



30 October 2018

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Council to be held in The Chamber, Dungannon at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, Circular Road, DUNGANNON, BT71 6DT on Thursday, 25 October 2018 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill  
Chief Executive

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- 14 Consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council

Notice of Motions

- 16 Councillor R McGinley to move -  
"That this Council rescinds the decision taken Thursday 27th September regarding the Establishment of Mid Ulster's Travellers Working Group (C215/18).

That this Council, with immediate effect, approves the recommendation of the Environment Committee to establish a Mid Ulster Travellers Working Group (E251/18 - Sept Committee)

**Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.**

Matters for Decision

17. Council Confidential minutes of meeting held on 27 September 2018
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Matters for Information

**Minutes of Meeting of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 27 September 2018 in the Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon**

**Chair:** Councillor McPeake

**Members Present:** Councillors Ashton, Bateson, Buchanan, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Forde, Gildernew, Gillespie, Glasgow, Kearney, Mallaghan, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, McKinney, McLean, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith (7.10pm), Mulligan, J O'Neill, M Quinn, G Shiels, Totten and Wilson

**Officers in Attendance:** Mr A Tohill, Chief Executive  
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure & Outdoor Recreation  
Ms Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health & Infrastructure  
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing & Communications  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer

**Others in Attendance:** Deputation – Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Comghal McQuillan, Regional Director South  
Michael Dallat, Area Manager (Mid Ulster)  
Ailbhe Hickey, Place Shaping Team  
Margaret Bradley  
Connor Smith

The meeting commenced at 7pm

**C208/18 Apologies**

Councillor Bell, Burton, Clarke, Doris, Elattar, S McGuigan, Mullen, T Quinn, Reid, Robinson, J Shiels

**C209/18 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

*Councillor Gildernew declared an interest in D173/18 Brantry Forest Development Proposal*

**C210/18 Chair's Business**

Councillor M Quinn spoke of the death of Vincent Currie who was a former Councillor in the legacy Dungannon Council for twenty years and had held position of Chair. He requested that Chair send a letter of sympathy to the family.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake agreed to do so.

Councillor Cuddy stated that he had received the news of Vincent's death with sadness and shared that he had done much for the Dungannon area.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake advised Members that he had been made aware of the success of Council's case in the High Court regarding the rates support grant. He acknowledged that the success would be of great financial benefit to Council and applauded senior officers in particular the Director of Finance for their work and advised that a report would be presented to Members in due course.

### **C211/18      Deputation – Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)**

The Chair, Councillor McPeake welcomed representatives of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) to the meeting and Mr McQuillan delivered a presentation.

*Councillor Milne left the meeting at 7.08 pm retuning at 7.10pm.*

*Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.12pm*

The Chair, Councillor McPeake thanked Mr McQuillan for the presentation and stating that there was a hidden need in many rural areas for social housing asked if there was a better way of calculating demand.

In response, Mr McQuillan referred to the previously circulated report which referred to housing stress. He advised that rural demand can come from somewhere like the Moy to a crossroads development. He stated that the NIHE were endeavouring to become smarter in establishing statistics and highlighted that as part of the 'latent demand' scheme they had hosted events in local halls to try to encourage people to come forward to register for social housing. He also made mention of surveys conducted recently in Swatragh area and advised that if Council was aware of any areas missed in recent surveys to highlight same.

Councillor Wilson expressed his thanks to the staff in the Cookstown office for their ongoing work. In relation to identification of available lands for social housing the Councillor asked if the NIHE left this to the housing associations or if they identify lands themselves. He further enquired if there were any lands available in the Cookstown area.

Councillor Monteith referred to the report and stated that he would take exception to the reference within the Local Context section "*rented accommodation is now the accommodation of choice for many households, and especially younger households on lower incomes*" he stated that the necessity for younger couples in the area to opt for private renting as opposed to buying is because 'private sector landlords' are outbidding them and thus it is not a lifestyle choice it is because they cannot get a mortgage. He said that he would take umbrage at such a statement. He also referred to the statistics

regarding average weekly rents and stressed that if averages were being presented it should be by area, as in Dungannon you would not get private rented accommodation for £150 per week for a former NIHE home he stated the average is £600 plus rates per month. He also stated that housing crisis in urban areas had not been reflected in the report.

In response to Councillor Wilson's question Mr McQuillan advised that the NIHE did not solely rely on housing associations to identify lands and that if there are hotspots of need they carry out studies and make housing associations aware. He also advised that the NIHE had a scheme for three dwellings in Molesworth Street, Cookstown but was aware that housing stock needed to be supplemented.

In response to Councillor Monteith's remarks Mr McQuillan advised that it was a statement of fact that some people chose to private rent and said that the core business of the NIHE was social housing provision and that they endeavour to meet need where and when possible within the constraints set on them. He also stated that Dungannon housing had improved but there was more to be done and said there were 547 applicants on the waiting list for area one and 300 of those were in stress but that they only had 88 units to allocate. He referred to the 50 units at Killymeal Road site and another site on Ballygawley Road and advised that the NIHE was working with housing associations to address need. Referring to the cost of private rental Mr McQuillan stated he would not ignore 'the elephant in the room' and emphasised that robust legislation for rent and landlord control was required. He stated that there were ample houses but they were not affordable.

Councillor McFlynn asked if there was any progress regarding the travellers need situation mentioning the Traad site in particular.

In response, Mr McQuillan said that the NIHE had been asked to investigate Travellers needs in the area last year and that they had carried out a needs assessment but at that time the travellers' representatives would not engage with them. He also advised that they had become aware of travellers needing accommodation and had carried out a study of their land stock, much of which was on the edge of housing estates which were not suitable. He reminded Members that the Council had become involved and consultants had looked at sites, Traad being one of them, and stressed that no site had been selected. He confirmed that there was an ongoing site investigation study. He further advised that the second phase of a Northern Ireland wide travellers' needs assessment is taking place in the current year. Mr McQuillan concluded his remarks stating that the NIHE were aware that traveller accommodation was required, that to date there had been no decisions taken and that any proposed site would be subject to a planning application through which process the public would have opportunity to comment.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake thanked representatives of the NIHE for their contribution and withdrew from the meeting at 7.24pm.

## **Matters for Decision**

**C212/18      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Council meeting held on Thursday 23 August 2018**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 23 August 2018 (C187/18 – C199/18 and C207/18) transacted in Open Business having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake drew attention to C195/18 A29/31 Bypass and asked Members to recall the discussion held at the meeting. He then referred to an article published in the Tyrone Courier newspaper (issue dated 29 August 2018) which claimed there had been a row at the Council meeting and that a contribution from Councillor G Shiels had been silenced. The Chair, Councillor McPeake asked if anyone remembered the row, as he certainly did not, and stated that the article was a misrepresentation of what took place in that the Councillor had not been silenced. He advised that he had been asked for no comment on the story prior to it being published and stated that it was poor journalism. The Chair advised that the Councillor had received the ‘right of reply’ when he requested it. He advised that anyone was free to listen to the audio recording of the meeting and said that the article was scandalous as no Councillor had been silenced. The Chair, Councillor McPeake advised that he was putting his ‘disgust’ on record.

In response to Councillor G Shiels request to comment the Chair, Councillor McPeake advised he had made a statement and there would be no discussion.

**C213/18      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4 September 2018**

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 4 September 2018 (P112/18 – P117/18 and P126/18) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

**C214/18      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on Thursday 6 September 2018**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 September 2018 (PR174/18 – PR182/18 and

PR195/18) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

**C215/18      Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in “Open Business” at the Environment Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 September 2018**

Councillor Glasgow drew attention to *E250/18 Street Naming and Dual Language Signage* and sought clarity on the number of signs being replaced, as he thought it was 26 and the figure of £2,200 did not tally.

In response, the Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that it was less than 30 signs.

Councillor Glasgow referring to details provided at the committee stated if it was £160 to replace a sign and approximately £84 to erect the cost for 26 signs would be in excess of £6000. The Councillor requested that Members receive detail of the final costs of erection of the signs.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure agreed to provide the final costs.

Councillor Wilson asked if there was any need to change the signs if they were already in situ.

Councillor Cuddy stated that his party was by no means against the Irish language but expressed concern regarding the cost of changing the signs and stated that the minority community were not getting fair share of the resources. He stated that he was not a member of the Environment Committee but stressed that Council needed to look at it resources fully.

In response the Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that Council had adopted various policies and the aforementioned was the out workings of them.

Councillor Cuddy stated that the minority were not getting a fair share of the resources.

In response the Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that Councillor Cuddy could bring forward proposals to the Policy and Resources Committee as the matter was not for discussion at Council.

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed concern regarding the costs and proposed that Council do not proceed with the replacement signage. He stressed that detailed costs were needed and that although Council had agreed a policy this was the third template on dual language signage and that although some were ‘experts’ on the Irish language they had to come back to committee because the signs could not be read. Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he had brought forward a proposal for directional signage to a local cemetery but a paper was yet to be brought to Committee.

In response the Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that the relevant Director would check out the matter of the directional signage.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake sought a proposer for the minutes.

Councillor McFlynn drew attention to *E251/18 Establishment of Mid Ulster – Travellers Working Group* and referred to the discussion at the Environment Committee and proposed that Council defer establishing a working group until the Council is in receipt of the NIHE report.

Councillor B McGuigan proposed that Council continue with establishing the Travellers Working Group as recommended at the Environment Committee as everyone was aware there had been a need for years and the travellers were being pushed from one place to another. He emphasised that the matter had been discussed and agreed on at the committee and Council should be progressing the matter.

Councillor McGinley stated if required, he would second the proposal as Council needed to 'grasp the nettle' and he was not sure what the fear was in trying to assist the NIHE. He advised he had a different stance to that of Councillor McFlynn and that the working group would provide a great opportunity. He also sought direction from the Chief Executive as he thought the formation of a working group had been previously agreed by Council.

The Chief Executive stated that he did not have a copy of the previous resolves at this time.

Councillor McGinley reiterated that the working group should be formed.

Councillor McFlynn reiterated her proposal to defer the establishment of a working group.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake asked what would be the benefit of deferring the working group given the speed of how things progress.

Councillor McFlynn stated that Council would be better waiting on the report from the NIHE.

Councillor McGinley stated that the matter had been well publicised and there were concerns within the community on the matter. He stated that 'information had grown legs' and reiterated that Council should 'grasp the nettle' and that a working group would assist as a means which would make sure constituents had their voices heard.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated he was at the Environment Committee and had seconded Councillor McFlynn's proposal at that time. He said he would again second her proposal to defer the establishment of a working group.

Councillor Kearney stated that there were issues regarding the matter and that maybe the people of Traad had concerns. He emphasised that no one was saying there should not be a working group but its establishment should be deferred until the NIHE report was received.



Councillor Glasgow reflected that the NIHE representative could not provide answers during the presentation thus he could see no issue with deferring the proposed working group.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake stated that the meeting would adjourn for ten minutes.

*The meeting adjourned at 7.45pm*

*The meeting reconvened at 7.55pm*

The Chair, Councillor McPeake referred to the minutes of the environment committee item E251/18 *Establishment of Mid Ulster – Travellers Working Group*, which recommended the establishment of a working group.

The Chief Executive advised that the recommendation to establish a working group was only now coming before Council for approval and it was now for Council to decide upon the recommendation. The Chief Executive confirmed that Councillor McFlynn's proposal could be considered

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson

To defer the working group.

Councillor McGinley referred back to the Special Council meeting of July 2018 and stated that it was his understanding at that meeting that a working group would be established to discuss both interim and permanent sites. The Councillor stated he had serious concerns about the public perception of the Council, if the decision to defer proceeded and he could not understand why people were afraid of assisting in what may rectify the current situation. Councillor McGinley referring to a Christy Moore song 'On the Road Again', stated that Council may be putting a family back on the road. He advised that he lived on the Lough shore and that the issues today had been ongoing for years, he stressed that Council could put a stamp on rectifying the problem and that he was shocked by the stance being taken.

Councillor Mallaghan concurred with Councillor McGinley and referred to the earlier discussion about the sad passing of former Councillor Vincent Currie. He recalled that the name of Currie was associated with civil rights throughout Ireland and stated that the children of Gaza, the LGBT community, travellers and everyone were the same and that voting against a working group was delaying rights.

Councillor Monteith referred to the 1960s when the local council sent people out to move travellers and advised that the people of Dungannon west stood side by side with the travellers and did not permit it to happen. He further stated that if the discussion referred to any other minority group for example a disability or language group there would be no hesitation and posed the question, why is this being proposed for travellers? He stressed that was the message Council was sending out. He said that the people of the Council area 40-50 years ago knew where to stand and now the elected representatives needed to stand up to the plate.

Councillor Ashton stated that it was not appropriate to bring the name of a mourning family into the debate.

Councillor McLean referred to the comments made. He referred to Councillor McGinley's comment on not understanding why people were resisting a working group and stated that it was perhaps because people had seen the behaviour of Sinn Féin on other working groups because of their majority and this would be status quo.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake called for a vote on Councillor McFlynn's proposal.

Councillor McGinley requested a recorded vote.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Cuthbertson

To defer the establishing of a working group.

**For** Councillors Ashton, Buchanan, Cuddy, Cuthbertson, Forde, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McFlynn, McKinney, McLean, Mulligan, Quinn M, Shiels G and Wilson (15)

**Against** Councillors Bateson, Gildernew, Gillespie, Mallaghan, McEldowney, McGinley, McGuigan B, McNamee, McPeake, Milne, Molloy, Monteith, O'Neill and Totten (14)

The Chair, Councillor McPeake declared the proposal Carried

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor Mulligan and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 September 2018 (E236/18 – E260/18 and E271/18) transacted in "Open Business" having been printed and circulated, subject to the foregoing, were considered and adopted.

**C216/18 Receive and Consider Minutes of matters transacted in "Open Business" at the Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 September 2018**

Councillor B McGuigan referred to item D164/18 *Chairs Business* and the recommendation to organise a consultation session on surveying taking place in the Sperrins in relation to mining. He asked that the recommendation be progressed quickly in order to give the public the opportunity to attain information.

Councillor Monteith concurred stating that events had taken place in Monaghan in recent days when sinkholes had appeared, resulting from mining. He said the consultation day should happen as soon as possible.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

**Resolved** That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Committee held on Thursday 13 September 2018 (D162/18 – D177/18 and D188/18) transacted in “Open Business” having been printed and circulated were considered and adopted.

## **C217/18 Conferences, Seminars & Training**

The Head of Democratic Services sought approval for the undernoted for attendance of Councillors and Council Officers as outlined in the report, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred.

### **(i) Conference & Seminars – Attendance by Members**

- Borders, Boundaries & Bridges: Learning with our Neighbours  
Friday 12 October 2018, Skainos Centre, Belfast  
No conference fee, travel and subsistence
- Annual Northern Ireland Economic Conference 2018: Addressing Economic Challenges, Brexit, Low Growth, Poor Productivity  
Thursday 8 November 2018, 9am – 5pm, Armagh City Hotel  
Conference fee: £165, travel and subsistence
- Tackling Paramilitarism: Working Together to end the Harm Conference (NI Executive)  
Monday 15 October 2018, 10am – 4pm, Girdwood Community Hub, Belfast  
No conference fee, travel and subsistence
- World Health Organisation International Health Cities Conference (Belfast)  
Monday 1 October – Thursday 4 October 2018, Waterfront Hall, Belfast  
Conference fee: £200, travel and subsistence

### **(ii) Officer Approvals**

<b>Conference &amp; Seminar</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. of Attendees</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Attendance Fee</b>
RTPI Conference	11/09/18	4	Belfast	Yes (4 <sup>th</sup> place free)
All Ireland Smart Cities Forum Annual Conference	26/09/18	1	Dublin	Yes
Conveyancing Conference 2018	09/10/18	1	Belfast	Yes
Disability Awareness Conference	09/10/18	1	Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Craigavon	No
Playboard NI Conference 2018	16/10/18	1	Belfast	No

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor Mallaghan and

**Resolved:** That the attendance of Members and Officers, the payment of attendance fees and associated costs as incurred be approved, as required for attendees.

#### **C218/18 Civic Recognition Requests**

The Chair, Councillor McPeake sought approval for the previously circulated report on civic recognition requests from Members, in line with the stated council policy.

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** That approval be given to submitted requests for civic recognition as outlined in the report.

#### **Matters for Information**

#### **C219/18 Consultations Notified to Mid Ulster District Council**

Members noted previously circulated report on consultations notified to Mid Ulster District Council since the last meeting of Council.

#### **C220/18 Correspondence to Council – September 2018**

Members noted previously circulated report on correspondence received to Mid Ulster District Council since the last meeting of Council.

Councillor Glasgow drew attention to the correspondence from BT and requested that Council write to BT to retain the telephone situated at 120 Lough Fea Road, near Ballybriest Orange Hall, Cookstown BT80 9QL. He advised he had been speaking to constituents who had expressed concern on the proposed removal noting that the payphone was five miles from the nearest village. He further stated that payphones were important for emergency use and the fact that they were not used was a good sign but if they would be needed in an emergency.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake in response to Councillor Cuthbertson's comment that if the kiosk was red, it would have a temporary listing stating that if so the matter should be referred to Planning Section.

Councillor Glasgow confirmed it was a red kiosk and that he would bring the matter to planning but emphasised that the letter should be sent to retain the payphone for emergency use.

**Resolved** That the Council responds to BT requesting that the public payphone at 120 Lough Fea Road, near Ballybriest Orange Hall, Cookstown BT80 9QL remains at the location

Councillor McAleer drew attention to the correspondence from the Department of Health in relation to the Orkambi drug and expressed disappointment at the response stressing that the matter highlighted the need to have Ministers in situ to take decisions.

## **C221/18      Notice of Motion**

Councillor Wilson referring to the motion to be moved by Councillor G Shiels requested that Council consider an amendment as undernoted.

*Further that this Council recognising the unacceptable levels of suicide in Northern Ireland –In our own Council area since 2008, 159 people have taken their own lives – writes to the Secretary of State requesting her to release the Protect Life 2 strategy which has been unacceptably left on the shelf due to the Stormont political impasse.*

The Chair, Councillor McPeake in response to Members assent advised that the amendment was accepted.

Councillor G Shiels thanked Members for accepting the amendment and moved the motion as undernoted:

*“That this Council writes to the Permanent Secretary of the Department for Health, requesting a meeting to explain to Council how the Department intends to deliver the promise made personally by the Prime Minister, relating to the root and branch review of the state of mental health within the workplace, the review which she commissioned.*

*That nationwide review was named “Thriving at Work” and Mrs May promised at the publication of the review that she would as a first step introduce the ground-breaking proposals contained in the review to the NHS and the Civil Service. This would benefit up to two million public sector workers.*

*The question is would that promise travel and would workers in Northern Ireland benefit. If not, why not?*

*Further that this Council recognising the unacceptable levels of suicide in Northern Ireland –In our own Council area since 2008, 159 people have taken their own lives – writes to the Secretary of State requesting her to release the Protect Life 2 strategy which has been unacceptably left on the shelf due to the Stormont political impasse.*

Councillor G Shiels read the undernoted statement,

*“Councillors will be only to aware of the unhappy existence of those living with mental ill health while still maintaining a place in the workforce. We each recognise the very great trauma and despair experience by an ever-increasing share of our workforce, individuals suffering from depression and other forms of mental ill health. We know this because the experts tell us, but we cannot really fathom the extent of the problem because those suffering do so in silence, the stigma attached to mental illness is extant in today’s society and is a very effective blanket.*

*On 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 the Prime Minister Teresa May, commissioned an independent review on, and I quote, 'how we deal with mental health problems across the country and at every stage of life, we must transform the way we think about and treat mental illness driving changes in the workplace is a vital part of that transformation.*

*The review was entitled 'Thriving at Work', and I have quoted Mrs May speaking on the publication of the review on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017. I further quote her, "so earlier this year I asked Paul Farmer, chief executive of Mind and Chairman of the NHS Mental Health Taskforce, and Lord Dennis Stevenson, a long-time campaigner for greater understanding and treatment of mental illness, to carry out an independent review."*

*The review suggests a root and branch change to the way those living with mental ill health are perceived and treated within the workforce, and further suggests a more understanding attitude to those affected and an awareness of the stigma attached to depression, for example, which makes discussion with workmates a no no. Women usually find the support of other women as confidants as an indispensable aid to mental equilibrium. Men on the other hand, turn inwards, bottle it all up. Perhaps this is part of the problem feeding the statistic that 75% of suicides are male.*

*Mental Ill Health affects a very large swathe of our workforce, allegedly ranging from 1 in 6 up to 50%. Whether the figure is one in six, as I read previously in the government inspired report, or one in two, these are attention gaining statistics, just think of the consequences for the economy of Mid Ulster if even a smidgeon of these figures is accurate.*

*What then of the human cost, the very real dread of entering the factory gates in the morning, descending into mode, manufacturing the plastic expressionless face hoping that your mates can't see behind the façade? Am I exaggerating or miss-stating the extent of the problem? I don't think so. Many of those suffering Mental Ill Health do so alone and far from their family and loved ones being their place of sanctuary they may come out through the factory gates in the evening only to replicate the whole charade all over again at home. Keeping up the pretence, pretending all is rosy in the garden.*

*Translating this into hard stats Northern Ireland has had the highest incidence of suicide overt the last two to three years. Despite coming out top of the suicide league within the UK, the province also has the lowest mental health funding to attempt to address the problem, is this a coincidence?*

*Thriving at work makes 40 recommendations for employers, Government and regulators. It lays out six 'core standards' for all to adopt that lay the basic foundations for a better approach to workplace mental health. These include setting up mental health at work plans, awareness training for staff and making managers directly accountable for the mental wellbeing of staff. For larger organisations and the public sector the review has enhanced standards to monitor and improve employees' mental health.*

*When Mrs May spoke at the publication of the report she made a promise:- “I believe that to truly demonstrate the values of compassion and progress that we as a society share we must transform the way we think about and treat mental illness.” So we will take immediate action to lead this transformation. That is why I asked the NHS and Civil Service two of the country’s largest employer’s to adopt the recommendations of this report.*

*They will introduce a set of enhance standards to provide support for anyone with a mental health condition and help them stay at work. This will give employees the knowledge, tools and confidence to look after their own mental health and to support colleagues who may need help. More than two million public sector workers will benefit from the changes, making the sector a hugely important standard bearer in the transformation of the workplace.*

*The Council, in view of Northern Ireland’s dubious distinction of being top of the UK suicide league arguably fed by the lowest level of funding to address mental ill health – this Council has the right to ask what provision, if any, the Prime Minister has made of the transformation of good mental health within the province’s workforce, in light of the findings of this review which she commissioned. If provision has been made then the Permanent Secretary should be in a position to inform this Council.”*

Councillor Wilson seconded the motion and highlighted the fact stated by Councillor G Shiels that Northern Ireland had the largest suicide rate. He appealed to anyone suffering mental illness to seek help, to contact their General Practitioner or access mental health charities highlighting the work of Niamh Louise Foundation in the area who in the first seven months of the year had 175 people through the door, had had 76 one-to-one sessions per month and had approximately nine new referrals per month.

