

Report on	Mid Ulster Community Planning: Progress Update
Date of Meeting	Thursday 6 April 2023
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on activity surrounding Mid Ulster Community Planning, November 2022 to March 2023.
2.0	Background
2.1	As an outworking of the 2014 Local Government (NI) Act, councils have a remit on initiating, putting arrangements in place and managing the progression of community planning within the district. Council has been actively engaged in the development and progression of Mid Ulster Community Planning through its Strategic Board and thematic based working groups since its formation following local government reform.
2.2	By way of background, Community Planning is a process involving the council and the community planning partners in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and identifying long-term objectives which contribute to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the Mid Ulster district. • Identifying long-term objectives which contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in the Mid Ulster district. • Identifying actions and functions to be exercised by council and our community planning partners to assist in meeting the established long-term objectives
2.3	Activity on community planning, since its inception following local government reform, is focused on the themes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Economic Growth & Infrastructure (ii) Education & Skills (iii) Health & Well-being (iv) Vibrant & Safe Communities
2.4	Further information is accessible from the council website by clicking through to https://www.midulstercouncil.org/your-council/community-planning

	Community Planning Delivery
2.5	Policy & Resources Committee has become the parent committee for reporting to and authorisation purposes, as required.
2.6	It is the intention of officers that Members receive timely Community Planning Action Update Reports adopting a standard reporting approach to report on progress made on activities developed and delivered with the aim of bringing about the best possible outcomes for Mid Ulster's citizens.
2.7	This reporting will be in addition to the required Community Planning Performance Statement, which is published every two years, and is due to be published in Autumn 2023.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The approved Action Minutes from the Strategic Board meeting held on 21 November 2022 are attached as Appendix One, for Members' information.
3.2	The most recent Strategic Board meeting was held on 22 February 2023 at which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A revised Terms of Reference were approved. • Partners considered approval of the revised Objectives and Actions, with the option to amend as relevant to their field of expertise. • Partners considered and agreed the actions they would take the lead on and drive forward. • Partners considered and discussed Mid Ulster's Top Strategic Problems from their perspective, agreeing in the first instance, to take a strategic and in-depth focus on problems faced by the health sector and through the community planning process, work together to create, develop and deliver solutions to these problems where possible. • Department for Communities representative in attendance provided an update at the Strategic Board meeting on developments around the Hardship Funding Scheme, including confirmation that Mid Ulster District Council has accepted the offer of funding to deliver the scheme before the end of this financial year.
3.3	It was agreed that the next Strategic Board meeting be held on 21 June 2023.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Not applicable
	Human: Not applicable
	Risk Management: Not applicable

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None identified at this time.
	Rural Needs Implications: None identified at this time.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That members consider, review and comment as necessary on activity surrounding community planning function of Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix One: Action Minutes of Mid Ulster Community Planning Strategic Board meeting held on 21 November 2022