



**Committee for Finance**

Appendix A

Councillor Martin Kearney  
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14 February 2020

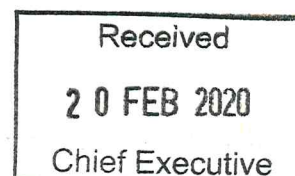
Dear Mr Kearney

At its meeting on 12 February the Committee for Finance considered the invitation to hold a meeting at a Council location in Mid Ulster.

The Committee would like to thank the Council for the invitation. The Committee agreed to consider the offer as part of its Forward Work Programme should an appropriate issue arise which would make such a visit beneficial.

Yours Sincerely,

**Jim McManus**  
Clerk  
Committee for Finance





## **Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**

Eileen Forde  
Member Support Officer  
Dungannon Office  
Mid Ulster District Council

17 February 2020

Dear Eileen,

Thank you for your recent correspondence, the Committee welcomed your very kind offer of available accommodation at their meeting of 13 February 2020.

The Committee agreed to add the suggested venues to its list of possible locations to use for external committee meetings. The Committee work programme is currently focused on Brexit legislation and it has asked you to note that it may be some time before it has the opportunity to organise external meetings and visits.

Yours sincerely,

**Stella McArdle**  
**Clerk, Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**

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Our Ref: INV/1139/2020

Date: 05 March 2020

Dear Martin

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2020 requesting a meeting to discuss the strategic priorities of the Mid Ulster district.

I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss these issues.

My Diary Secretary, Christine Skelton will contact you in due course to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely



**EDWIN POOTS MLA**  
**Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**

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11 March 2020

Dear Stakeholder,

I want to share an update on the next phase in implementing Universal Credit, previously called Managed Migration, and now known as 'Move to UC'.

Last January, I wrote to tell you of the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) plans to commence a pilot exercise and gave a timeframe for Move to UC here. In the next phase, those who remain in receipt of any of the benefits/credits that Universal Credit replaces will be contacted and will move across to Universal Credit.

The DWP pilot commenced in Harrogate in July 2019. The pilot is testing a number of approaches to identify the best way to move people across to Universal Credit. Move to UC, for people in GB, was due to complete in December 2023, however, DWP recently announced that the end date for Move to UC will now be extended by nine months to September 2024.

Subject to DWP progress and Department for Communities' Ministerial approval, and to ensure that we have the best opportunity to learn from the DWP pilot, it is anticipated that the earliest Move to UC will commence here is early 2021, completing by September 2024.

We are committed to delivering this next phase here in a safe and controlled way, ensuring that there is support and additional safeguards to protect vulnerable people.

Officials in my Department will continue to work with you and a wide range of grass-roots community organisations not only to improve the service offered to people claiming Universal Credit, but also to support and shape the Move to UC for people here.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to deliver the best possible outcomes for people here.

Please contact the Universal Credit Programme Director, Conrad McConnell by email [UniversalCreditCommunications@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:UniversalCreditCommunications@communities-ni.gov.uk) if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colum Boyle', with a horizontal line underneath.

Colum Boyle



**From the office of the Minister for Infrastructure  
Nichola Mallon MLA**

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Your reference:  
Our reference: INV/1169/2020

*7<sup>th</sup>* March 2020

*Dear Martin*

**INVITATION TO RECEIVE DELEGATION FROM MID ULSTER COUNCIL**

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2020 requesting that I receive a delegation from Mid Ulster Council.

I would welcome this opportunity to meet and will ask my diary secretary, George Turkington, to contact you in due course to make the necessary arrangements.

**NICHOLA MALLON MLA  
Minister for Infrastructure**

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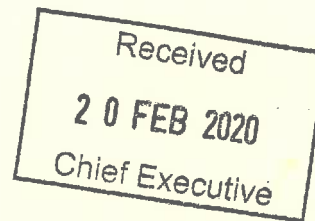
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19<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Mr Anthony Tohill**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Mid Ulster District Council**  
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Dear Anthony,

We wish to commend to you the report *'The Border into Brexit: Perspectives of local communities in the Central Border Region of Ireland / Northern Ireland'*. This has been authored by Dr. Katy Hayward and Dr. Milena Komarova at Queen's University Belfast and is based on the results of our Brexit research initiative which took place between September and November 2019.

