

Report on	Draft Consultation Response on Research on Investigating future provision for victims of violence and domestic abuse within the Northern Ireland Housing Selection Scheme
Date of Meeting	8 February 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform elected members of the consultation response developed on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council in response to the Research on Investigating future provision for victims of violence and those at risk/under threat of violence including victims of domestic abuse within the Northern Ireland Housing Selection Scheme.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members were informed of the above research via email on 3 rd January 2024. Members requested that consultation responses were developed on behalf of the Council.
2.2	The deadline for submission of a response is 9 February 2024.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The aim of this independent research is to obtain suggestions on solutions and alternative options for the implementation of the removal of intimidation points from the selection scheme.
3.2	The research also aims to particularly identify how all victims of violence should be prioritised and verified in a fair, equitable and consistent manner using a robust verification framework.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that Council review and approve the draft response for submission.
6.0	Documents Attached & References Appendix A: Mid Ulster District Council's draft response to the Research on Investigating future provision for victims of violence and domestic abuse within the Northern Ireland Housing Selection Scheme