

<b>Report on</b>	Northern Ireland Assembly Ministerial Engagement
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	23 January 2020
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Chief Executive
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Chief Executive

<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 seek Members approval for a series of engagements with the newly appointed Ministers of the Northern Ireland Assembly (the Assembly).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Members will be aware that the Assembly did not meet for the last three years and following the latest round of negotiations, the Assembly was restored on Saturday 11 January 2020.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Council's strategic priorities are as set out in the Mid Ulster Community Plan and its draft Corporate Plan and associated strategies.
3.2	As the Assembly is now re-established it is important that the newly appointed ministers are made aware of the strategic priorities of Mid Ulster and how the Council, its community, voluntary and business sectors can assist the Assembly in the delivery of its programme for government.
3.3	Over the course of the last three years councillors have raised a range of issues resulting in letters being issued to various departments and in some case meeting with government officials. The return of the Assembly also presents an opportunity to raise these issues with the relevant Ministers.
3.4	Attached at Appendix 1 for Members consideration is a document which outlines the Council's strategic priorities and the outstanding matters raised by Members broken down across each department.
3.5	It is proposed to write to all Ministers and ask that they receive a delegation from Mid Ulster District Council on the matters listed and any other strategic issues the Council agrees to add. Previous engagements with Ministers of the Assembly

3.6	<p>have generally been led by the Council Chair accompanied by the Party Leader of the four main parties or their nominee.</p> <p>In addition, it is proposed to invite the First Minister and Deputy First Minister's to Mid Ulster so that they can hear directly from Members on the priorities of the Council.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Travel costs.</p> <p>Human:</p> <p>Staff time in preparing briefing documents.</p> <p>Risk Management:</p> <p>None</p>
<b>4.4</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	<p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	<p>Members approval is sought to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write to all Ministers of the Assembly and ask that they receive a delegation from Mid Ulster District Council on the matters listed in the appendix and any other strategic issues the Council agrees to add.</li> <li>2. To invite the First Minister and Deputy First Minister's to Mid Ulster so that they can hear directly from Members on the priorities of the Council.</li> </ol>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>

6.1	Appendix 1 – Mid Ulster District Council Strategic Issues
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