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**Subject:** Committee Terms of Reference

**Reporting Officer:** Chief Executive

<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To advise Members on the Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee.

<b>2</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Members will be aware that Mid Ulster District Council at its meeting on 26 June 2014 established four committees to take forward the work of the Council during the transitional period.
2.2	<p>The committees established and functions aligned to each committee were as follows:-</p> <p><b>Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Human Resources</li> <li>• ICT</li> <li>• Governance</li> <li>• Marketing &amp; Communications</li> </ul> <p><b>Environment Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste Management</li> <li>• Cleansing</li> <li>• Building Control</li> <li>• Environmental Health</li> </ul> <p><b>Development Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Planning</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> <li>• Leisure</li> <li>• Arts and Culture</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building</li> <li>• Area Plan preparations</li> </ul>

2.3	<p>At the meeting on 26 June 2014, parties appointed the following Members to the Planning Committee</p> <p>Cllr Martin Kearney, SDLP (Chair)  Cllr Sean Clarke, SF (Vice-Chair)  Cllr Gavin Bell, SF  Cllr Peter Bateson, SF  Cllr Kate McEldowney, SF  Cllr Phelim Gildernew, SF  Cllr Seán McPeake, SF  Cllr Wills Robinson, DUP  Cllr James Shiels, DUP  Cllr Clement Cuthbertson, DUP  Cllr Mark Glasgow, UUP  Cllr Denise Mullen, SDLP  Cllr Derek McKinney, UUP  Cllr Tony Quinn, SDLP  Cllr Cáthal Mallaghan, SF  Cllr Kenneth Reid, UUP</p>
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<b>3</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
3.1	Members will be aware that a committee's terms of reference specify the functions with which the committee is charged and define the limits of its authority.
3.2	Collectively, the terms of reference for Mid Ulster District Council committee's should be all-embracing and mutually exclusive. The terms of reference of all committees should cover the whole of the council's area of operations without any overlap.
3.3	As it is not possible to foresee every eventuality that may arise it is necessary that the terms of reference of one of the committees includes responsibility for any matter not coming within the remit of any other committee. It is recommended that this requirement is added to the terms of reference of the Policy & Resources Committee.
3.4	Mid Ulster District Council has not delegated any authority to the Planning Committee during the transitional period.

<b>4</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
4.1	<p><b><u>Financial</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>

4.2	<b><u>Human resources</u></b> N/A
4.3	<b><u>Assets and other implications</u></b> N/A

<b>5</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
	N/A

<b>6</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
6.1	Members note the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee.

<b>7</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
7.1	Appendix A : Terms of Reference – Planning Committee

**Terms of Reference**

**Planning Committee**

To consider and make recommendations to the council on the following:-

- Capacity building
- Area Plan preparations
- Subordinate legislation

**Date and Time of Meeting**

Meetings of the Planning Committee shall normally be held on the first Monday in each month at 7pm.