

Report on	Specialist advice received for Ageing Well tender process
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the process to obtain external expertise to support the delivery of the Ageing Well Framework tendering process.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Ageing Well Initiative is a community planning led partnership approach seeking support and promoting long, quality, independent living for older people.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the Ageing Well Framework (previously circulated) is proposed to be delivered through a community and voluntary sector model.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Council is the lead partner in the contracting of a future service to deliver an Ageing Well initiative for Mid Ulster. To support in the development of a tender specification, permission was sought for external expertise to be employed.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>A Specification document was drawn up for the procurement of a specialist consultant. This documentation along with the Phase 1 Ageing Well proposal was sent to a number of relevant consultancy firms on Friday 29th September with the tender closing at 12.00pm on Thursday 6th October.</p> <p>Requested assistance from the consultant entailed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the Draft Ageing Well Service specification • Support and advice throughout the contract process (alongside the Procurement Department) • Attendance at a pre-procurement meeting assessment panel (advisory capacity) • Advice on regulatory or legal issues relating to TUPE or other transfer from existing provision to the new service model. <p>Upon closure of the tender, the contract was awarded to David R Williamson Senior Partner at Williamson Consulting.</p> <p>A procurement panel for the Ageing Well specification has been convened consisting of Mid Ulster Council officers and a partner representative from the funders with the external consultant acting as an advisor.</p>

	The anticipated timeframe for the finalised specification document on e-tender is the end of October 2017 with the procurement panel convening for assessment at the end of November 2017.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: £3840 excluding VAT. Human: None
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the external expertise had been engaged to assist with the Ageing Well tendering process.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None