Councillor Wilson stated that much of the legislation had been agreed by all parties and was sitting on the shelf and that the Secretary of State had the power to progress the matter and thus Council should send a letter detailing this.

Councillor Molloy referred to the Protect Life 2 strategy and advised that Michelle O’Neill MLA had brought this about to tackle suicide levels. He shared that he had watched a documentary of how the USA had adopted a zero approach to suicide which had paid great dividends but unfortunately it was only those who could afford to pay for health care had benefitted. He referred to mental health at work and today’s technology for example mobile phones which meant many had a constant connection with work and did not get a proper break away. He emphasised that such matters needed to be taken into account and Council like other employers needed to ‘switch off’.

Councillor Molloy stated that Sinn Féin would support the motion.

Councillor Kearney stated that the motion was timely referring to statistics in the Civil Service which indicated sickness was at a nine year high with one third contributed to anxiety. He reflected that many of these people could even reside in the district and reflected on the launch of the ‘Still Waiting’ report by the Children’s Commissioner and the fact that mental health was a target within the community plan, a fact which should be incorporated in any letter arising from the motion.

Councillor G Shiels stated he would be happy to include.

Councillor McLean stated that mental health had been a taboo for a long time and too little was being done too late. He also shared that the construction industry had also been looking at the matter and said his Party would support the motion.

Councillor McAleer also welcomed the motion advising that she had received an invitation from the Southern area regarding action for mental health in relation to eating disorders.

Councillor G Shiels thanked the Council for the support for advising that the Protect Life 2 strategy had revealed that the rate of mental health illness in deprived areas doubled. He advised also that presenteeism was becoming an issue with *presentees* being persons who go to work suffering from illness, mental health or otherwise, which was becoming an issue for organisations.

The Chair, Councillor McPeake called for a vote on the motion.

For	29
Against	0

The Chair, Councillor McPeake declared the motion carried.

#### **Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor B McGuigan and

**Resolved:** That items C222/18 - C233/18 be taken as confidential business

*Councillors Cuthbertson, Mulligan, McKinney and McGinley left the meeting 8.30pm*

#### **Matters for Decision**

- (i) Council Meeting Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 23 August 2018
- (ii) Planning Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 4 September 2018
- (iii) Policy and Resources Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 6 September 2018
- (iv) Environment Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 11 September 2018
- (v) Development Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 13 September 2018
- (vi) Audit Committee Confidential Minutes of Meeting held on 18 September 2018
- (vii) Portglenone Angling Stands/Access Paths



- (viii) Mechanism for Economic Growth
- (ix) Document for Sealing – “Treatment of Residual Waste with Regen Waste Ltd”
- (x) Document for Sealing – “Lease of Lands situated at the rear of Clogher Primary School between the Select Vestry Committee and Mid Ulster District Council (Lease and Counterpart Lease)”
- (xi) Document for Sealing – “FP McCann – Contract for repair of Maghera Leisure Centre”

**C234/18      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7pm and ended at 8.50 pm

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Minutes of Meeting of Planning Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Tuesday 2 October 2018 in Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt**

**Members Present**

Councillor Mallaghan, Chair

Councillors Cuthbertson, Gildernew, Glasgow, Kearney, McAleer, McEldowney, McKinney, McPeake, Robinson, J Shiels

**Officers in Attendance**

Dr Boomer, Planning Manager  
Mr Bowman, Head of Development Management  
Ms Doyle, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr McCrystal, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McCullagh, Senior Planning Officer  
Mr Marrion, Senior Planning Officer  
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor  
Ms Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in Attendance**

**Applicant Speakers**

LA09/2017/0126/F	Gavyn Smyth – Clyde Shanks
LA09/2017/0126/F	Dermot Monaghan – MBA Planning
	Michael Murphy – Sperrin Galvanisers
LA09/2018/0176/F	Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners
LA09/2018/0390/F	Oonagh Given
LA09/2018/0555/F	Theresa Cassidy – TC Town Planning
	Mr Lumber
	Joe Diamond – Architect
LA09/2018/0751/F	Katrina Kelly
LA09/20158/0902/RM	Mr & Mrs P McGrath
LA09/2016/0114/O	Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners
LA09/2016/1693/O	Chris Cassidy – CMI Planners
	Councillor McPeake
LA09/2016/1371/O	Sean Hagan - JPH LAW Limited

Councillor B McGuigan

The meeting commenced at 7pm.

**P127/18 Apologies**

Councillors Bell, Clarke, Mullan and Reid.

**P128/18 Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

**P129/18 Chair's Business**

The Chair asked the Planning Manager for an update on the Coalisland Race Track Project.

The Planning Manager advised that planning permission was approved for the race track on 7 September 2017. He said that approval was granted following the securing of agreement with the applicant, that he would provide a link road around Coalisland, undertake the investigations and remedial works to ensure the site was safe from subsistence in relation to past mining and provision of off-site car parking for major events. Accordingly, the approval was conditional upon providing this.

He stated that on the 9 January the Head of Development Plan and himself met with the applicant's agent and other consultants for the scheme and to listen to difficulties he was having in relation to achieving the link road due to its cost and in relation to undertaking survey work. He said that the agent was advised that he wished to change any of the conditions he would need to apply to vary or remove these. On 19 February the Chief Executive, Director of Business and Communities, Director of Infrastructure and himself met with the applicant and his agent and reaffirmed that it was looked at changing the condition on the road if an application was submitted and officers were assured that a report on land stability would be submitted and that work on providing off site car parking was underway. He stated that he had discussed the possibility of revising the link road with Roads Service advising them of the importance of the proposal as a whole of Mid Ulster. The agreed subject to an application, they would be amenable to dropping the link subject to provision of off-site car parking and satisfactory single access to site.

Since then the only application made by the applicant was for the construction of off-site parking facilities to accommodate 385 cars at land adjacent to the service station at Ballynakelly Road, Dungannon, which is still under consideration.

The Planning Manager stated that following adverse press reports following the loss of the 2019 World Superbike Championship, the Director of Business and Communities and himself have arranged to meet the applicant and Geographic Survey NI on 10 October to explore the reasons for delay and to see what can be done to progress matters.

The Planning Manager referred to Performance Statistics and advised that the first quarter statistics show that for between 1 April and 20 June which show:

- 345 applications received, marginally higher than the previous year and third highest in NI and around 100 more than many of neighbouring Councils
- 319 issued, which is also much more than most authorities. However, because a backlog was accumulated over the winter due to staff shortage it shows this was being added to rather than cleared
- Council retained the highest approval rate although other Councils appear to now be approving a higher rate than they did previously
- 6 majors received, ABC received 7 and Belfast 8. Most other Councils received one or two. Three majors were approved. Only 25% were within the 30 week target, which was the 3<sup>rd</sup> best in NI. 100% was achieved in Antrim and Newtownabbey although the statistic is unreliable given they one application and one decision.
- On average processing time was 18.1 weeks and only 35.4% was in 15 week target. It was the third worst with only ABC and Causeway Coast performing

lower. This was not surprising given staff shortages and would not expect any improvement over the summer, although hopefully in September a corner has been turned.

- Enforcement opened 50 new cases although the complexity of cases seems to be rising due to issues surrounding quarrying/waste and commercial activity. Target has been achieved despite being down a team member although it was clear the team were under stress. Only 2 prosecutions were taken although most Councils took none. With 181 lives cases ongoing, MUDC remain one of the more efficient and have no doubt that as a result, would be confident that there was an avoidance of Ombudsman complaints.

He said that it was anticipated that the summer months would not show any improvement. However, two trainee officers were now in place on a two year contract and two other officers assisting on temporary contracts and also running is a competition for a permanent Planning Officer.

The Planning Officer referred to recent planning appeal for 4 no. 2 bedroom apartments at 32 Mullaghboy Lane, Magherafelt for Philip Donaghy advising that it was dismissed with the Planning Appeals Commission supporting both the Council's reasons for refusal in relation to lack of car parking and deterioration of highway safety.

Councillor Glasgow, Vice Chair referred to correspondence which he raised at the full council meeting last Thursday night regarding the retention of red telephone kiosk situated at 120 Lough Fea Road, near Ballybriest Orange Hall, Cookstown BT80 9QL and said that it was suggested that the matter be raised at the planning committee to see if Officers could investigate whether it would fall into a temporary listing category. He said that constituents had expressed concern that the payphone was five miles from the nearest village and that a lot of the payphones were for emergency use only and the fact that they were not used was a good sign but if there was an emergency, they would be needed.

The Planning Manager said that he was pleased to say that the Development Plan & Enforcement team had looked at 3 telephone kiosks and consulted with Historic Buildings, who advised that they would be worthy of a temporary listing and if the committee were happy with the verbal report that he would proceed to go ahead with a temporary listing.

The Chair, Councillor Mallaghan referred to the below applications which were on the agenda for determination. The Chair sought approval to have these applications deferred/withdrawn from tonight's meeting schedule –

Agenda Item 4.1 – LA09/2017/0126/F – Housing development of 37 units (reduction to number of alterations to house types from previous lapsed application H/2008/0216/F) at site at Magherafelt Road, Draperstown for Rea Developments – Deferred for further consideration.

Agenda Item 4.11 – LA09/2018/0751/F – Dwelling and garage (in substitution for previously approved H/2008/0398/RM & H/2004/1123/O at 20m N of 2 Lisgorgan Lane, Upperlands, Maghera – Deferred for an office meeting.

Agenda Item 4.17 – LA09/2018/1148/F – New vehicular access onto Old Eglish Road, Dungannon at Black Lane, Mullaghanagh, Dungannon for Dungannon United Youth – Deferred until further information is received on the provision of access.

Agenda Item 5.3 – LA09/2016/1693/O – Farm dwelling and garage, 195m SW of 146 Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy – Deferred until further information is received.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That the planning applications listed above be deferred for an office meeting/ withdrawn from tonight's list for consideration.

### **Matters for Decision**

#### **P130/18 Planning Applications for Determination**

**LA09/2017/0126/F Housing Development of 37 Units (reduction to number of alterations to house types from previous lapsed permission ref H/2008/0216/F) at site at Magherafelt Road, Draperstown at Junction with Drumard Road for Rea Developments**

**Resolved** Application agreed to be deferred for further consideration earlier in the meeting.

**LA09/2018/0076/O Off site replacement dwelling and garage at 163 Davagh Road, Sixtowns, Draperstown for F Quinn**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0076/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0076/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0176/F Retrospective application for a shed to the rear of 140 Kilmascully Road, Dungannon for Martin O'Neill**

Mr Marrion, SPO presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/0176/F advising that it was recommended for refusal.

The Chair advised that a request to speak had been received and invited Mr Cassidy to address the committee.

Mr Cassidy said that the application was made for the storage of 3 boats and working nets and a letter of support had been submitted from Lough Neagh Partnership confirming that he was a fisherman on the Lough. He advised that there were no

objections from neighbours and requested that the application be deferred for an office meeting.

The Planning Manager said that although there was not a policy for commercial fishing, there was a need to look at fishing as agricultural, taking into consideration the justification and ensuring no harm to amenity.

He said that the shed was very high in relation to the size of the boats and that when Officers went to the site they did see boats and nets, but there was also commercial vehicles, old lorry trailers, an old vehicles a small boat as well as empty diesel containers around the perimeter of the shed. The surrounding land is rural in nature with agricultural fields with a scattering of single dwellings along the roadside. He said that the yard from the neighbouring house to the shed was very small.

In the absence of a defined policy, he advised for members views as to how an applications for storage for commercial fisherman should be considered.

The Chair said that in the speaking rights it was suggested that parking of HGV's could be controlled by condition.

The Planning Manager said that if this was not done then action could still be taken because it would represent a change of use if Planners were made aware of it and enforcement issued. He said that the only way that amenity could be addressed was to redesign the turning yard.

Councillor Gildernew said that neighbours mustn't be that concerned as there were no objections to it and the shed may look high but this doesn't mean that its needed to fix boats and would be supportive having another look at it.

The Planning Manager agreed that it would be beneficial to investigate this further.

Councillor McKinney said that he would be supportive of the Planning Manager's suggestion of having it looked at in detail as fishing and farming were both part of agriculture.

Councillor McPeake agreed with the sentiments of the committee and said that this should be looked at within the emerging Development Plan with the fishing industry being considered. He referred to the issue of turning at the yard and said that it needed to be investigated whether or not the applicant was going for a commercial enterprise and if this was the case, then an application for the change of use would need to be made. He said that as no objections were made that this was a bonus.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0176/F be deferred for a site meeting.

**LA09/2018/0390/F Non-compliance with condition 2 of planning permission  
I/2012/0280/F at approx 20m N of 129 Drum Road, Cookstown  
for Mr John Mulgrew**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0390/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0390/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0426/F Chimney at 139 Moneymore Road, Cookstown for Dale Farm Ltd**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0076/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0076/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0446/RM Dwelling on a farm opposite no 296 Pomeroy Road, Lurganeden, Pomeroy, Dungannon for Ms Helen Brimage**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0446/RM which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Robinson and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0446/RM be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0551/F House/bar extension; conversion of existing dwelling house to apartments; extension to dwelling house to provide external stair enclosure; extension to existing covered smoking area at the rear and renovation/extension to existing bar at 36-38 Main Street, Donaghmore for Mr & Mrs McCausland**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0551/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer  
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0551/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.



**LA09/2018/0555/F Single Storey rear extension at 5 Grange Drive, Magherafelt for Caroline Bradley**

Ms McCullagh, SPO presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/0555/F and advised that it had recommended for approval.

The Chair advised that a request to speak against the application had been received and invited Ms Cassidy to address the committee.

Ms Cassidy advised that she was speaking on behalf of the objectors Mr & Mrs Lumber and wanted to highlight that whilst they are not opposed to the development in principle it was the location and height of the proposal that has raised concern and resulted in this submission.

She stated that an extension to a dwelling is currently being considered against prevailing planning Policy EXT 1 – Residential Extensions and Alterations of Planning Policy Statement 7 (Addendum). Criterion (b) and Policy EXT1 is of particular importance regarding this current application and states that *“the proposal does not unduly affect the privacy of amenity of neighbouring residents”*. The Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) also safeguards amenity as set out in paragraphs 4.11 and 4.12.

The proposal is located 30cms from the shared boundary with the bulk of the return measuring 3.5m to ridge height from finished floor level (ffl); however the overall height of the building is approximately 3.8m from ground level (gl).

Ms Cassidy advised that the applicant’s rear wall is flush with No. 7 and the first part of the rear return with a ridge height of 3.5m from ffl extends approximately 4.6m beyond this wall. The remainder of the extension measures 3.3m to the ridge from ffl and 3.6m from gl and extends approximately 1.9m. In total the projection of the rear return is 6.25m in length. The last paragraph of headnote Policy EXT 1 instructs that the guidance set out in Annex A (previously circulated) to be considered when assessing this type of development.

Sub heading “Residential Amenity” of Annex A states in paragraph A27 that:

*“The Department considers it important that the amenity of all residents is protected from “unneighbourly” extensions as these can cause problems through overshadowing/loss of light, dominance and loss of privacy...Single-storey extensions to the rear of semi-detached or terraced dwelling will generally be acceptable where the depth does not exceed 3.5 metres from the back wall of the original building, at the boundary with an adjoining dwelling”.*

Clearly, the application does not meet the provision – it is almost twice the length of that recommended in policy and will be overbearing given the proximity to the shared boundary. Although No. 7 is located to the north east of the application site, their dining room window which currently floods the said room and their living space with natural light, is the opening immediately adjoining the shared boundary. This has been annotated accordingly in Figure 1 for information. The natural light shining into the two main habitable rooms of the property will be severely and significantly reduced by the current proposal. In addition, the proposal will also cause considerable overshadowing

to their outside private amenity space projecting shadow lengths of more than 16 metres at times during winter months when there is very little daylight hours.

She said that Mr Lumber had calculated results using [suncalc.org](http://suncalc.org) based on a ridge height of 3.5m, however it is fair to say the shadows and loss of light will be more than those listed following as the overall height is 3.8 from gl. To date the applicant has not provided this degree of information and Figure 2 provides the assessment and demonstrates how the proposal will affect No. 7.

Referring to paragraph A34 and A35 Ms Cassidy advised that the significant problems of sunlight or daylight loss are most likely to occur in terraced or semi-detached housing situations and it is here that most care needs to be taken. An extension should be kept as far as possible from neighbouring windows and boundaries to minimise impact.

Given the very small space between the proposed rear return and the shared boundary Mr & Mrs Lumber are curious how maintenance to the extension will be carried out and also have concerns regarding overspill into their property that may occur from guttering and down pipes especially at times of torrential rain. The current proposal would appear to be at odds with paragraph A7 of Annex A which directs the reader to give consideration to maintenance and overhanging etc. The residents of No. 7 will have very little time at anytime of the year to enjoy the full benefits of natural light internally and externally with the configuration of the current proposal. The cumulative effects of the current proposal will result in a detrimental impact on their amenity values and this is wholly at odds with prevailing planning policy. The desire to extend No. 5 could still go ahead by reconfiguring the siting either by moving it the 2m suggested by Mr & Mrs Lumber or flipping it to the other side of the dwelling.

Ms Cassidy concluded by reiterating that Mr & Mrs Lumber did not object in principle but they wish to ensure that their current amenity values were not demonstrably harmed by the development – an appropriate solution could be reached in the interest of both parties.

Mr Lumber advised that his concerns relate to the impact of the loss of light and overshadowing and the oppressive and overbearing environment that would be created at his property 7 Grange Drive, Magherafelt by the positioning and aspect of the proposed extension at neighbouring property 5 Grange Drive, Magherafelt.

He said that from the outset the applicant has been aware of his objection to the positioning of the extension prior to the application being submitted to the planning department and yet the applicant has made no consideration for the amenities of the adjoining property. Every effort should be made to avoid the potential of overshadowing to a neighbour when drawing up plans for an extension. The rear of the property is South East facing therefore the aspect of the proposed extension will create considerable overshadowing and loss of amenity to her property. Direct sunlight fills his open plan living area through the rear dining room window immediately adjoining the shared boundary. The positioning of the proposed extension will create considerable overshadowing of the entire dining room window for long periods creating a dark, cold and depressive living space that will impact on his family's health.

Mr Lumber stated that the proposed extension would also cause considerable overshadowing of his rear garden and garage window which is used by his young son as a play area and play room. Access to daylight and sunlight is a vital part of a healthy environment which is an amenity which his family should continue to enjoy. He also highlighted the very close proximity of the proposed extension to the neighbouring fence i.e. only 30cms therefore, providing no access for maintenance. If the gutters are not maintained, they will become blocked and overflow onto neighbouring land causing flooding and damp issues.

He concluded by saying that he understood the role of the planning system was to protect the amenity and the environment to reduce the likelihood of overshadowing and trusted that the planning department would protect his amenity from the considerable overshadowing that would be created due to the aspect of the proposed extension when assessing this planning application.

In response to the Planning Manager's query on at time of the year overshadowing was most prevalent, Mr Lumber advised that it was mostly in the winter months and provided times as an example.

The Planning Manager said that an end development would always have some degree of overshadowing and it was quite reasonable to have a 60 degree distance, and from what he is was hearing, most of the day the sun is in the East and as it goes further into the afternoon it can cause some degree of overshadowing and although not pleasant, it really was only an issue in the winter months.

In response to Councillor McKinney's query about the problem of overshadowing to No. 7, the Planning Manager advised that this would only be an issue in the morning.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew

To defer the application to see if the issue could be sorted amicably for both parties.

The Chair advised that further negotiations had already taken place and the applicant's agent has stated that there would be no more discussion on the matter.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's query regarding building too close to a boundary, the Planning Manager advised that the distance can be less than 3 metres and can be up to 3.45 metres to eaves and 4 metres in height as permitted development.

Councillor Cuthbertson said that in his opinion the compromise was still too close to the boundary would ask that this be investigated again.

The Planning Manager said that the case officer had looked at it and although it was agreed that there would be some loss of light, it wasn't enough to warrant a refusal of the application.

Councillor Glasgow said that he didn't see anywhere to go with a deferral and would be happy to accept the officers recommendation of approval.

Councillor Gildernew withdrew his previous proposal.

Proposed by Councillor Glasgow  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0555/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0608/O Two dwellings opposite 29A Cranlome Road, Cranlome, Ballygawley for Joseph Bradley**

Mr Marrion, SPO presented a report on planning application LA09/2018/0608/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0608/O be refused on grounds stated in the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0715/F Permission to develop land without complying with conditions 2,3,4 and 5 of previous approval LA09/2018/0715/F (visibility splays, access gradient variation, access junction upgrade and access safety audit) at Drumcoo Recycling Centre, Coalisland Road, Dungannon for Mid Ulster District Council**

*All members declared an interest in application LA09/2018/0715/F.*

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0715/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0715/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0751/F Dwelling and garage (in substitution for previously approved H/2008/0398/RM & H/2004/1123/O) at 20m N of 2 Lisgorgan Lane, Upperlands, Maghera for Shane and Katrina Kelly**

**Resolved** Application agreed to be deferred for a site meeting earlier in the meeting.

**LA09/2018/0801/O Site for dwelling and double domestic garage approx. 40m S of 25a Loup Road, Moneymore for Paul Stockman**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0801/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0801/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0902/RM One and a half Storey dwelling and garage with upper level office and associated site works at site adjacent to 10 Derryloughan Avenue, Coalisland for Gerard McCann**

Mr Marrion, SPO presented previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0902/RM and stated that it was recommended for approval.

The Chair advised that a request to speak against the application had been received and invited Mr & Mrs McGrath to address the committee.

Mr McGrath stated that he had concerns about the approval of the application due to the direction of the dwelling not being kept in line with adjacent dwellings or on the opposite side of the road.

Mrs McGrath said that the first floor terrace area had views directly over her private amenity area and space and that the proposed orientation of the dwelling including the downstairs bathroom, dressing room and toilet at the back door look directly towards her back patio door/space/area as well as the back door. She continued to say that the 1 and half storey garage blocked out light and morning heat from the sun at her property.

