

<b>Report on</b>	Report of Civic Recognition Working Group November 2022
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	The report provides the outworking's of the most recent Civic Recognition Working Group meeting held on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p>Arrangements to allow for the provision of civic recognition have been in place since the early years of this Council. These have been in place since November 2015 with current arrangements being developed because of a review and refinement in 2018.</p> <p>The current arrangements allow for the acknowledgement of organisations and persons whose achievements have brought a distinction to our district. This is primarily provided through the provision of civic recognition in the form of a reception of varying levels or a letter of congratulations from the Chairperson of Council. A letter from the Council Chairperson is issued where it has been determined that the achievement does not sit with any of the criteria set.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The most recent meeting of the Civic Recognition Working Group was held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022. (Report of this meeting is attached as Appendix A)
3.2	<p>Members in attendance were provided with a consideration paper highlighting a proposal for the way forward taking an approach for Mid Ulster District Council Awards type evenings to include Junior Sports Awards, Senior Sports Awards, Community Awards and Arts &amp; Culture Awards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that "Industry" should be captured as an awards category within one of the proposed events.</li> </ul>
3.3	Members discussed the way forward in relation to Letters of Congratulations from Council Chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed that it be recommended to P&amp;R Committee that within the current policy the issue of letters is set aside during the review period.</li> <li>• It was agreed that it be recommended to P&amp;R Committee that a separate mechanism would provide an outlet to recognise the successes of individuals/groups still accommodating civic receptions as outlined in consideration paper Appendix A be progressed.</li> </ul>
3.4	Officers agreed to give cognisance to draft categories being drawn up for awards type evenings and any other matter that needs progressed.
3.5	It was agreed that the meeting group would reconvene in December or as soon as practicable thereafter.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: N/A
	Human: Officer time
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	It is recommended that Members review, comment as appropriate and approve the report of the Civic Recognition Working Group meeting held on Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A: Consideration Paper (November 2022) Appendix B: Report of Civic Recognition Working Group (November 2022)