

Report on	Report of Corporate Good Relations Working Group Meeting: October 2022
Date of Meeting	Thursday 3 November 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The report provides the outworking's of the most recent Corporate Good Relations Working Group meeting held Monday 10 th October 2022.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council's Equality Scheme (2021-26) confirms that the role of the Corporate Good Relations Working Group is to assist policy development and monitor the implementation of the Councils arrangements to promote 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	The most recent meeting of the corporate Good Relations Working Group of 2022/2023 was held on 10 th October 2022. It was agreed that a further meeting of the group take place in late November, with a member focused facilitated session on "What is Good Relations?" being scheduled before then, to which all members be invited to participate and be facilitated by John Kremer the council equality and good relations contact.
3.2	<p>Members in attendance were provided with an overview of Good Relations duties placed upon Councils by the Equality Commission for NI. The meeting report is attached as Appendix A to this report. Issues arising as recommendations for committee consideration and approval are as detailed. It was recommended to committee and agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration be given by the working group to ways of attaining increased elected member participation in the group going forward. • The Terms of Reference be reviewed • The chairing and leading of meetings be reviewed/considered • Section 75 business be a recurring standing item on all future agendas

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An assessment of the types and nature of business to be taken should be considered and broadened <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On providing an update on the outcome of quotation exercise to identify a delivery agent to deliver on the 'constitutional change motion' previously carried by council, it was agreed that potential organisations such as Ireland's Future be approached/considered by officers, together with a single provider with appropriate experience
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: Officer time
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Meeting held in accordance with Equality Scheme requirements.
	Rural Needs Implications: RNIA is considered to be disproportionate in relation to the business of this Working Group
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 10 th October 2022.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Report of Corporate Good Relations Working Group meeting (October 2022)