

Report on	Representation on Working Group of Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership
Date of Meeting	Thursday 8 th November 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider and agree representation of an Elected Member from Mid Ulster District Council on a working group of the Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership (NISMP).
2.0	Background
2.1	The NISMP has corresponded with the Chief Executive requesting that it nominate an Elected Member to represent the Council on its cross-council <i>Sustainable Communities & Demographics Working Group</i> . The letter is attached as appendix A and provides information on the background and role of the NISMP.
2.2.	The NISMP is hosted by NILGA and further information on the work of the Partnership can be found at http://www.migrationni.org/
2.3.	This a nomination to a Working Group of the NISMP and not to the full Partnership. The full Partnership currently has representation of one councillor from each of the following political parties - DUP, Sinn Fein, UUP, SDLP and Alliance.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The relevant NISMP officer has confirmed that the broad focus of this group is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gain an greater understanding of changes of demographics with regards to migrants and migration • act as a forum for sharing good practice across districts on delivery of initiatives such as the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme • discuss and review issues such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ social cohesion ○ hate crime ○ interpretation & service provision ○ current legislation
3.2	The first meeting of this Group was to take place at end of October 2018 to agree priority areas and a Terms of Reference for the working group.

3.3	It is recommended and preferable that the Elected Member be from Policy & Resources as the NISMP activity is linked in particular to this committee, though a councillor from Policy & Resources is not an absolute requirement.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: expenses incurred with any travel claims submitted for attendance
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable in this instance
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable in this instance
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Committee agrees to nominate an Elected Member to represent the Council on the cross-council <i>Sustainable Communities & Demographics Working Group</i> of the NISMP
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A: Correspondence from Northern Ireland Strategic Migration Partnership