



12 October 2017

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Development to be held in
The Chamber, Magherafelt at Mid Ulster District Council, Ballyronan Road,
MAGHERAFELT, BT45 6EN on Thursday, 12 October 2017 at 19:00 to transact the
business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

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Report on	Pomeroy Forest Car Park Project
Reporting Officer	Head of Parks
Contact Officer	Nigel Hill

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members and to seek council approval in relation to project costs associated to the provision of improved visitor amenities and additional car parking facilities at Pomeroy Forest Park.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council manage the recreational use of Pomeroy Forest under the terms and conditions of the Licence Agreement with Forest Service (NI). The development of visitor facilities at Pomeroy has necessitated the need to provide a visitor car park and necessary safety works. Forest Service have made an area of land available to Council for the purposes of additional car park space.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The proposal is to make the forest car park and access road more accessible for traffic. The works include; change of use from an existing maintenance yard to public car park facility with the creation of additional car park spaces to reduce congestion and improve on site traffic management and safety.
3.2	The proposal is to adjust the current sightlines to 4.5m x 90m, including adjustment to existing entrance pillars. To widen the existing access road at the entrance to the site and construct passing bays to ease movement. To develop the existing walled maintenance area and provide car-parking for approximately (70nr) vehicles. The development of the carpark will require the removal of an existing stone built machinery store and reduction in height of the stone boundary walls to the area.
3.3	Council are in receipt of a draft Lease Agreement from Forest Service, which is currently with council solicitors for review. Consideration to future community based initiatives will be factored in at a later date along with council plans for the site were feasible. Council officers are in discussions with the Forest Service regarding them addressing safety issues with the stone wall and other buildings on the site.
3.4	Phase 1. (Safety Works) – These works are required to make the site safe for users. The existing sightlines are required under Planning to be increased to allow safe access and egress from the site. The existing walls are in an unsafe condition with together with the machinery shed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To run quotation and appoint contractor for the following works; <p>Provide improved sightlines and access road passing bay works to comply with Planning permission requirements. Car park area to be regulated, weeds removed and existing surface compacted with informal parking arrangements formulated (railway sleepers). Provision of post/wire fencing to car-park perimeter after Forest Service remedial works.</p> <p>(2/3 weeks, 5-26 October)</p> Works duration (4 weeks, 31Oct- 28 Nov) <p>The projected pre-cost estimate of the project is £28,000.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: An allocated capital budget of £28,000 as per programme of works 3.4 Human: Existing staff resources sufficient to coordinate project support.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Remain within allocated project budget and agreed programme of works.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Subject to Council and Forest Service Lease Agreement for development proposals at Pomeroy Forest and allocated council capital budget, progress the scheme to provide car parking and associated works as detailed at 3.4 at a cost of £28,000 at Pomeroy Forest.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	N/A

Report on	Sports Representatives Grants Allocations
Reporting Officer	Liam Glavin Claire Linney
Contact Officer	Eunan Murray

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	×

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To present to members the proposed Grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grants.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Sports Representative Grants (Individual and Team) is a continuous rolling programme.
2.2	Eligibility criteria compliance was completed by officers followed by grant programme assessment.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Detailed analysis of the proposed grant awards are attached for your information.
3.2	The summary details are as follows: The Sports Representative Grant: Fifteen Individual applications and one Team application were received. The fifteen individual applicants were awarded a total of £3,142 and the team awarded £400 which results in the total amount awarded of £3,542.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial Implications</u> The total finance allocated for the Sports Representative Grant awards is £3,542. This is a continuous rolling programme with a budget of £30,000. The current allocation for 17/18 of £15,917. This leaves a balance of £14,083 for the remainder of this calendar year.
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	That members agree the recommendation for Sports Representatives Grant allocations.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 – Sports Representative Grants Breakdown.

Sports Team Representative 75% grant on eligible cost to a max of £500

Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Band	Amount Awarded
Killymoon Ladies Golf Club	All Ireland Finals Revive Active Ladies Fourball	£500	3	£400.00
Total				£400.00

Band	Amount
1	£500.00
2	£450.00
3	£400.00
4	£350.00

Sportsperson Representative 75% grant on eligible cost to a max of £250

Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Band	Amount Awarded
Michael Bradley	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Caitlin Devlin	Dutch Berghem Open - TaeKwon-Do	£250.00	1	£250.00
Jerome Donnelly	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Patrick Donnelly	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Noel Glasgow	Fire and Rescue Service Four Nations Bowls Championship	£155.00	3	£155.00
Sean Glass	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Patrick Haughey	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Jack Haycock	Interprovincial Hockey Tournament	£250.00	5	£150.00
Paul Heron	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Ronan Kelly	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Gerald McEldowney	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Kyle McKinstry	Celtic Challenge Tournament in Scotland - Darts	£250.00	3	£200.00

Band	Amount
1	£250.00
2	£225.00
3	£200.00
4	£175.00
5	£150.00

Bernard McWilliams	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Sean McWilliams	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Aaron Wilson	2017 European Outdoor Tug Of War Championships	£217.00	2	£217.00
Total				£3,142.00

Report on	Greenvale Maghera Leisure Centre Memberships
Reporting Officer	Head of Leisure
Contact Officer	Liam Glavin

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To consider a recommendation that Greenvale Leisure Centre membership packages include the use of Maghera Leisure Centre.
2.0	Background
2.1	Development Committee previously agreed that the Greenvale Household Membership Package and GLC's Monthly Direct Debit Membership Package would not include use of Maghera Leisure Centre. This resulted from Pulse stopping to contribute to Council for including Maghera LC in the Greenvale LC Membership package.
2.2	Council subsequently introduced its own membership package for Maghera LC. Customers could take out a Single Membership package which entitled them to use the same facilities at Maghera LC only, as previously included in the GLC Household package. This was offered for sale at £20.00 per month and has proved very successful.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Greenvale Leisure Centre came under Council management on the 10 th September 2017. Council officers are currently reviewing membership deals that are offered across Leisure in Mid Ulster. However as a large number of the Greenvale Household memberships are currently being renewed, a number of existing Greenvale and Maghera Leisure centre customers have complained about the Greenvale membership deal not including Maghera Leisure Centre as it has done for the last number of years.
3.2	It is therefore recommended that Greenvale Leisure Centre membership (including Household and Monthly Direct Debit Membership) packages include use of Maghera Leisure Centre. This will ensure that customers will continue to receive the same level of service that they previously did.

4.0	Other Considerations
	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>
4.1	This may negatively impact on the sale of monthly memberships for Maghera Leisure centre only.
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> N/A
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	That Members recommend that Greenvale Leisure Centre membership (including Household and Monthly Direct Debit Membership) packages include use of Maghera Leisure Centre.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

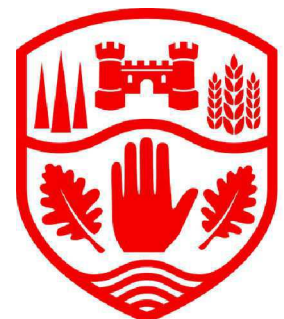
Report on	Proposed Gael Scoil at Gortgonis site, Coalisland
Reporting Officer	Liam Glavin
Contact Officer	Oliver McShane

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek permission to engage Land and Property Services to value the proposed Gael Scoil site and associated costs at Gortgonis.
2.0	Background
2.1	In February 2017 Members approved that Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Developments for the Gortgonis Site, Coalisland be further progressed and that Council initiates the procurement process to appoint an ICT team to proceed with the design details for a new Council facility.
2.2	Also in February 2017 officers reported that the initial location of the Gaelscoil, as already approved by Council, was presenting technical problems from an engineering perspective in the actual construction of the site which was adding significantly to the construction costs. The original location also split the Gortgonis site which would have made future development by Council more difficult. Officers met with the Department of Education to discuss a revised location for the school to the front of the site. This will require the demolition of the existing building but will make better use of the site and remove the technical difficulties with the construction of the school at the back of the site.
2.3	Leisure and Technical Services are progressing the appointment of the ICT team.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Department of Education have come back to Council with a revised plan for the new school site. (Please see Appendix 1 which also includes a full site plan)
3.2	The indicative plans are for the Department of Education to take over the site as projected in September 2018 following Council approval. Council will carry out extensive consultation work with the local community to ascertain their needs before plans for the leisure aspects of the Gortgonis site are finalised.

3.3	The Council officers have been in discussions with the Woodland Trust regarding the trees on the site. The trees will have to be removed to facilitate the proposed school development as well as Council's Leisure plans for the site. The Woodland Trust will require Council to replant an equivalent area to that currently on the Gortgonis site elsewhere in a location that is publically accessible. Council officers are currently in the process of identifying suitable alternative sites.
3.4	There is a requirement for Land and Property Services (LPS) to put a valuation on the cost of the acquisition of this land and associated costs from Council. Officers are seeking permission to engage LPS to value the site and associated costs.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>The cost of LPS valuations are in existing budgets. The cost of replanting the existing area of trees at an alternative location (estimated £8,000).</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That members agree to Council engaging with the Woodland Trust to negotiate the relocation of an equivalent area of trees to a suitable location and that LPS carry out a valuation of the proposed school site and associated costs at Gortgonis, Coalisland.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1: Gortgonis site plans.

Gortgonis



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Report on	Lough Neagh Partnership Core Funding 2017/18
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Allison O'Keefe

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To approve annual contribution for year 2017/18 to the core running costs associated with Lough Neagh Partnership in the delivery of marketing tourism, recreational, environmental and heritage activities on Lough Neagh and the Lough Neagh shoreline on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council .
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd is a non-profit company limited by guarantee with a Board of Directors representing local authorities, community sector, business sector and special interest groups.</p> <p>The Partnership has delivered programmes and projects on behalf of local and central government including the Lough Neagh Strategic Fund (DARD) and LN Co-Operation Fund (RDP). It has also developed and in part implemented the Lough Neagh and Its Waterways Destination Management Plan. The funding will be used for various projects and to operate a continuous marketing plan for Lough Neagh.</p> <p>Over the years, the Lough Neagh Partnership has received core funding from the seven legacy councils and, since RPA, the five new councils around the Lough, for core co-ordination and marketing roles. Of these five, three Council's (Mid Ulster, Armagh/Banbridge/Craigavon and Antrim/Newtownabbey) have a major part of the shoreline whilst the remaining two (Mid/East Antrim and Lisburn/Castlereagh) have smaller but important portions.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Lough Neagh seek continued support from Mid Ulster District Council to co-ordinate and promote tourism, environmental and heritage activities on Lough Neagh and around the shoreline to bring social, economic and cultural benefits to the Mid Ulster area.</p> <p>Lough Neagh Partnership will also attempt to attract over £150,000 of new investment in the Mid Ulster area for 2017/18 on top of £1million HLF investment.</p>

	<p>Funding is requested for core running and staff costs in the development and delivery of programmes.</p> <p>Funding requests to each of the five Councils, which are pro rata based in accordance with the approximate amount of shoreline and/ or activity hubs are outlined below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Ulster Council £22,000 • Antrim/Newtownabbey £22,000 Approved • Armagh /Banbridge/Craigavon £22,000 Approved • Mid/East Antrim £3,500 Approved • Lisburn/Castlereagh £3,500 Approved <p>As part of this funding Lough Neagh Partnership will continue to attract additional investment (such as the Landscape Partnership scheme, NIEA Shoreline scheme, new Farm Group Scheme). They will look to improve the infrastructure in the area through Heritage Trails and Heritage projects in HLF scheme, enhance long-term economic prospects through improved marketing of tourism product. Assist Mid Ulster with planning and community planning advice, sustain 3 jobs and indirectly create 5 new jobs through Landscape Partnership.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: £22,000 which has been identified in the 2017/18 budget and will be paid in 2 stages:</p> <p>Stage 1 payment 1 April – 30 September 17</p> <p>Stage 2 payment 1 October – 31 March 17</p>
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Recommend Mid Ulster District Council fund Lough Neagh Partnership £22,000 as requested and subject to funding being secured from all five Lough Neagh Council's.
5.2	Recommend that the Lough Neagh Partnership submit a quarterly update to Mid Ulster District Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 - LNP Application Report for Funding 2017/18

LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP CORE FUNDING 2017/18 - £22,000
MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL FUNDING MEASUREABLE TARGETS AND
QUANTIFIABLE OUTPUTS



Targets	Target Date	Quantifiable Outputs
1. Landscape Partnership Project Deliver Year 2 of the Lough Neagh Landscap Partnership project	31 MARCH 18	Implement projects as agreed in HLF plan for 2018/19 e.g. signage project, Ardboe Archaeology project, Mountjoy Archaeology project. Begin progress on Brookend and Derryloughan nature reserves.
2. Destination Marketing Plan Working with Mid Ulster Council and stakeholders, identify and help develop new tourism products on Lough	31 MARCH 18	Develop and promote three new major Lough Neagh Tours 2 of which relate to and promote the Mid Ulster Tourism development product. Begin to develop a new food project for the Lough. Help Mid Ulster with the implementation of their tourism strategy.
3. Marketing and Promotion 3.1 Ensure that VICs provide event information to Tourism NI on regular basis 3.2 Co-ordination of Tourism NI marketing features for LN Work includes co—ordination of marketing features for Tourism NI productions/ advertorials.	31 MARCH 18	Minimum of 20 events per District. MUDC events submitted to TNI will be featured on Discover Lough Neagh website & app 2 advertorials - Spring and Autumn 4 stakeholder newsletters - Quarterly The website & app will be updated weekly Review other content on website and update through new content management system. Issue of event updates and minimum of 6 press releases.

<p>3.3 Blog Competition</p> <p>3.4 Trade fairs and exhibitions</p>		<p>Consumer and trade pages on Facebook and Twitter. 200 posts for Facebook/Twitter</p> <p>Electronic Christmas Colouring competition for schools.</p> <p>Blog Competition. LNP will feature the top 10 blogs on the destination website, which will have significant SEO value for the destination website and also for the individual visitor attractions featured in the blog. A link can also be included to Mid Ulster Council on the relevant blogs.</p> <p>Lough Neagh Partnership will attend trade fairs and exhibitions where opportunities arise to promote the destination and its events. We do not envisage taking destination stands of our own as this would be cost prohibitive.</p>
<p>4. Lough Neagh Cycle Trail Monitor condition of Lough Neagh Cycle Trail as part of the establishment of a Heritage Trail under the HLF Landscape partnership project</p>	31 MARCH 18	<p>Lough Neagh Partnership will help promote the cycle trail and Lap the Lough event throughout 2017/18</p>
<p>5. Lough Neagh Community Trust LNP staff to work with Development Trust NI to ensure that new Community Trust (which was established in March 2016) becomes operational and new funding attracted from DAERA</p>	31 MARCH 18	<p>To have new Lough Neagh Community Trust operational by 2017/18 Help download new funding for DTNI from DAERA Attend Community Development Trust meetings To continue to provide marketing management and environmental advice to the new Lough Neagh Community Trust.</p>
<p>6. Lough Neagh Cooperation Project Help LAGS AND Mid Ulster Council develop Lough Neagh Cooperation Project</p>	31 MARCH 18	<p>Help and assist Lags to develop Rural Development Programme Cooperation project Continue to provide help and advice on the implementation of this project for the LAGs and Councils around the shores of the Lough Help facilitate the securing of a Rural Development Project in conjunction with Mid Ulster Council and Mid Ulster Local Action</p>

		Group to bring benefits to the Mid Ulster District in terms of loughshore facilities owned by Council.
7. Lough Neagh Food Programme Apply to DAERA and develop strategy for Lough Neagh food with particular emphasis on Lough Neagh fish with a view to securing EU or RDP funding for a food programme.	31 MARCH 18	Meet with DAERA Identification of partners Development of funding proposal Submission of proposal when programme opens Identify benefits specific to Lough Neagh
8. Liaison with MUDC Ongoing liaison MUDC	31 MARCH 18	Generally meet with minimum 3 meetings with MUDC officers in 2017/8 to update on progress
9. NIEA Shoreline Plan Attract new funding and engage with farmers and landowners on western shore to improve condition of western shore	31 MARCH 18	LNP staff will help implement and administer funding of £43,000 which has been secured for a second year from NIEA towards the development and implementation of management for Special Protected Areas (SPAs). Part of this project will relate to the Mid Ulster District Council area.
10. New Group Farm Scheme Set up new Group Farm Scheme on western shores of Lough Neagh and Mid Ulster Council area	31 MARCH 18	LNP intends to receive, manage and administer new £200,000 DAERA Group Farm Scheme for Lough Neagh with the focus area in western shores /Mid Ulster area giving help and assistance to over 20 farmers along the Mid Ulster shoreline of Lough Neagh. Receive funding and start programme in 2017/18
11. Lough Neagh Plan Help with Mid Ulster Council planning Group for Lough Neagh to develop new planning zone designation for Lough Neagh	31 MARCH 18	LNP staff intend to attend Lough Neagh planning meetings led by Mid Ulster District Council and give advice and assistance on the development of new coordinated Lough Neagh plan
12. Mid Ulster Community Planning Meetings Help and assist with development of Mid Ulster Community Plan	31 MARCH 18	Lough Neagh intends to attend Mid Ulster Community Planning meetings and feed into Lough Neagh issues and concerns

13. THOAULP Help give advice and help with Mid Ulster HLF Landscape Project AHOULP	31 MARCH 18	LNP staff intend to provide advice and assistance to help with Ulster HLF landscape proposal
14. Implement Water Quality Project Lough Neagh Water Quality Interreg Project	31 MARCH 18	LNP staff intend to assist with implementation and administration of Interreg Water Quality Programme (Waterpro) relating to whole of Lough but parts will relate to the Mid Ulster area
15. ICBAN and Waterways Ireland Life Plus Project Help develop project for Mid Ulster	31 MARCH 18	LNP intend to investigate and assist Waterways Ireland and ICBAN in the development of an Invasive Species Program for the Lough Neagh Shoreline of Mid Ulster Council. Will help Mid Ulster Council with project
16. Coalisland HLF Great Places Project Make application	31 MARCH 18	LNP manager will apply for funding and work with partnership to develop a Great Place Project in Coalisland and the wider area. Potential grant of up to £500,000. All within Mid Ulster area.

