

Report on	Climate Change Working Group Update
Date of Meeting	10 th January 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide members with an update on the business of the Climate Change Working Group.
2.0	Background
2.1	Under section 25 of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 District Councils have a statutory duty to promote the achievement of sustainable development in the exercise of their functions.
2.2	A Climate Change Working Group has been set up with the purpose of providing a forum for discussion between politicians, businesses, NGOs and academics to drive forward climate action and sustainable development in Mid Ulster.
2.3	Its primary function is to consider the potential implications of climate change for Mid Ulster and make recommendations to Council on interventions to help Mid Ulster transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient and sustainable economy.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	A meeting of the Climate Change Working Group was held on 5 th December. A copy of the associated agenda, minutes, reports and presentations provided by Sustainable NI and Queens University are attached for members' information.
3.2	The Working Group is planning to meet quarterly going forward with the next meeting to take place in late April 2023. Members of the Environment Committee will be kept updated and informed on the ongoing business of the Working Group.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management: None
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 and associated papers.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Papers and minutes from the Climate Change Working Group meeting on 5/12/22