

<b>Report on</b>	Delegated Authority to Chief Executive on Matters - Period of Local Election 2019
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
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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	To seek approval from Mid Ulster District Council for the Chief Executive to be delegated authority to make a series of decisions during the period of the 2019 local election.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The final meeting of the current council term (2014-2019) will take place on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April after which no meetings are scheduled to transact business until June 2019. The first meeting to consider decisions from council committees will not take place until Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June.
2.2.	Although the Council's first Annual Meeting will take place on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May to agree positions of responsibility and receive nominations for committee membership for the new council term, following the 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Local Election, it should be noted that this meeting is being scheduled for the purpose of undertaking the aforementioned business.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	To permit and facilitate the continued delivery of council business authority on a number of key decisions is being requested to be delegated to the Chief Executive for the period Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June.
3.2	Section 7 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 provides that a council may arrange for the discharge of any of its functions by (a) a committee, sub-committee or an officer of the council, or (b) by any other
3.3	In light of Section 7 of the Act, delegated authority is being sought for the Chief Executive to make a series of decisions in the absence of committee and council meetings from Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June. Appendix A to the this report details those specific issues and areas which will require a decision throughout the period of Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June been identified by Departments. Decisions identified.
3.4	Sec. 7 of the Act further confirms a number of functions which cannot be delegated and as such decisions on same can only be exercised by the Council. These functions extend to:

	<p>(i) Making a district rate under the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977</p> <p>(ii) Making a determination under section 13(1) of the Local Government Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (affordable borrowing limit) and monitoring and amount determined</p> <p>(iii) Borrowing money, and</p> <p>(iv) Acquiring and disposing of land</p> <p>Delegated authority is not being sought for decisions relating to any of those issues aforementioned at (i) to (iv).</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That the committee notes and considers the arrangements for the Council 2019 Annual Meeting set for Monday 20 May 2019.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A: Forward Planning on Decisions required during period 16 April - 26 June 2019