Report on	Holiday World Shows – January 19-21 Belfast & 26-28 Dublin
Reporting Officer	Mary McGee
Contact Officer	Michael Brown

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>Holiday World Show, Belfast 19-21 2018</p> <p>Holiday World Show, Dublin 26-28 January 2018</p> <p>This report outlines Mid Ulster Council past and planned participation at Holiday World Shows in Belfast and Dublin and outlines the benefits of attendance at both shows to Mid Ulster Council and trade who attend with us. With the favourable Euro – Sterling exchange rate and the longer shoulder season in the tourism calendar, now is an opportune time to continue to strongly promote Mid Ulster and our tourism product both in the ROI and domestic market.</p>
2.0	Background
2.1	<p><u>Holiday World Shows, Belfast & Dublin</u></p> <p>MUDC tourism section plan to showcase the region and its tourism product at the largest tourism consumer tourism shows in Ireland in January 2018. The Holiday World Shows are long established shows that were attended by MUDC staff and tourism trade.</p> <p>Last year the Belfast Show attracted just under 22,000 visitors, whilst Holiday World, Dublin saw over 42,000 visitors over 3 days.</p> <p>All businesses in Mid Ulster are invited to participate and promote on the stand, businesses who participated last year included:</p> <p>NI Self Catering (Aghaloo)</p> <p>J&K Coaches</p> <p>Walsh's Hotel</p> <p>Jungle NI</p> <p>Shepherds Rest</p> <p>Seamus Heaney HomePlace</p> <p>Blessingbourne Estate</p> <p>All businesses ran competitions to build databases with some now getting good responses from these. Some worked in conjunction with the Belfast Telegraph who</p>

	<p>sponsor the show and again got additional PR through this. We will be encouraged businesses to do likewise in 2018.</p> <p>Businesses report good enquiries and great networking from the show plus forward bookings. All trade are offered space including a counter on the stand complimentary.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Holiday World Shows, Belfast & Dublin</u></p> <p>The shows provide a platform for tourism businesses to sell and promote their businesses. It is planned to invite trade from across the Mid Ulster Council area to attend and promote their businesses. Up to 8 businesses will possibly be facilitated on the stand. The tourism section in Council also plan to launch the new Mid Ulster Visitor Guide for 2018 on Friday 19 January 2018.</p> <p>The Dublin Show will this year include a Northern Ireland themed village, in association with Tourism NI and given the strength of the Euro and positive numbers of ROI visitors coming North it is an opportune time to exhibit. We plan to exhibit in this space with:</p> <p>Causeway Coast & Glens Fermanagh Lakeland Tourism Visit Derry The Mourne Visit Belfast Antrim Tourism NI</p> <p>Belfast also sees a change with a new trade event added to the show on Friday evening. The show will welcome Media, Trade and Tour Operators to a specific trade sales event on Friday 19th January.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p><u>Holiday World, Belfast</u> Stand hire, furniture, subsistence and mileage - £2,300</p> <p><u>Holiday World, Dublin</u> Stand hire, electrics, furniture, subsistence and mileage - £2,000</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p><u>N/A</u></p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p>

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Recommend Tourism staff and trade continue to attend the largest tourism platforms and target their largest growing markets in association with Tourism NI.
6.0	Documents Attached & References

Report On	Economic Development Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Evaluation Report - Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera 2) Business Support Programmes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1) Mid Ulster Social Enterprise Programme 2.2) Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme 2.3) Mid Ulster Business Breakfast Digital Seminars 3) Heritage Funding Programme 4) Coalisland and Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-On Events 5) Foreign Direct Investment App 6) Digital Catapult – Regional LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network) networks Funding Call 7) Draperstown Townscape Heritage
Reporting Officer	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

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	Information relates to an individual		
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	Information relates to financial or business affairs of a person (including the council)		
	Information relates to consultations or negotiations, in relation to labour relations matters		
	Information relates to claim which legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings		
	Reveals that council proposes to give a notice by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or make an order or direction under any statutory provision		
	Relates to action taken or to be taken in connection with prevention, investigation or possession of crime		

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed above.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Evaluation Report - Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera</p> <p>Enchanted Garden Event was held on Saturday 26 August 2017 12pm – 4pm in The Walled Garden, Maghera and was attended by 3,675 people. The event provided a wide range of fun activities with a fairies and elf theme for children, including storytelling, face painting, balloon modelling, a games area, craft making (including fairy wand and elf hat making), and plant your own fairy and elf garden.</p>
2.2	<p>Business Support Programmes</p> <p>2.2.1 Mid Ulster Social Enterprise Programme - This Programme will provide a range of interventions including assistance to explore new ideas, establish a new enterprise and help existing enterprises grow and become more sustainable. The Contract is for the period from August 2017 to January 2020 and includes targets such as a minimum of 40 enterprises supported, the creation of 15 new jobs and funding leveraged of £150,000 and following a procurement exercise Workspace Enterprises Ltd were appointed in August 2017 to deliver the Programme at a cost of up to £78,000 (including expenses and excluding vat).</p> <p>2.2.2 Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme - This Programme seeks to drive innovation activity and increase productivity in the local engineering sector through the provision of intensive bespoke support to help a minimum of 18 engineering businesses develop new products, processes or services and implement business improvement techniques. Targets include a minimum of 15 new jobs created, increase in turnover averaging 5% and all 18 businesses to have developed new products, processes or services. Following a procurement process, in August 2017, the South West College InnoTech Centre were appointed to deliver the Programme completing in January 2019 at a cost of up to £64,570 (including expenses and excluding vat).</p> <p>2.2.3 Mid Ulster Business Breakfast Digital Seminars - Following the highly popular Digital Seminars delivered earlier this year, in August 2017, quotations were sought for the delivery of three further Digital Seminars (in Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt) during Autumn 2017. 42Digital were appointed to manage and deliver the Seminar Programme at a cost of up to £7,750 (excluding vat).</p>
2.3	<p>Coalisland and Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-On Events</p> <p>Historically, the legacy Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council and Magherafelt District Council supported Christmas events in Coalisland and Maghera over and above the Festive Lighting Grants that were offered to villages. These events continued to be funded last year and were organised by CRAIC Theatre in Coalisland and Maghera Traders Association in Maghera and are well established events supported by the local community.</p>
2.4	Digital Catapult – Regional LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network) networks Funding Call

	<p>In June 2017, Digital Catapult was awarded funding from Innovate UK for its bid to expand a project called “Things Connected”. This is intended to develop up to five additional large-scale low power wide area networks (LPWAN) which are emerging as potentially very powerful for business growth. This is a one year pilot providing a free-to-use regional LPWAN network for the use of testing, experimentation, demonstration of products and services.</p> <p>This fund seeks to lower the barrier to access for this new technology and create opportunities for innovative businesses to develop. The fund will focus on: (i) setting up a regional network; (ii) providing access to the network; (iii) stimulating interest in the business opportunities a network brings;(iv), and educating SME’s on the potential of IoT to their businesses.</p>
2.5	<p>Foreign Direct Investment App</p> <p>The existing Foreign Direct Investment app (FDI APP) for Mid Ulster was developed during the local government transition period. At a previous Development Committee meeting, it was agreed that details be provided at a future meeting, outlining the number of users of the existing FDI app and where these enquiries originated from.</p> <p>Previously Council agreed to support the procurement of a suitably qualified organisation to undertake upgrade work on the existing FDI App for Mid Ulster, estimated to cost £10,000. Subsequent to this, further input was sought from Invest NI’s Trade Team on how best to position Mid Ulster’s inward investment proposition.</p>
2.6	<p>Heritage Funding Programme</p> <p>At the last Committee meeting, it was agreed that officers research the current funding provision and identify any gaps in such provision, and explore the potential of developing a small funding programme aimed at protecting and enhancing the natural and built heritage in Mid Ulster.</p>
2.7	<p>Draperstown Townscape Heritage</p> <p>Correspondence received from The Workspace Group, dated 11 September 2017, inviting Mid Ulster District Council to act as a partner in a Townscape Heritage Scheme for Draperstown Conservation Area which will involve committing financial and partnership support over a five year period.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Evaluation Report - Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera</p> <p>To receive Evaluation Report on the Enchanted Garden Event held in Maghera on 26 August 2017 where 3,675 people attended (Appendix 1).</p>
3.2	<p>Business Support Programmes:</p> <p>3.2.1 Mid Ulster Social Enterprise Programme - This Programme is now open for applications for support. Any groups seeking support to set up or develop a</p>

	<p>Social Enterprise should contact Michelle Clarke at the Workspace on 028 79628113 or email: michelle@theworkspacegroup.org</p> <p>3.2.2 Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme - This Programme is now open for applications from Mid Ulster's engineering businesses. Any business interested in hearing how this Programme could support their innovation ambitions should contact Clodagh O'Neill at the South West College on 028 82 255223 or email: clodagh.o'neill@swc.ac.uk</p> <p>3.2.3 Mid Ulster Business Breakfast Digital Seminars - Three Digital Seminars will be delivered over the next few weeks (see Programme attached Appendix 2). Each Seminar will explore the topic of 'Achieving Online Growth' through a range of methods. They will all commence with an interactive Q&A session with the panel of experts, followed by short presentations, then breaking into workshops where delegates will have the chance to explore the topic with the presenters. Demand is expected to be high and registration for each seminar will only be available once the previous one is over.</p>
3.3	<p>Heritage Funding Programme</p> <p>Work is underway to research current heritage funding streams with a view to identifying the need for a small scale Council funding programme to bridge potential gaps in provision. Details will be worked up and a report brought back to Committee next month.</p>
3.4	<p>Coalisland and Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-On Events</p> <p>CRAIC Theatre Company and Maghera Traders Association have submitted requests for funding towards the Christmas Lights Switch-on events as per previous years (see Appendices 3 and 4). Officers have requested further information on the proposals and when this is received and if deemed acceptable, it is proposed that Council fund the initiative to the value of £4,200 in Coalisland for a switch-on event on Sun 3rd December 2017 and £3,500 for a switch-on event in Maghera on Sat 2nd December 2017 and permit officers to work with CRAIC Theatre Company and Maghera Traders Association to deliver the event. Funding for these events are included in this year's economic development budget.</p>
3.5	<p>Digital Catapult – Regional LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network) Networks Funding Call</p> <p>This technology provides a means of inexpensive secure long distance communication between a sensor which is based in the community and the owner of the sensor. The communication requires very little power so a sensor may have a battery attached which is sufficient for the life of a device. The sensor could be measuring temperature, humidity, location, movement, air quality, or many other pieces of data. The data can be passed back to a server via the internet and presented to a decision maker with other similar pieces of data.</p> <p>This is not 3G/4G/Broadband type information but small pieces of information fed from lots of devices. The small data 'packets' can be received from lots of sensors so the collection of data from lots of sensors over a long period of time will build rich decision making information which is currently unavailable.</p> <p>The Technical Proposal for this project is attached on Appendix 5. Ulster University will lead a bid for funds subject to support of Invest NI, Councils and NI businesses. Ulster University will focus on building a technical network across whole of NI or selected</p>

locations based on business need. The deadline for this funding bid is 29 September 2017 and InvestNI is asking all 11 Councils to support in principle to fund (approx. £10K per council) to launch small scale trials which will utilise the LPWAN network to address challenges such as:

Regional

- Understanding visitor activity across the region (including arrival/departure) and encouraging movement between attractions.
- Better understanding of movement of key waste products – to support circular economy planning.

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- Predictive analytics for anti-social behaviour in council open spaces (parks, etc.)
- Supporting more effective building management (energy monitoring, public usage of building, etc.)
- Gather data on usage of public services and facilities, particularly new facilities to improve operational efficiency and create new services for users / residents.
- Better tracking of household recycling behaviour
- Better management of street waste bins
- Understanding car parking usage/decision-making by drivers – to maximise use of such spaces.
- Pedestrian flow modelling – e.g. tracking shoppers'/visitors movements to enhance planning of retail experience in city centre.
- Active living – tracking to support update of walking, running, active programmes.

The expectation is that the Councils will come together to define and create opportunities to explore the capability through challenge funds.

Further Details on the Call is available at

<https://www.digitalcatapultcentre.org.uk/open-calls/lpwan-open-call/>

3.6

Foreign Direct Investment App

Existing FDI App User Statistics - for the period March 2015 to August 2017, Google Analytics recorded 4,964 user sessions of Mid Ulster's FDI app. This equates to approximately 38 user sessions per week. The following capital cities were recorded having user sessions (using android and iOS Traffic); Edinburgh, Cardiff, London, Washington, Paris, Madrid, Stockholm, Moscow, Beijing, New Delhi and Jakarta.

New FDI Proposition - Previously the Council agreed to support the procurement of a suitably qualified organisation to undertake upgrade work on the existing FDI App for Mid Ulster. However, subsequent guidance from Invest NI's Trade Team would suggest that an FDI App is not the tool that is required in future to promote an area's unique sales

3.7	<p>proposition. They suggest this has now been superseded and a new approach is required to promote Mid Ulster as an investment location.</p> <p>It is therefore, recommended that Council do not update the existing FDI App, but instead, focus on using the £10,000 budget on other key activities to promote Mid Ulster, aligned to what Invest NI's Investment Managers now require. This may include the development of local business ambassador videos, exploring high profile networking opportunities, developing high quality presentations and imagery tailored to meet the specific needs of investors etc. This change in direction comes at an opportune time and allows Council to focus our budget on getting the best return on investment. It is therefore, recommended that the previously agreed budget of £10,000 be reallocated to support activities and opportunities as identified by Invest NI's Investment Managers.</p> <p>Draperstown Townscape Heritage Correspondence received from the Chairman of The Workspace Group, dated 11 September 2017 (Appendix 6), invites Mid Ulster District Council to partner with the Workspace Group in making an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund's Townscape Heritage Programme for improvements to the built historic environment in Draperstown Conservation Area.</p> <p>To partner in any bid will require financial and partnership support over a five year scheme, should the application be successful. The overall cost of the scheme is estimated at £1.5million. The letter indicates that the financial support from Mid Ulster District Council is unlikely to exceed £100,000 per annum for 5 years. Furthermore the cost of a first round application is estimated at between £10,000 and £15,000 and again a contribution towards these costs are sought.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of a round one application is December 2017, and if successful the scheme would not commence until the 2019/2020 financial year.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>Mid Ulster Business Breakfast Digital Seminars £7,750 (including expenses and excluding vat) is available from within the economic development budget)</p> <p>4.2 Christmas Lights Switch-On Events Coalisland Christmas Lights Switch on Event - £4,200 Maghera Christmas Lights Switch on Event - £3,500</p> <p>4.3 Digital Catapult – Regional LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network) Networks Funding Call £10,000 support for funding, if the application is successful (approx. £10K per council)</p> <p>4.4 <u>Human Resources Implications</u> Staff time</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> N/A</p>

4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	Members are requested;
5.1	Evaluation Report - Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera To note Evaluation Report on Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera
5.2	Business Support Programmes
	5.2.1 Mid Ulster Social Enterprise Programme To note progress
	5.2.2 Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme To note progress
	5.2.3 Mid Ulster Digital Seminars To note Digital Seminar dates.
5.3	Heritage Funding Programme To note progress.
5.4	Coalisland and Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-On Events To financially support CRAIC Theatre to the value of £4,200 to deliver the Coalisland Christmas Lights Switch-on, on Sun 3 rd December 2017 and work in partnership with Maghera Traders Association to deliver the Maghera Christmas Lights Switch-on, on Sat 2 nd December 2017 to the value of £3,500; all subject to Officers being satisfied with the proposals submitted.
5.5	Digital Catapult – Regional LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network) networks Funding Call To financially support making provision of £10,000 to support a range of both regional and Mid Ulster specific challenges that utilise the LPWAN network subject to a successful funding bid being submitted by Invest NI.
5.6	Foreign Direct Investment App To agree the reassignment of £10,000 budget from an FDI App to more specific resources required by inward investors as identified by Invest NI.
5.7	Draperstown Townscape Heritage To advise the Workspace Group that Council will informally support their group to develop a Regeneration Project via the Heritage Lottery Fund for Draperstown by way of officer attendance at their meetings but decline the request to make a financial contribution towards the project.
6.0	Documents Attached & References

	<p>Appendix 1 – Evaluation Report - Enchanted Garden Event, Maghera</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Mid Ulster Digital Seminars Programme</p> <p>Appendix 3 – CRAIC Theatre, Coalisland – Request re Christmas Lights Switch On Event</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Maghera Traders Association – Request re Christmas Lights Switch on Event</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Digital Catapult – Regional Low Power Wide Area Network</p> <p>Appendix 6 – Letter from the Workspace Group re Draperstown Townscape Heritage</p>
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APPENDIX 1

Event Evaluation

“Enchanted Garden”

Maghera Walled Garden Event Saturday 26 August 2017



Background

The two acre Victorian Walled Garden in Maghera was restored in 2015, and is a key attraction in the district. Mid Ulster Town Centre Action Plan identifies as one of its key themes that a number of key events will be developed and delivered to add vitality and vibrancy to the five town centres.

