

Report on	Economic Development Service Improvement Plan
Date of Meeting	Thursday 10 th May 2018
Reporting Officer	Head of Economic Development
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Member approval for the Economic Development - Service Improvement Plan for 2018/19.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Service Improvement Plan – Economic Development</p> <p>The Service Improvement plan ensures that Economic Development services are accountable, planned and clear, and that performance and improvement are a key element of service delivery. The Plan also assists in delivering the Council's mission and strategic outcomes set out in Council's Corporate Plan.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Service Improvement Plan – Economic Development</p> <p>The Economic Development Section works across a range of services and business development initiatives. These include Business Support, Town and Village Regeneration Projects, Events and the Rural Development Programme.</p> <p>Our Economic Development plan known as “Our Plan for Growth” has 4 themes which directs the work of the Department. They are:</p> <p>Theme 1: Economic Growth / Sectoral Diversification Theme 2: Employability & Skills Theme 3: Town & Village Regeneration Theme 4: Infrastructure & Connectivity</p>

	The incoming plan will see the Economic Development team progress work across many initiatives for example Mid Ulster Skills Forum, a range of Business Development Programmes, new suite of ESF Programmes, and a wide range of initiatives in our towns and villages, eg, Phase 2 (Reserve List) of Village Spruce Up schemes, Village Renewal schemes across the district, Coalisland Public Realm, Summer and Christmas events across 5 towns, Cookstown Continental Market, Marketing new Town Brands across the 3 main towns, exploring the potential of BIDs etc.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: As per budgets approved by Council
	Human: As delivered within Staffing resources approved by Council
	Risk Management: Risks identified are detailed in the attached Service Improvement Plan
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Economic Development service is delivered by an officer team to be fully inclusive. At all times staff will endeavour to minimise negative impact and potential discrimination and promote opportunities to advance equality, inclusion and good relations.
	Rural Needs Implications: Rural Needs have been considered in the formulation, development and implementation of the Service Improvement Plan for Economic Development 2018/19
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to approve the Economic Development – Service Improvement Plan for 2018/19.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Economic Development Service Improvement Plan 2018/19