

Report on	Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members that Belfast City Council, in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council are progressing a bid for the title of European Capital of Culture for 2023 and request approval for a letter of support to be provided from Mid Ulster District Council for Phase 1 of the bid.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023</p> <p>Belfast City Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council have submitted a request to the 9 other councils to advise that they are jointly progressing a bid for the title of European Capital of Culture 2023.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023</p> <p>The letter outlines that both Councils believe this presents a unique opportunity to promote and showcase the cultural and creative aspects of our region, and outlines the positive impacts this would deliver, encompassing many social benefits, contributing to economic growth and stimulating physical regeneration throughout the region (see Appendix 1 attached and also: weare2023.eu)</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023 None for Phase 1; potential contributions require for Phase 2 in the development of programmes/projects.</p> <p><u>Human Resources Implications</u> N/A</p>
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>

	N/A
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Support for European Capital of Culture Bid 2023 It is recommended that the Council provides a letter confirming its support for Belfast City Council's and Derry and Strabane District Council's joint bid for the title of European Capital of Culture 2023.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1: Letter of request from Belfast City Council and Derry and Strabane District Council dated 10 October 2017