

Report on	Mid Ulster Fairtrade
Date of Meeting	8 th January 2022
Reporting Officer	Raymond Lowry, Head of Technical Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on MUDC Fairtrade resolution to application stage for Fairtrade District Status.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members will recall a previous paper passed to acknowledge the contribution that Fairtrade makes to sustainable development, in relation to poverty and to improving the lives of people from some of the most disadvantaged farming communities in the developing world (see attached Appendix 1 for reference purposes).
2.2	MUDC have progressed Fairtrade status to full application status. The All Party Group on Fairtrade have acknowledged this commitment by Mid Ulster Council as noted in Appendix 7.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	MUDC have along with all other 10 Councils and Government Departments been engaging with Fairtrade in order to have Northern Ireland become a Fairtrade Region (see Appendix 5).
3.2	Mid Ulster Council to progressed their application in July 2021 and have been notified that their application has been accepted and awarded Fairtrade District Status.
3.3	To maintain the progress made MUDC will continue to be active in demonstrating their commitment to Fairtrade through serving tea / coffee at council meetings and promoting Fairtrade fortnight through media campaigns/events.
3.4	This year Fairtrade fortnight will run from 21 st February 2022 to 6 th March 2022 and we aim to runs media updates around this period.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Additional financial budget (limited) will be required to host events / meetings.
	Human: Staff time to manage programme delivery. Currently Staff position is vacant and awaiting position to be filled. This vacancy will delay the various actions and promotions of the programme necessary to ensure continue application status.
	Risk Management: n/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Fairtrade Certification Award
6.2	Appendix 2 – Fairtrade Fortnight information