The aim of the “Enchanted Garden” event was to promote the Walled Garden by delivering a signature event to showcase the attractiveness of the facility. It was envisaged that the event would attract over 3,000 (local and national) visitors to the area and increase footfall to Maghera town centre.

Event Overview

A number of activities took place during the event:

- Create your own Fairy or Elf Garden
- Fairy Wand & Elf Hat Making
- Fairy & Elf House Trail
- Fairy Door Making
- Gormely the Troll Show
- Storytelling with Strawberry the Summer fairy
- Face Painting
- Balloon Modellers
- Glitter Tattooist
- Giant Games
- Garden Games
- Classical Music
- Food stalls
- A park and ride facility operated from the High School site



Attendance

The event attracted a total of 3,675 people which exceeded the target of 3,000.

50% of people attending the event were from Maghera and 50% were from other areas as follows:

- Magherafelt (15%)
- Swatragh, Tobermore and Dungannon (15% each)
- Other areas outside Mid Ulster District (20% - Bangor, Derry)

Budget

The total cost of the event was £13,795.93

This was broken down as follows:

Marketing	£3,777.13
Entertainment	£6,245
Operational Costs	£3,773.80

Marketing & Promotion

Promotion of the Enchanted Garden event at Maghera Walled Garden event on social media commenced on the 1st August 2017. The channels used were Facebook- Visit Magherafelt page and Twitter - MidUlster_DC.

On Facebook, between 1st August and 29th August a total of 23 posts (including 3 videos) were added to the Visit Magherafelt Facebook page (4 pre-event, 18 during the 4 hours and 1 post-event) which resulted in a *reach of 123,905, engagement of 9,127 and 823 video views.

On Twitter, between the same dates (1st-29th August), 20 posts (including 3 videos) were added to the Mid Ulster Council Twitter page (3 pre-event, 16 during the 4 hours and 1 post-event) which resulted in a total of 19,830 *impressions, engagement of 613 and 322 views.

This clearly illustrates that the platform that worked best for promoting the event was Facebook.

As well as promotion on social media, a total of 4 news releases were issued to the press- 3 pre-event and one post-event.

Artwork was also designed- flyers, billboards, adshels were produced and ads designed for newspapers and the event was added to the homepage of the Council's website and the URL /enchantedgarden was setup.

*reach- Facebook reach is the number of unique people who saw your content.

*impressions- the number of times a tweet has been delivered to the Twitter stream of a particular account.

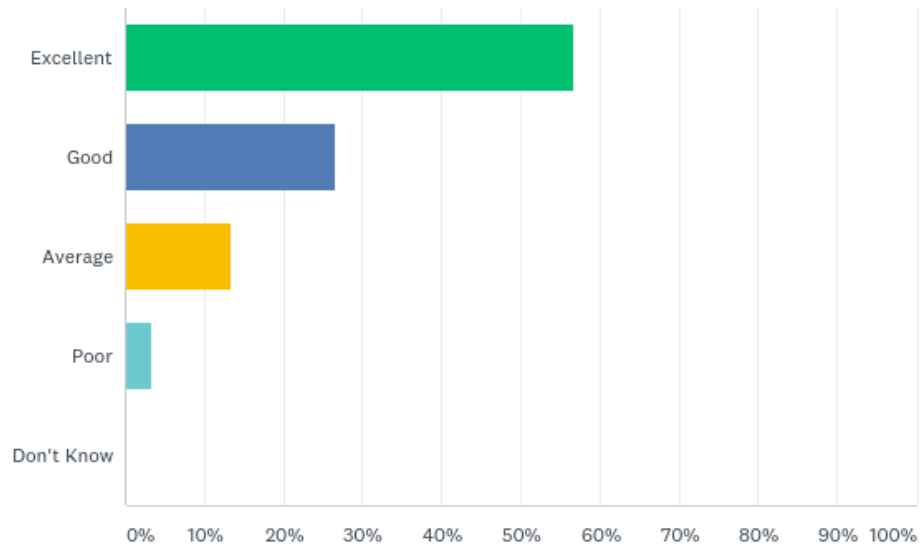
Some of the Facebook comments following the event can be seen below:

Feedback

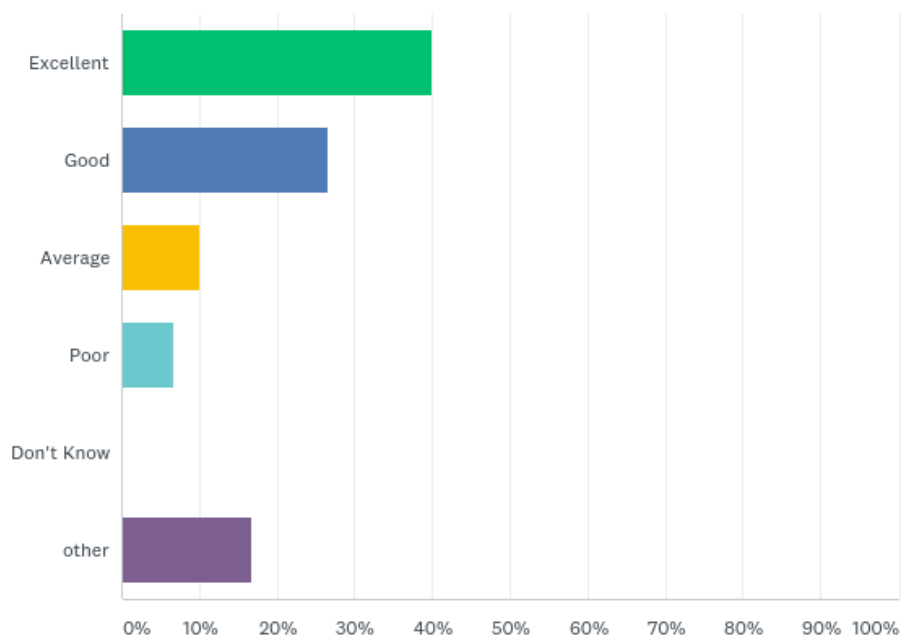
A Survey Monkey questionnaire was developed and shared on the Visit Magherafelt facebook page immediately after the event (Appendix 1)

Feedback from the event was very positive as can be seen from the responses highlighted below.

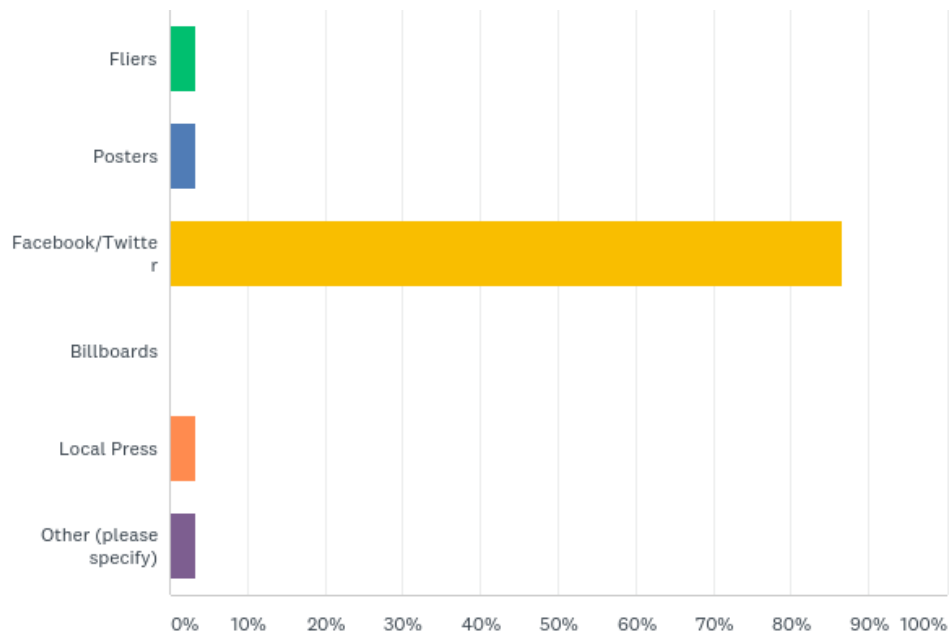
How would you rate the atmosphere at our event?



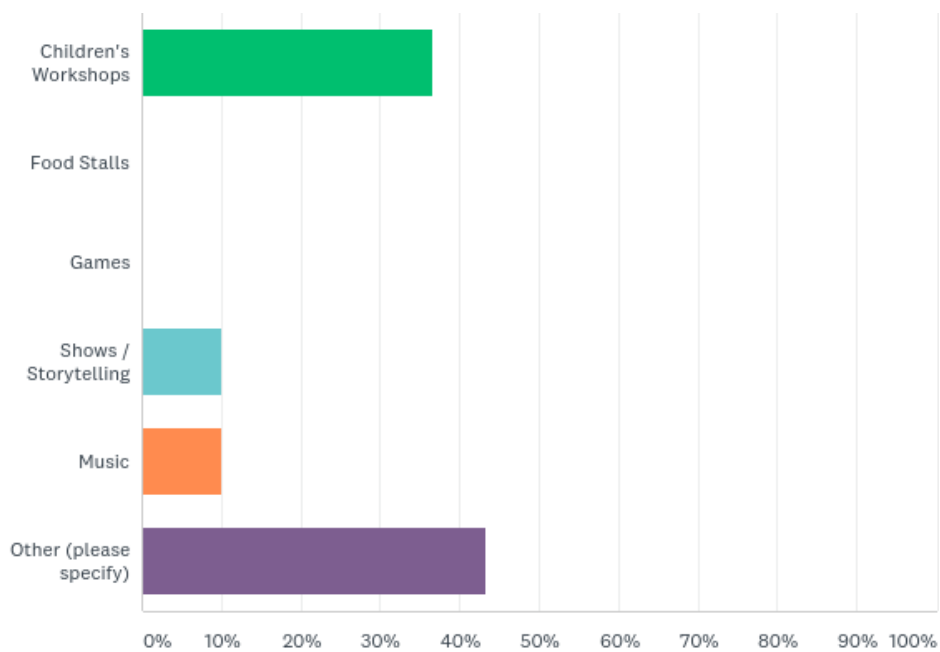
How would you rate the Entertainment provided?



How did you hear about the Event?



What did you enjoy most about the event?



There were a number of comments regarding the queuing for activities. With the large number of children attending the event the demand for workshops was high and therefore queuing was an issue.

The Park and Ride Facility received some comments regarding the time for waiting for the bus. Unfortunately it was not possible to source an additional bus on the day.

Recommendations for future event

Should the event be delivered again the following recommendations have been submitted through the evaluation process:

- Activities for large groups to replace a number of workshops. This will restrict the queuing times for workshops.
- Park & Ride Facility – increase the size/buses for the Park and Ride Facility
- Leaflets to be produced detailing the activities taking place and the location of each

Conclusion

This event was received very positively by the people who attended and the local businesses in the town. The event met the objectives as set out in the Mid Ulster Town Centre Action Plan of animating public and shared spaces in the town centre, enhancing the overall visitor experience and increasing civic pride.



Evaluation Enchanted Garden Event Saturday 26 August 2017

1. How would you rate the atmosphere at our event?

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Don't Know

2. How would you rate the entertainment provided?

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Don't Know

3. What other entertainment or activities do you feel would enhance this event?

4. How did you hear about the event?

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Don't Know

5. Where did you travel from to attend today?

6. What did you enjoy most about the event?

- ☐ Children's Workshops
- ☐ Food Stalls
- ☐ Games
- ☐ Shows / Storytelling
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Mid Ulster Business Breakfast Digital Seminars 2017

Seminar 1: Achieving Online Growth Through Your Website

Date: Wednesday 4 October 2017

Time: 8:00am - 10:15am

Venue: The Burnavon Theatre, Cookstown

This seminar will advise how to drive more relevant traffic to your website and convert that traffic into new customers and enquiries. The 2 workshop sessions will explore the fundamentals of **Search Engine Optimisation** and the **Essential Elements of an Effective Website**.

2 leading digital experts, (Barry Adams, Digital Polemic Digital Robert McKnight, eCommerce and Digital Marketing specialist) will share their knowledge, experience and answer your questions during a 40 minute panel discussion. After the discussion, you will have the choice of attending one of the practical hands on workshops that are focused on providing actionable advice and guidance.

Clara Maybin, Digital Marketing Executive for successful Mid Ulster company, BA Components, will share their digital success story and provide insights into how to achieve growth online.

Seminar 2: Achieving Online Growth Through Advertising

Date: Wednesday 25 October 2017

Time: 8:00am - 10:15am

Venue: Ranfurly House, Dungannon

This seminar will show how to use tried and tested digital advertising techniques that generate more sales, more leads, more engagement and will contribute to a successful digital approach. The 2 workshop sessions will provide a step by step guide to **Google AdWords** and **Facebook Advertising** focused on generating real commercial results for your business.

Niamh Taylor and Emma Gribben will share their knowledge, experience and answer your questions during a 40 minute panel discussion. After the discussion, you will have the choice of attending one of the practical hands on workshops that are focused on providing actionable advice and guidance.

A local company will also be on hand to share their digital success story and provide insights into what is required to achieve growth online.

Seminar 3: Achieving Online Growth Through Content Marketing

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2017

Time: 8:00am - 10:15am

Venue: Council Offices, Magherafelt

Content Marketing

This seminar will show how to create content that connects with your customers in a meaningful way along their path to purchase. The two workshop sessions will demonstrate how to create personalised video content for Facebook that will boost local awareness and generate sales and provide a step by step guide on creating a content marketing strategy.

Peter McNicholl and Kathryn Pyper will share their knowledge, experience and answer your questions during a 40 minute panel discussion. After the discussion, you will have the choice of attending one of the practical hands on workshops that are focused on providing actionable advice and guidance.

Local company "Find Your Body with Pete" will also be on hand to share their digital success story and provide insights into what is required to achieve growth online.

**APPENDIX 3 – LETTER FROM CRAIC THEATRE
RE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON, COALISLAND**



**Amharclann
& Ionad Ealaíona
CRAIC**

27th September 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Over the past 10 years, CRAIC Theatre have co-ordinated and delivered the annual Christmas Switch On for Coalisland. This annual event marks the start of the festive season and brings the community together.

The community of Coalisland and the surrounding area look forward to this event each year and we request the continued financial support of £4,200 from Mid Ulster District Council to deliver this event for Christmas 2017.

We look forward to working with the council this year again. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to our offices on 028 8774 1100.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Carolan'.

Micky Carolan

CRAIC Theatre

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**APPENDIX 4 – LETTER FROM MAGHERA TRADERS ASSOCIATION
RE MAGHERA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

From: Gary Burns <gary@burnshomes.co.uk>

Date: 26 September 2017 at 18:23:12 BST

To: Davina McCartney <Davina.McCartney@midulstercouncil.org>

Subject: Maghera Christmas Switch On/Winter Wonderland

Hi Davina – on behalf of Maghera Traders Association, we would be delighted if the Mid Ulster Council would be able to help provide support, both financially and practically for the upcoming 2017 Maghera Christmas Festival that is held annually within the town.

Regards,

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APPENDIX 5 - DIGITAL CATAPULT ULSTER PROPOSAL

SECTION D – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

See Section 11 for evaluation criteria with which this relates.

The boxes set out below may be resized as required. Any attached material must be clearly referenced in the question and the attachment clearly labelled with the question number.

