

Report on	Report of Corporate Good Relations Working Group Meeting: November 2021
Date of Meeting	Thursday 2 nd December 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The report provides details of the outworking's of the Corporate Good Relations Working Group that was held on Monday 1 st November 2021.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council's Equality Scheme 2021-26 requires that meetings of the Corporate Good Relations Working Group are held with the purpose of the promoting good relations in the following areas (but not exclusive to); flags, emblems, language, bonfires, street naming and internal and external aspects of Good Relations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	This meeting was requested to follow up on the motion carried/passed by Council in May 2021, relating to 'constitutional change'.
3.2	Members in attendance agreed to seek professional support for the preparation, planning and delivery of the proposed consultative workshops. Oversight was considered and it was agreed that governance arrangements for taking the work forward should form part of the specification used in procuring the professional support, whereby the appointed individual/organisation will be required to provide periodic check-ins with an appointed steering group of members and officer, where relevant.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Professional support can be costed at approximately £15,000. This figure is not currently allocated to or available within Departmental budgets.

	Human: Officer time
	Risk Management: None identified, face to face was held in line with Covid guidelines/restrictions.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Meeting held in accordance with Equality Scheme requirements.
	Rural Needs Implications: RNIA has been completed for the policy considered. The motion will have a RNIA completed prior to implementation.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that Members review, comment as appropriate and approve the report of the Corporate Good Relations Working Group meeting held on Monday 1 st November 2021.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Report of Corporate Good Relations Working Group meeting (November 2021)