

<b>Report on</b>	Building Control Service Improvement Plan 2021-22
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To inform members of the content of the annual Service Improvement Plan (SIP) for the Building Control Service for the period 2021/22.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	A Service Improvement Plan has been prepared for the Building Control Service for 2021/22 which will contribute towards the Council's Corporate Objectives.
2.2	<p>The Building Control Service is within the Public Health and Infrastructure Directorate and is responsible for the following function areas across Mid-Ulster District Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement of Building Regulations</li> <li>• Entertainment Licensing</li> <li>• Petroleum Licensing</li> <li>• Cinema Licensing</li> <li>• Approval of places for Civil Marriages and/or Civil Partnerships.</li> <li>• Property Certificates</li> <li>• Street Naming and Dual Language Signage</li> <li>• Energy Performance of Building Regulations</li> <li>• Dangerous Structures</li> <li>• Enforcement of "Energy Performance of Buildings" legislation</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>Within the Building Control Service Improvement Plan there are a number of actions and associated outcomes which have been identified. When the outcomes are achieved for the actions as identified, the service to our customers will be enhanced and improved. The Service Improvement Plan for 2021-2022 includes the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose, scope and responsibilities of the service</li> <li>• Customers and stakeholders</li> <li>• Overview of performance in 2020/21</li> <li>• Budget and staffing compliments for 2021/22</li> <li>• Service Work Plan for 2021/22</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Contribution to the Corporate Improvement Objectives/Projects</li> <li>• Risks for Building Control Service</li> </ul>
3.2	It should be noted that the performance of the Building Control Service within Mid Ulster has resulted in response times for full plan applications – domestic and non-domestic, as well as amended plans being over 90% in each case. This performance would compare favourably with any other Council across N Ireland.
3.3	It is anticipated that the level of performance achieved by the Building Control Service will continue to meet and exceed the targets as specified within the Service Plan for 2020/21.
3.4	In addition, it is anticipated that there may be further challenges to the Building Control Department in 2021/22 due to Covid-19 and Brexit. The impact of Covid-19 and Brexit to date has not resulted in the Construction Sector experiencing a sustained downturn with the property market and construction/development sector within Mid Ulster District Council regaining and maintaining a strong level of activity.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Within current resources
	Human: Within current resources
	Risk Management: None
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That members note the content of the attached Building Control Service Improvement Plan for 2021-2022.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Building Control Service Improvement Plan 2021-2022.