

Report on	Response to Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation Consultation on Equality & Disability Action Plans
Date of Meeting	Thurs 5 th December 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide members with a draft response to the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation consultation on its Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan and consideration for approval.
2.0	Background
2.1	Notification of the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation consultation on its reviewed Equality Action Plan and Disability Action Plan was provided to Council at its meeting held on 25 th October. It was subsequently resolved that the draft documents under consultation be given consideration and a draft response prepared for consideration.
2.2	Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act) requires public authorities, in carrying out their functions, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and regard to the desirability of promoting good relations across a range of categories outlined in the Act. This duty is also placed on Mid Ulster District Council as a public authority. The initial development and now review of the draft action plans is the Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation's response to meeting this duty under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.
2.3	Appendix A provides a draft response to the two plans under consultation and Appendix B provides documentation relating to the draft Equality and Disability Action Plans.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Equality and Disability Action Plans have been considered and a draft response is attached, as appendix A, to this report for review by the committee.
3.2	The draft response provides comment specific to the strategy and policy development, human resource management and communication actions within the draft Equality Action Plan. Commentary on the draft Disability Action Plan has been provided with a focus on the proposed actions;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote positive attitudes towards disabled people and • To encourage and support full participation of disabled people in public by improving accessibility
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable to council service delivery
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable to council service delivery
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the committee considers the draft response on the Maze Long Kesh Equality and Disability Action Plan, comment as necessary and recommend the approval of the response as a submission from Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix A: Draft Mid Ulster District Council Response</p> <p>Appendix B: Consultation Documents from Maze long Kesh Development Corporation</p>