

<b>Report on</b>	Lands at Altmore/ Cappagh Update
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update Council on the current position regarding the proposed development of publically owned lands at Altmore/Cappagh.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Previously in February 2021 (minute ref: D034/21) Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) were appointed to carry out Scoping Studies on Dunmoyle, Altmore and Drumcairne Forest.
2.2	In September 2021 (minute ref: D154/21) the Scoping Studies were adopted by Council and permission granted to procure and appoint suitably qualified Integrated Consultancy and Supply Teams (ICT and IST) to develop all necessary designs, specifications, procurement documentation and project manage agreed schemes associated to Drumcairne, Altmore and Dunmoyle Forests, subject to available funding.
2.3	In September 2022 (minute ref: D135/22) permission was granted to accept the letter of offer from NIEA and appoint a suitably qualified personnel/company to carry out a detailed Master Plan of the site.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Following the approval as outlined in section 2.23 above, Council officers commenced work on devising a specification for required services and thereafter a procurement quotation exercise was carried out to seek a suitably qualified company to carry out the Master Planning exercise, unfortunately Council were unable to secure a company to undertake this work.

3.2	Due to the time constraints associated with the NIEA Challenge Fund, all funding to be spent by 31 March 2023, and the unsuccessful procurement exercise, Council have been unable to draw down this funding.
3.3	In February 2023 Council were successful in attracting UK Shared Prosperity Funding (minute ref: D039/23) £104,000.00. It was indicated that this money can help release other funding within the Outdoor Recreation Capital Budget.
3.4	Therefore, Council will reissue the procurement exercise and procure a suitable qualified company to carry out the Master Planning of Altmere/Cappagh. This company will be procured with funds now available within the Outdoor Recreation Capital Budget.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: It is anticipated that the financial cost to be in the region of £40,000 - £50,000. Using budget within the Outdoor Recreation Capital Budget.
	Human: There are no additional Council human resources implications associated with this project.
	Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant policies and procedures as part of the tendering exercise and in the appointment of personnel.
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Considered in line with Council's policies and procedures.
	Rural Needs Implications: Considered in line with Council's policies and procedures.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	To note the contents of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	N/A