

<b>Report on</b>	Update on Master Plan for lands at Mullagh Road, Maghera
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	10th February 2022
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update Members following the appointment of Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI) to develop a Master Plan for the potential development of lands between Mullagh Road / Tobermore Road as an outdoor recreational green space for the Maghera area.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	In April 2021, Members approved a proposal to appoint a suitable qualified consultancy team to carry out a feasibility study into the development of lands at Mullagh Road, Maghera. (Minute Ref D065/21)
2.2	In October 2021, Members were made aware that following a procurement process, ORNI were appointed to carry out a feasibility study into the development of lands at Mullagh Road, Maghera. Minute Ref D187/21. Contained within the October 2021 committee report was a proposed approach with project timelines and the initial aspiration was to complete the works within 19 weeks with a target completion date of 31 <sup>st</sup> September 2022.
2.3	This report seeks to provide information on progress to date and amended timelines for this project.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>

3.1	ORNI have started work on the project, in the form of desk research and fieldwork. Consultations (Key agencies, stakeholders, community and Council etc) are due to take place end January/beginning February 2022.																		
3.2	The overall deadline for completion is now projected to be April 2022 instead of end of January 2022.																		
3.3	Members may recognise the slippage from the projected timeframe as previously reported in October 2021. Regrettably, this has arisen from staffing capacity within ORNI, due to unforeseen circumstances.																		
	The following table outlines the revised project stages and timeframes:																		
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4.0	Other Considerations																		
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications																		
	Financial: Costs reported previously and within existing capital programme budget allocations																		
	Human: Existing staff resources will work alongside appointed consultancy team. No additional staffing resource required.																		
	Risk Management: Considered in conjunction with Council policies and procedures.																		
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments																		
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Will be developed as part of the project and in conjunction with Council policies and procedures.																		
	Rural Needs Implications: Will be developed as part of the project and in conjunction with Council 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>
6.1	Appendix A: Project Details