

Report on	Consultation on Improvement Objectives: March - April 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report										
1.1	To consider and agree initiation of public consultation on existing Improvement Objectives set in compliance with the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 (the Act).										
2.0	Background										
2.1	The 2014 Local Government Act places a general duty on all Councils to “.... <i>make arrangements to secure continuous improvement</i>” in the exercise of its functions.										
2.2	The Committee at its May 2017 recommended to council that 4 Improvement Objectives be set for the two year period 2017-18 and 2018 -19. This was subsequently agreed by Council and officers have developed the council's performance improvement regime around the 4 improvement objectives.										
2.3	Each improvement objective was assigned to a Senior Reporting Officer (SRO), who are progressing a body of work to deliver improvement outcomes for citizens specific to the objectives they are responsible for										
2.4	The council and committee agreed that these be set for a two year period, to provide sufficient time to bring about and see tangible outcomes for citizens. The Objectives are: <table border="1" data-bbox="236 1496 1410 1944"> <thead> <tr> <th>Objective</th><th>SRO</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>To assist in the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district</td><td>Director, Business & Communities</td></tr> <tr> <td>To help manage our waste and environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill</td><td>Director, Environment & Property</td></tr> <tr> <td>To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online</td><td>Director, Finance</td></tr> <tr> <td>To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing usage of council recreational facilities</td><td>Director, Leisure & Outdoor Recreation</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Objective	SRO	To assist in the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district	Director, Business & Communities	To help manage our waste and environment by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill	Director, Environment & Property	To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online	Director, Finance	To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing usage of council recreational facilities	Director, Leisure & Outdoor Recreation
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3.0	Main Report
3.1	Statutory Guidance issued by the Department for Communities to Councils on taking forward the general duty on improvement, requires that the council must consult on a yearly basis on their improvement objectives for each financial year. This requirement on consultation falls from section 87 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014.
3.2	There is no statutory duty to consult on the improvement plan, but rather the improvement objectives. The existing improvement objectives and progress towards same have been reviewed and it is considered that they remain, as previously set for the period 2018-19.
3.3	A report on delivery of the improvement objectives, detailing key deliverables throughout 2017-18, will be provided to April committee.
	<u>Consultation</u>
3.3	It is recommended that arrangements are made to move towards consultation on the Improvement Objectives, as referred to in section 2.4 above, following the Policy & Resources Committee and run 9 th March to 27 th April 2018.
3.4	The outcome of the public consultation will be reported to May 2018 committee.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: Not Applicable Human: Not Applicable
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> Not applicable.
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Non-initiation of the consultation would be outside the requirements of the Department statutory guidance on improvement leading to a risk of non-compliance under the Act.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the committee considers and approves the initiation of the consultation on retaining the existing improvement objectives for a further 12 month period (2018-19)
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Not applicable