, Strategic Aims and Values document is attached to this letter and can also be accessed through NILGOSC's website at www.nilgosc.org.uk.

NILGOSC will publish a summary of all responses received following completion of the consultation process. All responses to this consultation will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which gives the right of access to the information held by public authorities. Before you submit your response, please read Appendix 1 about the effect of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the confidentiality of responses to public consultation exercises.

A screening exercise was undertaken on the draft Vision, Mission, Strategic Aims and Values to determine if an Equality Impact Assessment is necessary. The outcome of this screening exercise was not to conduct an Equality Impact Assessment and the full screening report is available on NILGOSC's website at www.nilgosc.org.uk/completed-equality-screening-templates.

All consultation documents can be made available in alternative formats such as large print, computer disk, Braille, audio tape and languages other than English. If you would like the document in an alternative format please contact the Equality Officer using the details below:

Post: Templeton House, 411 Holywood Road, Belfast BT4 2LP
Telephone: (0345) 319 7320
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Email: equality@nilgosc.org.uk

The consultation is open for 12 weeks and any comments should be submitted prior to **31 August 2018**. You may write to us using the details above or via email at nicola.todd@nilgosc.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Nicola Todd
Deputy Secretary

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Confidentiality of Consultations

NILGOSC will publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be disclosed on request. NILGOSC can only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances. Before you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations and they will give you guidance on the legal position regarding any information given by you in response to this consultation.

The Freedom of Information Act gives the public a right of access to any information held by a public authority, namely NILGOSC in this case. This right of access to information includes information provided in response to a consultation. NILGOSC cannot automatically consider as confidential information supplied to it in response to a consultation. However, it does have the responsibility to decide whether any information provided by you in response to this consultation, including information about your identity should be made public or be treated as confidential. This means that information provided by you in response to the consultation is unlikely to be treated as confidential, except in very particular circumstances.

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