

Report on	Mid Ulster Fairtrade
Date of Meeting	10 th March 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on Mid Ulster Fairtrade Campaign.
2.0	Background
2.1	To enable Council to progress their application for Fairtrade District Status a report was presented in November to the Environment Committee seeking approval to set up a district wide steering group, bringing together local people from different sectors with an interest in supporting and promoting Fairtrade throughout the area. This was approved by Council in December with the Chair & Vice Chair of the Environment Committee being nominated to sit on the new steering group. A first meeting of the group was to be arranged in the new year.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	To raise further interest in the Fairtrade Campaign and the steering group publicity has been created in the run up to this year's Fairtrade Fortnight which is happening across the UK and Ireland from 24 th February to 8 th March 2020. A Fairtrade flyer was produced by Council's Communications department (see Appendix 1) followed up by a press release in the local paper and posts on social media.
3.2	Invites to join the Fairtrade Steering Group were sent to the five Town Centre Forums, local Church Forums, community networks, Dungannon Library and a number of local schools which have been involved in Fairtrade activities over the last three years. Representatives of several organisations have confirmed their attendance.
3.3	The inaugural meeting for Mid Ulster's Fairtrade Steering Group will take place on Monday, 2nd March 2020 from 17:30 – 19:00 in the Café of Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre, 26 Market Square, Dungannon (see Appendix 2 & 3 for Agenda and Draft Terms of Reference circulated among group). Tea & Coffee will be served and a photo call for attendees with the Council Deputy Chair has been arranged for the start of the event.
3.4	As part of the occasion local people can drop in to the Café to sample Fairtrade tea, coffee and chocolate and see on display some of the Fairtrade products on offer at a number of local retail outlets.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Cost for Catering & Room Hire will be covered through current budget (Sustainability).
	Human: Staff time to manage programme delivery.
	Risk Management: N/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of this report
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Mid Ulster Fairtrade Flyer
6.2	Appendix 2 – Agenda for Fairtrade Steering Group meeting 2 March 2020
6.3	Appendix 3 – Draft Terms of Reference for Mid Ulster Fairtrade Steering Group
6.4	Appendix 4 – Fairtrade Foundation 'Fairtrade Town Goals and Action Guide'
6.5	Appendix 5 – Fairtrade Foundation 2011 update on product targets for Goal 2