D1	Meeting the Requirements	
<p>Confirmation and brief evidence that your organisation can meet all the requirements as detailed in Section 3 of this RFP.</p> <p>Please note that a response of 'no' may result in your RFP being rejected. Please use the space below to explain the solution will satisfy the requirements stated.</p>		<p>Pass/Fail (500 words max.)</p>
		<p>RESPONSE TO D1</p> <p>We have developed a consortium (led by Ulster University) consisting of both the Schools of Engineering and also Computing and Mathematics at Ulster University (UU), InvestNI (INI), the majority of local councils in Northern Ireland, Tourism Northern Ireland (TourismNI), and a significant number of Northern Ireland businesses with various Digital/IoT needs and interests; this is therefore a bid on behalf of Northern Ireland. We are certain the consortium will meet all the requirements as detailed in Section 3.</p> <p>We believe we are ideally positioned at this time to deliver every requirement of the call to an excellent level. These are specifically;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement and operate a free-to-use regional LPWAN network This will be delivered and managed throughout by Ulster University. • Support, & maintain the Things Connected network & LoRa Gateways This will be championed by Ulster University in conjunction with the Councils who will run a number of tailored large-scale challenges. • Build and support an ecosystem across industry and academia Ulster University, InvestNI, the councils, TourismNI, and a cluster of local IoT forum groups (IoT Alliance, TechTalk Coleraine, and IoT-Belfast) will nurture and significantly extend the innovation ecosystem in Northern Ireland by supporting SMEs to innovate, experiment and prototype new products and services to market. UU will develop training/engagement programmes for SMEs interested in developing and trialling technical solutions on the network. • Bring large-scale challenges with the potential for commercialisation to the programme. UU will coordinate the development of a technical infrastructure and technical knowledge to make use of the network. The Councils will define and create opportunities to explore the capability through the sizable challenge funds. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TourismNI will launch a competition challenge fund of £35, 000 to understand technology use cases to explore tourist movement, creative technologies, increased tourist spend, etc.

2. The local Councils commit to fund and coordinate challenge funds (**£10,000 per Council with Belfast City Council giving £30,000**) to launch scalable trials and explorations to address challenges in the following areas;

- Health (Core challenge)
- Manufacturing (Core challenge)
- Creative Technologies (Core challenge)
- Agriculture/ Food Manufacture
- Tourism
- Waste Management
- Transportation Delivery and Planning
- Monetarisation of Data

These Council and TourismNI funds will be launched by the Councils/TourismNI to reflect local interests and demands against the key regional challenge calls. This removes governance and funding transfer issues from the coordinator (UU) to better enable area-specific innovation.

- **Identify and recruit SME cohorts to address the challenges and experiment with solutions.**

Ongoing work at the University, InvestNI, within the councils, and the IoT forum parties have ensured there is a sizable engaged SME community; our vision is to expand and develop this further to reach other sectors and accelerate development and growth. The ecosystem for Industry will be developed from the following areas with the support of InvestNI and relevant industry cluster leads;

- IoT Alliance (~30 companies)/TechTalk Coleraine (70+ members)/IoT-Belfast (50+ members)
- TourismNI
- CHIC and wider health technology (~10+ interested companies)
- NIACE and wider advanced engineering (~5 interested companies)
- CASE and wider sustainable energy (~5 interested companies)
- Council Enterprise Agencies
- Other SMEs keen to engage based on current regional publicity and outreach activities

- **Run regular meet-ups for local businesses and develop the local LPWAN community.**

Northern Ireland has a vibrant community of SMEs, investors, academics, and policy makers who meet quarterly (through the 3 IoT forums) as part of a healthy innovation ecosystem; this LPWAN Digital Catapult activity would accelerate development of these networks considerably, widen participation, and enable new products, services, partnerships and creative solutions.

- **Provide first line technical support to network users**

Technical support will be provided by UU directly through University staff, UU will also establish a working group within the councils and advisory SMEs to rapidly and effectively address all arising issues. The regular meetups will also provide a platform to supports users/potential users. Use of social media, an online user forum, and an online FAQ/trouble-shooting guide (all created by UU) will further provide rapid technical support.

D2	Delivery (Team and Plan)
<p>Please describe the project team and the consortium, provide evidence of relevant project experience and the plan for delivering against the requirements outlined in Section 3.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Confirm that the consortium and its members are in at least neutral standing with Ofcom. 2) List and briefly describe each member of the consortium, the reason for their inclusion and relevant experience, especially any evidence of working together on past projects of a similar nature. 3) List and briefly describe each member of the project team, the reason for their inclusion, their relevant skills/qualifications and experience, especially any evidence of working together on past projects of a similar nature. 4) Outline one case study of an innovation programme you have run in the past. Please include contact details for the organisations for the Catapult to contact for a reference. 5) If you have similar experience of implementing and managing networks, please provide a case study. Please include contact details for the organisations for the Catapult to contact for a reference. 6) Provide an overall plan for how you will deliver your proposal, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Confirmation you are able to meet the timescales in Section 6; or, if you feel that you are unable to meet the proposed dates, or have an alternative proposal, please provide details. b. Key milestones; c. Key assumptions and dependencies; d. Key opportunities and risks; e. Potential barriers <p>Your response should include a brief summary graphical representation of the timetable (not included in the word count).</p>	<p>Marked / 10 Weighting: x2 (1000 words max.)</p>
<p>RESPONSE TO D2</p> <p>1). We confirm that the consortium and its members are in good standing with Ofcom (Ulster University employees have recently been involved in providing counsel to Ofcom on matters of 5G development).</p> <p>2). Ulster University are active members of the Global “LoRa Alliance” (https://www.lora-alliance.org/) and the Faculty of Computing and Engineering have 25+ years’ experience in developing novel technology for commercialisation and employment creation (over 250 jobs) from spin-out companies. Ulster University houses the £5m Connected Health Innovation Centre (InvestNI 2012-2020) which supports SME innovation, a £7.5m Bio-devices Laboratory which supports UK businesses in rapid-prototyping of advanced products, and a number of other innovation centres in the areas of energy and manufacturing to support knowledge transfer and collaboration.</p> <p>The Faculty of Computing and Engineering have extensive expertise in the IoT space and in particular have been part of the €2M Pervasive Nation All-Ireland LoRaWAN project (Ireland’s Internet of Things testbed) and furthermore have deployed multiple LoRa and Sigfox base stations, as well as creating a range of innovative IoT devices in conjunction with a number of SMEs.</p>	

The Connected Health, NIACE and CASE Innovation Centres are actively engaged with 80+ SMEs keen to avail of the benefits this regional LPWAN network (and many more on the fringes reaping the rich benefits of the Innovation network).

Additionally Ulster University have recently developed substantial capability in the use of big data and data mining to develop intelligent connected systems that are data-driven and to release previously untapped potential in collected data.

Invest Northern Ireland (INI) is a Non-Departmental Public Body - an Agency of the Northern Ireland Department for the Economy. Its main organisational tasks are regional economic development and provides business support and foreign investment activities to support the economy. INI has been included in this bid proposal because of the experience and linkages which it can bring. **For 2016/17, it promoted 5,600 new jobs; saw £203m investment in R&D and wider innovation and assisted in a 14.6% rise in the manufacturing export sales.**

Its current Business Strategy (2017-2021) has identified the IoT as a growth opportunity and has been engaging with the business community to promote IoT benefits both in terms of business improvements and the creation of new products and services. INI understands the challenges involved in raising awareness and outlining opportunities which IoT provides. As the regional economic development agency, it has deep relationships with the business community and can identify suitable SMEs to participate in the call opportunities proposed. Additionally it facilitates networking through its extensive contacts to promote the required events and training proposed within this proposal. As these projects are implemented it can support local SMEs to take these solutions to international markets.

INI has extensive experience of working with others for the successful delivery of projects. It worked in partnership with the Department for the Economy and Catalyst Inc. (a next generation Science Park) to create the Digital Catapult node for Northern Ireland (2016). It was also worked with Ulster University to create the Advanced Biomedical Engineering Laboratory, to assist companies to develop prototypes for the biomedical, engineering, electronic device and aerospace sectors (2017).

The **Councils** in NI each have substantial experience of supporting and fostering business development in their particular council areas, this has resulted in a growing economy that addresses key sectors in the region including Healthcare, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Fishing, Tourism, Transport, Digital data management, Creative and artistic industries, Construction, etc. The councils hold responsibility for areas such as health, economic development, civic activities, etc. and growing local businesses.

In particular, Belfast City Council launched a “Smart Cities” completion on 26/10/17 which aims to harness innovation, technology and data science to drive the economy and will richly complement the large work conducted in this Digital Catapult programme. Smart Belfast’s priorities are to use digital innovation to create employment, attract external investment, reduce economic inequalities, improve services, reduce costs, and develop the city for the future. The remit of the project has very specific challenge areas that do not overlap overly with this Digital Catapult LPWAN project but will certainly be enhanced by it (and vice-versa).

Additional active players in this proposal are Northern Ireland’s **IoT Alliance** group <http://theiota.net/> (members include NI Electricity, NI Water, Kainos, etc.), **TechTalk** Coleraine (with 70+ members), and **IoT-Belfast** (with 50+ members). These groups foster a rapidly growing innovation IoT ecosystem regular meetups and events, and have provided a networking platform for collaboration and shared resources/knowledge. A regional LPWAN network will further drive these successes and is indeed essential for rapid growth of Digital companies in NI.

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Philip Catherwood (Ulster) – Dr Catherwood has expertise in novel IoT networks with a particular focus on medical devices and wearable wireless electronics, he is a regular reviewer for IEEE/IET journals and the EPSRC, he is invited to speak regularly on IoT/wireless topics (e.g. the IoT Smart Summit LPWAN conference in London (20/9/17), Digital Government Conference City of Derry (5/12/17)), and has led a number of large industrial and academic projects over a 20 year period.

Joseph Rafferty (Ulster) – Joseph is a researcher at Ulster University in the School of Computing and Mathematics.

Gary Campbell (INI) – Gary is the Sector Development Manager for Technology & Services at Invest NI and has ongoing interactions with some 550 digital and creative clients.

Representatives from the Council areas – These council representatives have been hand-picked by each council as those best positioned to deliver economic growth in their areas, they recognise digital technology as one of the key growth and opportunity areas and are most keen to explore LPWAN technologies. A recent example of this commitment is the Digital Northern Ireland 2020 consultation to help target future government funding for digital provision investment.

<https://secure.investni.com/static/library/invest-ni/documents/digital-northern-ireland-2020-report.pdf>

TourismNI – TourismNI is responsible for developing tourism and marketing Northern Ireland as a tourist destination. They run regular Digital Tourist events to help local tourism companies use data to create better tourism products.

SLA Ltd – SLA Ltd are a global software solutions company who have specialisms in Data Processing solutions. They are keen to investigate how SMEs can realise further revenue from the data they gather in a secure manner.

Bluebox Broadband - For almost a decade Bluebox have been providing superfast broadband to areas of Northern Ireland most providers can't get to. They provide bespoke, high capacity internet connections for demanding users. They have choice sites for their wireless equipment and can provide secure locations for some of the LoRa gateways.

Key SMEs/advisors – There are a selected number of advisors and key SMEs who have expertise in exploiting technology for business development. We have gathered technical advisors from BlueBox Broadband, See.sense, and RFproximity as they each have substantial commercial experience in LPWAN devices, services, and networks, and will help nurture other SMEs into successful adoption of LPWAN technologies.

4). We have selected a case study to illustrate local innovation by the consortium in the area of LPWAN.

Belfast City Council and See.sense: bikes

As of April 2017, 210 of the 576 Belfast hire bikes (similar to the London Santander bike scheme) in the fleet had either been stolen or had to be taken out of service due to vandalism, costing the scheme almost £1,800 per month. Over the Easter weekend of 2017 alone 19 bikes were stolen, six of which were recovered, and a further eight were vandalised.

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To address this problem Belfast City Council employed the help of local company See.sense, 2 Universities, and BT to utilize their LPWAN technology to address the situation. They used LoRaWAN devices embedded into smart bicycle lights to track the bikes across the city. However they also incorporated accelerometer sensors which allowed them to cross-reference the accelerometer data with positioning data to determine where the emerging potholes were on the city streets as well as record accidents to determine accident blackspots for cyclists. Thus, in a world first, sensor data is being crowdsourced from Belfast city bikes to help improve cycling safety in the city. The project technology is now being rolled out in Dublin, Manchester, and Milton Keynes.

Belfast City Council (Ciara Donnelly) - Web: <http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/>, Tel.: 02890320202)

See.sense (Philip McAleese) - Web: <https://seesense.cc/>, Tel.: 02891 800536)

5). The University has established and managed a number of LPWAN services and systems. As described above in point 2, the Faculty of Computing and Engineering were a key technical contributor to the €2M Pervasive Nation All-Ireland LoRaWAN project in collaboration with Trinity College Dublin, Cork Institute of Technology, Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin City University, Maynooth University, Tyndall National Institute, University College Cork, University College Dublin, and Waterford Institute of Technology. (<https://connectcentre.ie/pervasive-nation/> - contact details on website). The objective of Pervasive Nation was to build an Internet of Things testbed-of-scale in Ireland which is a resource to act as a strong catalyst for IoT research and innovation.

Ulster has a long history in wireless technology research and translation into commercialisation. Significant IoT progress has been made by the University in partnership with local industry, business, and public service providers to trial solutions in the Greater Belfast area (Contacts for reference are directly available through Stephen McComb, Technology Leader, NIBEC, Engineering Research Institute, Co Antrim, BT37OQB. Tel.: +44 28 90368018, Email: sj.mccomb@ulster.ac.uk).

Ulster was the first UK university to launch a SIGFOX IoT network, they are also host to the first Sigfox base station in Northern Ireland (<https://internetofbusiness.com/ulster-uni-iot-technology/>). Further work in Sigfox has developed a range of remote healthcare prototypes focusing on heart failure, patient fall detection, and smart homes.

6). We present a Gantt chart which outlines our systematic approach to deliver all the required outcomes.

Objectives	Key tasks	Personnel	Months																				
			Sep.17	Oct.17	Nov.17	Dec.17	Jan.18	Feb.18	Mar.18	Apr.18	May.18	Jun.18	Jul.18	Aug.18	Sep.18	Oct.18	Nov.18	Dec.18	Jan.19	Feb.19	Mar.19		
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Deployment of regional LPWAN network	Plan and agree exact placement of gateways across council areas	UU, Councils, INI, Tourism NI, Business, RFP proximity																					
	Installation tendering process	UU																					
	Installation of all gateways	UU (through contractor)																					
	Set up for each gateway on Things Connected	UU																					
	Test & verification of gateways, ensuring required remedial action	UU, Councils																					
Data monetisation solutions development	Creation of a pilot/micro-employment model and solution to allow SMEs to generate data revenue	SLA, UU																					
	Create SME support (masterclass, user forum, challenge guidance docs, etc.)	UU																					
	Training for SMEs on technical & commercial exploitation of network	UU																					
	Promote Challenges to regional SMEs using multi-channel approach	UU, Councils, INI, Tourism NI, 3 lot forums																					
	Run 6+ large-scale regional Challenges	UU, Councils, INI, Tourism NI																					
Large scale challenges that opportune commercialisation	Support for SMEs to engineer solutions	UU, Councils, INI, 3 lot forums																					
	Support for SMEs to exploit solutions	UU, Councils, INI, Tourism NI, 3 lot forums																					
	SME meetings	UU, Councils, INI, 3 lot forums																					
	Gathering and dissemination of success stories, issues, SME needs, etc.	UU, Councils, INI, 3 lot forums																					
	Challenge co-ordination meetings of the consortium	UU, Councils, INI, Tourism NI, 3 lot forums																					
Programme review	Board feedback from SMEs to understand if mid-term planning is required	UU, Councils, INI, Tourism NI, 3 lot forums																					
	Stakeholder meetings to review progress against targets	UU, Councils, INI, Tourism NI																					
Post-project planning	Engage with Digital Catapult, Invest NI, SMEs, etc. to promote, fund, and operate the network and further large scale challenges	Consortium led by UU																					

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D3	LPWAN Technology and Support
<p>Please respond to the below regarding the implementation and maintaining of a local instance of the Things Connected and the associated customer service.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How many sites will you be able to provide to host the LPWAN gateways with necessary power and Ethernet connectivity until 31/03/19? 2) Briefly describe the sites where you intend to host the gateways and their distribution. 3) Briefly describe how you will ensure the gateways are installed and configured correctly to link up with the Things Connected portal. 4) What provisions will you make to ensure the continued operability and functionality of the network? 5) What provisions will you make to ensure the continued provision of quality service and support to customers? 6) What provisions will you make for first line technical support to users of the network? 7) Briefly describe other LPWAN technologies you plan to deploy in your intended coverage area, if any, and the extent to which they provide free access for non-commercial use for experiments, pilots and innovation activity. 8) Briefly describe how you would maintain the operability and quality of the network and the relevant hosting sites longer term and how you may expand coverage should Digital Catapult and yourself agree to continue beyond the 31/03/19 programme end date. 	
<p>Marked / 10 Weighting: x2.5 (1500 words max.)</p>	

RESPONSE TO D3

Northern Ireland has benefited over the last 10 years from extensive development of wired and wireless networks, although there are still some areas without an acceptable level of service. Broadband speeds in NI lag behind England and Wales, and are comparable with Scotland (including Highland areas), with NI being the only area in the UK unable to achieve download speeds of 1 Gbps in any areas. Also mobile voice services cover around 80% of Northern Ireland's landmass. LPWAN technology with its longer reach can introduce a form of wirelessly-enabled services to the wireless blackspots to create new opportunities. [ref: Connected Nations Report 2016 – Northern Ireland, Ofcom, 14 Dec. 2016].

