

<b>Report on</b>	Cookstown Public Realm – Inspection
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Raymond Lowry, Head of Technical Services

<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 provide a report on the condition of the Cookstown Public Realm following the re-adoption of the project by DFI Roads in March 2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Technical Services Department were tasked by the Council Environment Committee to review the condition of the Cookstown Public Realm which was completed and re-adopted by DFI Roads in March 2019. There were concerns raised that various utility works have been completed over the last number of years and perhaps they have not been adequately repaired. It is important that any potential defects are addressed considering the significant investment Council have put into the project.
2.2	On the 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021 a walkover survey was carried out and a report was completed by the Technical Services staff detailing any findings. The said report is contained in Appendix 1 attached.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	On the 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021 a walkover of the scheme was completed by MUDC staff to review each street completed under the Realm works and identify any issues of concern. Cookstown DEA members were invited to attend and raise any other issues which they were aware of. The Section Engineer from DFI Roads was in attendance to review the findings and provide comment.
3.2	The full details of the inspection have been captured in the report contained in Appendix 1. However a high level summary of the condition of the Public Realm are noted in Table 1 below.

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3.4	Overall the condition of the Cookstown Public Realm is fairly good considering the amount of utility work that has been completed in the town over the last number of years, since completion of the Public realm scheme.																								
3.5	There are a number of minor items detailed in Appendix 1 of the report which will require remedial works and assurance has been received from DFI Roads this will be pursued with the various responsible parties. In addition it would be advisory to give the Public Realm another clean and remove any dirt and grime which has built up over the last few years. This is particularly bad in the areas around the trees.																								
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>																								
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	Human: Technical Services staff time to complete the report and review progress by of the remedial works to be completed by DFI Roads.																								
	Risk Management: None																								
<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	Members to note the content of this report for information. Technical Services staff will monitor the progress of the remedial works to be carried out by DFI Roads and bring further updated report by March 2022.																								
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>																								
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