

<b>Report on</b>	1. NIBSUP / Business Start Up Performance 2022/23 2. Tourism Development Group Minutes – 29.3.23
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	6 December 2023
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Strategic Programmes

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	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p><b>NIBSUP / Business Start Up Performance 2022/23</b></p> <p>In 2015, following the Review of Public Administration, responsibility for the delivery of business start transferred to the 11 Local Councils. The Department for the Economy (DfE) has responsibility of monitoring performance in relation to the NI Business Start-Up Programme against statutory targets set out in the Local Government (Performance Indicators and Standards) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.</p> <p>From 2015 to September 2023, start up support has been delivered through the 11-Council 'Go For It' / NI Business Start Up Programme which was funded 60% from the European Investment for Growth and Jobs Programme (2014-22), 20% from Invest NI with Councils funding the remaining 20% and also the other supporting structure costs (MIS System and programme management resources).</p> <p>From November 2023, start-up provision across the 11 Councils will be funded by monies secured by the 11 Councils from the Shared Prosperity Fund. The application was led by Belfast City Council in conjunction with the 11 Councils and Enterprise NI have recently been appointed to deliver this new service across Northern Ireland.</p>
2.2	<p><b>Tourism Development Group Minutes – 29.3.23</b></p> <p>The Tourism Development Group (TDG) was established to create a working forum between Council and private sector businesses. The TDG assists with policy development and supports the implementation of Council's Tourism Strategy and associated work to create economic growth, increase visitor numbers and create employment. The group meet on a bi-monthly basis and as</p>

	per the agreed Terms of Reference, all business is reported to Council through the Development Committee.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b>NIBSUP / Business Start Up Performance 2022/23</b>  In November 2023, as part of their audit of the programme, Department for the Economy issued communication to Councils regarding the performance over the past financial year. The letter (<b>Appendix 1</b>) confirms that the overall programme performance exceeded its statutory target of 1,573 jobs created with 1,777 jobs created for 2022/23.</p> <p>In Mid Ulster, the number of jobs created was 169, exceeding the statutory target of 153 by 16.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Tourism Development Group Minutes – 29.3.23</b>  Enclosed are minutes of the Tourism Development Group Meeting (containing Officer Cluster Reports) held on 29th March 2023 (<b>Appendix 2</b>). These were subsequently approved at the Tourism Development meeting held on 19th October 2023.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	<p>It is recommended that Members:</p> <p><b>5.1.1 NIBSUP / Business Start Up Performance 2022/23</b></p> <p><b>Note</b> the letter from Department for the Economy re: NIBSUP / Business Start Up Performance on Appendix 1.</p> <p><b>5.1.2 Tourism Development Group Minutes – 29.3.23</b></p> <p><b>Note</b> minutes of Tourism Development Group and Officer Cluster Reports held on 29 March 2023 on Appendix 2.</p>

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached and References</b>
	<p><b>Appendix 1</b> – Letter to Mid Ulster District Council re NIBSUP / Business Start-Up Performance</p> <p><b>Appendix 2</b> – Tourism Development Group Minutes - 29.3.23</p>