

Report on	Community Planning
Date of Meeting	15 th April 2021
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Community Planning – to note the community planning update.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Planning – Council currently facilitates the Community Planning process for Mid Ulster District.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Council currently facilitates the Community Planning process for Mid Ulster. The Community Plan is being led by a number of partners and Council. A summary of activity currently being progressed by the Community Planning team of Council is detailed below:</p> <p>Social and Affordable Housing</p> <p>1. Mid Ulster Housing Working Group – A meeting is being arranged for May for the working group members to address issues raised by members on: Housing Association rents & NIHE LHA and rent related poverty DFC Private Rented Sector Review DFC Right to Buy Review Infrastructure and Housing Area Plan and Social Housing – housing units, mixed tenure and quality environment Social and affordable housing need and provision – land review for potential housing Housing quality and standard review</p> <p>2. NIHE Engagement Housing Association rents & NIHE LHA and rent related poverty – formal letter for a review to commence Issues as per the Working Group Latent demand tests; requests and promotion of these to community when commence</p> <p>3. Social and Affordable Housing proposals – linking with planning to monitor applications being proposed for housing re design and environment</p>

4. Member Engagement – Session to be arranged end April with all members on the 2 forthcoming consultations

Right to Buy Review

Private Rented Sector Review

And forthcoming NIHE Social House delivery proposals

5. Dungannon Town – a pilot housing and regeneration place shaping plan is currently being completed for Dungannon town in partnership with the NIHE.
6. Mid Ulster Women's Aid – supporting on the development of housing for users of Women's Aid.

Poverty

1. Engagement with DFC regarding a planned session with members on the new DFC Poverty Strategy
2. Working with NILGA on engaging on the Poverty initiatives of Government.
3. Sessions held with Council departments on taking forward the Mid Ulster Poverty Plan and co development of schemes.
4. Sessions and ongoing engagement with the community planning partners on taking forward poverty initiatives.

Health and Wellbeing

1. Mental health lobbying for greater investment and integration in services.
2. Support to the Schools for Hope programme as a pilot.
3. Support to community led counselling network
4. Consultation responses e.g. Stroke Services, Regional Trauma Centre, Sport & Physical Activity etc.
5. Ongoing engagement and liaison with Trusts on strategic investment for Mid Ulster – e.g. Ambulance response and Mid Ulster hub, Oakridge, Health Hubs across the District etc.
6. Overseeing the GP Forum regarding service provision across Mid Ulster
7. Health and Wellbeing local plans being developed-areas across the district

Economic Development and Infrastructure

1. Overseeing strategic road Bypass meetings with Economic Development, DfI and Members.
2. Engagement with NI Water Service on infrastructure development.

Education & Skills

1. Responding to the Department for Education's SEN Framework consultation, the EA's special education provision and Area Planning consultation and Member engagement with Department for Education SEN Team.
2. School engagement support – regular meetings with Area Learning Partnerships – Dungannon (including Cookstown) and Magherafelt on programmes to engage with, careers support, peer mentoring programmes
3. Labour Market Partnership Model – working with Economic Development to establish model and link engagement between DfC & MUDC
4. Engagement with the programmes in schools by Council – Positive Relations and Good Relations programmes to ensure linked to community plan actions.

	<p>General</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Planning Board and thematic group meetings and sub group facilitation. 2. Monitoring, data collection and analysis of all community planning actions 3. Reviews of Community Plan with DFC 4. Response submitted to the Programme for Government on the community planning priorities. 5. Engagement with community groups and members through DEA forums along with the community team. 6. Representation at meetings where issues are cross departmental
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> None.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u> None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u> None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the Community Planning update.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None