

ZOMBA ACTION PROJECT (ZAP)	20th June 2017
CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE For Decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Performance
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present a draft Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Zomba City Council.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 28th February 2017 Council agreed the recommendations of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee:

- *“The nomination of 4 or 5 onto the ZAP Management Board; there will be a meeting about once a month, and their attendance at the meetings would dependent on the demands of their other commitments.
(Council subsequently confirmed the number as 4 Members and these were confirmed as: Councillors Blair, Chivers, Clarke and Quigley).*
- *A room to meet in monthly at Cloonavin, and in the expectation of a positive extension of ZAP into all three other legacy Council areas, for example, a room to meet in, in Ballycastle, Ballymoney and Limavady on a two monthly basis. The nature of this extension into the new areas will be shaped by the ZAP Management Board.*
- *The existing facility at the Parks Nursery of a container to store 'useful' items for transport out to ZAP Zomba; and the transport facility, a Council van, to take the donated items to Ballynure, again as at present.*

- **and** *determines the level of support Council may wish to give in actively promoting the Zomba connection and the Zomba Action Project's role in that connection.*"

3.0 Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

3.1 In determining the level of support Council may wish to give in actively promoting the Zomba connection and the Zomba Action Project's role in that connection a draft Memorandum of Understanding is tabled for Committee's consideration and recommendation to Council. The former Coleraine Borough Council had a MOU with Zomba City Council signed by both parties in 2002.

3.2 The MOU is largely aspirational and does not bind Council in the future. The draft document is attached at Appendix 1.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approves the draft Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Zomba City Council.

APPENDIX 1

Memorandum of Understanding



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Zomba City Council

This Memorandum of Understanding between Zomba City Council in the Republic of Malawi and The Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in Northern Ireland is dedicated to our two communities working together for their mutual benefit through the auspices of local government.

The objective of our joint effort is to mutually improve the economic, social and cultural well-being of our two communities through the following activities.

- Increasing our understanding of each other's communities and way of life.
- Exchanging experience and best practice in local government.
- Collaborating, co-operating and learning from each other.
- Supporting practical assistance for the most disadvantaged in the community.

We commit to working together to improve the well-being of our two communities, both directly and through the Zomba Action Project (ZAP).

Mayor of Zomba

Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens

Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Zomba

Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Causeway Coast and Glens