The Chair suggested writing out to both parties to see if a compromise could be reached and if not will have to access the application.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** To write out to both parties to arrange a meeting to see if a compromise can be reached and if not proceed with the officer recommendation of approval.

The Planning Manager said that it would be both parties interest to resolve the matter.

**LA09/2018/0961/LBC Removal and replacement of main roof, treating and painting of existing trusses and rendering of exposed blockwork at Railway Yard, Cookstown for Mid Ulster District Council**

*Councillor Glasgow left the meeting at 8.12 pm.*

*All members declared an interest in application LA09/2018/0961/LBC.*

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0961/LBC which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0961/LBC be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/0977/O Infill site for 2 dwellings with demolition and removal of redundant agricultural buildings adjacent to and immediately SE of 26 Whitetown Road, Newmills, Dungannon for Mrs Muriel Magee**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/0977/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McKinney  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/0977/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/1008/F Rear ground floor bedroom and shower room extension to dwelling at 57 Altmore Drive, Dungannon for James Cullen**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1008/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/1008/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2018/1148/F New vehicular access onto Old Eglish Road, Dungannon at Black Lane, Mullaghanagh, Dungannon for Dungannon United Youth**

**Resolved** Application agreed to be deferred for until further information is received on the provision of access.

**LA09/2018/1149/F Community and sports hub without complying with conditions 2 of the previous permission M/2014/0299/F (visibility splay condition) at Black Lane, Mullaghanagh, Dungannon for Dungannon United Youth**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2018/1149/F which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2018/1149/F be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0062/O Site for farm dwelling adjacent to 48 Killycon Road, Tyanee, Portglenone for Thomas Doherty**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2016/0062/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor McPeake and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/0062/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2016/0114/O Infill dwelling for 20m E of 6 Peace Haven Crescent, Rocktown, Bellaghy for Brendan O'Neill**

*Councillor McPeake declared an interest in application LA09/2016/0114/O.*

Mr McCrystal, SPO presented a report on planning application LA09/2016/0114/O advising that it was recommended for refusal.

*Councillor Glasgow returned to the meeting at 8.15 pm.*

The Chair advised that there had been a request to speak from Mr Cassidy but due to criteria set regarding deferred applications, Councillor McPeake spoke in favour of the application.

Councillor McPeake agreed that there had been a lapse, as the application had been deferred from January and no-one was made aware of it. He said that there was an indication that there was a site meeting but this ended up being a mix-up.

He said that he knows the site well and would be confident that it warrants an infill opportunity as it had shrubbery, briars and whines, with absolutely nothing significant about it. He said that he was aware of objections being made, but nothing major, only issues relating to sewage, which has now been addressed and felt that this was an opportunity to move forward. He felt that more could have been done with the drawings to incorporate into a single build rather than a double storey.

He advised that he was aware of the application coming before the meeting and took an interest as he felt that the site was only wasteland and should be utilised and that a site meeting would clarify this.

Councillor McPeake said that he was under the impression that Mr Cassidy was availing of the opportunity to address the committee tonight, but this didn't seem to be the case, even though it was taken of the schedule at the start of the other meeting, resulting in Mr Cassidy not ever having an opportunity.

*Councillor Cuthbertson left the meeting at 8.28 pm.*

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor McKinney and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/0114/O deferred for a site meeting.

**LA09/2016/1693/O Farm dwelling and garage, 195m SW of 146 Gulladuff Road, Bellaghy for Seamus McCorry**

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2016/1693/O be deferred until further information is received.

**LA09/2017/0387/O 2 Storey dwelling and domestic garage/store approx 20m N of 33 Oldtown Road, Bellaghy for Mrs Emma McCoy**

Members considered previously circulated report on planning application LA09/2017/0387/O which had a recommendation for approval.

Proposed by Councillor McPeake  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew and

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/0387/O be approved subject to conditions as per the officer's report.

**LA09/2017/1371/O 2 Storey dwelling and domestic garage/store 130m S of 38 Tirgan Road, Tirgan, Moneymore for Mr Declan Connery**

*Councillor McAleer left the meeting at 8.30 pm.*

Mr McCrystal, SPO drew attention to the previously circulated report and advised that it was originally on the list as an approval but that there were concerns raised by an objector.

The Planning Manager advised members that the case officer was satisfied that the application had met policy requirements, but would like to further investigate concerns highlighted by the objector and would suggest that it be deferred for further consideration before a final outcome.

**Resolved** That planning application LA09/2017/1371/O be deferred for one month until all concerns are investigated.

#### **Matters for Information**

**P131/18 Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4 September 2018**

Members noted minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 4 September 2018. The Chair said that he wanted to apologise to Councillor McPeake regarding application earlier in the meeting and stated that he wasn't aware that Mr Cassidy hadn't been given the opportunity to address members in a previous meeting and suggested that in future the Planning Department make it an item on the Agenda to state if an agent or person had already spoken on an application or not.



## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Mallaghan  
Seconded by Councillor Gildernew

**Resolved** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items P132/18 to P135/18.

### **Matters for Information**

P132/18 Confidential Minutes of Planning Committee held on Tuesday 4 September 2018

P133/18 Receive Update on Local Development Plan

P134/18 Enforcement Live Case List

P135/18 Enforcement Cases Opened

P136/18 Enforcement Cases Closed

### **P137/18 Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 8.51 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Minutes of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 4 October 2018 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

**Members Present**

Councillor McKinney, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Bateson (7.04 pm), Doris, Forde, Gildernew, Kearney, S McGuigan, McPeake, Molloy, M Quinn (7.04 pm), Totten

**Officers in Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation  
Mrs Canavan, Director of Organisational Development  
Ms McNally, Council Solicitor  
Ms Mezza, Head of Marketing and Communications  
Mr Moffett, Head of Democratic Services  
Mr JJ Tohill, Director of Finance  
Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

**PR196/18 Apologies**

Councillors Buchanan, Cuddy and McLean.

**PR197/18 Declaration of Interest**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

**PR198/18 Chair's Business**

None.

**Matters for Decision**

**PR199/18 Cyclical Replacement Plan for Leisure Fitness Equipment**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which sought approval for a Cyclical Replacement Plan for Leisure Fitness Equipment.

Councillor Ashton asked if the monies being requested were within a current budget or if it would be a new budget for next year.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that Council would likely get a loan for the equipment.

The Director of Finance advised that the £300,000 being requested would essentially be additional in the rates.

Councillor Ashton referred to previous discussions related to pressure on the capital programme and asked how this additional cost would affect this programme.

The Director of Finance advised that the capital programme had not included leisure equipment and that the capital expenditure for the cost of the equipment was a new budget going forward. The Director advised that rates predication had not been undertaken yet as to how this additional cost would affect rates for next year.

*Councillors Bateson and M Quinn entered the meeting at 7.04 pm.*

Councillor McPeake proposed the officer recommendation as he felt an investment in leisure equipment was needed.

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor McPeake's proposal.

In response to question from the Chair the Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that the replacement plan would include all Council leisure facilities and highlighted that if Council does not invest it cannot compete with other privately run facilities.

Councillor Molloy asked if the cost included a maintenance contract for the equipment.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that maintenance would be built into the cost of the future contract.

The Director of Organisational Development referred to ongoing restructuring within leisure services and that staff had also raised the need to invest in leisure equipment if Council facilities are going to be able to compete with other gyms in the future.

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –
- To develop and implement a cyclical replacement plan for all leisure facilities equipment that would see its replacement on a 7 year cycle. This would support the leisure transformation agenda by ensuring Council facilities and equipment are modern and of sufficient quality. Spin bikes to be replaced initially, due to the demand for the programmes and the age of the current spin bikes.
  - To release £300,000 per annum to undertake the Cyclical Fitness Equipment Replacement Plan and that a phased approach be adopted in line with Council procurement guidelines.

## **PR200/18    Davagh Dark Skies Project**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which advised of increased project costs and sought approval to progress project based on revised costs.

Councillor Ashton asked if there was any more funding available from DAERA for this project.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that there was no further funding available from DAERA and that officers were constantly seeking funding avenues, the Director advised that Council were currently bidding for additional funding for the outside of the visitor hub building to make it more of a visitor attraction.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney referred to the road on which the visitor hub will be located and stated that this was a narrow road with nowhere to pass when two cars met. The Chair stated that this will cause difficulties accessing the attraction in the future and suggested that consideration be given to creating laybys along the road to allow passing to take place.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation stated that she would bring the Chair's comments to the attention of the technical team for their consideration.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to progress Davagh Dark Skies Project based on revised construction costs of £1,009,169 (an increase of £259,169) and additional Council contribution of £259,169 (total Council contribution of £504,169). Revised total project cost being £1,254,169.

**PR201/18 Strategic Business Case for the proposed development of Railway Park**

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation presented previously circulated report which sought approval to progress developments at Railway Park to the next stage as outlined in the strategic business case.

Councillor Gildernew stated that this project had been on the go for a long time and proposed the recommendation.

Councillor Molloy seconded Councillor Gildernew's proposal.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney asked for an update in relation to project at Thomas Street.

The Council Solicitor stated that discussions were ongoing in relation to Thomas Street project and that there was agreement in principle however there were some issues still to be determined and that a further update would be provided in due course.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council –  
▪ To appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Integrated Consultancy Team (ICT) to develop detailed design options for the

complete Railway Park Project. Create detailed specifications and prepare all associated tender documentation for agreed phases of the Railway Park development proposal.

- To allocate phase one capital budget of £431,500 as projected under option 2 of Railway Park (Western Section) Strategic Business Case.

**PR202/18     Beechland Park, Clady – Proposed Transfer to Northern Ireland Housing Executive of lands for Community Development Scheme**

The Council Solicitor presented previously circulated report which provided update in relation to a proposed Community Development Scheme at Beechland Park, Clady and sought agreement in principle to transfer lands at Beechland Park, Clady to Northern Ireland Housing Executive in order to progress the scheme.

Councillor McPeake stated that this was a good news story and proposed the recommendation.

Councillor Kearney seconded Councillor McPeake's proposal and stated that this was an excellent scheme in which the community would be delighted to be involved.

**Resolved**     That it be recommended to Council –

- To agree in principle to transfer lands at Beechland Park, Clady to NIHE.
- To agree the engagement with Land and Property Services to seek a valuation and to approve that negotiations with NIHE are progressed in relation to the proposed transfer.

**PR203/18     Request to Illuminate Council Property**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which considered request from Diabetes UK (Northern Ireland) to light up/illuminate buildings blue to mark World Diabetes Day on Wednesday 14 November 2018.

Councillor Molloy proposed the recommendation however he stated that Diabetes was one of the major health concerns of the modern age and suggested that Council should be doing more to promote Diabetes awareness.

Councillor S McGuigan seconded Councillor Molloy's proposal.

The Head of Marketing and Communications stated that a communications campaign could be undertaken to mark World Diabetes Day and that staff awareness of Diabetes could be promoted through the Health and Wellbeing Group.

**Resolved**     That it be recommended to the Council to –

- Approve the request to light up Ranfurly House and Visitor Centre, Dungannon; Burnavon Arts and Cultural Centre, Cookstown and Bridewell, Magherafelt blue on Wednesday 14 November 2018 for World Diabetes Day.

- Undertake a communications campaign to mark World Diabetes Day and promote Diabetes awareness through the Health and Wellbeing Group.

## **PR204/18 Elected Member Development Working Group**

The Head of Democratic Services presented previously circulated report which considered the report of a meeting of the Elected Member Development Working Group held on Wednesday 12 September 2018. The Head of Democratic Services advised that assessment for the Elected Member Development Charter had taken place on 2 October.

Proposed by Councillor Gildernew  
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the report of the Elected Member Development Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 12 September 2018.

Councillor Ashton advised she had sent apologies for the working group meeting in September however she noted it had went ahead with only one member and asked how this had happened and how minutes could be approved.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that Councillor Ashton's comments were valid however there were no governance arrangements in place regarding minutes of this working group and that it was decided to go ahead with one member on the night of the meeting as the charter assessment was coming up.

Councillor Ashton stated she thought there were Terms of Reference for the working group.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that there was a Terms of Reference for the working group but would check if a quorum had been agreed and was in place.

The Chair, Councillor McKinney stated he was Chair of this working group and had sent in his apologies late for the September meeting as he was unable to attend.

Councillor Doris stated she had went to Dungannon for the September meeting and therefore her apology was also late.

Councillor Gildernew stated that no decisions had been taken at the meeting on 12 September and that discussion had related to upcoming assessment.

Councillor McPeake suggested increasing the membership of the group to avoid similar circumstances occurring again.

The Head of Democratic Services advised that the membership of the Elected Member Development Working Group was currently five but that other working groups had a membership of ten.

Councillor McPeake proposed that the membership of the Elected Member Development Working Group be increased from five to ten members.

Councillor Gildernew seconded Councillor McPeake's proposal.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that the membership of the Elected Member Development Working Group be increased from five to ten members.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **PR205/18 Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 September 2018**

Members noted Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee held on Thursday 6 September 2018.

#### **PR206/18 Somme Association – 2018/19 Subscription**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on correspondence received from the Somme Association on annual membership contributions payable for period 2018-2019.

#### **PR207/18 Corporate Health Indicators: 2017-18**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Council's Corporate Health Indicators for the period 2017-18.

#### **PR208/18 Marketing and Communications Activity Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on key areas of recent marketing and communications activity.

### **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor M Quinn  
Seconded by Councillor S McGuigan and

**Resolved:** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items PR209/18 to PR218/18.

#### **Matters for Decision**

- PR209/18 Transfer of Council owned lands situated at Coagh Road, Stewartstown
- PR210/18 Staffing Matters for Decision
- PR211/18 Employee Healthcare Provision



- PR212/18 Procurement of and Integrated HR/Payroll/Expenses and  
Time and Attendance IT System  
PR213/18 Procurement of Valuation Services

**Matters for Information**

- PR214/18 Confidential Minutes of Policy and Resources Committee  
held on Thursday 6 September 2018  
PR215/18 Contracts and DAC  
PR216/18 Financial Report for 5 months to 31 August 2018  
PR217/18 Managing Attendance  
PR218/18 Staffing Matters for Information

**PR219/18 Duration of Meeting**

The commenced at 7pm and concluded at 7.46 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Minutes of Meeting of Environment Committee of Mid Ulster District Council  
held on Tuesday 9 October 2018 in Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor S McGuigan, Chair  Councillors Buchanan, Burton (7.08 pm), Cuthbertson, Gillespie, Kearney, McFlynn, McGinley, B McGuigan, McNamee, Mulligan (7.14 pm), O'Neill (7.08 pm), M Quinn, Totten
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Mr Kelso, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure Mr Lowry, Head of Technical Services Mr McAdoo, Head of Environmental Services Mrs McClements, Head of Environmental Health Mr Scullion, Head of Property Services Mr Wilkinson, Head of Building Control Miss Thompson, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	Objector and Applicant – Entertainment Licensing, Bryson's Bar and Restaurant

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

**E272/18      Apologies**

Councillors Glasgow and Reid.  
Director of Environment and Property.

The Chair expressed get well wishes from the Environment Committee to Councillor Reid.

**E273/18      Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

**E274/18      Chair's Business**

Councillor Cuthbertson asked that a report be brought before Committee in relation to Japanese Knotweed. The Councillor noted that a report in relation to same had come to Committee in November 2017 which detailed what had happened during the previous year and asked that an update on whether treatment during the year had been successful as there had been some recent press coverage in relation to Japanese Knotweed at Railway Park.

It was agreed that a report providing update in relation to treatment of Japanese Knotweed would be brought to Committee.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **E275/18 Street Naming and Property Numbering**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report regarding the naming of new residential housing development within Mid Ulster.

Site off Drumenny Road, Coagh

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to name development off Drumenny Road, Coagh as Ballinderry Bridge Drive.

### **E276/18 Renaming and Renumbering Existing Streets**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which sought approval to undertake a survey of all applicable residents in relation to the renaming of an existing street.

Proposed by Councillor Kearney  
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to proceed with a Street Naming Survey for the renaming of Parknascull, Coalisland to all occupiers of each property as listed on the Electoral Register of the street/road, in accordance with the Policy for Street Naming and Dual Language Signage.

### **E277/18 Dual Language Signage Requests**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised of requests for Dual Language Signage from residents on streets/roads in the District.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor McGinley and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to proceed to survey the following streets/roads on which a request for Dual Language Signage has been received –

- The Willows, Dungannon
- Parknascull, Coalisland
- Dunlea Vale, Dungannon

### **E278/18 Dual Language Signage Survey**

The Head of Building Control presented previously circulated report which advised on the results of surveys undertaken on all applicable residents on the streets/roads in response to Dual Language Signage nameplate requests.

Councillor McNamee proposed the report recommendations but raised some concern at the length of time taken for some surveys to be brought back to Committee. The Councillor stated that as new signage and protocol had now been agreed he hoped the process would speed up.

Councillor McGinley seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

Councillor Cuthbertson proposed that Council do not proceed with the erection of signage.

Councillor Buchanan seconded Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal.

Councillor B McGuigan stated that he had been made aware of a request which had been submitted for a Dual Language feature for Christmas, the Councillor stated that the group who submitted this request had heard nothing back from Council and asked if the request was receiving consideration.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure stated he was not aware of such a request and that it may have went to the Development team for consideration.

Councillor McNamee stated that as Chair of the Development Committee he also was not aware of such a request but agreed to raise the matter at the meeting of the Development Committee on Thursday night.

Members voted on Councillor Cuthbertson's proposal –

For – 2

Against – 9

Members voted on Councillor McNamee's proposal –

For – 9

Against – 2

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council -
- To agree the application of Dual Language Nameplates in Irish for –
    - Rogully Road, Magherafelt
    - Ballyeglish Road, Magherafelt
    - Rock Road, Moneymore
    - Anneeter Road, Cookstown
    - Ratheen Avenue, Cookstown
    - Sullenboy Park, Cookstown
  - To note the results of the survey and not approve the application of a Dual Language Nameplate for Ballygruby Lane, Moneymore.

#### **E279/18      Consultation on the Draft Flourinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which advised of consultation document on the Draft Flourinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2018.

*Councillors Burton and O'Neill entered the meeting at 7.08 pm during presentation of the above report.*

Proposed by Councillor Gillespie  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to respond to the consultation on the Draft Flourinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 as outlined in appendix to report.

**E280/18 Home Safety Partnership Agreement between NI Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) and Mid Ulster District Council – 2018/19**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought approval to renew the Home Safety Partnership Agreement between NI Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) and Mid Ulster District Council.

Councillor McNamee stated that this was very important work and referred to the recent deaths in Cookstown which were related to carbon monoxide.

Proposed by Councillor Burton  
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council that the Home Safety Partnership Agreement – 2018/19 between Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and Mid Ulster District Council be signed.

**E281/18 The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 (1)**

The Head of Environmental Health presented previously circulated report which sought determination for a Road Closure Order to be made for Mid Ulster District Council's Christmas Events in November 2018.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Buchanan and

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the following Road Closure Orders in line with DfI Guidance –

- Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On – Temporary prohibition of vehicular traffic access to William Street, Cookstown from 5 pm to 9.15 pm on Friday 23 November 2018.
- Magherafelt Christmas Market – Temporary prohibition of vehicular access to Market Street, Magherafelt from 6 pm on Friday 23 November 2018 to 10 pm on Sunday 25 November 2018.
- Magherafelt Christmas Lights Switch On – Temporary prohibition of vehicular access to Broad Street, Magherafelt from 2 pm to 9.30 pm on Saturday 24 November 2018.

**E282/18 Winter Maintenance of Council Estate in Snow and Ice**

The Head of Property Services presented previously circulated report which outlined the managed approach to winter maintenance for the Council Estate during periods of ice and snow.

*Councillor Mulligan entered the meeting at 7.14 pm during presentation of the above report.*

Councillor Cuthbertson expressed some concern at holding off treatment of off street car parks until the TNI Winter Maintenance Agreement is triggered and referred to instances of black ice at Scotch Street car park where cars had been parked and had then slid down the hill. The Councillor felt that there needed to be scope within the managed approach for exceptional circumstances.

The Head of Property Services advised that Council is not resourced to respond on every basis and stated that there is signage within car parks which advises that they are not treated at times of snow and ice and that grit bins are provided for self help.

Councillor McNamee stated that the managed approach detailed in the report was positive going forward as last year there was nothing in place. Councillor McNamee proposed the report recommendation.

Councillor B McGuigan seconded Councillor McNamee's proposal.

**Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to approve the managed approach as outlined in report for the treatment of properties in the Council Estate in periods of ice, snow or other unfavourable weather conditions during the winter period.

## **Matters for Information**

### **E283/18 Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 September 2018**

Members noted minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 September 2018.

Councillor McGinley expressed disappointment at the decision taken at September Council meeting in relation to the Traveller Working Group. The Councillor stated that since that meeting he had been approached by several individuals and groups and that there was now a perception that Council was discriminatory towards Travellers. Councillor McGinley stated that he could understand why there was this perception but that it was not a true reflection of Council and that work would be ongoing to overturn the decision taken.

Councillor McNamee referred to discussion at last Environment Committee in relation to meeting with Dfl regarding provision of additional salt bins, the Councillor asked if there had been any progress in relation to setting this meeting up.

The Head of Property Services advised that an officer meeting had been requested with Dfl which could then be followed up with a Councillor meeting.

Councillors Burton and Gillespie spoke in relation to the importance of having piles of grit left at the roadside in rural locations as it helped to maintain access to rural properties. Councillor Burton added that Dfl should be lobbied in that Council expects that these piles of grit be left out and it should not fall victim to Dfl cutbacks.

Councillor McNamee referred to previous discussion in relation to difficulties with parking in town centres and legislation not being in place and that it had been agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary in this regard.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that there had been some movement in relation to legislation as advertisements had been placed for Cookstown and Dungannon but that the matter would be raised again.

#### **E284/18      Building Control Workload**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the workload analysis for Building Control.

#### **E285/18      Entertainment Licensing Applications**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Entertainment Licensing Applications across the Mid Ulster District.

#### **E286/18      The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 (2)**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on the Department for Infrastructure's response to Mid Ulster District Council concerns regarding the implementation of a road closure for special events arrangements.

#### **E287/18      Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on a review of Household Waste Recycling Centres by WRAP NI.

#### **E288/18      Tullyvar Joint Committee Update**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the business of Tullyvar Joint Committee.

#### **E289/18      Recycle Week 2018**

Members noted previously circulated report which provided update on Recycle Week 2018 communications and related activity.

