

Report on	Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020 - Authorised Officers
Date of Meeting	28 th May 2020
Reporting Officer	Mark Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members of designation of Mid Ulster District Council as a relevant person under Regulation 7 and as an authorised person under Regulation 9 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations").
1.2	To seek authority of the Council, under Section 7(1) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, to delegate the discharge of its functions, as a designated person under the 2020 Regulations, to the Council's Environmental Health Officers.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council is in receipt of correspondence from the Minister of Health to the Chair of Solace NI regarding a decision of the Executive taken at its meeting on 14 th May 2020 agreeing that Councils should be designated as an enforcement body for the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020 (see Appendix 1).
3.0	Main Report
3.1	On 14 th May 2020 the Executive agreed that Councils should be designated as an enforcement body for the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020.
3.2	The formal designation by the Department of Health was made on 15 th May 2020 (see Appendix 2).
3.3	The regulations provide for Council to enforce any requirement or restriction imposed by regulation 3 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020 (requirement to close businesses or premises during the emergency) or regulation 4 (further restrictions and closures during the emergency period).
3.4	The enforcement protocols within the regulations allow for fixed penalty notices to be issued to anyone aged 18 or over, who the authorised officer reasonably believes has committed an offence of contravening a requirement or restriction on

	regulation 3 or 4 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020.
3.5	The relevant regulations will be enforced through the Environmental Health regulatory service working alongside PSNI.
3.6	The Department of Health are currently working with Councils to develop guidance to assist with the enforcement of the regulations.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Members note the appointment of Mid Ulster District Council as an enforcement authority for Regulation 3) and 4) the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020.
5.2	That, pursuant to Section 7(1) of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, Members delegate the discharge of the Council's functions, as a designated person under the 2020 Regulations, to the Council's Environmental Health Officers.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Correspondence from the Minister of Health
6.2	Appendix 2 – Designations under the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020