| Report on | Bus Shelters |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
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| 1.1 | To Update members on the progress of bus shelter applications at various locations in the district in regard to scheduled meeting with Dfl Roads and seek members approval on the future design proposals for Bus Shelter provision . |
| 2.0 | Background |
| 2.1 | In accordance with Council's responsibility for the erection of new bus shelters and subsequent policy, Technical Services have received to date 23 requests which are currently following MUDC's procedure. |
| 2.2 | Technical Services are currently waiting for Department for Infrastructure (Roads) to respond to eighteen of these applications. Eleven of the applications waiting for comment/approval are in the Cookstown and Magherafelt area. The other seven are in the Dungannon area. |
| 2.3 | The legacy councils had different approaches to Bus Shelter provision. This report seeks to provide a standard design solution for Mid Ulster area that can be tendered and available for installation after all necessary statutory approvals have been obtained. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | Update Meeting with Dfl (Roads) |
| | As noted in the last Committee, Head of Technical services attended a scheduled meeting on 13th September 2017 with Department for Infrastructure (Roads). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current position of approvals in relation to the eighteen bus shelter applications which Dfl (Roads) still have to respond to adequately. |
| | Following the meeting Dfl Roads have agreed to look at the backlog of applications with the intention of responding by the end of September/start of October. |
| | Another scheduled meeting has been arranged with senior Dfl Roads personnel at start of October to establish improvements for service delivery and the application process. |
| 3.2 | Meeting with Translink & Clear Channel |
| | Members may recall in previous legacy councils where Translink along with partnership of Clear Channel had a programme to deliver modern glazed shelters (advertisement and non- |

advertisement types) throughout Northern Ireland. This programme delivered over 1400 shelters in a 10 year programme. The process actually finished 4 years ahead of schedule with no new shelters erected since 2010.

A meeting was held with Translink and Clear Channel to explore future partnership working. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Clear Channel products, and their proposals for locating their type of bus shelters in the Mid-Ulster District.

Translink advised that they are currently preparing a project proposal for future funding opportunities through the Dfl and hope to have this approved in the coming months. Translink have agreed to look at all councils current applications and will respond within the

next 6 to 8 weeks if there is potential to include their product selection to any of our proposed application sites. This will enhance any future Bus shelters located in village / town settlements.

Translink / Clear Channel have proposals to erect a further 10 of these shelters in the Mid-Ulster District. Such shelters are usually only erected in towns. The locations are as follows: Bellaghy¹, Coalisland¹, Cookstown¹, Dungannon⁴, Maghera¹ and Magherafelt². Exact shelter provision locations are to be forwarded to Technical Services and will be presented to future committee. These will also fall into the category of requiring Planning Approval and formal applications are to be lodged in the near future by Translink/Clear Channel.

Bus Shelters Design Options

Appendix 1 shows the current types of existing bus shelters used within the Mid-Ulster District Council area. **Option 1 and 2** are within existing budget constraints and Option 3 (provided for by Translink / Clear Channel would be considered outside budget constraints. In all instances Technical Services will request that Translink / Clear Channel will consider their shelter design for our application and if it does not meet their policy criteria then Council can decide alternative option.

Option 4 shelter is a new design having a curved roof – this will be constructed in metal having painted / powder coated finish in colour green as per option 1.

Option 5 shelter is similar of design to Translink / Clear Chanel but is manufactured locally, and would be suitable for village / town settings as it gives a more modern approach although members should note that potential higher maintenance costs may be attributed to this shelter option.

4.0 Other Considerations

None

4.1 Financial & Human Resources Implications

Financial: Within Property Services Budget allocation.

Human: Technical Services Staff time to manage bus shelter programme delivery in

Conjunction with Property Services.

4.2 **Equality and Good Relations Implications**

N/A

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| 4.3 | Risk Management Implications |
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| | N/A |
| 5.0 | Recommendation(s) |
| 5.1 | Members are requested to note the content of this report and approve a design Option for shelters in the District: |
| | Option 1 – repeat of legacy shelter previously used in Dungannon / Cookstown Option 2 – repeat of legacy shelter previously used in Magherafelt Option 3 – design as supplied by Translink / clear channel Option 4 – new design with curved roof |
| | Option 5 – new design with glazed panels – costs will be approx. £500-£600 in addition to Options 1,2 & 4 (subject to competive tender exercise) which are in Budget range |
| 6.0 | Documents Attached & References |
| 6.1 | Appendix 1 – Existing Bus Shelters Appendix 2 – Proposed New Bus Shelter Designs |

Appendix 1 – Existing Bus Shelters



Option 1

Standard green panelled bus shelter.

Used mostly throughout the old Dungannon and Cookstown Districts with view windows to side panels as option.

With or without side panels pending Dfl Roads approval



Option 2

Standard smooth concrete panelled bus shelter.

Used mostly throughout the old Magherafelt District.

With or without side panels pending Dfl Roads approval





Option 3

Glazed bus shelter with advertising board to some of these

Currently there are 39 of these shelter types throughout the district and these are managed. Clear Channel and Translink cover the costs for installation, maintenance and repair costs of these types of shelters. Typically these types of shelters cost in the region of £7500 for a non-advertising shelter and up to £11,500 for an advertising shelter. Property Services have advised that these would not be within current budget allocations.

<u>Appendix 2 – Proposed New Bus Shelter Designs</u> <u>& Approximate Costs</u>