#### **E290/18      Property Damage and Maintenance following Storm Ali**

Members noted previously circulated report which outlined the extent of damage, disruption and maintenance repairs to Council property as a result of Storm Ali on 19 September 2018.

The Director of Public Health and Infrastructure advised that the recent Storm Ali had caused more damage than Storm Ophelia had last year.

Councillor B McGuigan referred to storm which is predicted to arrive at the end of the week which could bring possible flooding.



In response to Councillor Mulligan's question in relation to trees covered in ivy the Head of Property Services advised that the advice provided states that ivy should be cut at the base of a tree and by doing so the ivy should die off further up the tree. The officer added that ivy is not classed as noxious.

#### **E291/18      Dfl Transport Strategy Division Proposals to Mid Ulster District Council**

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of proposals from Dfl Transport Strategy Division to abandon 104 square metres of road comprising verge adjacent to 38 Annaghilla Road, Augher.

In response to Councillor Burton's question the Head of Property Services stated he would assume the property owner within the area in question would have been notified of the proposal to abandon the section of road by Dfl.

#### **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 - Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor McGinley  
Seconded by Councillor Gillespie and

**Resolved**      In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items E292/18 to E303/18.

##### **Matters for Decision**

E292/18	Entertainment Licensing – Bryson's Bar and Restaurant
E293/18	Application for the Grant of a Mobile Street Trading Licence
E294/18	Application for the Renewal of an Amusement Permit for 28 Irish Street, Dungannon
E295/18	Tender for the supply and delivery of 2 No. Yard Shunter Trucks
E296/18	Tender report for the appointment of Vehicle Suppliers
E297/18	Tender report on the supply of Cleaning Materials
E298/18	Tender report for the appointment of a Legionella Management Organisation
E299/18	Davagh Visitor Hub – Capital Project
E300/18	Villages Programme, Group 2 – Capital Project

##### **Matters for Information**

E301/18	Confidential Minutes of Environment Committee held on Tuesday 11 September 2018
E302/18	Construction of Waste Transfer Station – Capital Works Update
E303/18	Capital Projects Update

#### **E304/18      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7.00 pm and ended at 8.33 pm.

7 – Environment Committee (09.10.18)

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 11 October 2018 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor McNamee, Chair  Councillors Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, Milne, Molloy, Monteith (7.03 pm), G Shiels, Wilson
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Mr McKenna, Economic Strategies Manager Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure Ms Grogan, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	<b>Representatives from Lough Neagh Eels</b> All Things Kildress – Mark Conway, Frankie Corey & Marie Quinn  Councillor Mulligan

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

**D189/18      Apologies**

Councillors Burton and Elattar.

**D190/18      Declaration of Interests**

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest and advised any declarations could be taken throughout the meeting.

The Chair asked that members to be mindful of the Community Development Report item 5.1 Community Local Festival Grants, Good Relations Grant and Decade of Anniversaries Grant Award.

*The Acting Head of Leisure declared an interest in Item 7, Everybody Active – Rainey Old Boys Rugby Football Club*

*Councillor McEldowney declared an interest in Lough Neagh Partnership.*

*Councillor Wilson declared an interest with anything referred to as Enterprise.*

*Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Costa as part of President Grant's.*

*Councillor Molloy declared an interest in Costa.*

## **D191/18      Chair's Business**

The Chair stated that at the Environment Committee meeting last Tuesday night, Councillor B McGuigan raised the issue of a request being submitted for a Dual Language feature for Christmas and advised that the group, which had submitted this request, had heard nothing back from Council.

Councillor Clarke said that he was aware of the situation regarding a letter being submitted last September and to date no response has been issued and asked that this request be followed up as a matter of urgency. Officers agreed to follow up on this issue

*Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.03 pm.*

Councillor Cuddy advised that there are both Irish and Ulster Scots in Dungannon, which works very well and felt that consideration should be given to implementing this into other towns.

Councillor McFlynn circulated to members present, a document relating to Ballyronan Village Renewal and stated that this was a great opportunity, and sought Council's permission to close the entrance so works can be carried out to the carpark.

The Director of Business and Communities agreed that this was a good project with several meetings have already taken place with members and the community, but stated that it wasn't listed as an item on the agenda for tonight's meeting and that a decision could not be taken tonight. He suggested that this be an item on the agenda for the next Environment Committee.

## **D192/18      Deputation – All Things Kildress**

Councillor Monteith enquired why a deputation was kept outside the Chamber until invited in and felt that, as this was a public meeting this should not be the case.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that there could be sensitive issues around Chair's business and said that it was up to the members discretion on what way to proceed.

The Chair welcomed to the committee representatives from All Things Kildress and who provided an overhead presentation on "Kildress for the Rest of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Ionad Pobail Chill Dreasa – Kildress Community Hub".

Mr Conway advised that there are 2,400 people young and growing population and before the Great Famine, some 7,000 lived there. One-in-ten households is a single person aged 65+ living alone, one-in-five has a long term health problem or disability, one-in-eleven (9%) provides regular unpaid care. He stated that the community infrastructure also provides Apostolic Work, Cloughfin Pipe Band, Kildress

Community Projects, Kildress Credit Union, Kildress Kare, Mark Heagney ABC, St Joseph's Bowling Club, St Joseph's Youth Club and Karate Club.

He said that the groups context consists of:

- Shops: 13 > 2
- Schools: 8 > 2
- Post Offices: 3 > 0      2
- Holy Trinity College: 25 year+ wait ... and still waiting
- 'Sixth worst' Proximity to Services in NI
- Two outstanding Primary Schools and Chapels
- Community-leading/driving Wolfe Tones GAA Club
- No public provision other than utilities and Primary Education

### ***Proximity to Services***

- GPs, Accident and Emergency, Dentists, Opticians, Pharmacy, Post Office, Supermarket/Food Store, Service Centre, Council Leisure Centre, Financial Services, Filling Stations, Health and Beauty, Food/Eating, Social Supports
- 9th Worst in NI in 2001, 8th Worst in 2005, 6th Worst in 2017 ... where in 2021?
- Worst position in the Mid-Ulster Council area

### ***Questions that Group Would Have***

- Landfill Tax 'dividend'? £17m raised in Kildress, no sign of any share for the Community
- What about our 'public realm'?
- Is the tourist/visitor the only person worthy of investment?
- What about the £2.8m Village Renewal programme?
- Why is the journey from 'Kildress to A' always seen to be shorter than the journey from 'A to Kildress' ...?
- Where's the Community Plan delivery?
- Is there a wee bit of Matthew 7, 1-5 ...?
- Why is Kildress kept in the back of the bus?

### ***What the Kildress Community Require***

- Changing and showering/personal care facilities for men/women, children/adults
- Gym/fitness area
- Boxing facilities, including a proper ring
- Areas for pilates, yoga, dance-classes and physical activities for all ages and abilities
- Culture space to deliver arts/crafts, cultural activities, dance, drama, music and Irish language-related activities
- Spaces for classes, education and social/community activities and for services outreach
- Reception area and basic catering/café provision
- Kitchen and laundry areas

- Meeting and community interaction space
- A fit-for-purpose sports/community hall (which can be extended later if need arises)

### ***What is Needed***

- £1.1m
- 10 years' hard work by Kildress Community
- £0.30m+ Draw, £0.25m Cairde Chill Dreasa
- 'Punt ar Phunt': 50% (£0.50m) input from Government
- £110,000 (10%) from Mid-Ulster

The Chair thanked Mr Conway for his impressive presentation and asked for any members comments.

Councillor Clarke stated that it was a really first class project and would be fully supportive, as it was badly needed in the Kildress community. He said that the Council should fully get behind the project and provide any support they can.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

To pass it over to the Officers within Leisure Department to investigate ways in which the Council can financially contribute to help deliver this project.

Councillor Monteith said that this was very welcome and would concur with everything that Councillor Clarke had said and would happily second what he proposed. He stated that when people within a local community make such declarations to enhance their area then it is up to the Council to be seen supporting such projects as it would cost local government a lot more in the end.

Councillor McAleer also concurred with everything what Councillors Clarke and Monteith said and stated that there was obviously a lot of passion going into this project by the local community and good to see and would wish them well in their venture.

Councillor Wilson also wished the group well but said that he was a bit disappointed as it seemed to be geared for one side of the community and no mention of other churches or other cultures and just was concerned as it came across as a one sided community project.

Mr Conway agreed with Councillor Wilson that it seemed to come across more of a one sided community project but that was the layout of the geography of Kildress. He said that Kildress was mainly a nationalist community, but were slowly making progress trying to integrate other cultures. He said that for the Millennium, a publication was produced on the history of the area which was launched at the Burnavon as it was a neutral venue and very well supported by all religious denominations. The publication incorporated images of the British Legion and Wolfe Tones to bring everyone together.

Councillor Molloy agreed that it was an impressive presentation and advised that he also has been involved in a number of GAA clubs and when good quality and modern facilities are built, people will come to those facilities regardless of colour or creed.

In response to Councillor Molloy regarding plans to enhance accommodation in the area, something similar to Creggan, Mr Conway advised that there were three flagship projects in the 1990's which included An Creagán, and said that locals would indicate that the local pub is keeping it afloat. He said that projects like this should be left to the private sector.

Mr Conway said that the people of Kildress would not benefit much from the Davagh and Dark Skies initiative and more likely to be the hotels in Cookstown.

Councillor G Shiels said that like his community, people from Kildress wanted to relocate to urban areas when there was a lack of utilities like water and electricity and in time wanted to relocate back again to the rural areas. He said that at times he felt there may have been insensitivity shown, resulting in some members feeling uncomfortable when discussions ensued around the Chamber regarding GAA matches, parishes and football teams etc. He wanted to wish the group well in their endeavour as it shows how passionate they are about their community.

Mr Conway said that he agreed with Councillor G Shiels and there was a need to come together as communities and work together for the good of all.

The Director of Business and Communities said that the Officers would take direction from members and operate within the framework of the Council.

The Chair stated that Councillor Mallaghan wanted it known that he was fully supportive of the project 100% and wants the Council to pursue it any way they can.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that the Officers within Leisure Services Department investigate ways in which the Council can financially contribute to help deliver this project.

The Chair thanked the representatives from All Things Kildress at which they left the meeting at 7.46 pm.

## **Matters for Decision**

### **D193/18 Economic Development Report**

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide an update on key activities as detailed below:

- **Letter of Offer – Mid Ulster Tender Ready Programme**

*Councillors Cuddy, Molloy and Wilson declared an interest in Mid Ulster Tender Ready Programme.*

Proposed by Councillor Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

- a) Accepting Letter of Offer from Invest NI (dated 7 August 2018) for the Mid Ulster Tender Ready Programme offering up to £208,200 (80%) grant towards total programme delivery costs of £261,200.
- b) Officers commencing work with CPD to procure a suitably qualified organisation(s) to deliver the Mid Ulster Tender Ready Programme at a cost of up to £261,200 (including expenses and excluding vat).

- **Coalisland and Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-On Events**

Proposed by Councillor Doris  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

- a) Craic Theatre Company in Coalisland being awarded £4,200 to deliver activities associated with the Coalisland Christmas Lights Switch-on event from the allocated £7,000 budget, subject to Officers being satisfied with the proposals submitted.
- b) Officers working up a programme of activities related to the Christmas Lights Switch on in Maghera at a cost of up to £7,000.
- c) For next year, investigate if there are any opportunities in Coalisland to widen the event to include other organisations.

- **Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund**

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the amendment to proposed Dungannon/Coalisland route.

- **Mid Ulster Broadband Working Group**

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to Council to approve the Terms of Reference for the Mid Ulster Broadband Working Group.



- **Business Start Performance – Mid Ulster**

*Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Business Start Programme – Mid Ulster.*

Noted. Write to Council's delivery partners to congratulate them on their excellent performance against targets to March 2018

- **Mid Ulster Social Enterprise Seminar 2018**

Noted.

- **Great British Street Awards**

Noted.

- **Cookstown Town Centre Forum**

Noted.

Councillor Monteith enquired where the City Bids falls under and asked what appropriate committee it would be assigned to.

The Director of Business and Communities said it would most likely be treated as a Corporate initiative, but members would be kept updated on progress.

Councillor Monteith stated there was a need for this Council to get proactive like Belfast City Council.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with Councillor Monteith and said that Belfast City and other Councils have been ahead of us for a long time now and as we are one of the three Councils we are left with very little going for us. He said that Newry was looking a bypass and is in the bid and we will be left with whatever is left over and that this Council had to try their best as we have the capital of Engineering in East Tyrone, but feels that we have missed the boat as to speak.

## **D194/18      Community Development Report**

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide an update on key activities as detailed below:

- To seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations and Decade of Anniversaries grant awards
- To note the Peace IV Partnership update
- To note the update on Community Development

In response to Councillor Cuddy's query regarding why some groups were receiving not receiving the full percentage allocation of their budget. The Head of Community

Development advised that the grant limit was £1,200 and percentages were allocated according to this.

Proposed by Councillor Forde  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval granted to:

- a) Grant award recommendations under the Community Local Festivals grants and Good Relations Grant as per Appendix 1 £2,740 and £4,440.
- b) Decade of Anniversaries grant award recommendations for 9 groups, at a total value of £14,362.50.
- c) Note the Peace IV Partnership update.
- d) Note Community Development update.

Councillor Monteith referred to item 3.3, Community Support and advised that he would be very supportive of the initiative, as it would allow the Council to support groups. He said that he would like to see greater flexibility, as it is difficult to predict the timeframe for capital project delivery and he would not want to see good projects miss out due to the timing of opening the grant; opening for 3 months annually.

He said that it would be important to build flexibility for the grant as some projects do not fit into the Council's timescales and people cannot be expected to work around this. He said that grant funding does become available very quickly, at short notice and if Council cannot respond then this could result in bad publicity.

The Head of Community Development said that one of the things that was being proposed was to put out a quick letter of interest so that an Officer could be on hand very quickly to address any concerns.

The Director of Business and Communities said that the last resort would be to allocate small amount of funding to get the project over the line and make it significant.

Councillor Wilson said at the last meeting Councillor Monteith raised the issue of funding for arts and cultural groups and bands participating outside Northern Ireland. He said that he was disappointed that this was not an item on the agenda at tonight's meeting.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that the matter would be followed up, but when Officers are asked to investigate a new grants scheme, there needs to be a budget to go with it.

Councillor Wilson said that may be the case, but Bardic Theatre were allocated £1,000 and that was not from a grants scheme.

Councillor Monteith said that in his opinion the design of a detailed grant was not the issue here but more of a goodwill gesture from the Council similar to the sports representative grant, and not a lot of money involved which wouldn't make a huge

impact on the budget. He said that this should be investigated as he did not think there would be too many requests within Arts and Culture.

#### **D195/18      Every Body Active Small Grants Round 2**

The Acting Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to present to members the proposed grant allocations for the range of Every Body Active Small Sports Grant Round 2.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the:

- 1) Everybody Active Small Sports Grant Allocations
- 2) Advertisement of the Everybody Active Small Sports Grant

#### **D196/18      Ulster-Scots Funding (PHASE 2), U.S. Grant Presidential Homestead**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform committee of funding opportunity to further develop and enhance the existing offering at U.S. Grant Presidential Homestead.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to commence with the collaboration with the Ulster-Scots Agency and proceed to establish a partnership agreement to govern the implementation of the project, subject to the Council's legal department approving the partnership agreement.

#### **D197/18      Tourism Strategy Review**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform members of planned mid-term review of delivery of the Mid Ulster Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2021.

Proposed by Councillor Doris  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to review the delivery of the Tourism Strategy & Action Plan to date and make recommendations with particular emphasis around the issues of measuring performance, digital and action plan delivery.

Councillor Cuddy said that it was important to keep this moving forward as it has great potential to enhance tourism in the area.

The Head of Tourism agreed with Councillor Cuddy that there were real opportunities.

Councillor Wilson said that there was a huge facility at Davagh no communities were benefiting from it.

Councillor Clarke said that it would have to be a private enterprise or local people taking it on as there was local accommodation with an 8 en-suite facility, glamping pods and buildings and if it's in people's minds that there is an opportunity this is can be worked upon as 10% of people worldwide is employed in Tourism.

#### **D198/18      Joint Learning Journey to County Mayo for Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership and LAG Members and Lead Officers**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform of plans to develop a two day Learning Journey to County Mayo on Friday 19 October 2018 with Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership and LAG members (20 people) and lead Tourism and Arts Officers from MUDC and FODC. HLF funding will cover accommodation and coach.

Councillor Clarke referred to the Céide of Fields in Co. Mayo, and said that it was being investigated as a World Heritage site and felt that this should also be the case for Davagh to have it developed upon.

Councillor Monteith stated that it was a huge mistake not to take advantage as tremendous amount of funding is being allocated towards the Wild Atlantic Way and the Hidden Heartlands projects and a shame to not be involved in this. He said that the Council needed to be trying to get involved with Hidden Heartlands to push Mid Ulster all over the world as the Heart of Ancient Ulster means nothing compared to Hidden Heartlands as it's a massive promotional brand.

The Head of Tourism advised that the Heart of Ancient Ulster was only a working title to apply for funding through the Heritage Lottery, but said that consideration could be given to investigating the potential for Hidden Heartlands down the line.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that Phase 1 would be to develop the product, which already is the case with Davagh's success through the HLF, Phase 2 would be to provide the multi-million pound investment to develop its brand.

Councillor Monteith said that we are not fortunate enough to be included in the Hidden Heartlands. He stated at the beginning there were lots of scepticism regarding the Wild Atlantic but with a multi-million pounds marketing campaign it is now a vast enterprise. He said that the next big thing that Bord Fáilte was focusing on was Hidden Heartlands and with an enormous marking campaign, this Council should be looking at ways to get involved to showcase Mid Ulster.

The Head of Tourism advised that Officers held a meeting with Tourism Ireland on what Mid Ulster had to offer and they had indicated that Mid Ulster had a unique product, but it's in the early stages of development and within 4 to 5 years, we would have a something to be proud off.

Councillor Clarke stated that he was aware of members who were in business and sat on the Tourism group which had positive stories to tell on how they were making very successful links and making things happen. He said that no-one would invest in accommodation until they see the benefits and that the feedback from the Tourism group was that a lot of fantastic things were going to happen in the future.

Councillor Cuddy advised that not a lot of funding was put into the Wild Atlantic Way but their marketing campaign made it mammoth. He felt that Mid Ulster were always at the end of the queue for funding opportunities and also agreed that it was a pity we were not involved as it is opened up against the whole land. He suggested that it would be beneficial if a representation from the Council could meet representatives from Hidden Heartlands to see if we can become involved in their project.

Councillor Wilson said that by listening to Councillor Monteith interesting debate, that it would do no harm for a delegation of elected members to meet the Board of Hidden Heartlands, as it's not fair to leave all to Officers to lobby.

Councillor Monteith agreed with Councillor Wilson that it may be beneficial if a delegation from this Council meet with representatives of Hidden Heartlands.

Councillor Monteith also suggested that any member attached to the Heart of Ancient Ulster should also be willing to embrace the opportunity of being involved with Hidden Heartlands.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve the County Mayo Learning Journey proposal. Officers to further investigate the potential of working with other bodies like Hidden Heartlands.

#### **D199/18      Davagh Forest Outdoor Experience (Phase 2)**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform members of Davagh Forest Outdoor Experience Phase 2 application to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

Proposed by Councillor Wilson  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to approve in principle to progress Davagh Forest Outdoor Experience Project based on scoping study costs of £591,780. Match funding request from Council is 25% of project costs of £147,945.

## **Matters for Information**

### **D200/18      Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 13 September 2018**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 13 September 2018.

In response to Councillor Monteith's query regarding update on Dungannon Dog Track site, the Director of Business and Communities advised that the matter was progressing.

### **D201/18      Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group**

Members noted previously circulated report on Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group.

### **D202/18      Parks Service Update Report**

Members noted previously circulated report on Parks Service Update Report.

## **Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business**

Proposed by Councillor Forde  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider item D203/18.

### **D204/18      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.25 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Report on</b>	Conferences, Seminars & Training
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	25 October 2018
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Eileen Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Costs associated will be set against 2018-19 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The following are seminar/ conference sessions and member training requests presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster District Council.
3.1	<b>Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members</b>
3.1.1	<b>Conferences &amp; Seminars</b>  <b><i>Centre for Cross Border Studies: Working for Wellbeing: Crossing sectors, crossing borders</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Columb's Park House, 4 Limavady Road, Derry / Londonderry</li> <li>• Wednesday 14 November 2018, 11.00 am - 1.00 pm</li> <li>• Conference fee: nil, travel and subsistence</li> </ul> <b><i>Northern Ireland Planning Conference: Planning Who Decides</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Titanic Centre, Belfast</li> <li>• Tuesday 20 November 2018, 9.00am – 2.00pm</li> <li>• Conference Fee: Discounted rate for local government £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234, travel and subsistence</li> </ul> <b><i>NILGA, GLOBAL, GOALS, LOCAL ACTION</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee Cure at the Museum, Town Hall Bangor</li> <li>• Friday 23rd November 2018, 9.30am – 1.30pm</li> <li>• Conference fee: nil, travel and subsistence</li> </ul>

	<p><b><i>Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar: Developing infrastructure, promoting investment and economic development, and meeting the needs of communities: next steps in delivering the Belfast City Region Deal</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belfast (venue to be confirmed)</li> <li>• Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 9am - 1pm (registration from 8.30am)</li> <li>• Conference Fee: , 230 plus VAT, travel and subsistence;</li> <li>• Copies of the <a href="#">briefing document</a>, including full transcripts of all speeches and the questions and comments sessions and further articles from interested parties, will be available approximately 12 days after the event for £95 plus VAT;</li> </ul>
3.1.2	<p><b>Member Training Requests</b></p> <p>None requested.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Officer Approvals</b></p> <p>There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2018/2019 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<p>Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars &amp; Training</p> <p>Appendix B Officers Approvals</p>





### **Working for Wellbeing: Crossing sectors, crossing borders**

Wednesday 14 November 2018

11.00 am - 1.00 pm

St Columb's Park House, 4 Limavady Road, Derry / Londonderry



In times of constant change and changing challenges facing our populations' wellbeing today, there is an ever greater need for decision-makers at all levels of government to work together, not only within their own jurisdictions, but also with their counterparts in neighbouring countries. For wellbeing is dependent on the wellbeing of your neighbours, and of those further afield. A cross-border approach can reveal opportunities to achieve greater degrees of sustainable wellbeing. It is therefore time, as we move into uncertain chapters in our future, to focus on the wellbeing of border regions, including the extent to which cross-border cooperation may be necessary to guarantee that wellbeing.

