

Report on	Mid Ulster District Council Heritage Strategy
Date of Meeting	8 th December 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Council approval to engage external support to develop a five year Heritage strategy for Mid Ulster District Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	The development of an integrated Heritage Strategy will assist in ensuring the delivery of a high quality Heritage offering within the Mid Ulster region directly by and/or supported by Mid Ulster District Council. This will allow the capturing of our diverse heritage, both in Council ownership, regional DFC, and at a community level. It will help us work in partnership to develop the Mid Ulster Heritage offering.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Given the significant potential to develop Council's key Heritage assets under the proposed Mid and South West Region Growth Deal programme, coupled with the potential to develop a region wide Heritage offering that has the potential to further support and enhance Mid Ulster District Council's heritage preservation and promotion it is proposed to develop a 5 year heritage strategy linked to arts, culture, tourism and community development.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: The cost of development of the strategy is not anticipated to exceed £15,000. This can be met from within existing agreed budgets within Culture and Arts.
	Human:

	Officer time working alongside the external expertise to engage communities and other key stakeholders in identifying local heritage.
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Council approval is sought to procure support to develop a five year Mid Ulster District Council Heritage Strategy and to approve allocation of up to £15,000 from existing 2021/22 budgets within Culture & Arts Services.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None