

<b>Report on</b>	Master Plans/Scoping Studies for Altmore/Cappagh, Drumcairne and Dunmoyle Forest
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 11 February 2021
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	N Hill Head of Parks
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	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the recently appointed consultancy team in respect of developing scoping studies for the potential development of Drumcairn, Altmore/Cappagh and Dunmoyle Forests as local multi-activity hubs.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	As part of Council's Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan, March 2020, forests were identified for the future development of outdoor recreation.
2.2	As part of the Action Plan it was specified that master plans/scoping studies would be carried out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- within Year 1 – 2 for Altmore/Cappagh as a local hub</li> <li>- within Year 2 – 3 for Drumcairne as a local hub</li> <li>- Drummolye Forest was included, with committee approval, as a similar project with potential for development in the catchment area.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Requests to quote for the Supply and Delivery of Scoping Study for Altmore/Cappagh, Dunmoyle and Drumcairne Forests were issued to five companies in December 2020.
3.2	Quotations were received from two companies. Following evaluation Outdoor Recreation NI were successful in being appointed as the company to carry out the Scoping Studies, timeline and methodology are presented in Appendix 1.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Three Scoping Studies/ Development Plans total cost £27,900 ex vat (average £9,300.00 per individual Project)

	<p>Budget allocations are ring fenced under councils capital programme for Outdoor Recreation projects.</p> <p>Staff resources are sufficient to work in conjunction with appointed consultancy team.</p>
	<p>Human: Existing staff resources sufficient to coordinate project support. No additional staffing resource required.</p>
	<p>Risk Management: In conjunction with Council policies and procedures.</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	<p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: In conjunction with Council policies and procedures.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: In conjunction with Council policies and procedures.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	<p>That members note the content of the report in relation to the appointment of Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI) as consultants to carryout Scoping Studies associated to development proposals for Altmore/Cappagh, Dunmoyle and Drumcairn Forests.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix : Scoping Study
6.2	Appendix : Methodology/Stages of Scoping Study delivery