

Report on	Mid Ulster District Tourism Update
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To present an update on the Mid Ulster Tourism Group and ongoing webinars
2.0	Background
2.1	The group was established online on Monday 16 th March in response to the onset and predicted impact of Corona Virus on businesses across Mid Ulster. Established by the Tourism development officer the group now has 128 members from every sector of the hospitality and tourism sector across Mid Ulster.
3.0	Main Report
	<p>The group has continued to develop and grow with 128 members now included. The webinar support continues online with the latest suite covering the Tourism NI Experience Development programme and giving support to the 17 applicants who submitted applications to this fund last week. The next webinar is planned for Wednesday 7th October. This will feature Michael Black from Cleaver Fulton Rankin Law who will cover the changes to the furlough scheme and the new employment regulations and provide an opportunity for questions and answers. This forum continues to be invaluable to the businesses given the rapidly changing circumstances the hospitality and tourism businesses find themselves in. This is a huge advantage as it means we can be very responsive to this rapidly evolving situation.</p> <p>Tourism NI continue to be present and support the webinars in terms of advice and supplying key speakers. Hospitality Ulster through Colin Neil is a regular contributor to the group in terms of supplying information and advice and posting the latest updates directly into the group.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Mid Ulster Council is committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity in all its activities with a focus on all citizens living within the Mid Ulster.</p>

4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	For information.
6.0	Documents Attached & References