

<b>Report on</b>	Local Government Award for Agewell
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To inform members of recent award received for Best Local Authority Community Planning Initiative at the NILGA local authority awards event on 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2018.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Agewell is one of the first projects to emerge from the Mid Ulster Community Plan, which brings voluntary, community and public sector partners together to plan and deliver better services for local people.
2.2	Putting older and vulnerable people at the centre, Agewell provides two important services to approximately 1000 individual older or vulnerable people living in the Mid Ulster area. The Good Morning Service and the Home Maintenance Service aim to reduce isolation, improve the safety, security and health and well-being of older and vulnerable people in our District.
2.3	Agewell is jointly and directly funded by the Public Health Agency (PHA), Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT), Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT), Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE), PCSP, and the Environmental Health department of Mid Ulster District Council. Other partners such as NIFRS and SportNI provide indirect support to this community based Mid Ulster Agewell partnership.
2.4	An application outlining the Agewell Community Planning initiative project was submitted to the "Best Local Authority Community Planning Initiative" category, sponsored by the Northern Ireland Branch of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers [SOLACE NI].
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Local Government Awards in Northern Ireland showcase the best examples of service provision, new initiatives and personal commitment from councils, councillors and officers. The Awards are coordinated by NILGA and the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) and this year they attracted 78 entries across the 11 Councils.
3.2	The Agewell project was shortlisted as a finalist in the Best Community Planning initiative Category. This category was for initiatives that have resulted from a Community Planning Partnership, where councils have been involved with other organisations in the wider public, private or voluntary sector, highlighting the benefit of collaborative working.

3.3	Nominees were judged by an independent panel, and the winners in each category were announced at the Gala Awards on 11th October 2018.
3.4	The Agewell initiative was announced the winner of the award in the category for Best Local Authority Community Planning Initiative.
3.5	Speaking at the event, Councillor Dermot Curran, Northern Ireland Local Government Association (NILGA) President said, "Congratulations to the winners and to all the 11 Councils who took the time to submit entries into the 2018 Local Government Awards."
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Note the content of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – NILGA Awards photograph

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