

Report on	Notes and Actions from the Corporate Good Relations Working Group
Date of Meeting	7 th October 2021
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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The report provides details of the outworking's of the Corporate Good Relations Working Group that was held on 20 th September 2021.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council's Equality Scheme 2021-26 requires that the Corporate Good Relations Working Group meets at least twice per year.
2.2	Meetings of the working group can be held more frequently if a specific policy, programme or initiative is referred to it via the council's Equality Screening process as laid out within the council's Equality Scheme.
2.3	The purpose of the Working Group meetings are to promote good relations in the following areas (but not exclusive to); flags, emblems, language, bonfires, street naming and internal and external aspects of Good Relations. These areas are detailed within the Council's Equality Scheme as approved by the Equality Commission for NI.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	This meeting was triggered by a referral from the Environment Committee, of the Dual Language Nameplate Signage and a motion carried/passed by Council in May 2021, relating to 'constitutional change' was also considered at the meeting.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: Officer time

	Risk Management: None identified, face to face was held in line with Covid guidelines/restrictions.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Meeting held in accordance with Equality Scheme requirements.
	Rural Needs Implications: RNIA has been completed for the policy considered. The motion will have a RNIA completed prior to implementation.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that Members review, comment as appropriate and approve the report of the Corporate Good Relations Working Group meeting held on 20 th September 2021.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A – Report of meeting of Corporate Good Relations Working Group