

Report on	Response to Consultation on the Disability Action Plan of The Executive Office (TEO)
Date of Meeting	Thurs 9 January 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide members with a draft response to the Executive Office consultation on its Disability Action Plan 2020-2025 and consideration for approval.
2.0	Background
2.1	Notification of The Executive Office (TEO) consultation on its Draft Disability Action Plan was provided to Council at its meeting held on 28 th November. It was subsequently resolved that the draft document under consultation be given consideration and a draft response prepared for consideration.
2.2	Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act requires public authorities, in carrying out their functions, to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people and to encourage their participation in public life. These Disability Duties are in addition to duties under the anti-discrimination provisions of the DDA and the duty to promote equality for disabled people under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act. Mid Ulster District Council as a public authority also has a duty under same. The Draft Disability Action Plan is TEO's response to meeting its Disability Duties.
2.3	Appendix A provides a draft response to the draft plan under consultation and Appendix B provides the Draft Plan itself.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Draft Disability Action Plan has been considered and a draft response is attached, as appendix A, to this report for review by the committee.
3.2	The Draft Plan sets out a number of action measures which TEO will undertake to comply with the duties to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people and; To encourage the participation of disabled people in public life.
3.3	Consultees were specifically directed to say whether they agree with the proposed action measures and whether there are any other measures that should be included. There was also an invitation to provide any other comments.

3.4	A template was provided within which to receive responses so the draft response, and as such the draft response has been provided in this format.
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 Executive Office Draft 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
	Appendix A: Draft Mid Ulster District Council Response
	Appendix B: Consultation Document - Draft Disability Action Plan from The Executive Office