**Report of Corporate Good Relations Working of Mid Ulster District Council- 3 March 2025**

Report of Corporate Good Relations Working Group of Mid Ulster Council held on 3 March 2025 at 6pm in the Committee Room, in Dungannon.

**Attendees Members:** Councillors C Groogan, Cllr J Groogan, Cllr B McGuigan, Cllr J McNamee, Cllr Denise Johnston, Cllr Gael Gildernew, Cllr P McLean and Cllr Frances Burton

 **Officers:** Adrian McCreesh, Melvin Bowman, Kathryn Donnelly, J McGuckin and A McAleer

**Facilitator:** J Kremer (Good Relations Facilitator)

**Agenda Item 1: Welcome**: A welcome to the meeting was provided by the Chief Executive Adrian McCreesh.

**Agenda Item 2: Apologies:** Cllr. Wilbert Buchanan and Cllr Ian Milne

**Agenda Item 3: Equality Complaint Follow Up:** The Head of Strategic Services and Engagement provided an overview of a compliant recently upheld by ECNI. The Policy Engagement and Equality Officer provided Members with details of policy and training amendments that are ongoing as a result of the lessons learned from the case and the settlement requirements requested by ECNI.

Members requested additional information in relation to the information provided and it was agreed that members would be offered Equality and Diversity.

**Agenda Item 4: Planning Decision EQIA:** The Council solicitor provided an update on the Section 75 considerations that have been undertaken in relation to an anonymised planning application.

The Council’s Chief Executive and Lead Planning Officer provided relevant additional information and provided an overview of steps taken to date in relation to compliance with planning policy.

The Working Group subsequently agreed that they were content that the Council’s Section 75 considerations have been taken into account throughout the process to date. Members were then updated on how the Council’s Section 75 commitments would also be demonstrable through to the final decision-making process.

The meeting ended at 6.50pm