

Report on	Mid Ulster Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan
Date of Meeting	28 May 2020
Reporting Officer	Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
	<p>Mid Ulster Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan</p> <p>To seek approval from Members for the Mid Ulster Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan on Appendix 1.</p>
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Mid Ulster Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan</p> <p>Following engagement with a cross section of over 100 businesses in Mid Ulster across all sectors and sizes, the Economic Development Section have developed a Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan to inform government of the unique challenges and issues facing local businesses in Mid Ulster and lobby for a number of interventions and support mechanisms required immediately to help our industry survive and recover from the ongoing pandemic.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Mid Ulster Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan</p> <p>In response to the economic shock caused by the Covid-19 crisis, the economic development team has engaged with a cross section of over 100 local businesses (from micro to small and medium sized enterprises) from the top four sectors identified by the Ulster University to be most affected by the ongoing crisis;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Retail 2) Manufacturing / Engineering 3) Construction 4) Hospitality <p>The Council's engagement across industry has identified unprecedented challenges and issues facing local businesses in Mid Ulster. This evidence has identified the need for a robust economic response aimed at shoring up our economy in Mid Ulster and protecting our business and employment base. The purpose of the Business Recovery Plan is to inform government and key stakeholders of the precarious situation facing Mid Ulster and lobby for immediate interventions and support mechanisms to help our industry survive and recover from the ongoing pandemic.</p>

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: Officer Time
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	It is recommended that Members: -
5.1	Approve the Mid Ulster Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan (on Appendix 1).
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 - Mid Ulster Covid-19 Business Recovery Plan