

<b>Report on</b>	Implementation of Motion Carried by Council May 2021 - Constitutional Change
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 12 January 2022
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	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to inform members on the implementation of the motion carried by the Council in May 2021 in the area of Constitutional Change.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p>The following Motion was approved at Mid Ulster District Council's May 2021 full Council meeting:</p> <p><i>That this Council recognises that the discussions about a constitutional change is now well underway and this Council has a duty to consult with its ratepayers on this important issue and the implications for the Council area. Therefore, calls on the Council to establish a working group on Irish unity and to begin a consultation with ratepayers and community and business representatives to assess views on the issues related to constitutional change.</i></p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>This report is to update members on activity to date. Following it being passed by Council it was reviewed by officers and determined that it be referred to the Council's Corporate Good Relations Working Group (CGRWG) for discussion to consider any potential negative Good Relations impacts. At a CGRWG meeting on (13/9/21) it was agreed that members would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider the scope of the motion in order to open discussion up across all communities in the District;</li> <li>• aspire to make this proposed consultation process as inclusive as possible across a wide range of community/business/sporting and voluntary organisations in the District;</li> <li>• carry out the consultation engagement broadly in line with the Community Planning Themes.</li> </ul>

3.2	<p>At the most recent meeting of the Corporate Good Relations Working Group held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, in order to practically implement the motion, members further agreed and recommended to seek professional support for the preparation, planning and delivery of consultative workshops and the collation of the associated outworking's of the sessions.</p>
3.3	<p>It was also agreed that appropriate governance arrangements would form part of any project specification used in procuring the professional support referenced at 3.2. This was envisaged as the appointed individual/organisation providing regular check-ins with an appointed steering group of members, with relevant officer(s) in attendance.</p>
3.4	<p>A specification to secure quotations from suitably qualified/experienced providers is being developed in order to practically implement the requirements of the motion. This specification will be used to seek quotations in February 2022 with the workshops being delivered in late Spring 2022.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial: It is anticipated that a resource of £16,000 will be required as set out below and will be met from within existing budgets/resources. This will be broken down as follows within the quotation documentation:</p> <p>Management Fee £6,000  Workshop Promotion and Delivery budget to include indicative costs to the maximum value of £10,000 broken down as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speakers costs: £6,000</li> <li>- PR &amp; Marketing Costs:£2,000</li> <li>- Digital Set Up: £2,000</li> </ul> <p>Human: N/A</p> <p>Risk Management: N/A</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p> <p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: A preliminary equality screening has been carried out by the Corporate Policy &amp; Equality Officer and a full screening will be developed prior to the seeking quotation for workshop delivery.</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: A Rural Need Impact Assessment will be carried out prior to the seeking quotation for workshop delivery</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>

5.1	That members note the update on the practical implementation of this motion carried by Council on Constitutional Change and the associated plans for undertaking a quotation process to seek appropriate professional support to deliver same.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	N/A