1). We will provide 50 sites using LoRaWAN technology (gateways provided by Digital Catapult)

2). The 50 gateways will be strategically placed through collaboration between Ulster University and the Council areas to offer maximum possible coverage (based on our Longley-Rice propagation modelling work and strategic positioning based on SME locations). The focus will be on cities, towns, and the surrounding industrial areas, with specific installations to meet the needs of SMEs focusing on activities in rural areas (fishing, agriculture, etc.). Belfast already has a number of LoRaWAN gateways so efforts in this area will focus on addressing areas of poor coverage. Additionally we have agreed with existing wireless providers to ensure gateways are positioned on suitability high structures to increase geographical coverage; this is supported by the councils who will address any local issues with installation and/or planning.

- 3). We will use a registered contractor to install and test the gateways (we have worked with a number of local contractors for LPWAN installation in the past) and Ulster University will set up and test each gateway to ensure it correctly links with the Things Connected portal (of which we already have experience).
- 4). We will provide technical support (through the Ulster University) for the network, this will take the form of UU staff who will address all issues with connectivity, engage with the contractor to repair hardware faults as they occur, address any arising issues with linkage to the back end portal, and assist SMEs in getting connected.
- 5). UU will provide training sessions and organise/support regular meet-ups to engage and educate users/potential users, also we will provide development tutorials, example technical solutions, a technical user forum, and an array of training guides.
- 6). UU will make provisions on a number of fronts to ensure users are well supported in a timely manner. We will address any technical support issues via email and telephone. We will encourage users to first consult an online self-help portal (as is common for modern customer-centric technical help) which should solve a number of the simple queries. We will also develop a technical forum to allow users to share experiences and foster new ideas within the user community.
- 7). There are a number of LoRaWAN gateways in Northern Ireland, many of these are private networks with no direct access. However, within Belfast City and at the Ulster University in Jordanstown there are LoRaWAN gateways which can be used for experiments, pilots and innovation activity. Additionally the Smart Belfast initiative will see more LPWAN gateways emerge in the City of Belfast which will be free to use. The 50 sites provided by the Digital Catapult network will be further supported and enhanced by these other LoRaWAN networks
- 8). Our vision would be to have made the network a necessary part of commercial life and something businesses need to deliver their new services. It may be feasible for a business to take over the network and run it on behalf of the SMEs (and other groups).

We would also wish to share knowledge, stories, resources, and develop new partnerships between the Northern Ireland LPWAN community and the 4 other communities developed under this funding activity. This would better serve to create new innovation and trade opportunities across the United Kingdom.

Expansion would focus on increasing the number of base-stations to ensure highly robust LPWAN services as well as being able to offer advanced user services such as geo-positioning through LoRa station triangulation. We would be keen to develop local companies who can support and design/create new technical solutions for SMEs to help them more easily attain a working product or service. This will be essential to encourage widespread adoption of what LPWAN can offer. Further coverage would particularly benefit agriculture in remote areas, off-shore fisheries, and cottage industries wishing to expand.

D4	SME Innovation Programme
<p>Please respond to the below regarding driving LPWAN innovation in the SME community.</p> <p>Consideration of one or more of the Digital Catapult target sectors – most significantly Manufacturing, as well as Digital Health and Creative Industries – will be awarded extra marks.</p> <p>Bids that can show a uniqueness in meeting the demands for LPWAN technology in targeted in geographical areas and industrial sectors will also score higher.</p> <p>Engaging your local innovation ecosystem</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Briefly describe the current innovation ecosystem in the area you intend to provide LPWAN coverage. For example, how many start-ups will be in the coverage area of the network? 2) How many events do you plan to run to engage the community with LPWAN and at what frequency? 3) Please describe the innovation and business ecosystem growth activity you will carry out throughout the duration of the programme until the 31/03/19 programme end date. <p>Proposed challenge-led innovation programmes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) How many challenge-led innovation programmes do you plan to run between being awarded the contract on 31/10/17 to the 31/03/19 end date? 5) How many organisations do you expect to be able to enrol as challenge owners for the innovation programmes and overall? 6) Give an initial list of challenge owners you plan to engage in your innovation programmes. 7) Describe the types of challenges you intend to set for the programmes, including how they benefit the challenge owner and the associated economic impact. 8) How many SMEs do you expect to actively engage in each programme and overall by the 31/03/19 end date? 9) Give an initial list of SMEs you plan to engage in your innovation programmes. 10) Briefly describe the nature of the innovation programmes you will run, including an outline schedule of activities. 11) What provisions can you make for technical and business support for SMEs throughout the innovation programmes? 12) What provisions can you make for advisory and mentoring capabilities for SMEs throughout the innovation programmes? 	<p>Marked / 10 Weighting: x3.5 (3000 words max.)</p>

RESPONSE TO D4

Engaging your local innovation ecosystem

1). Northern Ireland has proven to be a unique area for start-ups, enterprise ventures, University spin-outs, etc. and as such the region has a bustling innovation ecosystem. The University, InvestNI, and the Councils are at the forefront in actively engaging on a long-term basis with a large number of these SMEs. Examples include the InvestNI-funded Innovation Centres based at Ulster University which have 80+ SMEs working collectively to drive change in the healthcare, construction, and energy sectors.

There are several hundred technology start-ups and SMEs in these Council areas and we have direct links with most of them through the stakeholders. As Northern Ireland shares a border with the Republic of Ireland there are further unique opportunities in the region of the UK to create international opportunities for trade and tourism as well as to address solutions to the coming Electronic border that Brexit may bring.

2). We will run a minimum of 2 events per quarter; these will take the form of training events, information events, business networking events, Science Faires, etc. These will be hosted at various locations throughout the region to ensure maximum provision of engagement opportunity.

Both the University and InvestNI are strongly focused on impacting the region's commercial success and have built ecosystems to create sustainable growth in the region. We will run 5+ large-scale challenges to cover key areas highlighted by Digital Catapult, InvestNI, local government, and councils. These are challenges that will help create digital solutions to both long-standing and emerging problems, create new business opportunities for local enterprises, and connect users in a cooperative way.

3). Growth activities are driven by the planned meet-ups, strategic collaborations on challenges (facilitated by InvestNI and the University), training from InvestNI on how to create commercial opportunity from LPWAN technology, and explicit activities to investigate the monetisation of data to name a few.

Proposed challenge-led innovation programmes

4). The challenge-led innovations will be led by Ulster University and directed by the leader/s of the council areas. Challenge owners which will be a collection of leaders (current discussions have the leads from TourismNI, Belfast City Council, and Causeway and Glens Council) who represent all the councils and TourismNI. Councils have specific and detailed knowledge of the business needs in their area and understand how an LPWAN infrastructure could remarkably impact upon public and private sector activities. They each have a range of industries in their area including Manufacturing, Healthcare, Creative Technologies, High-end consumer technology, Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism, Service industry, Sustainably energy, Sport, etc.

5). The Councils and TourismNI have agreed to champion the challenges in their areas, with regular dialogue and sharing of ideas and development stories to foster collaboration, reduce replication of effort, and expedite commercial progress.

NI is a highly entrepreneurial region; some of the council areas are home to a vast number of SMEs (for example, Mid-Ulster council region has 8,000+ small businesses). Indeed Mid-Ulster council area has a notable number of business start-ups; these businesses provide the lifeblood of our local economy and we would anticipate working with many of these businesses on this programme. Mid-Ulster Councils is a fitting example of SMEs located in dispersed rural communities (approximately two thirds of all businesses), all of which significantly contribute to the region's strong economic performance and drive up operational efficiency.

6). The challenge owners will be lead representatives from the Council areas in Northern Ireland as well as TourismNI (we envisage 3 lead representatives to represent all the councils and Tourism NI as described above). Each council is investing their money to run large-scale challenges that will trial and showcase how LPWAN technology can leverage new services leading to commercialisation. The University will support the challenge owners and maintain a database to document which SMEs are actively engaged in each challenge to ensure activity is accurately recorded.

7). The types of challenges will centre around 5+ key themes (the Councils each have specific industries and needs in their region). Each of the challenges have been customised by the councils to benefit the key areas of interest in the region with the prospect of increasing income from that sector. For example, tourism is a significant area of income for Northern Ireland with many foreign tourists coming to see such sites as the Giant's Causeway, the Titanic centre, world-renowned golf courses, and the various Game of Thrones filming locations. However there is currently no suitable way to monitor tourist movement, information which could allow tour operators to offer popular packages, create advanced payment options for more rapid access to sites, and present a digitally-enhanced bespoke experience.

Challenges will incorporate a range of investigative aspects including how LPWAN technology can be used within local business, how the data can be analysed to accomplish previously unattainable knowledge and services, the use of predictive modelling, visualisation of data, etc. Examples of locally suggested challenge projects include;

Health (Core challenge)

- ⇒ Provide digital home-based monitoring of heat levels to identify fuel poverty in seniors
- ⇒ Neighbourhood and city centre air quality monitoring
- ⇒ Better tracking of household recycling behaviour and management of street waste bins
- ⇒ Flood management/water level warning systems.
- ⇒ Legionella Control and monitoring of in-building water sources, leading to a reduction in manual monitoring, energy consumption and an overall cost -saving. This would have a direct economic impact to the public and private sector as a whole as well as impacting on occupational and public health.
- ⇒ Air quality and temperature control in homes and workplace to control moisture build up in rooms due to environmental and human changes. e.g. damp and humidity reduction.

Manufacturing (Core challenge)

- ⇒ Investigate how LPWAN can help local factories increase operational efficiency
- ⇒ Facilitate Just In Time management through digital raw material tagging and centralised monitoring
- ⇒ Freight and asset tracking from Belfast Port and elsewhere (including the UK/EU border with the Republic of Ireland)
- ⇒ Forming a cluster of SMEs in the Manufacturing sector to look at LEAN processes and methods to adopt digital solutions to enhance innovation and productivity.

Creative Technologies (Core challenge)

Belfast is ranked no.2 in top 5 Clusters Creative Industries in the UK with over 1,300 businesses employing over 32,000 people.

- ⇒ Allowing tourists to interact with tourist sites, museum exhibitions, landmarks, etc. using LPWAN
- ⇒ Harnessing IoT tracking technology to Immersive Tech projects; this would provide interesting cross-technology opportunities (both of which DCUK are currently investing in) e.g. using both Immersive Tech and LPWAN to create a virtual experience in a particular street or public space or public event. An interesting possibility might be how we use LPWAN to **enhance Culture Night in 2018.**

Tourism

- ⇒ Understanding visitor activity across the region (including arrival/departure) and encouraging movement between attractions
- ⇒ How to utilise LPWAN for increased tourist spend
- ⇒ Providing augmented reality to enhance visitor experience
- ⇒ Tourist events Management (e.g. Golf, motorsports, etc.) using digital solutions for crowd/traffic management

Agriculture/ Food Manufacture

- ⇒ A digital solution to track stolen farm equipment or animals
- ⇒ Tracking of transportation and delivery in the food and agriculture sector.
- ⇒ Monitoring conditions during transit to enable product stability and freshness and particularly focusing on introduction to export for SMEs growing their market.

Transportation

- ⇒ Better understanding of commuter movement into NI cities to optimise out-of-city parking
- ⇒ Better understanding of movement of key waste products
- ⇒ Pedestrian flow modelling – eg, tracking shoppers'/visitors movements to enhance planning of retail experience in towns and cities to increase retail revenue.

Monetisation of Data

An overarching interest is with regards to the future commercialisation of the generated data. It is possible for SMEs both 'market' and to receive 'value' from sensor or device data that they are capturing. A local SME (SLA Ltd, a data processor specialist) is keen to investigate the development of informed revenue models for future micro-payment through experimentation and prototyping of solutions based on data supplied by UU during the network development phase. It would address General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for LPWAN solutions. This creative innovation work would support the activities of the SMEs to understand how SMEs might choose to create revenue from their data by selling it to a data consumer who can use it to inform creating new services based on real information. It would explore how a micro-payment layer consisting of an API Gateway, monetization middleware, a web portal for data providers to configure their endpoints and view API usage/analytics, could be implemented for LPWAN services to allow SMEs to create additional revenue. This would help inform other LPWAN network developers and show how services could develop around future LPWAN adoption to monetise the data. We are proposing that the outcome will be an online marketplace where potential Data Consumers can find interesting sources of IoT data which they can consume on a 'pay per request' basis via a Micro-Payments Gateway. There will be no financial gain from this work for either the consortium or SLA Ltd. SLA Ltd have agreed to contribute £30,000 in-kind of development time for the SMEs. UU and SLA will work together to promote the benefits (financial and other value) to the SMEs of making their data available to data consumers.

8). Our very conservative estimates would be for us to activity engage a minimum of 10-15 SMEs for each of the 5+ challenge areas (a minimum of 50 SMEs completing challenges in total), however we have ambitions for these numbers to be substantially higher. For example, Invest NI alone has over 550 digital and creative clients which it can approach to participate in the proposed programs and as such we fully expect participation across the programs and challenges to swell significantly.

In the short time the councils had to gauge interest they identified SMEs who are expecting to respond to the challenge calls, a small selection of SMEs not currently engaged in LPWAN programmes but keen to do so if Digital Catapult all the consortium to create a network include;

ER Media, Face Communications, Red Rhino, Taught Media, GCD Technologies, Arrow Head Design, Online Solutions, Smashing Eggs Limited, BNL Productions, Performa Sports, Torc Product Design, Seagoe technologies, Walter Watson, Eco-Depo, Rockwell Collins, Nitronica, Burrendale Hotel, Datum Design, Norbrook Laboratories Limited (Pharmaceuticals), ABP Newry (Meat Processing), FM Environmental (Manufacturing), Viltru Waste Water, MacNabbs Waste Management, Whitewater Brewery, and Herron Engineering, Plotbox, Madebymint Limited, Brilliant Trails Ltd.

In September alone we have been promoting the potential to SMEs including a gathering of businesses interested in LPWAN on 20th September, discussion about the Digital Catapult project during the initial engagement launch our Smart Belfast framework on 26 September (300 SMEs attending), etc. As we submit this bid we continue to engage with a multitude of facilitators and leaders in many areas including the Department for Infrastructure, Catalyst Inc. etc. Catalyst Inc. are pleased to support the Ulster University bid to operate this important initiative which is so well suited to the needs of NI for agritech and health uses in our diffuse rural populations. The Catalyst Inc. site in the region at ECOS would be an ideal electrically quiet centre for trials with full fibre access in the heart of 140-acre wetland site. The consortium will also actively encourage a mixed-methodology for the challenges, including co-investment opportunities, joint R&D projects, support from local Fab-lab communities, etc.

9). We have a number of early adopter companies who are already exploring the potential or having shown interest through existing networks and projects including Intelesens, Kraydel, See.sense, ISARC Ltd, Aepona, CMASS, Kainos, RF Proximity, Total Mobile, Lava Group, Core Tech NI, Smart Ventilation Ltd, SLA Ltd, Analytics Engines, Ashdale Engineering, Atlas Communications, Bloc Blinds, Brainwavebank, British Telecom (BT), Camlin Group, Dell, Deloitte Digital, ECIT/CSIT, Entrepreneurial Spark, Fab Labs, Intel, Kingspan, NI Water, NICVA, NIE Networks, Vodafone, etc.

There are also a large volume of potential adopters who will be engaged with via the wider sharing and educating of companies who may have an interest in the capability and potential.

10). The 5+ challenges will be managed by each of the councils (and 1 from Tourism NI) and challenges will run for a minimum of 6 months with options to extend to ensure SMEs have time to properly investigate the benefits as well as to assist late-adopters to effectively engage in a beneficial way.

11). We have made provisions for technical and business support for SMEs throughout the innovation programme include the following;

- A range of complementary technical support services for users
- Training opportunities for SMEs to understand the technology potential and implementation processes
- A training and information website for SMEs (including the video recordings of all training sessions)
- A project user forum to allow users to share experiences and ideas, support each other, create opportunity for collaboration, and to share tutorials
- Regular scheduled meet-ups with time for technical support
- Innovation Boot camps
- Business support through InvestNI who can advise on how to further exploit the business opportunities as they arise.

