

Report of Good Relations Working Group of Mid Ulster Council held on Wednesday 25 November 2015 in the Council Offices, Cookstown

**Attendees**    **Members:** Cllrs McNamee, Ashton, Bateson, McPeake, McGinley, T Quinn, McLean, Wilson  
**Officers:** AM Campbell, C Linney, P Moffett, T McCance, M Browne

**Apologies**    Cllrs C O'Neill, McKinney

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cookstown Branch – Cllr McNamee</li> <li>• Cookstown LOL District No. 3</li> </ul>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Commemorations 2016 Programme – Decade of Anniversaries</b>	
	<p>Officers in attendance presented their draft programmes forming the council's approach to the Decade of Anniversaries from across Arts &amp; Culture, Events and Community Development Services. It was Agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Magherafelt venue be included in the Good Relations 'talks' Programme</li> <li>• That local theatrical groups be used to secure local involvement</li> <li>• Information Workshops be organised with the Groups that have expressed an interest in running events to communicate the available funding streams/ opportunities including Council Grant.</li> <li>• Music events be organised and draw upon local musical talent (Trad Comhaltas Night, Piping and Drumming Night, Expression of Cultures Evening, Music of end of Decade linking to Blues and Jazz Festival).</li> </ul>	T McCance, M Brown, C Linney
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Definition for Good Relations</b>	
	<p>The officer presented the previously circulated report. It was Agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A definition be agreed for the purposes of the Working Group activity</li> </ul>	P Moffett

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The definition be taken from the text presented in the Report, drawn from page 4 of the Equality Commission on Statutory Equality and Good Relations Duties (Sept 2015)</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Irish Language Policy – Good Relations Implications</b>	
	<p>The Officer presented the previously circulated report making reference to 6 recommendations. It was Agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A correction be made to the percentages on national identify table within the report at page 6</li> <li>Implementation of the Irish Language Policy should not be predicated on the development of other policies</li> <li>An Irish Language Implementation Plan be developed as to how the policy will be rolled out and to include specific actions that address issues raised within the recommendations on the Good Relations impacts.</li> <li>An Irish Language Implementation Group be established and have the same membership as the Good Relations Working Group. The Group will inform the development of the Implementation Plan and provide oversight and guidance on the rolling out/ implementation and monitoring of the Policy.</li> </ul>	AM Campbell
<b>Meeting concluded at 6.30pm</b>		

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