

Report of Corporate Good Relations Working of Mid Ulster District Council- November 2021

Report of Corporate Good Relations Working Group of Mid Ulster Council held on Monday 1st November at 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber, in Dungannon (and accessed remotely via Zoon)

Attendees **Members:** Councillors J McNamee, S McPeake, C Corry, N Doris, M Kearney, I Milne **Other Member Attendees:** Councillor M Quinn,
Officers: P Moffett, A. McAleer
Facilitator: J Kremer (Good Relations Facilitator)
Apologies: Councillors K Ashton, P McLean and K Black

An overview of the meeting and Matters Agreed are set out below:

Agenda Item 1: Welcome: P. Moffett provided a welcome to the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Election of a Chairperson: The election of Cllr J McNamee was proposed by Cllr S McPeake and seconded by Cllr C Corry.

Agenda Item 3: Policy Referrals

a) Notice of Motion- Constitutional Change-Consideration of Options Paper Agreed:

- To use the 5 thematic areas of Community Planning as a starting basis for consultation workshops but for these themes to be broadened where necessary or appropriate.
- To consult with other Councils to find out their approach to constitutional change.
- To seek professional support for the branding, preparation, planning and delivery of the proposed consultation workshops. (Proposed by Cllr. Doris and seconded by Cllr. Mc Peake). It was considered that this would be less than the £30,000 threshold set for tender procurement.
- The appointed individual/organisation I be required to provide periodic check-ins with a project delivery group made up of members and officer(s) and that this form part of the specification of requirements within the procurement.

Associated Action:

- Governance arrangements for taking the work forward to form part of the specification used for the procurement of professional support
- Other Councils to be contacted.
- Future agenda item to include open discussion on relevant topics.

b) Other suggested actions included:

- Engagement of external speakers to inform the group and encourage useful debate.
- Opportunities should be provided to speak about all relevant Good Relations information during these meetings.

c) Proposed Legislation Duty on the Removal of Hate Crime Expression

Agreed that:

- following the meeting information on the proposed review of legislation should be communicated to members via email.
- An information paper should be provided to P&R committee in relation to the review of the legislation and the potential impact on Council.

Associated Action:

- Information to be emailed to Members.
- Information paper to be developed and submitted to Dec. P&R Committee

Agenda Item 4: Identification of Training: The Corporate Policy & Equality Officer informed members that she has liaised with the relevant officer regarding Elected Member Development activities. The possibility for collaborative exercises was discussed.

Agenda Item 5: Next Steps: It was agreed to hold the next in December.

Meeting concluded at 6.05pm
Date of next meeting TBC