12). We have make provision for advisory and mentoring of SMEs throughout the length of the project (and beyond) through the following resources:

- InvestNI business support to help SMEs commercialise new ideas and services effectively

- Further support through Ulster University's Innovation centres, the Councils, the Ulster University business Hatchery, and International links with the CONNECT project in the Republic of Ireland.
- The Councils will be the focal point of enquiries and support to SME's and can provide advisory and mentoring capabilities to local SMEs as appropriate through the Economic Development Programmes.
- An online SME support forum developed and hosted by Ulster University for the project
- Regular scheduled meetings (some hosted by Ulster University and InvestNI) organised by IoT Alliance, TechTalk Coleraine, and IoT-Belfast.

Every council already has SME development programmes aimed at increasing levels of innovation, encouraging new technology firms to the area, and releasing the potential of existing SMEs through mentorship; Such schemes include the Amplify Business Escalator Programme in Mid & East Antrim which is designed to provide up to 35 hours one to one mentoring to SMEs on a range of business support needs including innovation. However the potential of many is curtailed due to limited digital technology provision; this is the key reason the council response has been overwhelmingly positive. Councils are keen to work collectively to prevent duplication of projects in different geographic areas within each challenge. This cooperative activity will be managed by the councils themselves (and overseen by UU and InvestNI to ensure projects are strategically related to call aims and objectives.

Please separate this document and submit the below as a separate attachment to the above and include appendices that are clearly referenced.

APPENDIX 6 - LETTER FROM WORKSPACE RE DRAPERSTOWN TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE



Mr Adrian McCreesh
Mid Ulster District Council
76-78 Burn Road
Cookstown
BT80 8DT

11th September 2017

Dear Adrian

Draperstown Townscape Heritage

Draperstown is one of only five Conservation Areas within the Mid Ulster District Council area and is likely the Conservation Area with the greatest number of derelict and empty buildings within its town centre.

The Townscape Heritage programme, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), is for schemes which help communities improve the built historic environment of conservation areas in need of investment. HLF supports partnerships of local, regional and national interests that aim to regenerate economically disadvantaged historic areas for the benefit of local residents, workers and visitors. The grants range from £100,000 to £2million and the application process is in two rounds.

As this is the last call for applications (the scheme will close at the end of this round), Workspace feels that an application for support under the Townscape Heritage scheme should be made for the Draperstown Conservation Area and in making the application the company is prepared to take the lead on the scheme.

To make an application Workspace will need to have Mid Ulster District Council as a partner. This would involve the Council providing both financial and partnership support over the five years of the scheme should the application be successful. The financial support is unlikely to exceed £100,000 per annum for the five year period of a total scheme cost of upwards of £1.5 million, though the total costs of the scheme will not be known until the first round application has been completed. The cost to complete the first round application is estimated at between £10,000 and £15,000 for which a contribution toward this cost is sought.

Workspace would hope that Council will look favourably on this request for support both to make the round one application (the deadline for submission is December 2017) and in principle towards the implementation of the scheme if the application is successful. The implementation of the scheme would not commence until the 2019/2020 financial year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L O'Kane', written over a horizontal line.

Laurence O'Kane
Chairman



Report on	Joint Delegation Visit (with South West College) to Catapult Centres in the UK
Reporting Officer	Adrian McCreesh
Contact Officer	Fiona McKeown

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Members approval on attendance on the proposed visit to one/two Catapult Centres in the UK which the Mid Ulster Engineering Centre of Excellence is modelled on.
2.0	Background
2.1	At the Council meeting in July 2017, Council approved a joint delegation from Council's Development and P&R Committees together with South West College (SWC) to visit one/two of the leading Catapult centres in the UK.
2.2	It was agreed that any Member interested in attending the proposed visit should express an interest by Monday 7 August 2017.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The structural model of the proposed Mid Ulster Engineering Centre of Excellence is based on the Catapult Centres in the UK. The Catapult centres are a network of world-leading centres designed to transform the UK's capability for innovation in specific areas and help drive future economic growth.
3.2	At the Council meeting in July 2017, Council approved a joint delegation from Council's Development and P&R Committees together with South West College (SWC) to visit one/two of the leading Catapult centres in the UK. It was agreed that any Member interested in attending the proposed visit should express an interest by Monday 7 August 2017.
3.3	The following 7 Members expressed an interest in attending the visit; Councillors Kim Ashton (DUP), Dominic Molloy (SF), Niamh Doris (SF), Frances Burton (DUP), Sean McPeake (SF), Trevor Wilson (UUP) and Paul McLean (DUP).
3.4	It is recommended that Council representation should comprise a cross-party delegation comprising 5 members drawn from the membership of the Council's Development and P&R Committees and be 2 Sinn Fein, 1 DUP, 1 UUP and 1 SDLP.
3.5	It is further recommended that 1 or 2 Council officers attend the visit to co-ordinate itinerary activities.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: Council's contribution towards costs for the proposed visit to be funded from its Economic Development budget 2017/18.</p> <p>Human: Staff time.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Members approve for a cross-party delegation from Mid Ulster District Council to attend the UK Catapult Centres visit, comprising 5 members drawn from the expressions of interest received from serving members of Council's Development and P&R Committees. It is recommended that the number of places be allocated as follows; 2 Sinn Fein, 1 DUP, 1 UUP and 1 SDLP and that agreement be sought on attendee names to allow the relevant bookings to be made.
5.2	That Members approve 1 or 2 Council officers attend the joint delegation visit to help co-ordinate itinerary activities.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	Community Development Report
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations.
1.2	To Agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations.
1.3	To agree Good relations audit and plan support
1.4	To update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants Rolling Programme - The Grant Aid Programme for the 2017/18 financial year facilitates applications being made on a rolling basis for Community Festivals and Good Relations.
2.2	Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020 – The operational delivery of the Plan is currently in development through guidance by the Peace IV Partnership who make recommendations to Committee for delivery at a local level.
2.3	Good Relations – Council over the last 3 year period for its good relations plan development has been using the analysis of the Mid Ulster Community Plan Good Relations. Good practice and the Executive would encourage that an audit would be completed every 3 years to support the plan development which would take account of previous activity and outcomes.
2.4	Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Advice, Village Planning, Community Centres, DSD Neighbourhood Renewal Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Community Grants Rolling Programme</p> <p>15 Community Festival application are recommended for awards totalling £8,919.</p> <p>5 Good Relations applications are recommended for awards totalling £3,176; 3 applications did not meet minimum threshold and will receive feedback from officers.</p> <p>Please refer to Appendix 1 for detail.</p>

Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020

A summary specification for the cross border Literary programme was agreed for recommendation as below.

A summary Shared spaces design specification for the shared space projects was agreed for recommendation as below.

The grants process for assessment of grants was agreed for recommendation as below.

New partner member for Speedwell was confirmed Joan Reid.

Grant assessment process & appeals

The following process is proposed for assessment:

Panels to be 6 people to include a mix of community, statutory and Council members (1 community representative on each panel, 1 statutory representative on each panel and Council members allocated to panels based on d'hondt). Conflict of interest will be taken into consideration as per Council policy.

All PEACE IV small grant applications will be assessed against eligibility by officers to proceed to panel assessment against a set criteria: Strategic aims, results, project delivery, cross community engagement, need and demand, project management, publicity and evaluation and cross border engagement (building positive relations tier only). To be scored 1-5 and weighted with a minimum score of 2 to be successful.

Grants cannot be transferred between themes or between the set tiers.

Any applicant that is unsuccessful can appeal as per the appeals process agreed in the guidelines and based on Council grant process.

Peace IV Cross Border Literary Trail

The overall estimated project value is £50,000 Mid Ulster Council and up to £25,000 for Sligo coco. The allocation of funding to each area will be as per contribution by each Council. Facilitation of the project is proposed at a budget of £8,000 (£5000 MUDC, and £3000 Sligo). Other direct costs will be paid by each individual Council as they arise.

This project will include the development of links across the border of the noble literary laureate's Seamus Heaney and W.B Yeats. The project will include the development of a trail and associated marketing materials, the development and hosting of connected literary arts festivals/celebrations and cross border group engagement.

The development of an arts literary trail App and cross border signage concepts for approx. 6 interlinking signs in each area linking Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Yeats Country. Facilitating the linkages between a wide range of people between both areas including Council officers and members, community groups, drama groups, literary groups. This will include engaging relevant groups in both areas, developing relevant connections, developing cross border visit itineraries and facilitating group visits.

The programme will also include the facilitation of workshops between groups in both Council areas at the times of the literary celebrations; Tread Softly in Sligo and a literary arts celebration/festival to be developed in Mid Ulster. The project will also explore the literary influence of other writers that inspired the work of both writers.

Programme dates January 2018– June 2020

Programme Targets

Total of 100 people from Mid Ulster participating in the overall programme, through celebration activity and engagement.

15 people from Sligo County Council participating over programme period (including in literary workshops)

15 – 20 people from Mid Ulster Council participating in literary workshops (Minimum 2 overnight stays for groups engaging to link to activity)

Minimum 2 Mid Ulster Visits facilitated and organized and 2 Sligo County Council visits facilitated and feedback evaluated (2 each area can be the Literary Summer Schools and one each area to support the research development).

Seek to achieve a 70/30 split with people participation in the programme

Indicators:

% of people who believe they have a greater appreciation and increased understanding of their own and diverse traditions.

Increase in number of groups who collaborate in shared cultural celebrations

Increased belief that culture can play a vital part in continuing to support communities in collaborating together.

% of people who feel better able to participate in public life and engage together cross community and cross border

Tender submissions will be evaluated on the quality and costs of the service with certain scores and weightings applied to achieve the most economically advantageous tender.

Criteria as follows: - 70% quality and 30% cost

Project Design and Management for Peace IV Capital Projects Environmental Improvements

The Contract is for the provision of a design and project management team working alongside with Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) staff to prepare all design and legislative requirements and project management for the delivery of the Council Peace IV shared space projects.

The schemes involve a range of environmental works including upgrade of local recreational sites, riverside pathway development and park development. The main elements of works are environmental improvement in nature. A list of projects has been provided below, along with location. The project description is conceptual and may amend during design.

The design specification is for the provision of a design and project management of 5 shared space Peace IV projects.

The overall budget is set and it will be the design to be maximised to meet this budget in line with the overall outcome of the project. Each area budget is £100,000. OB has been provided for all the areas at £100,000; this can be used for unforeseeable costs. The sixth area is Aghnacloy and this will be developed at a later stage following the outcome of the submitted application to SEUPB.

	Indicative Location(s)	Outline Project Description (To be confirmed)
1	Draperstown Council Plantin park and Fairhill amenity space	Environmental works to the Plantin park and Fairhill open space area in Draperstown Plantin – lighting along bottom stretch to bridge, path improvements, shrub clearance, handrails, grass cutting of open area, benches Fairhill – grassing, paving, planting and furniture and links to history of site
2	Moy Riverside Walk	Environmental works to riverside walk village loop – down footpath beside Council Com Centre and along river and Football pitch and out at school– lighting stretch from village to river, path stoning, benches, shrub clearance
3	Castledawson Council Recreation Site	Environmental works to recreation site – MUGA play area hard surface (multi use goals/ basketball) and delineation of areas (small fence), changing pavilion aesthetic upgrade
4	Donaghmore Riverside Walk	Environmental works - Riverside walk and linkages to village path – access path to river from beside

		football pitch (steep slope area), shrub clearance, pathways natural trim trail, benches, signage, fencing where required
5	Moneymore Council Recreational Site	Environmental works to recreation site to include path development around perimeter of facility and low level lighting, with some small fencing along the side of path to separate from pitch area

Actions Required for the design and management will include: site surveys, consultation and support in obtaining all necessary legislative requirements, design consultation with communities supported by Council officers, preparation of detailed design concepts, support with the development of tendering for contract delivery of all 5 schemes and project management of the schemes alongside Council technical team.

The estimated budget available is £25,000 (based on SEUPB).

Tender submissions will be evaluated on the quality and costs of the service with certain scores and weightings applied to achieve the most economically advantageous tender. Criteria as follows: - 70% quality and 30% cost

Good Relations

To support the development of the Good Relations Plan 2018 – 2019/2021 it is proposed to appoint professional expertise to support the good relations officer team in the development of an audit and independent analysis of the previous programme activity and outcomes and future plan. The proposed budget is £10,000 to be funded through the Executive 75% and Council 25% within the administration support of the good relations plan.

Community Development Update

Community Support

Sports Development Small Grant incorporating the “Every Body Active” funding from Sport NI will open the week commencing 2nd of October and have closing deadline of 3pm on 27th October. The grant threshold has been increased to £1,500 with previous successful in year applicants being able to re-apply for a pro-rata award of up to £900.

Rolling programmes for community festivals and good relations are ongoing.

Welfare Reform - Universal Credit Awareness Workshops

Council in association with Citizens Advice NI will be hosting the following workshops across Mid Ulster on the introduction of Universal Credit as the most significant change within the wider Welfare Reform measures.

1 th October	Cookstown	- Council offices
19 th October	Magherafelt	- Council offices
24 th October	Dungannon	- Council offices

All 3 sessions will be evening 7 - 9pm with interested parties asked to register their interest by emailing communitydevelopment@midulstercouncil.org indicating which session you wish to attend.

Engagement with communities is ongoing with officer teams supporting groups on the delivery of village plans. A range of funding opportunities continues to be promoted to a wide range of community groups over 1500 each month.

Ongoing management and promotion of Council community centres.

	<p>Neighbourhood Renewal: The Neighbourhood Renewal Plan 2017 – 2018 is in development along with DFC, with a review of all programmes; project development and monitoring continues as per letter of offer conditions. Capital initiatives are also in development and being supported in relation to potential funding sources; match funding to the First Steps Women's Centre has been received from DFC under Neighbourhood Renewal £78,000 to match the Spaces and Place funding with a total investment of region of close to £400,000.</p> <p><u>Peace and Good Relations</u></p> <p>Peace Regional Shared Space Project; an update has been provided by SEUPB that the new date for assessment of applications is December 2017.</p> <p>Good Relations; Project development is ongoing with strategic programmes continued to be rolled out and monitoring of outcomes ongoing; cross community engagement and cultural diversity initiatives with a successful international cultural day held in Burnavon with over 300 in attendance and positive feedback and a mini mela in the Junction again with positive engagement of a wide number of migrant communities. Schools engagement programmes continue to roll out successfully with Speedwell and through the cultural diversity music programme with Canavan School of Music. Shared space initiatives with the Arts and Cultural Centres continue to development with a Seamus Heaney Centre Burns event planned for February and cultural evenings in Burnavon and working with Hill of The O'Neill on engagement events. Ongoing support to the wider community on the development of good relations projects for grant support and on Peace applications which have been supported by the Good Relations Officers. Good Relations continues to work with sports development, EA Youth and PCSP on youth diversionary initiatives.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u></p> <p>CCTV implementation is near completion. Phase I installation has taken place, with the exception of Dungannon which will be finalised in tandem with the public realm works. Phase II has commenced.</p> <p>PCSP has been engaging on the development of the Ageing Well initiative for Mid Ulster as part of the community planning process and future delivery.</p> <p>Please see attached PCSP minutes for information.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Festival awards £8,919 and Good Relations awards £3,176 • Peace IV tenders for cross border literary programme and shared space design programme value region of £140,000 • Good Relations Audit and Plan development £10,000 <p>Human: None</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u></p>

	Professional support is required to support the officer team in the development of a good relations audit and future plan to allow for analysis of activity and outcomes.
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To approve the grant award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations grants as per Appendix 1
5.2	To approve the Peace IV Partnership recommendations; Peace Grants Assessment Peace Cross Border Literary Programme to go to tender Peace Shared Spaces Design Programme to go to tender
5.3	To approve the Good relations audit and plan development with a proposed budget of £10,000 to be funded through the Executive 75% and Council 25%.
5.4	To note the community development update report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 Rolling Grant Programmes award recommendations Appendix 2 PCSP Minutes

APPENDIX 1

Community Local Festival Grants – October 2017

No	Organisation Name	Aim of Organisation	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Band	Award
1	Ballymoughan Flute Band	Flute Band	Evening of Traditional Cultural Music	£800	6	£400.00
2	Brocagh & District Regeneration Group	Regeneration Group	Halloween/Christmas Festival	£510	6	£255.00
3	Cairde Dhroim nDamh	Irish Language Community Grp	Samhain Lantern Walk - Festival of Light	£1,000	2	£900.00
4	CannyMan Community Arts	Drama Group	Spooktacular Halloween Extravaganza	£1,000	4	£700.00
5	Clonoe Rural Development Agency	Regeneration Group	Halloween Event	£1,000	3	£800.00
6	Crilly Cultural and Youth Group	Youth Group	Celebration of 70 years of Crilly Pipe Band	£1,150	6	£500.00
7	Dungannon West Recycled Teenagers	Senior Citizens	10th Anniversary Celebrations	£1,900	5	£600.00
8	Friends of Glencull, Community & Parent Assc	PTA	Annual Community Fun Day	£870	3	£696.00
9	Harps Cycling Club	Sports	Harps CC family Funday 2017	£1,000	4	£700.00
10	Henry joy McCracken GAC	Sports	Moneymore Community Funday	£1,000	5	£600.00
11	Killeeshil Community Centre	Development Association	Halloween Festival	£900	4	£630.00
12	Killowen Drive Residents Association	Residents Association	Annual Halloween Event	£1,000	4	£700.00
13	Kilnaslee Community & Development Group	Development Association	Kilnaslee Christmas Social Event	£345	7	£138.00
14	Lavey Early Years Playgroup	Playgroup	25 Year Anniversary Event	£1,000	6	£500.00
15	Pomeroy Plunketts GAC	Sports	Pomeroy Community Festival Weekend	£1,000	3	£800.00

