

<b>Report on</b>	Request for Allotments in Glenburn Area, Magherafelt
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Head of Parks
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b> If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update Members on the proposal to develop allotments in the Glenburn/Highfield area, Magherafelt.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Officers have been approached by members of Glenburn Community Association regarding the possibility of creating allotments in the area.
2.2	Officers have visited the site and have had discussions with the local Councillor and the Community Group.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Following the site investigations and community consultation it is proposed to develop a community garden on the piece of derelict land on the Highfield Road and look to create allotments on a suitable space within the Highfield play area, see Appendix 1 showing map of area.
3.2	It is envisaged to set up the Community Garden on a joint enterprise project between the Community Association and MUDC.
3.3	The estimated development cost for Community Garden and allotments could be in the region £10,000. No source of funding has been identified at this stage.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Subject to sourcing available funding project costs are estimated as £10,000.
	Human: Existing staff resource available to aid in the setup of the project.

	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Project to be further developed with community group and funding options/partnerships to be investigated. Draft options to be presented to committee in due course.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 - Map of proposed site, Highfield Rd/Glenburn, Magherafelt.