This is why the Centre for Cross Border Studies is bringing together representatives from the local authority-led cross-border networks on the island of Ireland, as well as representatives from community organisations from both sides of the border and the Carnegie Foundation to share their experiences of the application of the concept of wellbeing, and to *discuss* what is needed to achieve wellbeing properly in border regions in future.

This will be an invaluable opportunity for policy-makers, political representatives, academic experts, cross-border practitioners and citizens to make an active contribution to the achievement of wellbeing, the strengthening of cross-border cooperation and ensuring economic, social and territorial cohesion even as the island of Ireland and its citizens face a changing context.

Places will be limited, so if you would like to attend this event and contribute to the discussion please **[REGISTER HERE](#)** by Friday 9 November 2018.

For further information please email [tricia.kelly@gub.ac.uk](mailto:tricia.kelly@gub.ac.uk)



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**Delegate fee £225 + VAT @ 20% = £270**

**Discounted rate for local government £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234**

**Discounted rate for voluntary/community sector £195 + VAT @ 20% = £234**

## PLANNING: WHO DECIDES?

agendaNi's Northern Ireland Planning Conference is now firmly established as the major annual event for all those with an interest or role in planning and development in Northern Ireland. Planning has now been devolved to local government in Northern Ireland for three years. The conference will look at the performance of the planning system since then, particularly looking at how we can get the best out of Area Plans.

The Department for Infrastructure still retains responsibility for processing planning applications for projects deemed to be of regional significance. However, due to the ongoing lack of a functioning Executive in Northern Ireland, this poses a fundamental problem – when it comes to key planning decisions, who decides? Earlier this year both the High Court and subsequently the Court of Appeal ruled that civil servants had no power to approve arc21's proposed waste incinerator. This has massive implications not only for planning but across all government departments.

### 2018 discussion topics

- **Who decides:** Impact of the arc21 decision on planning for major infrastructure projects
- A review of **Local Development Plans**
- Planning in a **political void**
- Impact of **Brexit** on planning
- An update on all **significant planning judgements**
- Planning for **resilience**
- Use of **planning agreements** by local authorities
- Planning for developing **social housing**
- **Best practice** case studies

The conference will provide an opportunity for all those with a role or interest in planning locally to come together for discussion and debate. An expert speaker panel comprising local and visiting speakers will look at these issues in detail. Attendees will come from across all sectors and will include government policy-makers and decision-takers, other government agencies and NDPBs, local government officials, planners, developers, waste companies, advisory organisations, community representative groups and political representatives. The conference aims to be as interactive as possible with delegates able to put questions directly to the expert panel.

## Conference Programme

0900

### **Chairman's welcome and introduction**

**Stewart Beattie QC**

### **Spatial planning for uncertain times**

Angus Kerr, Chief Planner and Director of Regional Planning  
**Department for Infrastructure** (*invited*)

### **Planning in Northern Ireland: Notable judgements**

Grant McBurney, Partner  
**Carson McDowell**

### **Making planning work for people from an appeals perspective**

Andrea Kells, Chief Commissioner  
**Planning Appeals Commission**

### **Local Development Plans: Making them work**

Stewart Beattie QC

*Questions & answers / Panel discussion*

## **1045 Morning coffee / networking break**

1115

### **Planning for the resilient city**

Aidan Thatcher, Director of Planning  
**Belfast City Council**

### **Strengthening the link between spatial and community planning for better outcomes**

Irene Beautyman, Planning for Place Programme Manager  
**Improvement Service (Scotland)**

### **Getting the best out of Area Plans for social housing**

Ben Collins, Chief Executive  
**Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations**

### **Planning: A developer's perspective**

Conor Mulligan, Managing Director  
**Lagan Homes** (*invited*)

### **The increasing importance of planning agreements**

Derek McCallan, Chief Executive  
**Northern Ireland Local Government Association**

*Questions & answers / Panel discussion*

## **1315 Chairman's summary and conference close followed by networking lunch**

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- Why the Sustainable Development Goals are relevant in local planning and decision making
- How local government and others can implement sustainable development, showcasing practical examples of best practice

## Why Attend?

Elected members, council officers and partner agencies are invited to attend this free event to learn more about sustainable development and how it can be used as a framework to deliver wellbeing locally, in partnership with government.

This conference will specifically highlight practical ways that local authorities and their partners can help implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals at a local level, and contribute to building a sustainable, prosperous and resilient society.

## Registration



To reserve your place please register via Eventbrite at:



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**Registration & Networking**  
- refreshments available

**10:00 - 10:30**

**(Moderator: Cara Augustenborg)**

- Opening remarks from Andrew Cassells, SNI Chairman and Cllr Dermot Curran, NILGA President
- Welcome from David Lindsay, Director of Environment, Ards & North Down Borough Council

**10:30 - 11:00**

**Key Note: What are the SDGs & why are they relevant locally? (Speaker TBC)**

- What are the SDGs in layperson's terms and what is the case for local authority engagement

**11:00 - 11:15**

**Coffee Break - refreshments available**

**11.15 - 12:30**

**Showcasing practical action on the SDGs - Panel Q&A**

Short introduction from panellists on how sustainable development goals can be achieved locally, showcasing best practice case studies in:

- Sustainable tourism (Dr Susann Power, Ulster University)
- Planning and resilience (Richard Kirk, ICE)
- Responsible business (Gillian McKee, BITC NI)
- Resource management (Alan McVicker, Circular Economy Steering Group)
- Sustainable food (Tom Andrews, Sustainable Food Cities)
- Responsible procurement (John McMullan, CEO Bryson Charitable Group)

Panellist presentations followed by interactive discussion on why and how local authorities and their partners should get involved in this agenda.

**12:30 - 12:50**

**How can individuals and organisations engage with the Sustainable Development Goals?**

- Facilitated table discussions on selected SDGs to help attendees connect with the goals on a personal level

**12:50 - 13:00**

**Plenary and close**

- Tools & resources for SDG engagement & Next Steps
- Thanks to hosts/speakers/attendees

**13:00 - 13:30**

**Networking Lunch**

## **Policy Forum for Northern Ireland Keynote Seminar**

**Developing infrastructure, promoting investment and economic development, and meeting the needs of communities: next steps in delivering the Belfast City Region Deal**

With **Liam Hannaway**, Chief Executive Officer, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Stephen Wallace**, Associate Director, KPMG Belfast

**Professor Gordon Matheson**, Visiting Professor and Consultant, Institute for Future Cities, University of Strathclyde

*and*

**Professor Paddy Nixon**, *Ulster University*; **Professor Ian Greer**, *Queen's University Belfast*; **Allen Irwin**, *BT*; **Didar Dhillon**, *Pinsent Masons*; **Richard Kirk**, *Institution of Civil Engineers*; **Robin Totten**, *Belfast Rapid Transit and Translink*; **Deborah Colville**, *Belfast City Council*; **Dr Norman Apsley**, *Catalyst*; **Marie-Thérèse McGivern**, *Belfast Metropolitan College* and a senior speaker confirmed from **CBI**

*Chaired by:*

**Claire Hanna MLA**, Member of the Legislative Assembly for South Belfast and Finance Spokesperson, SDLP

Date: **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Timing: **9am - 1pm (registration from 8.30am)**

Venue: **Belfast**

Price Per Place: **£230 plus VAT**

Booking Includes:

One delegate place including delegate materials and refreshments. One PDF copy of the briefing document. (including transcripts of the speeches, questions and comments, as well as extra articles submitted by delegates, which is distributed to all attendees approximately twelve working days after the seminar).

For those who cannot attend:

- Copies of the [briefing document](#), including full transcripts of all speeches and the questions and comments sessions and further articles from interested parties, will be available approximately **12 days** after the event for **£95** plus VAT;

Conference & Seminar	Date	No. of Attendees	Location	Attendance Fee (Yes/ No)
HR & OD Conference	22 & 23 Nov	2	Belfast	Yes
NI Planning Conference	20th October	1	Belfast	Yes
APSE Cemeteries & Crematoria Seminar 2018	16 November	1	Preston	Yes + Flights
Northern Ireland Leadership & Governance Conference	27 November	1	Lisburn	Yes





<b>Report on</b>	Consideration of Requests for Civic Recognition
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 25 October 2018
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	E Forde, Member Support Officer

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report					
1.1	To consider approval of request(s) for civic recognition from members, in line with council's <i>Civic Honour and Receptions Policy</i> .					
2.0	Background					
2.1	The policy was reviewed and subsequently agreed at April 2018 Council. All requests for recognition are to be submitted with Democratic Services using the pro-forma, <i>Request for Civic Recognition: Civic Honour &amp; Civic Reception</i> . Requests for recognition are reviewed against the categories and associated criteria contained within the policy as detailed at 2.2.					
2.2	<p><b><u>Recognition</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Civic Honour:</b> recognition will be permissible when the following has been achieved at an All-Ireland, European, International, or National level:<table><tr><td>Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table></li><li><b>Civic Reception:</b> will be permissible for individual, groups or organisations when:<table><tr><td>Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level</td></tr><tr><td>Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition</td></tr><tr><td>Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition</td></tr></table></li></ul>	Have won first place at a competition in their relevant field at the highest level of competition	Have received an outstanding achievement award at the highest level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition	Representing their country at International, European, All-Ireland or National level at the highest level	Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition	Receiving an outstanding achievement award at the highest level at a Northern Ireland or Provincial level. Outstanding achievement relates to when a participant or group has not been involved in a competition
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2.3	<b><u>Processing the Request</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed against the policy/criteria</li> <li>• Reviewed to identify if recognition provided for similar achievement within 3 years prior to this</li> <li>• Requests meeting criteria will be recommended to Council for Civic Honour or Civic Reception</li> <li>• Requests not meeting criteria will be recommended to Council to receive letter from Council Chair</li> </ul>
2.4	Appendix A to this report sets out those requests received for recommendation to and approval by council. The request have been categorised in line with the revised policy.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Implementation of the policy facilitates the Council in acknowledging the achievements of organisations and persons from the district, as put forward by members.
3.2	Recognition requests received from members since the last meeting of council have been categorised, details of which are set out within appendix A to this report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That consideration be given to approving request for civic recognition requests
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix A – Civic Recognitions Recommended for Approval

## Appendix A: October 2018 - Requests for Civic Recognition Submitted: For Approval

### Category: Civic Honour

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged

### Category: Civic Reception

Proposed Recipient	Achievement	Submitted by	Condition/Criteria Met	Recipient Previously Acknowledged
Caitriona Lagan	Fleadh Cheoil na héireann 2018 Mandolin Under 12 Competition	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A <b>Date:</b> N/A
Róise Ní Dhoibhlin	Fleadh Cheoil na héireann 2018 Fiddle Slow Airs (12-15)	Cllr McFlynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A` <b>Date:</b> N/A
Jack Warnock	Fleadh Cheoil na héireann 2018 15D Tionlacan/Accompainiment (O18)	Cllr Kearney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A` <b>Date:</b> N/A
Duane McKeever	Irish Drifting Champion 2018	Cllr Mullen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> n/a <b>Date:</b> n/a
Nathan Hutchinson	All Ireland Kickboxing Championship Light Welter Weight Champion  World Association of Kickboxing Organisations – World Championship	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A <b>Date:</b> N/A

	Light Welter Weight Championship – Silver Medal			
Padraic Hagan	All Ireland Kickboxing Championship Flyweight Champion	Cllr Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Won first place at a competition level in their relevant field</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
Michelle Devlin	Special Pool League NI Ladies Champion 2018 – represented NI at the World competition in Morecambe, England	Cllr McFlynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winning first place at competition level at N. Ireland or provincial level.</li> <li>Represented NI at International Level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A
Dungannon Youth Resource Centre	Winners of the Boys & Girls Club Tournament - Regional Competition (NI)  Competed in UK Competition	Cllr Molloy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winning first place at competition level at N. Ireland or provincial level.</li> <li>Represented NI at International Level</li> </ul>	<b>For:</b> N/A  <b>Date:</b> N/A

#### **Other: Letter from Council Chair**

Where it is deemed that conditions/criteria have not been met for a civic reception, civic award or chair & deputy chair reception a letter from the Council Chair is recommended. This may also be in instances where recipients have previously received a reception or award for the same or similar achievement.

<b>Proposed Recipient</b>	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>

Lorraine Wilson	Citizenship and taking a pride in her local area	Cllr Gillespie
Donaghmore Horticultural Society	Winner of Village Category in Translink – Ulster in Bloom Competition	<p>Cllr Gillespie - Winning first place at a competition at the highest level at a Northern Ireland level in the relevant field at the highest level of competition</p> <p>A letter is being recommended as the organisation was recognised previously as undernoted:</p> <p><b>For:</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Village in Ulster in Bloom</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 27.10.16</p>



<b>Report on</b>	<b>Revised Local Development Plan Timetable</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	<b>Chris Boomer Planning Manager</b>
<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Sinead McEvoy Head of Development Plan</b>

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide members with a revised Timetable for the production of the new Local Development Plan (LDP) for Mid Ulster District Council Area. This timetable details the key stages, actions and timescales in the plan preparation process.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Legislation, namely the Planning (NI) Act 2011, requires the council to produce and review such a timetable when preparing and adopting a LDP. Regulation 7 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 requires that the timetable is approved by resolution of the council prior to submission to the Department for its agreement.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The revised timetable sets out Mid Ulster Councils programme for the production of its LDP and includes details of the key stages in the process. It will help ensure that the plan process is efficiently managed and that key stakeholders such as consultation bodies and the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) are kept informed and can manage their own resources to facilitate their involvement in the LDP process.
3.2	Members will be aware that there has been slippage in the date for the publication of the draft Plan Strategy (and subsequent dates as a result). There are a number of factors which explain the reason for this slippage including prolonged absence within the Planning Department which has led to the diversion of resources within the planning functions. In addition, as a result of the public consultation on the Preferred Options Paper, further evidence gathering has been undertaken and this has included further detailed work on a landscape review, minerals, renewables and how best to protect our most sensitive landscapes and assets. Mid Ulster has also led the way in working with neighbouring councils setting up planning forums for Lough Neagh, the Sperrins and Cross Border. Additional work has been undertaken to agree shared commons issues with neighbouring councils and this remains ongoing.
3.3	The timetable contains revised <i>indicative</i> dates as well as actions for the various stages of the plan preparation process. A number of assessments are required to be carried out in the preparation of the LDP, including a Strategic Environmental Assessment, a Sustainability Assessment, a Habitats Regulations Assessment and an Equality Impact

	Assessment and Rural Proofing. These are factored into the various key stages in the timetable.
3.4	Informal consultation on the timetable has taken place with the Department for Infrastructure who suggested some changes to the version that had been sent to them and which had been presented to Planning Committee in May 2018. Members will note that the timeframe within the timetable extends significantly beyond the 40 months suggested by the Department in their guidance. This extended timeframe is considered to be a realistic reflection of the actions necessary to ensure the production of a sound and robust LDP for the District and reflective of the timescale that would be necessary to address any issues that may arise during the process. The revised dates also take account of the DFI advice and the Planning Appeal Commissions guidance on 'procedures for independent examination of local development plans' in which they state that their current expectation is that Commissioner involvement will last on average nine to 12 months per plan.
3.5	The next step in the progressing the revised timetable is to submit it to the Department for agreement.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial:
	Human:
	Risk Management:
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are requested to consider and agree the attached revised Timetable which will then be submitted to the Department for its agreement.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revised Timetable.</li> </ul>





## **MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVISED TIMETABLE**

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This revised timetable sets out Mid Ulster Council's program for the production of its local development plan (LDP) and includes details of the key stages in the process. The timetable will help ensure that the plan process is efficiently managed and that the key stakeholders such as the consultation bodies and the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) are kept informed and can manage their own resources to facilitate their involvement in the LDP process. In relation to public consultation this timetable should be read alongside the Mid Ulster Statement of Community Involvement.
- 1.2 Under **Section 7** of the **Planning (Northern Ireland) Act 2011** a council has a duty to prepare, and keep under review, a timetable for the preparation and adoption of the local development plan. Sections 8(4)(a) and 9(4)(a) require both the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan to be prepared in accordance with the timetable.
- 1.3 **Regulations 5 to 8 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015** (LDP Regulations) sets out the requirements for the preparation, form and content, agreement and availability of the timetable.

## **2.0 Purpose and Status of the Local Development Plan**

- 2.1 The purpose of the Mid Ulster Council Local Development Plan, comprising the Plan Strategy and Local Policies, is to inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested bodies of the policy framework and land use proposals that will implement the strategic objectives of the Regional Development Strategy and guide development decisions within Mid Ulster District Council up to 2030.
- 2.2 The preparation of the LDP will take account of the Council's Corporate Plan and Community Plan so that there is a shared vision for the council area and communities and it will set out the long term social, economic and environmental objectives for the district. The LDP will also take account of regional policy context set by the Northern Ireland Executive and Central Government Departments. This includes, amongst others, the Sustainable Development Strategy, the Regional Development Strategy, the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Planning Policy Statements.
- 2.3 The Mid Ulster Local Development Plan will replace the Cookstown Area Plan 2010, Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010 and the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The Plan will be produced in two stages consisting of two separate documents which will shape development within our district in the period to 2030. The first stage will be a Plan Strategy followed by Local Policies Plan.
- 2.4 Prior to the preparation of the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan the Council will identify the key issues in the plan area and will formulate a series of options for dealing with them. This information will be published as a Preferred Options Paper which will indicate a Council's preferred options for

growth and development in their area and will be the basis for consulting with the public and stakeholders who will have an opportunity to put forward views and influence the local development plan from the outset.

- 2.5 The Plan Strategy will establish the strategic direction of the plan in order to provide a level of certainty on which to base key development decisions in the area as well as the necessary framework for the preparation of the local policies plan. The Strategy will set the aims, objectives, overall growth strategy and associated subject policies applicable to the Plan Area.
- 2.6 The Local Policies Plan (LPP) will be consistent with the plan strategy. In contrast to the Plan Strategy the LPP will deal with site specific policies and proposals associated with settlement limits, land use zonings and environmental designations required to deliver the council's vision, objectives and strategic policies. Prior to the publication of the Local Policies Plan (LPP) the Council will publish a Local Policies Plan 'Key Issues' Paper identifying the key issues in the area and will provide the public with the opportunity to comment them to inform the preparation of the LPP. The document will outline key issues such as settlement limits, location of housing and economic development land within the towns, town centre boundaries etc. and invite comments on them
- 2.7 A Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment) of the Local Development Plan will run in parallel with the preparation of various stages of the plan and will be an ongoing process. The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation of the Local Development Plan. Reports from the various stages of the Sustainability Appraisal will be published at the key stages of the plan preparation as detailed in the Timetable at Appendix 1.

### **3.0 Timetable of Actions**

- 3.1 The Mid Ulster Local Development Plan revised Timetable is set out at Appendix 1. In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 the Timetable contains indicative dates for the various stages of the plan preparation process.
- 3.2 The timetable details the various actions at the key stages of the preparation of the Plan. The timetable also includes those actions that also relate to the Sustainability Assessment and other assessments that are required to be carried out in the preparation of the plan including a Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment.
- 3.3 In accordance with **Regulation 5 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**, in preparing the timetable, consultation has been undertaken with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) and those consultation bodies represented on Local Development Plan Multi-Disciplinary Steering Group.

- 3.4 There are a number of factors that may impact on the delivery of the Local Development Plan within the indicative timescales indicated. Annual monitoring of the plan will take place and a report will be produced to inform Members and the Department on progress in meeting the timetable and on the land availability for housing and employment. In the event that progress is not in line with the timetable the Council has the power under the Planning Act 2011 to publish a revised timetable.

#### **4.0 Project Management**

- 4.1 Meeting the attached timetable is dependent upon Member involvement, adequate resourcing of the Local Development Plan, brokering agreement with neighboring councils and risk management.

##### *Member Involvement*

- 4.2 Progress on the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan will be reported to the Planning Committee. In addition to the attached timetable there are a number of critical dates for Council involvement:

- The Preferred Options Paper was presented for Council agreement September 2016 to allow for Autumn 2016 publication.
- The findings from the public consultation exercise following publication of the POP was presented to Planning Committee in Autumn 2017.
- The Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating SEA) and Draft Plan Strategy will be presented for Council agreement Winter 2018/2019 to allow for publication in Spring 2019.
- Council authorisation will be sought in Autumn 2019 to forward the Plan with any representations to the Department to request an Independent Examination. Any counter representations will be forwarded eight weeks later.
- Council authorisation will be sought in Autumn 2020 on whether to accept or rebut the representations and submissions made to the Independent Examination by the date set.
- The binding report from Department will be presented to Council to allow adoption in Winter 2020/2021.
- The Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating SEA) and Draft Local Policies Plan will be presented to Council in Summer 2021 for authorisation of publication.
- Council authorisation will be sought in Winter 2021/2022 to forward the Plan with any representations to the Department to request an Independent Examination. Any counter representations will be forwarded eight weeks later.

- Council authorisation will be sought in Autumn 2022 on whether to accept or rebut the representations and submissions made to the Independent Examination by the date set.
- The binding report from Department will be presented to Council to allow adoption in Winter 2022/2023.

### *Risk Management*

- 4.3 The timetable is challenging and there are a number of risks that could slow down the Plan Program. In order to manage risk, a Risk Management Log (Table 1) assesses a variety of risks, processes countermeasures to mitigate delay.

