

Report on	Community Wealth Building
Date of Meeting	16 th March 2023
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1	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to update members and seek approval for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Wealth Building
2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Community Wealth Building</p> <p>Members will be aware of the progress to develop a Community Wealth Building (CWB) Framework for the Council, as agreed through a notice of motion during 2022 and the governance approach to this model, previously agreed by the Committee.</p> <p>A working group has recently been established, made up of elected members, social enterprises, Department For Communities officials and Council officers. An initial information session for working group members was held on Wednesday 22nd February. The session was facilitated by Development Trust NI (DTNI), who provided an overview of CWB, best practice from other jurisdictions, regional work on CWB, delivery at a local government and community level and initial discussions on a potential test and learn approach for Mid Ulster.</p> <p>To support the further development of this work, Officers have been working with DFC officials to ensure alignment with regional approaches and to create an environment to share information, test new ways of working and tap into any potential central government resources, which can support the Council to realise our objectives and outputs locally.</p> <p>Keen to build on the momentum gained within Mid Ulster on the development and delivery of a CWB Framework, Council have secured financial support from DfC (£29,000) to enable us to engage relevant external expertise to assist us to develop and implement an initial 'test and learn' plan for CWB in Mid Ulster. This support will include facilitation and advice of the CWB working group; mapping of current CWB provision; research and development and implementation of agreed test and learn actions; and a 'Next Steps' Action Plan for CWB in Mid Ulster.</p>

	<p>Council will use the development plan to inform the next phase of CWB delivery in the district, delivering test and learn actions; monitoring and evaluation of those actions; further research into CWB best practice; and training and capacity building for working group members and the wider public. Elements of our test and learn work and development can also be used to support and inform other Councils interested in commencing CWB work and feed into regional consideration of the recommendations from the CWB expert panel.</p>
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial:</p> <p>DFC funding allocation £29,000</p>
	<p>Human:</p> <p>NA</p>
	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>NA</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>NA</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>NA</p>
5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>Members are recommended to;</p> <p>(i) Note the Community Wealth Building Update and accept the offer of funding from DfC (£29,000) to support the development of our CWB work and 'test and learn' plan.</p>
6	List of Documents Attached