



Report of Good Relations Working of Mid Ulster District Council

Report of Good Relations Working Group of Mid Ulster Council held on Tuesday 11 October 2016 at 5.30pm in the Council Offices, Cookstown

Attendees **Members:** Cllrs McNamee, McGinley, T Quinn, P McLean and Wilson
 Officers: AM Campbell, T McCance, P Moffett

Apologies Cllrs Ashton, McPeake

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	Declarations of Interest	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No declarations were noted 	
2.0	Good Relations Definition	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A paper referring to a definition for Good Relations was presented, drawing upon a guidance document from Equality Commission and Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 It was AGREED that the definition be as presented within the paper but with the inclusion of the words <i>tolerance</i> and <i>discrimination</i>. The definition therefore be as follows: <i>Good relations means, in particular, having regard to the desirability of a) tackling prejudice and b) promoting understanding. It can be said to exist where there is:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A high level of dignity, respect, tolerance and mutual understanding</i> <i>An absence of prejudice, hatred, hostility, discrimination or harassment</i> <i>A fair level of participation in society</i> 	P Moffett, Head, Democratic Services
3.0	Ulster Scots Language Policy – Good Relations Considerations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A paper on Ulster Scots Language Policy: Good Relations Considerations was presented On request of Cllr Wilson and following discussion it was AGREED that the amendments within the updated policy included following the EQIA be shared with the Ulster- Scots Agency for review. This was on the basis that 	AM Campbell, Director, Culture & Leisure

	commentary provided by the Agency as part of the EQIA consultation was on the policy before it was amended to incorporate the feedback received as part this process and the Agency would not have had sight of the final revised version.	
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Meeting concluded at 5.50pm

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