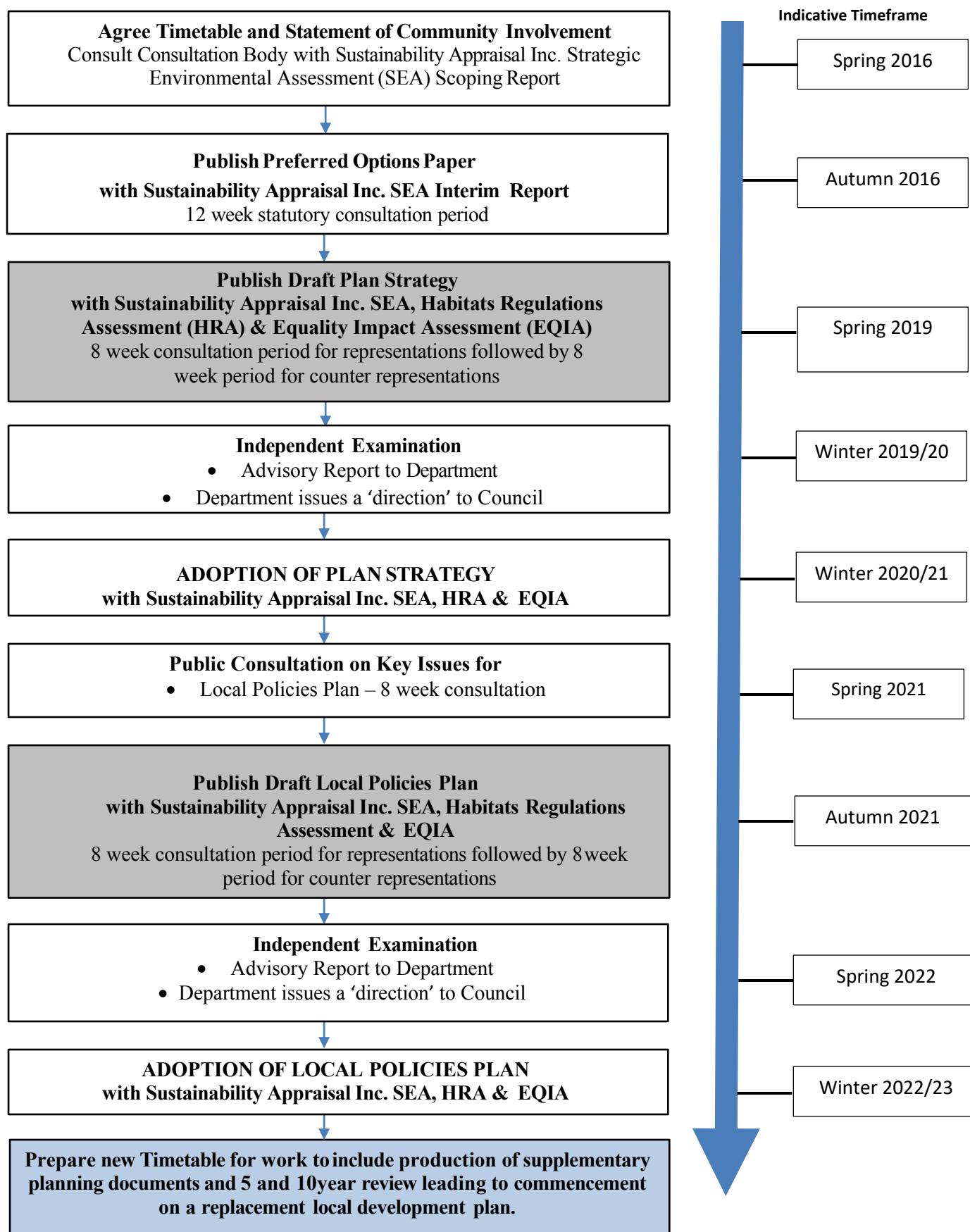
Area of Uncertainty/Risk	Effect	Likelihood	Impact	Response/Counter measure	After response Likelihood	After response Impact
Brokering agreement with neighbouring councils	3. Medium	Likely	Significant delays	Ongoing discussion via cross boundary forums.	2. Unlikely	Short term delays
Member Involvement	3. Medium	Likely	Significant delays	Ongoing member engagement	2. Unlikely	Short term delays
PAC involvement in terms of delivery	3. Medium	Likely	Significant delays	Liaise closely with PAC	2. Unlikely	Short term delays
Legal Challenge	3. Medium	Likely	Long term delay	Meaningful consultation and ongoing legal audit	2. Unlikely	Short term delays
Adequate team resources	3. Medium	Likely	Significant delay	Seek additional resources	2. Unlikely	Short term delays

*Table 1: Risk Management Log for Mid Ulster Local Development Plan*

## **5.0 Annual Monitoring**

- 5.1 An annual monitoring report will be produced to inform Council and the Department on progress in meeting the timetable and on the land availability for housing and employment. If progress on plan production has slipped, the timetable will need to be revised and agreed with the Department in accordance with the Development Plan Regulations.

## **Mid Ulster Council Local Development Plan Timetable**



<b>Report on</b>	<b>Revised Statement of Community Involvement for the new Local Development Plan 2030 and Development Management and Enforcement Functions</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	<b>Chris Boomer Planning Manager</b>
<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Sinead McEvoy Head of Development Plan</b>

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide members with a revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the new Local Development Plan and Development Management Functions for Mid Ulster.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Section 4 of the 2011 Planning Act requires a council to prepare a SCI. The SCI Regulations set out the requirements for the preparation, form, content and publicity of the SCI. Regulation 6 of the Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 requires that the SCI is approved by resolution of the council prior to submission to the Department for its agreement. It also requires that the council keep the statement of community involvement under regular review and any revision must comply with the requirements of these Regulations. This is the first review of our SCI.
2.2	The purpose of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is to outline how a council proposes to engage the community and stakeholders in exercising its planning functions. It should set out a council's policy as to the involvement, in the exercise of a council's functions under the development management and local development plan provisions of the 2011 Act, of persons who appear to a council to have an interest in the matters relating to development in its area.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The attached revised SCI explains how the community and stakeholders will be involved in the preparation of the Local Development Plan as well as the development management and enforcement processes.
3.2	The revised SCI sets out the steps that the Council will take to facilitate community involvement and sets out a vision and strategy for involving the community and stakeholders at various stages of the planning process.
3.3	The revised SCI sets out the standards to be met by a council in terms of community involvement, building upon the minimum requirements set out in both the Planning (Local

	Development Plan) Regulations (NI) 2015 and the Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations 2015.
3.4	The Statement of Community Planning Regulations state that before preparing the SCI a council must consider whether it is appropriate to invite representations from persons who have an interest in development in this area. In preparing the initial SCI extensive consultation was undertaken in the form of a public notice and letters were issued to a n extensive number of local community groups and organisations asking them if they wish to be involved in the process and seeking confirmation of their details. Given the extensive consultation at that time it is considered that it is not necessary to invite representation as part of this review of the SCI.
3.5	The most notable proposed changes to the revised SCI include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The inclusion of a public consultation on Key Issues prior to the publication to the Local Policies Plan and an associated 8 week consultation period.</li> <li>• Minor changes to the wording of the development management section to more accurately reflect the process and planning protocol.</li> <li>• Significant amendment to the list of local community/voluntary groups in Mid Ulster at List 2 of Appendix 1. This is to ensure compliance with GDPR legislation whereby those previously listed at List 2 were contacted at the end of May 2018 and asked if they wish to 'opt in' to allow us to hold their details for the purpose of plan making. To-date there are a number of groups who have not responded and therefore this list is only reflective of those who have 'opted in' thus far and the list has the potential to change if we receive further letters prior to the final publication of the SCI.</li> </ul>
3.6	The next step in progressing the revised SCI is to submit it to the Department for agreement.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial:
	Human:
	Risk Management:
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: The SCI lists those Section 75 groups which will be contacted in accordance with the preparation of the Local Development Plan as per the steps in the SCI.
	Rural Needs Implications:
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are requested to consider and agree the attached revised SCI which will then be submitted to the Department for its agreement.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revised SCI (and attached appendices).</li></ul>
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District Council

**REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) FOR  
THE NEW MID ULSTER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030 AND  
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS**

**October 2018**

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#### **4.0 Review of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement**

**Appendix 1** Groups to be consulted when preparing the new Local Development Plan

**Appendix 2** Groups to be consulted when determining a Planning Application.

## STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) FOR THE NEW MID ULSTER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030 AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

### 1.0 What is the purpose of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)?

#### Purpose of the Statement

- 1.1 The purpose of this SCI is to set out policy for involving and engaging with the community in the production of the new Mid Ulster Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030, in the consideration of planning applications and in planning enforcement. It is required to ensure compliance with the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and the Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. It describes who, how and when the community will be invited to participate in the different stages of the Local Development Plan formulation, the determination of planning applications, in planning enforcement and a range of other planning matters.
- 1.2 This SCI is not intended to be a source of definitive legal advice. Reference should be made to the actual legislation referred to in this statement and if any discrepancy exists the provisions of the legislation will prevail.

#### A Vision of Participation

- 1.3 *“A sustainable society must be instilled with democratic values. Its citizens must share a sense of effective participation in the decision making process. They must feel they have a say in their society’s development and the skills, knowledge and ability to assume responsibility for that development”* – **The Sustainable Development Strategy for Northern Ireland. First Steps Towards Sustainability (DOE 2006)**
- 1.4 This is a shared vision of participation in decision making and it is therefore aimed to ensure that:
  - Everyone has an early and informed opportunity to express their views on the development of the area and have it considered before decisions are made;
  - All groups in our community, regardless of religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, sex, marital status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and those with and without dependents are enabled and empowered to participate;
- 1.5 The Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019 sets out the visions, values and priorities for Mid Ulster District Council up to 2019 and the Community Plan further expresses that vision. The interests of the community are at the centre of these visions, values, and priorities and accordingly the SCI will reflect this by placing the community at the heart of all planning related matters in Mid Ulster.

- 1.6 It is intended to adopt a proactive and timely approach to community involvement through a process of providing clear information and encouraging participation during plan preparation and the submission, assessment and determination of a planning application. The process must therefore be informative, user friendly, as inclusive as possible, and conducted in an open and transparent way. Every effort is to be made to engage the community, record views and provide feedback.

### **Principles of Community Involvement**

- 1.7 It is vital that the Council is committed to uphold the following principles of community involvement and that these are reflected in the methods of consultation described throughout this SCI.
- **A culture of engagement** - People should know that they are encouraged to take part in the planning process and that decision makers are genuinely interested in their views.
  - **Early involvement or “frontloading”**- The community should be involved at an early stage in the preparation of Local Development Plan documents and major development proposals.
  - **Continuing involvement** - The community should be involved throughout the process, both formally and informally, of preparing Local Development Plan documents and major development proposals.
  - **Reaching out** - Methods used to encourage involvement should be appropriate to people’s experience and needs.
  - **Fit for purpose** - Arrangements for consultation need to be appropriate for the type of document or application being considered and being realistic in terms of available resources.
  - **Clarity** - The planning process and timetables for producing or reviewing Local Development Plan documents should be clear so that people are able to participate in a timely and effective manner.

## **2.0 Local Community involvement in the preparation of the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030**

### **Purpose and structure of the Local Development Plan**

- 2.1 The purpose of the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan, comprising the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan, is to inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested bodies of the policy framework and land use proposals that will implement the strategic objectives of the Regional Development Strategy and guide development decisions within Mid Ulster up to 2030.
- 2.2 The preparation of the Local Development Plan will take account of the Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019 and the Community Plan so that there is a shared vision for the Council area and communities and it will set out the

long term social, economic and environmental objectives for the district. The Local Development Plan will also take account of regional policy context set by the Northern Ireland Executive and Central Government Departments. This includes, amongst others, the Sustainable Development Strategy, the Regional Development Strategy, the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Planning Policy Statements.

- 2.3 The Mid Ulster Local Development Plan will replace the Cookstown Area Plan 2010, Dungannon and South Tyrone Area Plan 2010 and the Magherafelt Area Plan 2015. The Plan will be produced in two stages consisting of two separate documents which will shape development within our district in the period to 2030. The first stage will be a Plan Strategy followed by Local Policies Plan
- 2.4 Prior to the preparation of the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan the Council will identify key issues in the plan area and will formulate a series of options for dealing with them. This information will be published as a Preferred Options Paper which will indicate a Council's preferred options for growth and development in their area and will be the basis for consulting with the public and stakeholders who will have an opportunity to put forward their views and influence the plan from the outset.
- 2.5 The Plan Strategy will establish the strategic direction of the plan in order to provide a level of certainty on which to base key development decisions in the area as well as the necessary framework for the preparation of the local policies plan. The Strategy will set the aims, objectives, overall growth strategy and associated subject policies applicable to the plan area.
- 2.6 Prior to the publication of the Local Policies Plan (LPP) the Council will publish a Local Policies Plan 'Key Issues' Paper identifying the key issues in the area and will provide the public with the opportunity to comment them to inform the preparation of the LPP.
- 2.7 The Local Policies Plan (LPP) will be consistent with the Plan Strategy. In contrast to the Plan Strategy the LPP will deal with site specific policies and proposals associated with settlement limits, land use zonings and environmental designations required to deliver the council's vision, objectives and strategic policies.
- 2.8 A Sustainability Appraisal (SA), including a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the Local Development Plan will run in parallel with the preparation of various stages of the plan and will be an ongoing process. The purpose of the Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation of the Local Development Plan. The purpose of the SEA is to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Plan so as to ensure protection of the environment. Reports from the various stages of the Sustainability Appraisal (including SEA) will be published at the key stages of the plan preparation.



## **Who can get involved?**

2.9 Mid Ulster Council will involve the community at an early stage in the planning process and anyone who wishes to get involved is encouraged to do so at the opportunities provided. In particular the views of the following groups of people will be sought however this list is not intended to be exhaustive and in no way restricts other individuals, groups and organisations from participating in the planning process.

- People living within the Mid Ulster area
- Elected Representatives
- Voluntary Groups
- Community Forums/Groups/Umbrella Organisations
- Environmental Groups
- Residents Groups
- Business Interests
- Developers/Landowners
- All individuals and groups with an interest in the area

2.10 Elected members, forums, community and residents groups provide a voice for the local community. Other voluntary and interest groups also bring a special knowledge and can ensure that important concerns are addressed. Lists of these groups are contained within Appendix 1.

## **Empowering disadvantaged and under-represented groups**

2.11 Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires a public authority, in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between:

- persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
- men and women generally
- persons with a disability and persons without; and
- persons with dependents and persons without

2.12 In addition, without prejudice to the above obligations, public authorities are required to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or race. The above “Section 75 groups” are important participants within the planning process and include people who traditionally have been under represented or disadvantaged. These groups will be targeted through the consultation process on the local development plan in order to obtain their views and contribute to the consideration of equality issues under Section 75. Their views on any equality screening documents or draft Equality Impact Assessments will also be sought within the specified period for comment along with the draft Plan Strategy and draft Local Policies Plan. A list of Section 75 groups is also contained within Appendix 1.

- 2.13 In order to ensure the Local Development Plan and consultation documents are accessible to everyone, they will be made available upon request in different formats. All documents will be published in plain English. A telephone and fax number will be stated on each document for people with hearing or speech impairment. If for any reason, a request for a document in a particular alternative format cannot be met, other solutions will be explored.

### **How and when will the community be involved?**

- 2.14 A Local Development Plan is made in different stages, each presenting opportunities for community involvement. Each of these stages are identified below with the actions that are to be taken to involve the community. The actions will fulfil and in some cases exceed the statutory requirements on public consultation. The Timetable for when the different stages are to be reached will be obtainable from the Mid Ulster Council Offices in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt at the addressed detailed below and also on the Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org).

Cookstown Office  
Burn Road  
Cookstown  
BT80 8DT

Dungannon Office  
Circular Road  
Dungannon  
BT71 6DT

Magherafelt Office  
Ballyronan Road  
Magherafelt  
BT45 6EN

It will also be advertised in local press that this timetable is available for inspection in the above Council Offices during normal office hours.

### **Developing an Evidence Base**

- 2.15 Surveying and information gathering will be an ongoing function of the Council, however, it will be particularly important at this early stage of plan preparation. Information obtained at this stage will be used to establish the social, economic and environmental characteristics of the plan area and enable the Council to determine the issues which need to be addressed and the options for addressing them. This will be undertaken using a topic based approach accompanied with a Countryside Assessment.

#### **Actions/Governance**

- Formation of a **Steering Group** comprising the Mid Ulster Planning Committee, the Chief Executive and the Planning Manager. This will be the high level co-ordinating body that will ensure an overview and strategic input on behalf of the whole community, as well as from the planning professionals
- Formation of a **Project Management Team (Multi-Disciplinary Steering Group)** comprising Mid Ulster Council Planning Manager, Principal Planning Officer, Chair of the Planning Committee, Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, Mid Ulster Council Director of Business and Communities, Director of Culture and Leisure, Director of Environment and Property, Director of Public Health and Infrastructure, Shared Environmental Service and representatives from the relevant Northern Ireland Government Departments. The Project Management team will be consulted on and will act as the screening and

scoping group for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA), including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA);

- **Key Consultees** will receive written invitation requesting them to participate in the plan making process by providing information on the key strategic issues that the Local Development Plan should address.
- **Under represented (section 75) groups** will be invited to identify whether there are any types of planning policies which are likely to have significant impact on the groups they represent. They will also be provided opportunity to identify any particular issues or needs which they feel the plan should address. Where requested this can be done through a face to face meeting with a planning official. Any comments received will be taken into account when screening and scoping the EQIA.
- The scoping report of the SA (including SEA) will be sent to the statutory consultation body and if necessary, the **Department for Infrastructure – (DfI – previously DoE)** may be requested to undertake trans-boundary consultation with the Republic of Ireland.
- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail and the Tyrone Courier confirming the publication of the Mid Ulster Council Timetable for the preparation of the new Local Development Plan as well as other supporting information. The notice will state that the agreed timetable and supporting information will be made available for inspection during normal office hours in all three Council Offices and such other places within the district considered appropriate as well as being available on the Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org)
- The SCI will be kept under review and any new groups or bodies wishing to be included or added to the lists contained in the appendices may request to have their details added. This will be subject to Council agreement.

### **Preferred Options Paper**

- 2.16 This is the first formal stage in the preparation of our Local Development Plan. This stage commences with the publication of the Preferred Options Paper (POP). The POP is a consultation paper to promote debate on issues of strategic significance which are likely to influence the shape of future development within Mid Ulster. The intention is to stimulate a wide-ranging, yet focused, debate and encourage feedback from a wide variety of interests. Any representations or views received as a consequence of its publication will be considered in formulating the Draft Plan Strategy.
- 2.17 The POP is subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (SA), including the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA). The SA/SEA is a continual process which runs parallel with the preparation of the POP and Local Development Plan (LDP). An SEA Interim Report (consisting of SA Scoping Report and assessment of alternatives) will be published with the POP.

## **Actions/Governance**

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) for two consecutive weeks. This notice will state:
  - i) The intention to prepare a Local Development Plan, accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal, including Strategic Environmental Assessment, and Equality Impact Assessments;
  - ii) Publication of the Prepared Options Paper inviting comment within 12 weeks;
  - iii) Details of community meetings, exhibitions and pop-in information sessions;
  - iv) Publication of the initial stages of Sustainability Appraisal, including SEA, and invite comment as considered necessary.
- Publish the POP on the Mid Ulster Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) and invite comments within 12 weeks. Also make the POP available at the Council Offices in Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown and provide hard copies upon request (Tel: 03000 132 132) at a specified price.
- Issue a **Press Release** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier and the Belfast Gazette about the intention to prepare a new plan, drawing attention to the Preferred Options Paper and the public consultation. This will allow individual residents, developers, landowners and any other person with a stake in the LDP to make representation.
- Hold a **Launch and Exhibition** to announce the publication of the Preferred Options Paper;
- Hold **Public Meetings and Exhibitions** with drop in sessions in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt. Other locations will include Ardboe, Coalisland, Clogher, Draperstown, Galbally, Maghera and Pomeroy.
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** providing them with a copy of the Preferred Options Paper and invite them to attend the launch, provide comments within 12 weeks, inform them of the public meetings, exhibition and drop-in information sessions;
- Write to **local community groups** and **section 75 groups** advising them that the POP has been published and that it is available to view on the Councils website and that hard copies can be obtained from the Planning Department (Tel: 03000 132 132) where requested. The opportunity of a meeting with a planning officer to record their views will also be given. They will be asked to provide comments within 12 weeks.
- A **Public Consultation Report** will be presented to elected members following the 12 week consultation. This will contain a summary of each representation and professional comment, recording where members take a different view and rationale for that view. This will be taken into account whilst formulating the Draft Local Development Plan;

- The **Project Management Team** will be given opportunity to comment on emerging policy for inclusion in the Draft Plan Strategy and will be an integral part of testing emerging policy through the Sustainability Appraisal, including Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Equality Impact Assessment process.

## Publication of Draft Plan Strategy

2.18 The draft Plan Strategy is a public consultation document and is not the final plan. It is an indication of the Council's intentions regarding the future development of the area, and is a key part of the public participation process.

## Actions/Governance

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) for two consecutive weeks. This notice will state:
  - i) Publication of Draft Plan Strategy and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including the SEA, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA), Rural Proofing and how to view or obtain copies;
  - ii) The dates and locations of Public Exhibitions;
  - iii) The 8 week period and closing date for receipt of representations to the Draft Plan Strategy and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including SEA, Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), Rural Proofing and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA). This will be followed by an 8 week period for counter representations.
- Make the Draft Plan Strategy, the Sustainability Appraisal including the SEA, HRA and EQIA and the Public Consultation Report available on the website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) and at the Council Offices in Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown and provide hard copies upon request at a specified price;
- Hold **Launch and Exhibition** to announce the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy and **Issue Press Releases**;
- Hold **Public Exhibitions** in Mid Ulster Towns, Villages and Settlements. Planning Officers will be available to answer any questions;
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** informing them of; the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy and providing them a copy; the dates of the public exhibitions; the 8 week period and closing date for representations;
- Write to all who submitted a representation to the POP informing them of the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy and accompanying documents advising

how they can view or obtain copies; the dates of the public exhibitions; the 8 week period and closing date for representations;

- Representations will be reported to the Elected Members

### **Public Inspection of Representations**

2.19 All representations which are made to the Draft Plan Strategy will be made available for public inspection as part of the public consultation process. Interested parties may also comment on the site specific representations that have been received (counter-representations). Counter-representations must not propose any changes to the development plan document. Both the representations and counter-representations will be considered at the Independent Examination (IE).

### **Actions/Governance**

- Make copies of representations available for inspection in the Council Offices in Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown and on the website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org). Hard copies of representations can also be provided upon request at a specified price.
- Write to **Key Consultees, Elected Members and any person who has made (and not withdrawn) a representation** informing them that representations are available for inspection and the places and times at which they can be inspected;
- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette for two weeks, and on the Mid Ulster Council website of the availability of representations for inspection and the eight week period including closing date for counter-representations;
- Make the counter-representations available on website and at the Mid Ulster Council Offices in Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon for inspection;
- Representations and counter-representations will be fully considered by the Council before it submits the Draft Plan Strategy to the DfI for Independent Examination (IE)

### **Submission of Development Plan Documents**

2.20 Following the submission of all Development Plan documents to the DfI and prior to Independent Examination, Council will also make all submitted documents available for inspection at the Mid Ulster Council Offices in Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon and other such places the Council considers appropriate. Council will notify all consultation bodies and any person who has made (and not withdrawn) a representation that these documents are available for inspection in the Mid Ulster Council Offices during normal office hours. A notice will also be placed in the Mid Ulster Mail, The Tyrone Courier,

Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette, stating that the Development Plan documents have been submitted to DfI. This notice will also be published on the Council website – [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org).