Total £8,919.00

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%

2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%

Good Relations Grants – October 2017

No	Organisation Name	Aim of Organisation	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Band	Award
1	Cookstown Local History Group	Cultural	Our Heritage - Our History - Our community	£1,000.00	3	£800.00
2	County Derry Centenaries Group	Cultural	From Selma to Burntollet	£1,200.00	2	£900.00
3	Magheraglass Women's Group	Women's Group	Living History 2017	£740.00	7	£296.00
4	St Patricks Flute Band The Loup	Cultural	Celtic traditions - Hibernian & Ulster Scots	£700.00	7	£280.00
5	CAMDA	Development Assoc	Lighting up Our Community	£1,000.00	2	£900.00

Total **£3,176.00**

Ineligible

No	Organisation Name	Aim of Organisation	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Ineligible
1	Friends of Knocknagin	PTA	Jointly Run Soccer Programme	£1,000.00	Did not meet minimum score threshold
2	Mid Ulster Child Contact Centre	Children	Volunteering Now	£900.00	Did not meet minimum score threshold
3	Order of Malta Coalisland	First Aid	Building our Volunteers skills & Opportunities	£700.00	Did not meet minimum score threshold

Bands		Score	%
7		30-39	40%
6		40-49	50%
5		50-59	60%
4		60-69	70%

3		70-79	80%
2		80-89	90%
1		90+	100%

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety
Partnership held in the Council Chamber, Dungannon on Wednesday, 31 May
2017
at 6.00pm**

- Present:** Councillor Frances Burton (Chair)
- Councillors Catherine Elattar, Phelim Gildernew, Mark Glasgow, Denise Mullen, Ken Reid
- Fiona Crawford, Marian Dorman, Liam Duggan, Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall, Ciaran McElhone (Vice Chair), Martina Watson
- Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT), Alan Cunningham (NIFRS), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Kate Lambe (NHSCT), Ruth McKelvey (PBNI), Chief Inspector Roy Robinson (PSNI)
- Apologies:** Councillors Peter Bateson, Sean McPeake, James Shiels, Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Sergeant Ken McDermott (PSNI), Hannah Su O'Callaghan, Emma Sheerin, Sergeant Gavin Sterling (PSNI), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI), Michael McCrory (PCSP)
- In Attendance:** Celene O'Neill (PCSP Manager), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Admin)

PCSP59/17 WELCOME

Councillor Frances Burton, advised Members this would be her final meeting as PCSP Chair. She thanked PCSP Members and staff for their support during her term and extended best wishes to the incoming Chair.

Councillor Burton also thanked the Vice Chair, Ciaran McElhone, for stepping into the breach on occasions when she was unable to attend. She expressed sincere gratitude to Superintendent Baird, Chief Inspector Roy Robinson and all the PSNI team, with a special word of thanks to Inspector Danny Walsh who had earned the respect of many in the room.

The Chair welcomed Jacqueline Connolly from the SHSCT to her first PCSP meeting and also Claire Linney, Head of Community Development, who would be providing Members with an update on Mid Ulster Community Planning.

**PCSP60/17 COMMUNITY PLANNING PRESENTATION – MID ULSTER
DISTRICT COUNCIL, HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The Head of Community Development provided Members with a copy of the Mid Ulster Community Plan, advising it had been developed over the previous two years through consultation with community organisations, business and statutory partners and reflected the following core principles;

- Focused on Mid Ulster but also recognised assets which cross Council boundaries
- Working towards short, medium and long term goals within an overall ten-year horizon
- Delivery of the Plan through strong governance and monitoring arrangements
- The Plan will clearly link with the forthcoming Mid Ulster Development Plan
- The Plan takes account of equality, good relations, sustainable development, social inclusion and rural proofing and it has been screened to ensure that it does not impact negatively upon these core principles.

The Community Plan contains five Themes, *Theme 1: Economic Growth, Theme 2: Infrastructure, Theme 3: Education and Skills, Theme 4: Health & Wellbeing, Theme 5: Vibrant & Safe Communities.*

Strategic Theme 5: 'Vibrant & Safe Communities' will deal with the following

Actions,

- A Fear of Crime initiative
- A 'Support Model' to facilitate agencies sharing information and support for those most vulnerable regarding safety
- A 'Design Out Crime' guide/process with appropriate partners to help develop safer spaces and places
- An Anti-Social Behaviour Programme, targeting the district's hot spot areas and issues

The Head of Community Development stated statistics show anti-social behaviour is low in Mid Ulster in comparison to other Council areas, but issues of concern still exist in hotspot areas. She advised *Theme 5 Strategic Actions* identified complement the work of PCSP and that close working would be required to take these forward.

Following discussion, Members were advised that '*Our Community Plan*' had been signed off and launched and would be sent out to community groups.

Ursula Marshall queried the need for another working group being set up, duplicating the work being carried out by PCSP. She requested clarification regarding overall structures in relation to the delivery of the community plan. Superintendent Baird asked who would be providing overall direction in relation to delivery.

The Head of Community Development informed Members the 'Vibrant & Safe Communities' working group was one of five groups established with a wider remit than community safety. It was recognised that PCSP is doing a very effective role in relation to community safety at a local level and that any Action Plan to be developed through community planning would seek to address a number of strategic actions that can be best be delivered through an integrated approach and would support the work of the PCSP. All proposals on taking *Theme 5 Strategic Actions* forward with regard to community safety will be through liaison with PCSP and other relevant key statutory agencies.

Details of Community Planning and Governance Structures to be provided to Members.

The Chair thanked the Head of Community Development for attending the meeting and providing an update in relation to the Community Plan.

Claire Linney left the meeting at 6.30pm.

PCSP61/17 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

The Chair thanked Ciaran McElhone for his commitment and work during his term as Vice Chair. She then commenced the process to elect a new PCSP Vice Chair. The Independent Members agreed the elected Members could remain in the Chamber during the election process.

The Chair advised Independent Members the election of the Vice Chair would be by a simple majority of all votes cast. Voting papers were distributed to all Independent Members, votes were cast and voting papers collected. One voting paper had been submitted in a sealed envelope prior to the meeting. This was opened and counted with votes cast on the night. A total of seven votes were cast.

The Chair declared Ursula Marshall as having been elected by the PCSP Independent Members to the position of Vice Chair for the period 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018. She congratulated Ursula on behalf of all present.

The outgoing Vice Chair, Ciaran McElhone, thanked the PCSP Members and staff for their support during his term in office. He also thanked Councillor Phelim Gildernew, last year's PCSP Chair and Councillor Frances Burton, current Chair, for their help and assistance. He wished Ursula Marshall all the best in her new position.

PCSP62/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligations in relation to declarations of interest.

PCSP63/17 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2017

The Minutes of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday, 15 March 2017 were approved and signed.

Proposed by: Ciaran McElhone
Seconded by: Fiona Crawford

PCSP64/17 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2017/2018 – DISCUSSION REGARDING TIMES AND PROPOSAL RE AMALGAMATION OF ASB & NTE SUB GROUP MEETINGS

The PCSP Manager referred to a consultation which had taken place in February 2016 when Members were given a choice of 6.00pm, 6.30pm or 7.00pm start time for meetings. The majority agreed with a 6.00pm start.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed the PCSP Manager would review all schedules of meetings and endeavour to accommodate the views expressed and seek to balance everyone's interests as much as possible. Revised schedules would be e-mailed to Members.

The PCSP Manager referred to a Member's suggestion at a recent ASB sub group to amalgamate the Anti-Social Behaviour and Night Time Economy sub groups due to overlapping discussions surrounding ASB issues. A possible solution would be to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour issues at PCSP meetings, given that ASB has linkages through the three sub groups.

Following an in-depth discussion Members decided to continue with three separate sub groups.

Proposed: Councillor Phelim Gildernew
Seconded: Councillor Mark Glasgow

PCSP65/17 THEMATIC GROUPS UPDATE

ASB – Anti-Social Behaviour Forum Update

The PCSP Manager provided an update to Members on the work of the Anti-Social Behaviour Group and the following comments were made:

Item 1 – Target Hotspots

- The PCSP Manager advised meetings had been held regarding

Draperstown, Maghera and the 'Lines', Dungannon. In relation to Milltown, the PSNI, DYRC and Youth Service were scoping the problem to identify the young people and develop a suitable youth programme. There had been increased PSNI patrols and Parks staff were aware of the ongoing issues in the area.

Councillor Reid stated no-one from PSNI had contacted him to provide an update on issues in Milltown. Superintendent Baird apologised for this as it was due to sickness absence. He would arrange for the Councillor to be updated.

Item 4 – Anti-Social Driving

- A meeting is being arranged to update Fairhill residents. In response to a question from Ursula Marshall, Superintendent Baird advised he had not received any reports of car related incidents from residents in Fairhill over the past number of weeks. He stated a significant amount of work had been conducted in the area and vehicles seized.
- An Emergency Services Reconstruction would be held on 5 June 2017 in Moygashel. The Fire and Rescue Service would not be in attendance due to budget constraints.

Item 5 – Redeployable CCTV Cameras

- Quad bikes were being used illegally in Davagh Forest. PCSP, PSNI and Council had been working together on an information campaign and putting up CCTV cameras and signage to combat this activity.

Item 7 – ASB Information sharing Protocols

- Responding to a question from Liam Duggan in relation to the introduction of a 'Warden Scheme', the PCSP Manager stated further investigation into job descriptions would be required.

Item 8 – Anti-Social Driving

- Fiona Crawford updated Members in relation to anti-social driving issues (do-nuts) happening on the Killeeshill Road, stating the PSNI are taking the issue very seriously. Incidents were sporadic and therefore hard to catch individuals 'in the act'. PSNI patrols had been increased in the area and she had received very positive feedback from Inspector Jamieson.

Item 13 - Mid Ulster YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership)

- The PCSP Manager advised Members the Mid Ulster YEP (Youth Engagement Partnership) Project will be developed with partners and delivered on the lead up to Halloween.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – Mid Ulster District Council Leisure Services, Summer Scheme Extended Provision

The PCSP Manager advised that Mid Ulster District Council's Leisure Services Department had submitted an 'Expression of Interest' to extend their 'Summer Scheme Programme' targeting young people aged between 6 and 14 years in hotspot areas. Funding would enable the centres to target additional children and undertake additional activities including trips to Davagh Forest for mountain biking, climbing walls and bubble ball. The cost would be £1,500 each for Cookstown, Maghera, Magherafelt and Dungannon Leisure Centres and £500 for Maghera Leisure Centre.

Members agreed it was a worthy project, providing district wide coverage,
but requested further information and assurance that the target audience would be successfully brought on board ensuring it was not just an add-on to what already exists.

NTE – Night-Time Economy Group Update

PCSP Officer provided an update to Members on the work of the Night-Time Economy Group and the following comments were made;

Item 1 – Target Hotspot areas – Fairhill, Cookstown

- The PCSP Officer advised a meeting was presently being arranged in order to keep the residents updated on the actions being taken to address anti-social driving.

Item 8 – Develop and Manager CCTV

- Members were advised a Contractor had been appointed to install the Mid Ulster District CCTV System, and a camera would be erected at the Loy Street junction in due course.

Item 9 – Defibrillators & Training

- Training on how to use a defibrillator would be arranged in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Item 11 – Fast Food Outlets

- The PCSP Officer advised an Environmental Health Officer would attend the next Night Time Economy meeting to provide information on present legislation regarding 'Closing Orders' for Fast Food Outlets.

VP – Vulnerable Persons Group Update

PCSP Manager provided an update on the work of the Vulnerable Persons Group and the following comments were made;

Item 3 – Neighbourhood Watch

- Members were advised a Neighbourhood Watch meeting for Dungannon co-ordinators would be held on Thursday, 15 June in Council Offices, Dungannon at 7.00pm.

Item 7 – Bogus Callers Awareness Events

- The PCSP Manager invited Members to attend an ‘Older Persons’ Event on Thursday 1 June 2017 in Caledon Community Centre (Old Primary School) at 10.30am.

Item 8 – Scam Awareness Events

- Counterfeit currency information sessions were presently being arranged to take place in Santander, Dungannon.

Item 10 – Develop Schools Internet Safety

- Members were reminded about and asked to promote the next Public Meeting, (‘Internet Safety’ theme) which would be held on Wednesday 14 June 2017 in the Glenavon House Hotel, Cookstown.

PCSP66/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Focus Group – Dr Jonny Byrne, University of Ulster

The PCSP Manager advised that the NI Policing Board had commissioned Ulster University to conduct a research project examining the effectiveness of the Policing Committees of PCSPs and DPCSPs. As part of the research, Dr Jonny Byrne would like to hold a focus group with a number of Policing Committee Members. It would last for approximately one hour and allow Members to consider issues around effectiveness, measuring impact, engagement and relationship between the PSNI and the Board.

The following Members agreed to participate;
Councillor Denise Mullen, Councillor Frances Burton, Fiona Crawford
Marian Dorman, Mark Farquhar, Ciaran McElhone and Liam Duggan.

2. Street Angels, Cookstown

The PCSP Manager advised the work of the ‘Street Angels’ in Cookstown was presently ‘on hold’. A new group named ‘Club Angels’ would be operating within Lanyon Hall, Cookstown.

3. PCSP Training and Capacity Building Plan

In response to a query from Liam Duggan regarding training available to PCSP Members, the PCSP Manager advised a Communique from the Joint Committee detailing the Training Plan 2017/2018 would be e-mailed to Members.

PCSP67/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next PCSP meeting on Wednesday, 20 September, 2017. A Themed Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 June 2017 in the Glenavon House Hotel at 7.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.50pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Councillor Denise Mullen who arrived at 6.07pm.

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 14 September 2017 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Cuddy, Doris, Forde, McAleer, McEldowney, McFlynn, McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith (7.11 pm), G Shiels

Officers in Attendance

Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities
Mr Browne, Head of Tourism
Mr Glavin, Head of Tourism
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development
Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer

Others in Attendance

Agenda Item 4 – Moneymore Heritage Trust
Representatives from Moneymore Heritage Trust
Mr Robert Colvin
Mr Robert Riddell
Mr Robert Kelly

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised the committee that he had been contacted regarding an issue, which was raised at the Environment Committee and wanted members to note that anything raised or decided at a committee meeting must not be discussed with anyone outside the Council Chamber until approved by Council. He asked members to be cautious as he hadn't been aware of the incident until he was contacted about the matter.

D163/17 Apologies

Councillors Burton.

D164/17 Declaration of Interests

Councillors Wilson declared an interest in the Enterprise Centre.
Councillor Cuddy declared an interest in the Enterprise Centre.
Councillor Doris declared an interest in the Enterprise Centre.

D165/17 Chairs business

The Chair, advised that he was happy to agree to a request from Councillor G Shiels asking if he could address the Committee regarding the Notice of Motion which he brought to the Council meeting on 27 July 2017.

Councillor G Shiels thanked the Chair for letting him address the meeting regarding the Notice of Motion which he brought to the Council meeting addressing his concerns about the proposal from the Department of Infrastructure threatening the future of Mid Ulster's Rural Community Transport Partnership.

He said that following on from the Community Transport Driver situation that it emerged that the Community Transport Partnerships were informed that the public consultation on this would take place shortly but consultation on operator licensing was also taking place at the same time. This means that the drivers would be expected to have their D1 licences by January 2018, but also that the organisation would need to have an Operator's Licence as well. They have been told that they are "operating illegally" at the moment. While the organisations would be able to get Operator Licences this could have an impact on the funding.

Councillor G Shiels asked that the Council Chair convene a meeting with the local groups and responsible Government Department to resolve this.

The Chair updated that this had been raised at Council and was being progressed.

D166/17 Moneymore Heritage Trust

The Chair welcomed representatives from Moneymore Heritage Trust to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Colvin advised that the village of Moneymore has needed a plan for some years now, to take it forward as a village and community. This need has become more apparent in recent months. There is increased concern that heavy traffic has had a negative effect on business that would typically use the High Street as a location for their operations. There is much anecdotal evidence to suggest that traffic volumes have indeed increased substantially, adding impetus and acceleration to the demise of the village centre and the quality of village life. The Board of Moneymore Heritage Trust (MHT) decided to carry out a robust traffic survey of traffic.

