

Report on	Invitation received from Dalradian Gold to visit sites in Omagh and Curraghinalt prior to the submission of their planning application.
Reporting Officer	Dr Chris Boomer
Contact Officer	Dr Chris Boomer

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
1.1	To make Members aware of an invitation from Dalradian Gold Limited to visit sites in Omagh and Curraghinalt in relation to mineral exploration and their pending planning application for an underground gold mine
2.0	Background
2.1	Council have previously been consulted on the request from Dalradian Gold Ltd for a mineral licence for prospecting. Council's response was to object to the granting of the licence on the grounds that the issue of such licences causes division in the community and conflict amongst neighbours.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Dalradian Gold Ltd are currently in the process of submitting a planning application for an underground gold mine to the Department for Infrastructure, Once submitted, Council will be consulted on the proposal.
3.2	The Managing Director of Dalradian Gold, Brian Kelly, has written to the Chief Executive with an invitation to Members and officials to visit their sites in Omagh and Curraghinalt and to engage in dialogue with them regarding mineral exploration and the pending planning application.
3.3	Dalradian Gold Ltd would contend that their plans represent a major economic opportunity for the Council and seek to communicate the extent and potential of their plans.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: N/A Human: N/A

4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> <u>N/A</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the offer of a visit is taken up by the Planning staff and Members who wish to attend.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Letter from Brian Kelly, Managing Director Dalraian Gold Ltd, is attached.

Mr Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive
Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt
BT45 6EN

03 November 2017

Dear Anthony,

Ref: Dalradian Gold Limited:

1. **Regional Exploration Licences and activities.**
2. **Application to build an underground gold mine.**

We are presently in the process of lodging an application in relation to Point 2 above to the Department for Infrastructure. In parallel with this project at Curraghinalt we continue, as licenced by the Department for the Economy, our wider regional exploration activities.

We note the response from the council to the advertising of two exploration licences, areas known as DG 3 and DG 4, during a recent council meeting.

Our plans represent a major economic opportunity for the Council district and beyond and we recognise that a need exists to communicate to all stakeholders the extent and potential of our plans.

We would like to extend an invitation to all Councillors and appropriate officials to visit our sites in Omagh and the deposit in Curraghinalt to engage in a dialogue about the subject of mineral exploration and the pending planning application.

Yours sincerely



Brian Kelly

Managing Director