### **Independent Examination**

- 2.21 The Council will not submit the Draft Plan Strategy to DfI unless it considers that it is ready for IE. The purpose of the Independent Examination is to determine the soundness of the Draft Plan Strategy, taking into account representations or counter representations. The Council will be available to answer any question of the Independent Examiners and provide comment on the representations and counter representations. Following the IE, the examiner will issue a report of its findings to the DfI which will in turn consider this and issue a binding report to a Council. On this basis, a Council must incorporate any changes outlined in the binding report and subsequently adopt the Plan Strategy.

### **Actions/Governance**

- Continue to make the Draft Plan, and all accompanying documentation available on the website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org);
- Advertise dates, times and venues for the Independent Examination at least 4 weeks before the Examination is to be held indicating that representations and counter representations are available for inspection; and
- Notify all persons who submitted representations and counter representations of the arrangements for the Independent Examination indicating that representations and counter representations are available for inspection;
- Request Key Consultees to provide comment on the representations and counter-representations for consideration at the Independent Examination.

### **Adoption of Plan Strategy**

- 2.22 Following the Independent Examination, DfI will issue a Direction to the Council, requiring it to adopt the draft Plan Strategy as originally prepared or with modifications. The Council may also be directed to withdraw the draft Plan Strategy. In either scenario, DfI will be expected to give reasons for their decisions.

### **Actions/Governance**

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) for two consecutive weeks. This notice will confirm:
  - i) adoption of the Plan Strategy;

- ii) where to get copies of the Plan Strategy, the DfI direction and the accompanying independent examination report
- Make the Plan Strategy and any accompanying documents, the DfI Direction and accompanying Independent Examiner's Report available on the website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org). A hard copy will be available on request (Tel: 03000 132 132) for a specified price;
- Write to key consultees and those submitting representations and counter-representations advising of the adoption of the Plan Strategy, and where to obtain copies together with the DfI Direction and the Independent Examiner's Report. Also advise them of the commencement of work on the Local Policies Plan.

### **Local Policies Plan**

2.23 The Local Policies Plan is the second document comprising the Local Development Plan. The Draft Local Policies Plan is a public consultation document and is not the final part of the plan. The Draft Local Policies Plan will be consistent with the adopted Plan Strategy and will be the Council's detailed land use proposals regarding the future development of the area; this draft document is a key part of the public participation process. The Plan Strategy must be adopted before the Draft Local Policies Plan is published for consultation, subjected to IE and adopted.

### **Local Policies Plan - Key Issues Consultation**

2.24 Prior to the publication of the Local Policies Plan (LPP) the Council will publish a Local Policies Plan 'Key Issues' Paper identifying the key issues in the area and will provide the public with the opportunity to comment them to inform the preparation of the LPP. The document will outline key issues such as settlement limits, location of housing and economic development land within the towns, town centre boundaries etc. and invite comments on them.

### **Actions/Governance**

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) for two consecutive weeks. This notice will state:
  - i) Publication of the Key Issues Paper and how to view or obtain copies;
  - ii) The 8 week period and closing date for receipt of representations to the Key Issues Paper.
- Publish the Key Issues Paper on the website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) and invite comments within 8 weeks. Make the Key Issue Paper available at the Council Offices in Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown and provide hard copies upon request.



- Write to **local community groups** and **section 75 groups** advising them of the publication of this document and how they can make representations to it.
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** informing them of; the publication of the Key Issues Paper and providing them a copy, the 8 week period and closing date for representations.

## **Publication of Local Policies Plan**

### **Actions/Governance**

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) for two consecutive weeks. This notice should confirm:
  - i) Publication of Draft Local Policies Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including SEA, HRA, EQIA and Rural Proofing and how to view or obtain copies;
  - ii) The dates and locations of Public Exhibitions;
  - iii) The 8 week period and closing date for receipt of representations to the Draft Plan Local Policies Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including SEA, HRA and EQIA. This will be followed by an 8 week period for counter representations.
- Make the Draft Local Policies Plan and the Sustainability Appraisal including the SEA, HRA and EQIA available on the website and at the Council Offices in Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown and provide hard copies upon request (Tel: 03000 132 132) at a specified price.
- Hold **Launch and Exhibition** to announce the publication of the Draft Local Policies Plan and **Issue Press Releases**;
- Hold **Public Exhibitions** in Mid Ulster Towns, Villages and Settlements. Planning Officers will be available to answer any questions;
- Write to **Key Consultees** and **Elected Members** informing them of; the publication of the Draft Local Policies Plan and providing them a copy; the dates of the public exhibitions; the 8 week period and closing date for representations;
- Write to all who submitted a representation and counter-representation to the draft Plan Strategy informing them of the publication of the Draft Local Policies Plan and accompanying documents and advising how they can view or obtain copies; the dates of the public exhibitions; the 8 week period and closing date for representations;
- Representations will be reported to the Elected Members

## Public Inspection of Representations

- 2.25 All representations to the Draft Local Policies Plan will be made available for public inspection as part of the public consultation process. Interested parties may also comment on the site specific representations that have been received (counter-representations). Counter-representations must not propose any changes to the development plan document. Both the representations and counter-representations will be considered at the Independent Examination (IE).

### Actions/Governance

- Make copies of representations available for inspection in the Council Offices at Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon and on the website. Hard copies of representations can also be provided upon request at a specified price.
- Write to **Key Consultees, Elected Members and any person who has made (and not withdrawn) a representation** informing them that representations are available for inspection and the places and times at which they can be inspected;
- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) for two consecutive weeks. This notice will state the availability of representations for inspection and the eight week period including closing date for counter representations;
- Make the counter-representations available on website and at the Mid Ulster Council Offices in Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon for inspection. Hard copies of counter representations can also be provided upon request at a specified price.
- Representations and counter representations will be fully considered by the Council before it submits the Draft Local Policies Plan to the DfI for Independent Examination (IE).

### Submission of Development Plan Documents

- 2.26 Following the submission of all Development Plan documents to the DfI and prior to Independent Examination, Council will also make all submitted documents available for inspection at the Mid Ulster Council Offices in Magherafelt, Cookstown and Dungannon and other such places the Council considers appropriate. Council will notify all consultation bodies and any person who has made (and not withdrawn) a representation that these documents are available for inspection in the Mid Ulster Council Offices during normal office hours. A notice will also be placed in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette that the Development Plan documents have been submitted to the DfI. This notice will also be published on the Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org)

## **Independent Examination**

2.27 Again, the Council will not submit the Draft Local Policies Plan to DfI unless it considers that it is ready for IE. The purpose of the Independent Examination is to determine the soundness of the Draft Local Policies Plan taking into account representations and counter representations. The Council will be available to answer any question of the Independent Examiners and provide comment on the representations and counter representations. Following the IE, the examiner will issue a report of its findings to the DfI which will in turn consider this and issue a binding report to a Council. On this basis, a Council must incorporate any changes outlined in the binding report and subsequently adopt the Local Policies Plan.

### **Actions/Governance**

- Continue to make the Draft Local Policies Plan, and all accompanying documentation available on the website;
- Advertise dates, times and venues for the Independent Examination at least 4 weeks before the Examination is to be held indicating that representations and counter representations are available for inspection; and
- Notify all persons who submitted representations and counter representations of the arrangements for the Independent Examination indicating that representations and counter representations are available for inspection;
- Request Key Consultees to provide comment on the representations and counter-representations for consideration at the Independent Examination

### **Adoption of Local Policies Plan**

2.28 Following the Independent Examination, DfI will issue a Direction to the Council, requiring it to adopt the Draft Local Policies Plan as originally prepared or with modifications. The Council may also be directed to withdraw the Draft Local Policies Plan. In either scenario, DfI will be expected to give reasons for their decisions.

### **Actions/Governance**

- Issue a **Public Notice** in the Mid Ulster Mail, the Tyrone Courier, Tyrone Times, Derry Post, Impartial Reporter and the Belfast Gazette and on the Mid Ulster Council website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) for two consecutive weeks. This notice will confirm:
  - i) adoption of the Local Policies Plan;
  - ii) where to get copies of the Local Policies Plan, the DfI Direction and the accompanying Independent Examiner's Report;

- Make the Local Policies Plan and accompanying documents, the DfI Direction and Independent Examiner's Report available on the Council website with hard copies available on request for a specified price;
- Write to key consultees and those submitting representations and counter-representations advising of the adoption of the Local Policies Plan, and where to obtain copies together with the DfI Direction and the Independent Examiner's Report.

### **Next Steps**

- 2.29 Following the adoption of the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan the Council will identify its work priorities for the next five years in a new timetable. It may also issue a new Statement of Community Involvement if considered appropriate. In addition the Council will engage in monitoring and review which are essential in establishing how the objectives in the Local Development Plan are being achieved and whether any changes are required. This should be done every five years.

## **3.0 Local Community Involvement in Mid Ulster Development Management Functions**

### **Purpose**

- 3.1 The Council as the local planning authority for the area deals with the majority of planning applications in the district. Planning applications are now categorised on receipt as local, major or regionally significant. The council are responsible for the local and major applications whilst the DfI processes those applications that are regionally significant. The Council also deals with Listed Building applications and applications for works in Conservation Areas, works to Protected Trees and Advertising Consent. Development management is the process through which such applications are considered. An important part of the process is to provide information and advice to applicants and to seek and take into account the views of the general public and statutory consultees on all planning applications. The statutory requirements for consultation on planning applications are set out in legislation. These requirements vary according to the type of proposal but include notification to specified bodies and the general public. It is also worth noting that there is provision within the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 for the DfI to call in a planning application, an application for Listed Building Consent and an application for Hazardous Substance Consent; although this is to be the exception.
- 3.2 The Council receives a wide variety of planning applications and therefore needs to involve the community to differing degrees, according to the scale and complexity of the application.  
This section of the SCI looks at:
- how the public can become involved at the various stages of the application process; and

- how the level of community involvement will depend on the scale of the application.

## **Pre-Application Stage**

### Pre-Application Discussions (PADs)

- 3.3 Pre-application discussions are encouraged for a range of types of applications, both major and local. The objective of pre-application discussions should be to confirm whether the principle of development is acceptable and to clarify the format, type and level of detail required to enable the council to determine an application. For major applications it will also enable the applicant to discuss with the council details of how the community should be involved in the decision-making process.

### Pre-Application Community Consultation (PACC)

- 3.4 The council strives to inform and involve the wider community in helping to create better quality developments and place making. Applicants who submit major applications to the council or as the case may be, the Department must undertake community consultation before submitting their application.

The Council will require the following actions to be undertaken before the application is submitted:

- **Notify the Council** by way of a “proposal of application notice” (PAN), at least 12 weeks in advance, that an application for a major planning application is to be submitted.
  - Hold at least one **public event** where the community will be afforded the opportunity to make comment.
  - **Publish details** of the proposal in the local press, outlining where further details can be obtained and the date, time and location of a public event.
  - Submit a pre-application community consultation report to accompany the application.
- 3.5 Pre-application consultation is likely to be more successful if the applicant makes significant efforts to open lines of communication with, and provide feedback to local communities and work with them to secure development proposals which are acceptable to everyone.
- 3.6 As previously stated the Council would recommend all applicants considering submitting development proposals that fall within the definition of major development to seek a Pre-Application Discussion with planning officers.

Where applicants fail to fully meet the pre-application community consultation requirements the Council will decline to determine the application.

### **Application Stage**

- 3.7 When a planning application is submitted for determination the Council will involve the community in the decision making process. If you feel you will be affected by development proposals you will have an opportunity to consider what is proposed and how it will affect you. You will also have the opportunity to make your views known before a final decision is made on the application.

### **Advertising and Neighbour Notification**

- 3.8 The Council undertakes statutory public engagement in accordance with current legislation. Government may change the statutory requirements and our future approach will reflect any changes that are made.

#### Advertising

- 3.9 The Council will advertise all new applications on a weekly basis in at least one local newspaper (in accordance with **Section 41 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and Section 8 of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**). The Mid Ulster Mail and Tyrone Courier are the publications used by Mid Ulster Council. The weekly list of all new applications received by the Council can also be viewed on our website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org). The advertisement will advise that any representations that are made should be received within 14 days of the publication. This will assist in the efficient processing of the application, however, material representations will be considered up until a decision on the proposal is reached.

#### EIA Development

- 3.10 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a method for ensuring that the likely effects of new development on the environment are fully understood and taken into account before consent is given for the development to proceed. The Environmental Statement (ES) produced as part of an environmental impact assessment, brings together in a single document or series of documents information about a proposed development and its effects on the environment.
- 3.11 In most cases it will fall to the council to determine if the application is an EIA application. It should be noted that if an application is an EIA application it cannot be processed until the ES is received. When a developer submits an ES in support of a planning application, the Council will publish a notice of its receipt in a local newspaper (The Mid Ulster Mail and Tyrone Courier are the publications used by Mid Ulster Council) and indicate where it may be purchased and the address of the Council Office where it may be inspected. The Council will also allow 4 weeks from the date the notice is first published for representation to be made.

### Neighbour Notification

- 3.12 **Article 8 of The Planning (General Development) Procedure Order (Northern Ireland) 2015** states that any identified occupier of land neighbouring the land to which the application relates shall be notified by serving a notice on them. Under the Council's Neighbour Notification Scheme, the Council will ensure that planning applications are brought to the individual attention of the occupiers of buildings on neighbouring land which are within 90m of the boundary of the application site.

Neighbouring land is defined as 'land which directly adjoins the application site or which would adjoin it but for an entry or road less than 20m in width'.

- 3.13 The Case Officer when carrying out a site inspection will also check the accuracy of the neighbour notification details supplied on the application form and may add details as considered appropriate.
- 3.14 The period for responding following receipt of a neighbour notification letter is 14 days, though any late representations received before a decision is made will still be considered.

### **Obtaining further information and getting involved in planning applications**

- 3.15 The weekly lists of planning applications received within Mid Ulster council area are also available on the Northern Ireland Planning Portal ([www.planningni.gov.uk](http://www.planningni.gov.uk)). Planning applications including supporting documents and corresponding plans can be viewed online as well at the council offices during normal office hours. Planning Officers are available to give advice on current or proposed applications (you are advised to make an appointment if you wish to speak to a particular officer).

### Public Register

- 3.16 The Public Register of planning application decision is a mix of both electronic and paper formats prior to a point in 2017. After planning reference LA09/2017/0756 the public register of decisions can be accessed at [www.planningni.gov.uk](http://www.planningni.gov.uk) where drawings, decision notices and reports are available for public viewing. The paper copy files before 2017 contain the following:
- a copy( which may be photographic) of each application together with copies of plans and drawings submitted in relation thereto;
  - the decision notice, if any, in respect of the application, including details of any conditions subject to which permission or consent was granted;
  - the reference number, the date and effect of any decision of the PAC in respect of the application; and
  - brief details of any revocation or modification relating to any permission or consent, including date of issue.

### File Inspection

- 3.17 The Council will make the application file available for inspection at the Councils Planning Department at the Magherafelt Office, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, BT45 6EN, by appointment which can be made at Tel: 03000 132 132. The amount of information on the file, will of course, be dependent on the stages the application has completed. Copies of drawings and application forms can be viewed by appointment at a planning clinic in Dungannon Council Offices and Cookstown Council Offices on a weekly basis. An appointment can be made at Tel: 03000 132 132.

### Submitting Comments

- 3.18 Individuals, groups and organisations can comment on a planning application even if they have not been neighbour notified by the Council. All comments will be carefully considered. Care should be taken when making comments to the Council to ensure that no personal data is included.
- 3.19 When a decision is made on a planning application only those matters which are material to the planning decision are given weight. These include a wide range of issues such as impact on neighbouring amenity, natural and built heritage, and public and highway safety. However, matters such as the impact on property prices are not normally considered material to a planning decision.
- 3.20 Greater weight is generally attached to issues which are supported by evidence rather than solely by assertion. If an identified problem can be dealt with by means of a suitable condition the Council is required to consider this as an alternative to refusing an application.
- 3.21 You can make comments in a variety of ways, these are as follows-  
**Online at:** [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org)  
**By email:** [planning@midulster.org](mailto:planning@midulster.org) (Please quote the application number)  
**By post to:** Mid Ulster Development Management Team, Mid Ulster District Council, Magherafelt Office, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, Co. Derry, BT45 6EN
- 3.22 All written comments on an application will be acknowledged within five working days, however the Council may be unable to respond to each comment made due to the large number it receives. All comments will be summarised and fully considered within the Planning Officer's report. The acknowledgement letter will set out who is dealing with the application and who to contact if there are any questions. The Council will not normally contact the respondent again until after a decision is made.
- 3.23 The Council may, if it considers it appropriate to do so, stage public exhibitions, Issue press releases or arrange public meetings to provide information about major developments or proposals which are particularly significant or have wide-spread effects on communities.



- 3.24 You may also wish to contact your local councillor, who has the ability to request that the application is determined by the relevant planning committee. Oral, or defamatory comments cannot be taken into account. You should ensure that your comments relate to relevant planning matters.
- 3.25 The Council will consult with Statutory Consultees where appropriate (**see Appendix 2**) to assist in the determination of an application. If a representation raises issues that are relevant to the responsibilities of the consultee (e.g. road safety) the representation will be copied to the appropriate consultee for consideration and comment. The Council will carefully take any comments made into account before a decision is made. All comments are scanned and added to the web site once personal email addresses and hand written signatures have been removed (it should be noted that typed names and addresses remain visible).
- 3.26 The council may negotiate changes to applications where these are expedient. Re-consultation (for 14 days) will take place on minor changes if the Council considers that they raise new issues that could lead to further comment. If any change is considered to be substantive, the council may decline to treat it as an amendment and a new application may be invited.

### **Community Involvement at the Planning Committee Stage**

- 3.27 Planning applications are usually determined by officers using delegated powers. The circumstances under which an application can, or cannot, be determined using delegated powers are set out in the Council's **Scheme of Delegation**, which is subject to regular review.

### Pre-determination hearings and speaking at the Planning Committee

- 3.28 For those major applications of which notification has been forwarded to DfI but have been returned to the Council for determination the Council will afford the applicant the opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the Council. If a planning application goes before a planning committee, those people who have made representations will have the opportunity to speak at the committee meeting, in line with the relevant protocol. It will be the responsibility of the person wishing to speak at the committee to check the public access link at [www.planningni.gov.uk](http://www.planningni.gov.uk) to keep informed of the status of the application. The council will not contact them to let them know the application is due to be presented to planning committee.
- 3.29 Arrangements and requirements for speaking at the Planning Committee are set out in the Protocol for Planning Committee. This Protocol is available on the Council website or upon request.

### **Community Involvement after a Planning Application has been determined (Post Application Stage)**

- 3.30 A notification of the decision is sent to the applicant/agent and to those who have responded to the consultation on the planning application. The reasoning behind the decision will be set out in the Planning Officer's report which will be available on the Council website or upon request. Where a committee has disagreed with the officer's recommendation the justification will be available to view in the minutes of the planning committee. An advertisement will be placed in the local paper if a decision is taken on an application that was accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Involving the Community when an Appeal is made against a Planning Refusal/Granted Conditions/Enforcement Notice

- 3.31 Only applicants and those upon whom notices have been served have the right of appeal. There are no third party rights of appeal. Where an applicant is unhappy with the Council's decision on an application or a condition attached to a permission, he/she may appeal to the PAC. An applicant may also appeal to the PAC where the Council has not determined an application within the relevant period prescribed by the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (NI) 2015. Appeals must be lodged with the PAC within four months from the date of notification of the Council's decision, or expiry of the prescribed period as the case may be.
- 3.32 Copies of representations will be forwarded to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC). For hearings and public inquiries, the interested parties have the opportunity to make their views known verbally to the PAC. The guidance on Planning Appeals and the rights of applicants and objectors can be found on the PAC website [www.pacni.gov.uk](http://www.pacni.gov.uk)

Community Involvement in Planning Enforcement

- 3.33 The council encourages the community to report cases where they believe there has been a breach of planning control. A breach of planning control occurs when development or other certain activities take place without the necessary planning permission or consent from the Council or the DfI. This may also include failure to carry out development in accordance with the approved plans or conditions.
- 3.34 All planning enforcement related complaints are treated confidentially. If the complaint results in a planning application being submitted, then this will be publicised in the normal manner and adjoining neighbours notified.
- 3.35 In cases where planning enforcement action is taken, complainants are informed of the action. Where no action is taken the Council will also notify the complainant.
- 3.36 The Council's priorities for enforcement action are contained within the Council's Enforcement Strategy which can be viewed on our website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org) and can be obtained in hard copy by contacting the Planning Department at 03000 132 132. The Enforcement Strategy is subject to regular review.

### Community Involvement in Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)

- 3.37 The Council will also prepare non-statutory planning guidance to support its development plan. Supplementary planning guidance includes for example design guides and advice notes. Consultation on SPG will take place in a proportionate manner where the Council feels it will be beneficial to give additional regard to the opinions of stakeholders and the general public. Any comments received will be considered by the Planning Committee. It is not necessary for SPG to go through the public examination process.

### Community Involvement in Conservation Area Designation

- 3.38 A Conservation Area is an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character of which it is desirable to preserve and enhance. The Council considers that consultation with, and the involvement of local people is important when undertaking work associated with Conservation Areas. This will help encourage greater ownership of the concept and greater co-operation and commitment to achieving the aims of the designation. The Council will involve the community in the designation, variation or cancellation of a Conservation Area. This will entail formal consultation with the Historic Environment Division (HED) in what will be the new Department for Communities (DfC). Any alterations to existing Conservation Areas or designation of new Conservation Areas will be advertised through local press (The Mid Ulster Mail and Tyrone Courier are the publications used by Mid Ulster Council). Where appropriate public meetings will be held to discuss and present proposals.

### Community Involvement in the Designation of a Simplified Planning Zone

- 3.39 If the Council proposes to commence work on a simplified planning zone it will undertake consultations with the neighbouring District Council, the land owner and occupier, the DfC and will notify the DfL.
- 3.40 Once details of a scheme have been prepared the Council will make copies available for inspection at the Council's office, give notice by way of an advert in the local press (The Mid Ulster Mail and Tyrone Courier are the publications used by Mid Ulster Council) and on the Council's website [www.midulstercouncil.org](http://www.midulstercouncil.org), and will serve a notice on those it has consulted with.
- 3.41 Following advertising of the proposed planning zone(s) details there will be an eight week period when representations can be made to the Council. If the Council subsequently decides not to proceed with the proposed planning zone it will publish a further advertisement to that effect and will notify all those have made representations.

