

Report on	Ageing Well Initiative Update
Date of Meeting	6th April 2022
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of the report is to provide Members with an update on the progress of the Ageing Well Initiative and the outcome of the tender process to support the Age Friendly Coordinator for the future delivery of the initiative.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members will be aware that the work on an Age Friendly initiative has been progressed through the existing Community Planning partnerships structures with Mid Ulster Council being the lead partner. The Ageing Well Initiative seeks to ensure that the Mid Ulster District Council area is an area that supports older people. Mid Ulster District Council has received funding from the Public Health Agency for the development of an Age Friendly Alliance, an Age Friendly Charter, an Age Friendly Strategy and an Action Plan. This work is being developed by the Council's Age Friendly Coordinator.
2.2	Previously in November 2021, Members at the Environment Committee resolved to approve the procurement of external expertise to support the development of the Age Friendly Alliance, Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan (Minute Ref E261/21).
2.3	This report seeks to provide information on progress to date of the procurement process and amended timelines for this project.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	In December 2021, a procurement process took place to seek to recruit a suitable competent consultant to assist in the planning process and development of an Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan for the Mid Ulster District council area.
3.2	As part of the specification of works, the successful consultant is expected to deliver a series of workshops to assist in the design and development of an Age Friendly Strategy, Charter and Action Plan for the Mid Ulster District Council area using a co-production approach with statutory partners along with the community and voluntary sectors. It was proposed The Age Friendly Strategy, Charter and Action Plan would be developed and concluded over four half-day workshops using an outcomes based accountability process by the end of March 2022.
3.3	Regrettably for a number of reasons, the intended timescales for the project have slipped however the works schedule has now been reviewed with the consultant and have been

	accepted by the funder of the Age Friendly programme, the Public Health Agency (PHA). The overall deadline for completion of the piece of work as specified by the procurement process is now projected to be end of June 2022 instead of end of March 2022. A future report will be brought to the Development Committee outlining the work and proposed next steps.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial & Human Resources Implications Financial: Budget cost to be covered by the existing PHA funding. Human: Officer time – can be derived from existing resources. Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant policies and procedures
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None anticipated at this point. Rural Needs Implications: None anticipated at this point.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	N/A