This report follows on from the two previous reports we published in 2017 and 2018. Among a wide range of topics covered, the latest findings present data and commentary on the effects of Brexit already felt, the views of Leave supporters in the border region, and opinions of the revised Withdrawal Agreement. It notes that the revised Withdrawal Agreement negotiated by Prime Minister Boris Johnson appears not to have wholly reassured people in the Central Border Region. People still expect disruption from Brexit, are still wary of the information they have received on the topic, and still feel uncertain about the future impact of Brexit on daily life in the border region

The report provides a platform to directly communicate the voices of communities from the Central Border area of Northern Ireland / Ireland, which is and will be the Region most affected by the Brexit process. We are especially concerned to ensure that potential consequences arising from the process are negated, such as the impacts from any hardening of the existing border. This research complements other border region reports and initiatives as primary evidence of the latest opinions expressed by border communities.

Yours sincerely,

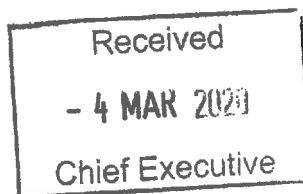
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**Councillor Pat Treanor**  
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE MINISTER



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25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

*Dear Martin,*

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2020 requesting that I receive a delegation from Mid Ulster council to discuss the need for continued effective partnership working on community safety and anti-social behaviour; funding for legacy cases and the development and maintenance of an animal cruelty register.

The latter issue of an animal cruelty register falls outside the remit of my Department as all animal welfare matters – including offences and penalties for animal abuse or cruelty contained in The Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 – are the remit of Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

Therefore any policy proposal for the creation of a register of offenders for those convicted of animal welfare offences would be for DAERA to consider.

I would be pleased to meet with a council delegation to discuss those issues which fall to my Department.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE JUSTICE MINISTER



In the interim I would make you aware that legacy funding is a live issue for the Executive as well as the Department of Justice. There are significant pressures and uncertainties associated with all legacy related work areas including Legacy Inquests and the Stormont House Agreement (SHA) and its proposed Institutions.

The United Kingdom government's recent commitment to introduce legislation implementing the Stormont House Agreement is very welcome. As Minister of Justice I wish to ensure the justice elements of the Stormont House Agreement are implemented so that outstanding legacy cases can be properly addressed and resources being diverted to support current legacy investigations can be returned to support present day policing.

My Diary Secretary will make contact with Council staff to arrange a mutually convenient date and time for a meeting. I look forward to our proposed discussion.

*Best Regards,*

*Naomi*

**NAOMI LONG MLA**  
**Minister of Justice**

**FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

Appendix G



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Your Ref: C0003/20

Our Ref: CORR-1136-2020

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear *Martin,*

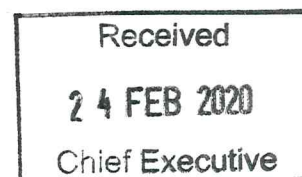
Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2020 in which you have raised concerns about the Southern Health and Social Care Trust's participation in the Mid Ulster Support Hub.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and for the Council's continued interest in this area. I understand that the Southern Health and Social Care Trust is currently exploring options to support this initiative both in the short and longer term and remains fully committed to working in partnership with other local agencies.

I trust this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

**Robin Swann MLA**  
**Minister of Health**



10 February 2020

Mr Anthony Tohill  
Chief Executive  
Mid Ulster District Council  
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Dear Mr Tohill

**Developing volunteering within your Council area.**

Volunteer Now is committed to ensuring that we have the tools in place to support existing and potential volunteers to make a positive impact in their local community.

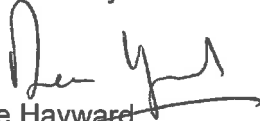
We are delighted to announce that we have brought a new volunteer opportunity search system which includes a volunteer management platform to Northern Ireland. The system (powered by Be Collective) is a new and innovative tool that will enable organisations to promote their opportunities and manage their volunteers. For individuals, they will be able to search and register for opportunities in a dynamic and responsive system and turn their journey into a social record (CV) outlining their skills gained, time given and any qualifications gained. We are working with the local Volunteer Centre in your area to ensure that they and the organisations they support benefit from it also as well as members of the public.

For Councils we believe that this system will not only change the way organisations engage with each other but also how we promote and encourage volunteering. The volunteer management side also enables organisations to create social impact reports that will showcase the value of the volunteering contribution - something that will be a powerful tool in articulating the added value that volunteering brings to our communities. Public and private organisations, like Councils, will also be able to use the platform to promote and encourage engagement in their Corporate Social Responsibility policies amongst their staff and the wider community that you support.

We believe that there is great potential in the new system for changing the face of volunteering within Northern Ireland and enabling a greater degree of connectivity within and between communities. If you would like a demonstration on the new system please do not hesitate to contact Jamie Greer ([Jamie.greer@volunteernow.co.uk](mailto:Jamie.greer@volunteernow.co.uk)).

We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely



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