- 3.42 The Council may cause an independent examination to be held to consider the representations received. Where it is proposed to hold an independent examination details including the time and place of the examination will be published in the local press. Where it is decided not to hold an independent examination the Council will notify all those who have made representations.
- 3.43 Following the independent examination the Council will produce a report and statement detailing its decision and outlining reasons for its decision. Notice of publication will be advertised in the local press and the report and statement will be available for public inspection in the Council offices.

#### **Review of the Council's SCI**

- 4.0 The body of the SCI will also be reviewed annually to ensure fitness of purpose and to take account of major Legislative changes where relevant.
- 4.1 Where groups or bodies want to be added to the lists of consultees included in Appendix 1 they are advised to make a submission in writing or by email to the planning Department in the Council:

**By email:** [planning@midulster.org](mailto:planning@midulster.org)

**By post to:** Mid Ulster Development Plan Team, Mid Ulster District Council, Magherafelt Office, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, Co. Derry, BT45 6EN.

Any requests received will be considered.

# **APPENDIX 1**



## **APPENDIX 1**

### **MID ULSTER STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

#### **GROUPS TO BE CONSULTED WHEN PREPARING THE NEW LDP**

**LIST 1: STATUTORY CONSULTATION BODIES**

**LIST 2: LOCAL COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY GROUPS IN MID ULSTER**

**LIST 3: SECTION 75 GROUPS**

**NOTE: The Council's consultation list is reviewed on a biennial basis to ensure it remains relevant to our functions and policies. At any time individuals and organisations can request to be added or removed from our list of consultees.**

## **LIST 1: STATUTORY CONSULTATION BODIES**

- 1.** Northern Ireland Government Departments.
- 2.** Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council  
  
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council  
Derry City & Strabane District Council  
Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council  
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council  
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
- 3.** A water or sewerage undertaker.
- 4.** The Civil Aviation Authority.
- 5.** The Northern Ireland Housing Executive.
- 6.** Any person to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3) of the Communications Act 2003(1).
- 7.** Any person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 10(1) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(2).
- 8.** Any person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(3).





## **LIST 2: LOCAL COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY GROUPS IN MID ULSTER**

### **ARTS ORGANISATIONS**

1. 1st Tyrone Scout Gr+C3:C268
2. Annaginny Farm
3. Ballinderry AOH
4. Ballybriest Pipe Band
5. Clogher Valley Outdoor Bowling Federation
6. Coagh Ladies Time & Talent Group
7. Coalisland Parochial Bowling Club
8. Crossdernott Bowling Club
9. Cullenfad Pipe Band
10. Culnady Girls Brigade
11. Derryoghill Flute Band
12. DU Dance NI
13. Dungannon Choral Society
14. Dungannon Golf Club
15. Dungannon Music & Drama Festival Association
16. Dungannon Rugby Football Club
17. Dungannon United Youth
18. Dungannon West Com Bowling
19. Eglisli St Patricks GAC
20. Gig in the Bann Festival
21. Institute of Irish Leadership
22. Irish Language Group
23. Killymuck Sons of the North
24. Maghera & District Gardening Group
25. Maghera Historical Society
26. Mid Ulster School of Music
27. Moneymore Art Group
28. Moy & District Ploughing Association
29. Moy Circle of Friends
30. Moy Tirnanog GFC
31. Newmills Vintage Club
32. Rén-Bu-Kan Judo Club
33. Sperrin Choir
34. Tamnamore Cosy Corner Craft Club

35. The Bridge Singers
36. The Sports Complex  
Management Group
37. Valley Voices Community Choir

## **BUSINESS INTERESTS**

1. JigSaw Planning

## **CHARITABLE GROUPS**

1. Ballinderry Rivers Trust
2. Clogher Valley Sure Start
3. Cruse Bereavement Care (NI)
4. Home Start Armagh & Dungannon
5. Marie Curie - Funding Office
6. Olive Branch Centre & Charity Shop
7. Parkanaur College
  
8. River Blackwater Trust
9. Speedwell Trust
10. Ursula Mackle

## **CLERGY**

1. An Invitation to Love Jesus/The Gathering Place
2. Church of Ireland Castlecaulfield
3. Church of Ireland Killyman
4. Church of Ireland Maghera
5. Desertmartin Parish Church (COI)
6. Presbyterian Church Castledawson
  
7. Presbyterian Church Dungannon
8. Reformed Baptist Church Magherafelt
9. Roman Catholic Church Aughnacloy
10. Roman Catholic Church Draperstown
11. Roman Catholic Church Eglisli
12. Roman Catholic Church Bellaghy

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

1. Ardboe Credit Union
2. Ballygawley Area Dev Assoc.
3. Bann Valley Community Group
4. Benburb & District Community Association
5. Bernie Sonner
6. Bonn and District Community Association
7. Caledon Regeneration Partnership
8. Castledawson Royal British Legion
9. CDM Community Transport
10. Clogher Cathedral Parish (COI)
11. Clogher Development Association
12. Club Áige Luraigh
13. Cookstown & Western Shores Area Network
14. Cookstown and Community Police Liason Committee
15. Cookstown Enterprise Centre Ltd
16. Cookstown North Community Group
17. Cookstown North Community Group
18. Costa
19. CWSAN
20. Derganagh Taining and Development Association
21. Desertmartin Community Development Ltd
22. Dungannon Enterprise Centre
23. Fivemiletown Chamber Of Commerce
24. Fivemiletown Community Development Association
25. Fivemiletown Methodist Hall
26. Gortalowry House Projects Ltd
27. Innishrush Community Group
28. Kingsmills Coordinating Committee
29. Lissan Leisure Club
30. Loughlinsholin Community Group
31. Maghera Parish Caring Association
32. Megargy Cultural and Community Group
33. Mowillian Hall Development Association
34. Moygashel Community & Cultural Association
35. Moygashel Residents Association
36. NI Ex Firefighters Association
37. Open Doors Club, Swatragh
38. Pomeroy Afterschool
39. Pomeroy Credit Union
40. Rural Community network
41. Sandholes Community Group

42. Sandholes Community Group
43. Servite Order NI
44. Stevenson Community Projects
45. TABBDA (Trad, Ballyronan, Ballinderry Development Association)
46. Tamlaght O'Crilly Historical Society
47. Tamnamore Community Development Association
48. The Rowan Tree Centre Pomeroy
49. Upperlands Luncheon Club
50. Workspace Draperstown

## **CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES**

1. Carricklongfield Cultural group
2. Clogher Historical Society
3. Coagh & District Local History Group
4. Coalisland & Clonoe Cultural & Historical Society
5. Cookstown Local History Group
6. Donaghmore Historical Society
7. Donaghmore Historical Society
8. Moygashel Ulster Scots
9. Muintirevlin Historical Society
10. O'Neill Historical Society
11. Stewartstown & District Local History Society
12. Stewartstown and District Local History Society

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING GROUPS**

1. Alzheimers Society
2. Breakthru
3. Disability Action
4. Dungannon Talking Newspaper
5. Emergency Medical Supplies
6. Mid Ulster Victims Empowerment
7. Networks Involving Communities in Health Improvement (NICHI)Project

8. Shopmobility Mid-Ulster
9. Superstars

## **OLDER PEOPLES GROUPS**

1. Ardtrea&Desertcreat Senior Citizens Group
2. Arthritis Care Cookstown
3. Dungannon & District 50+ Club
4. Moygashel Senior Citizens
5. O4O
6. Recycled Teenagers Club
7. The Evergreens
8. The Monday Club
9. Tuesday Club

## **POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

1. Northern Regional College
2. St Mary's College
3. St Mary's Grammar School
4. St Pius X High School
5. South West College
6. Holy Trinity College
7. The Royal School
8. Aughnacloy College
9. Integrated College Dungannon
10. Tamnamore Learning Centre

## **PRE SCHOOLS**

1. Brocagh Playgroup
2. Discovering Kids Playgroup
3. Happy Days Playgroup

4. Fivemiletown Controlled Nursery School
5. Kidd-Z-Play Nursery Ltd
6. Laughterland
7. Lissan Cross Community Playgroup
8. Little Acorns Playgroup
9. Little Flower Clonoe
10. The Happy Days Nursery
11. The Kidz Lodge
12. Tober Tinys Community Playgroup
13. Union Road Mums and Tots Magherafelt

## **PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

1. Ampertaine Primary School
2. Aughnacloy Primary School
3. Bellaghy Primary School
4. Bush Primary School
5. Churchill Primary School
6. Cookstown Primary School
7. Donaghmore Controlled Primary School
8. Fivemiletown Primary School
9. Gaelscoil Aodha Rua
10. Howard Primary School
11. Laghey Primary School
12. Lisferty Primary School
13. Lissan Primary School
14. Moneymore Primary School & Nursery Unit
15. New Row Primary School
16. Orritor Primary School
17. Queen Elizabeth II Primary School Pomeroy
18. Spires Integrated Primary School
19. St. Columba's Primary School
20. St. John's Primary School
21. St. John's Primary School
22. St. John Bosco's Primary School
23. St. Joseph's Primary School
24. St. Joseph's Primary School
25. St. Macartan's Primary School
26. St Malachy's Primary School

27. St Mary's Primary School
28. St. Mary's Primary School
29. St. Mary's Primary School
30. St. Mary's Primary School
31. St. Mary's Primary School
32. St. Mary's Primary School
33. St. Mary's Primary School
34. St Patrick's Primary School
35. St Patrick's Primary School
36. St Patrick's Primary School
37. St Patrick's Primary School
38. Tobermore Primary School

## **SPORTS GROUPS**

1. Bancran Tug of War
2. Carn Wheelers Cycling Club
3. Coagh Sports Centre
4. Cookstown Cricket Club
5. Cookstown Olympic FC
  
6. Cookstown Rugby Club
7. Desertmartin Football Club
8. Fallaghloon Dance Club
9. Field Hockey Club
10. Fr Rocks GFC
11. Fr Rocks GFC
12. Kildress Bowling Club
13. Killymoon Golf Club
14. Loup GFC
  
15. Maghera Snooker Club
16. Magherafelt & District Road Safety
17. Mid Ulster Indoor Bowls Convener
18. Moneymore Presbyterian Bowling Club
19. Moyola Park Golf Club
20. Pearses GAC Kilrea
21. Pomeroy Plunketts GAC
22. Robert Emmets GAC Slaughtneil
23. St Colms GAC Ballinascreen
24. St Malachy's GAC Castledawson
25. St Michael's GAC Lissan
26. St Oliver Plunkett GAC
27. Take a Bow Archery Club



28. Tobermore United Football club
29. Wolfe Tones GAC Bellaghy
30. Stewartstown Harps GFC

## **WOMENS GROUPS**

1. Bush Womens Group
2. Cookstown & District Women's Group
3. Drumglass Mother's Union
4. First Steps Womens Centre
5. Granaghan and District Womens Group
6. Mid-Ulster Women's Aid
7. Pomeroy WI
8. Soroptimist International

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

1. Derryloran Cub Scout Pack
2. First Cookstown Scout Group
3. Fivemiletown United Youth
4. Kildress Youth Club
5. Krafty Kidz
6. Magherafelt Youth Centre
7. Road Engines Youth Club
8. Ross Miotti
9. St Johns Junior Youth Club
10. Three Spires Scout Group
11. Woodschapel Beaver Scouts



### **LIST 3: SECTION 75 GROUPS**

1. Action on Hearing Loss
2. Age UK – Northern Ireland
3. An Tearman
4. Aware NI
5. Barnardos
6. British Deaf Association
7. Business in the Community
8. Cara-Friend
9. Carer's National Association NI
10. Child Care NI
11. Children's Law Centre
12. Children in Need
13. Citizens Advice
14. CINI
15. Chinese Welfare Association
16. Commissioner for Older People in NI
17. Committee on the Administration of Justice
18. Community Disabled & Retired Association
19. Community Foundation Northern Ireland
20. Community Relations Council
21. Contact Northern Ireland
22. Cookstown Chamber of Commerce
23. Cookstown PCSP
24. Cookstown Enterprise Centre
25. Cookstown and Dungannon Clergy Forum
26. Co-Operation Ireland
27. CWSAN
28. Council for the Homeless Northern Ireland
29. Cruse Bereavement Care (NI)
30. Democratic Unionist Party
31. Disability Action
32. Down's Syndrome Association
33. Dungannon SVDP
34. Dungannon Art Disability Stakeholder Forum
35. Dungannon Vineyard
36. Dungannon Churches Forum
37. Dungannon Clergy Forum
38. Dungannon First Steps Women's Group
39. Dungannon & Cookstown Women's Aid
40. Dungannon STEP Migrant Forum
41. Dungannon LARG Disability Group
42. Dungannon Youth Forum
43. Early Years
44. Employer's for Disability NI
45. Employers for Childcare

46. Equality Coalition
47. Equality Commission for Northern Ireland
48. Equality Forum NI
49. Foster Care Support Group
50. Foras na Gaelige
51. General Consumer Council
52. Gingerbread NI
53. GMB
54. Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
55. Housing Rights Service
56. ICTU
57. Information Commissioners Office
58. Irish Congress of Trade Unions
59. Law Centre NI
60. Lesbian Advocacy Services Initiative
61. Lesbian Line
62. Local Government Staff Commission
63. Loup Women's Group
64. Mencap
65. Men's Action Network
66. Mid-Ulster Women's Network
67. Mind Wise
68. Muslim Family Association NI
69. National Children's Bureau
70. NIACRO
71. NIPSA
72. Northern Ireland Anti-Poverty Network
73. NIAMH
74. NICCY
75. NICEM
76. NICVA
77. NIPSA
78. Northern Ireland Dyslexia Association
79. Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
80. Northern Ireland Youth Forum
81. Executive Office – Equality Unit
82. Commissioner for Older People
83. Parenting NI
84. Parents Advice Centre
85. Participation Network
86. Playboard
87. Play NI
88. Polish Association NI
89. Praxis Care
90. Probation Board Northern Ireland
91. Queer Space
92. Rainbow Project
93. Royal National Institute for Blind
94. Royal National Institute for Deaf People
95. Rural Community Network

96. Rural Development Council
97. Samaritans
98. Save the Children
99. Sense NI
100. Simon Community NI
101. Sinn Féin
102. Social Democratic and Labour Party
103. Talking Newspaper Association
104. The Cedar Foundation
105. The Consumer Council
106. Training for Womens Network
107. Ulster Scots Agency
108. Ulster Supported Employment Ltd
109. Ulster Unionist Party
110. UNISON
111. Unite
112. Victim Support NI
113. Volunteer Now
114. William Keown Trust
115. Women into Politics
116. Women's Resource and Development Agency
117. Women's Support Network
118. Women's European Platform
119. Women's Aid NI
120. Youth Action
121. Youth Council for Northern Ireland
122. Youth Link Northern Ireland
123. Youth Net
124. COSTA

# APPENDIX 2

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **MID ULSTER STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

#### **GROUPS TO BE CONSULTED WHEN DETERMINING A PLANNING APPLICATION (Where appropriate in accordance with The Planning (General Development Procedure) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016)**

##### **LIST 1: STATUTORY CONSULTEES**

1. Department for Communities (DfC)
2. Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI)
3. Department for Infrastructure (DfI) or Water Undertaker as defined under Article 13 of the Water and Sewerage Services (NI) Order 2006
4. Licensed Aerodomes
5. Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)
6. Department for the Economy (DfE)
7. Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
8. Department for Infrastructure (DfI)

**Note: There will be cases where non-statutory consultees may need to be consulted. Non-statutory consultees are not bound by the 21 calendar days for a response.**





<b>Report on</b>	Great British High Street Awards
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	25 October 2018
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Adrian McCreesh
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Adrian McCreesh

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To advise Members that Cookstown has been shortlisted in the 'Champion High Street Category' of the Great British High Street Awards and seek approval for two representatives from Council to attend the Awards Ceremony in London on 15 November 2018.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p>The Great British High Street (GBHS) Awards are an exciting opportunity for Councils, businesses, community groups and volunteers to learn from the leading examples of the ways in which high streets are succeeding in overcoming the challenges of a rapidly changing environment.</p> <p>The GBHS Awards 2018 launched on 20th June 2018. On 17th September 2018, a selection of 38 shortlisted finalists were chosen by the independent judging panel. These shortlisted high streets are eligible to win up to £10,000 for their local community, plus have the opportunity for their local businesses and consumers to extend their participation in a Visa GBHS Spend &amp; Win Competition, which rewards the people that make our high streets so special.</p> <p>This is the first year the GBHS Awards is open to entries from Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The 'Champion High Street Category' will award the best high street in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. High streets are judged on four pillars of success; Community, Customer Experience, Environment and Digital Transformation.</p> <p>An application was submitted for Cookstown and this has been shortlisted in the 'Champion High Street' category.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	An application was made to the Great British High Street (GBHS) Awards 2018 under the Champion Category for Cookstown Town Centre. The GBHS is run by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government sponsored by Visa and

	<p>supporting partners, which recognise and celebrate local achievements on high streets.</p> <p>Cookstown Town Centre has been shortlisted in the Champion Category. The scoring for the awards has been broken into 2 areas as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30% of the final score for the awards is decided by social media support, through Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, by using its unique hashtag #MYHIGHESTREET #GBHSCookstown. Currently Council are compiling short endorsement videos by businesses/community organisations within Cookstown which will be rolled out through social media channels.</li> <li>• The remaining 70% of the final score will be allocated following a visit from the Independent Judging Panel. This took place in Cookstown on Tuesday 16 October 2018 from 1pm-3pm. The visit will include lunch and a brief presentation delivered by the Director of Business &amp; Communities, after which the judging panel conducted a walk around the town.</li> </ul> <p>As Cookstown has been shortlisted, the event organisers have offered Council two complementary passes to attend the Great British High Street Awards Ceremony on:-</p> <p>Date: Thursday 15 November 2018  Time: 11.45am-3.30pm  Location: Lancaster House, St James's, London SW1A 1BB</p> <p>Whilst entry to the awards ceremony is free, there will be travel and subsistence costs incurred, should Council decide to send two representatives to attend.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Tickets to the Award Ceremony are complementary and free of charge. Travel and subsistence costs will be incurred for two people.
	Human: Member/Officer time to attend the events.
	Risk Management: n/a
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: n/a
	Rural Needs Implications: n/a

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	<p>It is recommended to Members that;</p> <p>Two representatives from Council attend the Great British High Street Awards Ceremony in Lancaster House, St James's, London on 15 November 2018, in line with Council's established practice and protocol regarding representation of elected members at events.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	N/A



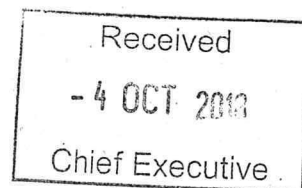
<b>Report on</b>	Correspondence to Council – October 2018
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
<b>Contact Officer</b>	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Provide an update on correspondence received for attention of Council.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	This paper refers to correspondence to be brought to the attention of Council. Items are referred to in 3.0 below.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Correspondence from Drugs Legislation Team, Home Office</b></p> <p>A response has been received from the Drugs Legislation Team of the Home Office following a motion carried by Council regarding the availability and accessibility of cannabis for medicinal purposes. The letter is attached as Appendix A.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	Risk Management: not applicable
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That Council notes and considers, as necessary, the correspondence received.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>



Appendix A



Cllr Sean McPeake  
Chair, Mid Ulster District Council  
Burn Road, Cookstown  
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United Kingdom  
BT80 8DT

Reference: TRO/0013044/18

Dear Sean McPeake,

Thank you for your e-mail of 20 August 2018, addressed to the Home Secretary, about the motion of Mid Ulster District Council on the availability and accessibility of cannabis for medicinal purposes. Your e-mail has been forwarded to the Drugs Legislation Team for a response.

Please take this letter as acknowledgment of Mid Ulster District Council's support for the use of Medicinal Cannabis when its use is assessed as beneficial to the quality of life and wellbeing of those with medical conditions.

The Government believes that people suffering from pain or illness should have access to the best possible treatment and recent cases have shown that we need to look more closely at the use of cannabis based medicine in healthcare in the UK. That is why, on 19 June, the Home Secretary announced a two-part review of cannabis and its scheduling under the 2001 Regulations. Part one of the review was led by the UK Government's Chief Medical Advisor, Professor Dame Sally Davies and considered the available evidence of the therapeutic and medicinal benefits of cannabis based products. The Chief Medical Advisor's advice is available at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cannabis-scheduling-review-part-1>

On 3 July, the Home Secretary commissioned the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) to carry out the second part of the review. This asked for a short-term review, which was published on 19 July, as well as a long-term review by July 2019. The ACMD considered how best to balance the potential risk of harm and diversion of cannabis and cannabis-related products. The review made four recommendations as follows:

- The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) to promptly develop a clear definition of a cannabis-derived medicinal product.

- Once the definition of a cannabis-derived medicinal product has been developed, the ACMD advises that only products meeting this definition be moved into Schedule 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 (MDR) pending our further advice.
- In addition to the provisions of Schedule 2 of the MDR, the ACMD recommends that the DHSC, MHRA and Home Office should develop additional frameworks and clinical guidance for 'checks and balances' to maintain safe prescribing of cannabis-derived medicinal products.
- At present, synthetic cannabinoids should remain in Schedule 1 of the MDR pending the 'longer term' review by the ACMD.

The full report can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advice-on-scheduling-of-cannabis-based-medicinal-products>.

Following the short-term advice from the ACMD the Home Secretary announced that cannabis-based medicinal products will be rescheduled. We are aiming to make the necessary changes to legislation by the autumn.

On the 11 September, the ACMD published further advice on cannabis-derived medicinal products. For the full ACMD letter please see the follow link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-advice-on-scheduling-of-cannabis-derived-medicinal-products>

Drug policy takes a cross-government approach that reflects the need for coordinated action to tackle the problem in all dimensions. Given the strong link between drug use and offending, the Home Office has and will continue to provide the governance and accountability essential to the effective delivery of this cross-departmental approach. However, any proposal on a course of treatment must be clinically led and recommendations provided by clinicians based on scientific evidence. That is why we established an expert panel of clinicians who will advise ministers on individual cases.

As an interim measure, Specialist clinicians can apply to the independent expert panel on behalf of patients wishing to access these products. All licence fees for applications made to the panel will be waived, and no fees will be charged in respect of applications which have already been granted.

I hope that this letter demonstrates that the is committed to ensuring a long-term solution for patients who would benefit from treatment with cannabis-based products for medicinal use.

Your sincerely,

### **Drugs Legislation Team**

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Home Office

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