Moneymore Heritage Trust is a registered charity managed by a cross community board of volunteers. It owns the Manor House and is currently developing allotments as part of a wider programme for the gardens to the rear of that iconic property. Moneymore Heritage Trust seeks to preserve the heritage and history of the village and is mindful of its role in assisting in re-generation and promotion of the village and its surroundings.

Mr Colvin asked that the following recommendations be considered by the committee:

- That Mid Ulster Council include a by-pass for Moneymore as part of its Development Strategy;

- That traffic and parking solutions are essential to regenerate Moneymore, and therefore a review of traffic management through the village is urgently required;
- That a suitable safe means of crossing the road be provided on High Street without imposing additional street furniture;
- That Mid Ulster Council set up an Air Quality Station to monitor traffic pollutants including Particulate Matter (PM) pollution, and monitor noise pollution;
- That a structural study be implemented to measure traffic related vibration and possible links to structural cracking.

The Chair, thanked Mr Colvin for his presentation and advised that a number of issues have been raised, but would say that Moneymore was not a forgotten village within the Community Plan and asked members for comments.

Councillor G Shiels said that he was sold on the idea of a bypass, as there was a lot more traffic passing through Moneymore compared to years ago. He said that the bridge entering Moneymore from the Cookstown side was becoming dilapidated with all the heavy traffic and would like the Council to be aware of the heritage linked to Moneymore village.

Councillor McAleer enquired if Transport NI had any input into trying to ease traffic congestion in Moneymore village like implementing a pedestrian crossing and looking at ways to decrease long term parking.

Mr Colvin said that the group hadn't approached Transport NI as they were a community group and hoped that the Council would try and make a case for the village. He said getting a parking space along High Street posed a particular problem for those wishing to visit local shops, as parking spaces are taken up primarily by all day parkers who leave their car there and travel on to other destinations. He indicated that one local shop had to close down as a direct result of losing passing trade as customers had no-where to park. He did however, point out that Council will be aware of a parcel of land currently available in Moneymore and added that the Trust would encourage Council to consider purchasing this for a car park.

The Chair, advised that the Planning Manager was drawing up a strategy for Moneymore village and stated that the figures highlighted by Moneymore Heritage Trust would be very beneficial. He said that in the past, Cookstown Council tried numerous times to get a pedestrian crossing implemented in the village but that some were not in favour of this.

Councillor Molloy thanked Mr Colvin for his presentation and advised that this situation was similar to his own village of the Moy as there was a high volume of traffic and all day parking, which deters passing through traffic from stopping in the village. He said that traffic coming from the Magherafelt bypass gets to Moneymore more quickly and cause congestion. He said that he would like the Council to investigate options for a bypass, long term parking, parking restrictions and a pedestrian crossing in the village.

Councillor McFlynn declared an interest in Moneymore Heritage Trust.

Councillor McFlynn said that Moneymore had a lot of heritage attached to it and it wasn't pleasant to see how the high volume of traffic was having such a detrimental impact on the village. She advised that a meeting was held with the Minister for Infrastructure, Mr Chris Hassard, in which he advised that Moneymore wasn't a priority which was very discouraging. She stated that the problem with traffic congestion was getting more prominent and from around 3.30 pm, when schoolchildren are coming home from school and trying to cross the road.

Councillor McFlynn advised that Patsy McGlone and herself had met with representatives from Transport NI to try and find a solution to the problem, but nothing was resolved. She said that she would hope that the Council would find a way of helping Moneymore Heritage Trust find a solution with the help of Transport NI.

Councillor Cuddy said that Moneymore Heritage Trust had produced a good comprehensive document and felt that this was how things were triggered to make progress. He said that he also was at the meeting with Minister Hazzard and that unfortunately Moneymore wasn't even on their radar. He said that the new Council had incorporated a new corridor length ranging from Swatragh to Fivemiletown which was fed by the A29 and it was up to them to try and get the A29 infrastructure improved on this stretch of road. He continued to say that it was also up to the Council to get behind the residents of Moneymore in encouraging traffic away from the village by way of lobbying MLA's and other representatives.

Councillor McNamee advised that it would only be a matter of time before Moneymore would be dealt with, but only after Cookstown and Dungannon as they were the priorities. He said that Cookstown was in dire need of a bypass as the traffic congestion was dreadful. He said that he also agreed that Moneymore needed traffic restrictions in place.

Councillor G Shiels advised that at the time Magherafelt was successful in securing funding for their bypass, it was because the project wasn't as expensive as the others which were larger schemes and turned down. He said as this scheme wouldn't result in a huge expenditure, it should be investigated along with Cookstown as it also was a line on the map.

The Chair thanked the representatives from Moneymore Heritage Trust for attending the meeting, but advised that when some members met with the Minister last year, he was perfectly blunt that Moneymore wasn't being considered for a bypass. He also said that shopkeepers and some residents were totally opposed to a pedestrian crossing or traffic island in the village as they say it would cause problems, but that Moneymore would be fed into the Community Plan and that the Council would try and help anyway they could.

The representatives from Moneymore Heritage Trust left the meeting at 7.25 pm.

The Chair, advised that Moneymore wasn't an easy fix as it wasn't built in the first instance to cater for high volumes of traffic all those years ago.

He also said that there were concerns regarding parking in Cookstown where motorists parked all day as parking restrictions signs were removed during the public realm scheme and now that they have been erected again, no legislation can be approved as the assembly was not up and running to enforce this, but it was worth noting that legislation was brought in by Dungannon without the endorsement of the Assembly.

Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.11 pm.

Matters for Decision

D167/17 Maghera Leisure Centre Development Proposals

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on proposals for improvement works to Maghera Leisure Centre and to seek permission to proceed to Tender Exercise.

Proposed by Councillor McEldowney
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that permission be granted to proceed to Tender Exercise for the works to Maghera Leisure Centre. That a request be made to Policy and Resources Committee for the release of the funds to undertake these works.

Councillor McNamee referred to the salaries of Swimming Instructors and the difference in pay between Instructors in Cookstown and Dungannon.

The Head of Leisure Services advised that over the next 18 months there would be a Leisure review which would look into these matters.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation said that with Greenvale coming back on board and differences in the other areas, the review would be considering Terms and Conditions. Future recommendations would be brought through Policy & Resources Committee.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation in response to Councillor Cuddy's query about staff at Greenvale Leisure Centre advised that they had transferred to Council on their existing Terms and Conditions in accordance with TUPE legislation.

The Chair advised that it would be more sensible to wait until the review takes place.

D168/17 Sports Representatives and Schools Sports Facilities Grants

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to present to Members the proposed Sports Grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grants – Team and Individuals and to gain permission to seek applications for the Schools Facilities Grant.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Sports Representative Grants totalling £4,150 be agreed
- 2) £20,000 being transferred from Sports Capital Grants to Sports Representatives Grants to allow this rolling programme to continue to the end of this financial year
- 3) £40,000 which has been accrued from last year an £10,000 from the 2017/18 be Sports Capital Grants Budget be allocated to the Schools Sports Facilities Grant and this be opened again on 5th October 2017 with a budget of £50,000.

D169/17 Sports Development Small Grant (with Sport NI Every Body Active Programme)

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to agree an update Sports Development Small Grant following an additional offer of funding from Sport NI.

Proposed by Councillor Forde
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve an update Sports Development Small Grant in partnership with Sport NI Every Body Active programme and updated Sports Development Small Grants criteria and application and maximum grant award.

D170/17 Motorsport Task Force

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider request from the Motorsport Taskforce to Mid Ulster District Council for a financial contribution towards commissioning of a Motorsport Economic Impact Report for Northern Ireland.

Councillor Monteith enquired how this would fit in with the grants system and asked if other sporting agencies coming through i.e. GAA and Soccer would also be in a position to seek funding.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that this was only a NI Taskforce Study.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that it would be up to members to decide who would be in a position to receive funding.

Councillor Cuddy said that he agreed with Councillor Monteith as this would leave it open for other sporting agencies to seek the same and this needed to be taken into consideration and further investigations carried out before committing.

Councillor Monteith said that if a community group were seeking £1,000 and didn't have the necessary criteria then they would not be in a position to be shortlisted for funding and felt that this wasn't right.

Councillor Molloy agreed and stated that if schools and community groups had to follow procedures, then there was an onus on this Council to make sure that every application follows the same criteria and he said that he found it difficult to see how this money was going to benefit Mid Ulster.

Councillor Cuddy said that when the Motorsport Taskforce decide to buy into Mid Ulster then the Council can consider funding opportunities as it was important to point out that nothing ever comes back to this area from them.

The Chair said that there was a need to look at the criteria as Cookstown 100 and Bush Road Races never benefitted considering that these were very big events. He said that it may be an idea to see who was on the Taskforce and said that he took on board members concerns.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that this matter be investigated further and brought back to the next Committee.

D171/17 Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that Members approve the alternative date for Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On to 6.30 pm Friday 24 November 2017.

D172/17 Davagh Forest/Dark Skies Observatory

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to update the Council and seek approval for additional developments for the Davagh Forest/Dark Skies Observatory.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted for:

- 1) Additional funding from the Landfill Communities Fund of up to £245k to engage Design & Build Interpretative element at no extra cost to the

Council which will enhance the Davagh Forest project and specifically the visitor experience within the building.

- 2) Update both the business plan and the economic appraisal to reflect the current status of project and funding opportunities at a cost of £4,200 from within existing budgets.
- 3) To engage original ICT Team Teague & Sally to contract manage the Interpretative elements and associated works of the build which was not included in their original fee submission. Fees will be % basis as per their original tender submission.

Councillor McNamee advised the committee that Councillor Clarke would be taking part in the Lesser Spotted Journeys programme on UTV on Monday 18 September promoting the Dark Skies Initiative.

D173/17 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below:

- 1) Christmas Off Street Car Parking Charges – Dungannon & Magherafelt
- 2) Renewable Engine Partnership Agreement
- 3) NI Business Start Programme
- 4) PLATO Eastern & Border Region (EBR) Proposal
- 5) Local Full Fibre Networks Programme
- 6) Mid Ulster Skills Forum Minutes
- 7) Former High School Site, Maghera
- 8) Research Study into Mid Ulster's Engineering Sector
- 9) Rural Development Programme (RDP) Business Plans Programme
- 10) Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh
- 11) Cookstown Summer Festival
- 12) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme
- 13) Village Renewal Project
- 14) A6 Randalstown – Castledawson Dualling Scheme Meet the Buyer/Employability Event
- 15) Cookstown Town Centre Forum and Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes
- 16) Killymoon Post Office, Cookstown
- 17) St Anne's Clock, Dungannon

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

1) Christmas Off Street Car Parking Charges – Dungannon & Magherafelt

The temporary reduced Christmas car parking tariff for the first 3 hours of 10 pence in all Off Street Pay & Display Car Parks in Dungannon and

Magherafelt from Saturday 25th November 2017 to Saturday 6th January 2018 (6 week period) at a cost of £23,400.

Proposed Councillor G Shiels
Seconded Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: Approved

2) Renewable Engine Partnership Agreement

The Council to sign the Renewable Engine Partnership Agreement.

Agreed.

3) NI Business Start Programme (NIBSP)

- **Service Level Agreement for new CRM**
The Council to sign the NI Business Start Programme Service Level Agreement for the Customer Relationship Management System
- **New Business Start Programme**
Note progress

Agreed

4) PLATO EBR (Eastern and Border Region) Proposal

Contribution of up to £15,000 towards the costs of the delivery of the Plato Programme over the next 12 months.

Agreed.

5) Local Full Fibre Networks Programme

Submission of two funding applications to the LFFN Programme. The first Programme is Council's application to create full fibre networks at business parks in Cookstown, Dungannon/Coalisland and Maghera. Secondly, approval for Council to form part of the Regional Gigabit Vouchers bid, being spearheaded by Belfast City Council.

Agreed.

6) Mid Ulster Skills Forum

Members to note Minutes of Mid Ulster Skills Forum, dated 25 April 2017.

Agreed.

7) Former High School Site, Maghera

Members to note progress.

Agreed.

8) Research Study into Mid Ulster's Engineering Sector

Members to note progress, including need to commission a comprehensive Research Study into Mid Ulster's Engineering Sector with an anticipated budget of up to £28,000 (including expenses and excluding Vat).

Agreed.

9) RDP Business Plans Programme

Members to note progress, including the need to draw up a Select List of consultants to prepare Business Plans to support Rural Development Programme applicants, with an anticipated budget of £10,000 (including expenses and excluding Vat) assigned for this work.

Agreed.

10) Cookstown & Magherafelt Town Centre Branch Refresh

Members to note progress.

Agreed.

11) Cookstown Summer Carnival

Members to note Evaluation Report on Cookstown Summer Carnival.

Agreed.

12) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme

Members to note progress for Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme.

Agreed.

13) Village Renewal Project

Members to note progress.

Agreed.

14) A6 Randalstown – Castledawson Dualling Scheme Meet the Buyer/Employability Event

Members to note details of Meet the Buyer/Employability Event on 26 September 2017 from 10am to 1pm in The Elk, Toome.

Agreed.

15) Cookstown Town Centre Forum and Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes

Members to note Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum held on 3 May 2017 and Magherafelt Town Centre Forum held on 15 May 2017.

Councillor McNamee advised that Cookstown Town Centre Forum had raised the issue of market rights for Saturday trading in Cookstown and said that they would like the opportunity for Cookstown DEA Councillors and Officers to meet Mr Orr to explore the opportunity of attaining same.

16) Killymoon Street Post Office, Cookstown

Members to note receipt of letter from Post Office advising of modernisation of services at Killymoon Street Post Office branch.

17) St Anne's Clock, Dungannon

Members to note there is no Council programme to support retrospectively funding repairs to St Anne's Clock, Dungannon and are happy to take guidance from Members on the matter.

Councillor Monteith referred to Items of Heritage which was similar to St Anne's Clock project and said that it was agreed by Council that a scheme would come forward on a small contribution of £500 being made available for heritage sites. He said that a small amount of funding could go a long way and would propose that next month this be investigated to see if a grant scheme could be scooped out.

The Head of Economic Development circulated to members a timeline of Minute records from Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council re: St Anne's Clock Dungannon.

The Chair said that he wanted to thank Officers on their persistence in achieving a paper trail on the timeline of St Anne's Clock.

Councillor Cuddy stated that in the time of Dungannon Council it was agreed that maintenance would be provided for the Old Fivemiletown Clock by them.

The Chair said that to date, Mid Ulster District Council had offered to assist, St Anne's Church to make a funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, but that the Church had declined. The Chair said that it was up to members to decide if a financial contribution was to be made or make a commitment to try and help the Church get funding elsewhere, or go with Councillor Monteith's proposal of Council investigating the provision of financial assistance through the establishment of a Heritage small grants scheme.

The Chair advised that St Anne's Church Clock is now fixed and paid for by St. Anne's Church.

Councillor McNamee said that he supported Councillor Monteith's proposal and would be happy to second it.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about Edendork Car Boot Sale which was raised last month and asked if there was any update on getting a prominent site for the car boot sale in Dungannon town centre to trade and draw people into the town as thousands of people attend Granville Farmer's Mart and also Tesco Farmer's Mart and felt that the town centre would benefit from something similar.

The Head of Economic Development advised that investigations were ongoing with the Public Health and Infrastructure section.

The Chair agreed with Councillor Cuddy and advised that the Council would be very keen to progress this.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to investigating a small grant scheme for Items of Heritage.

Councillor Cuddy asked if it would be possible to have a policy in place for next month and suggested as a good will gesture the Council make a financial contribution towards St. Anne's towards the fixing of the clock as it wasn't a huge amount of money.

Councillor McAleer suggested that funding could be allocated through the Chairman's budget.

Councillor Wilson agreed that he would be supportive of the idea of a contribution through the Chair's budget and to follow through with the application and investigation of the Policy.

D174/17 ESF Phase 1 Performance (2015-2017) and New ESF Phase 2 Match Funding Requests (2018-2022)

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to consider current ESF Phase 1 Performance (2015-17) and financially supporting a number of new match funding requests under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22).

The Chair said that this was a very comprehensive report and was very impressed with the work which had been put into this.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Forde and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to:

- 1) Members noting current progress on current ESF Phase 1 Performance (2015-17)
- 2) The undernoted match funding requests under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for Mid Ulster District:

SUSE+

A financial contribution of £40,000 per annum to SWC for the period 2018-2022.

Exploring Enterprise 4 Programme

A financial contribution of £9,452 per annum to Enterprise NI for the period 2018-2022.

Up for Work Programme

A financial contribution of £9,512 per annum to Network Personnel for the period 2018-2022.

Job Match Programme

A financial contribution of £10,332 per annum to Network Personnel for the period 2018-2022.

- 3) Not approving the match funding requests under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for the Community Family Support Programme and Workforce IV Programme for the reasons outlined in this report.

Councillor Doris advised that she was disappointed about match funding not being available to the NOW Group as they were carrying out good, productive work, with good recommendations from Belfast City Council and asked if this could be deferred until the next meeting.

The Head of Economic Development stated that this couldn't be deferred as the ESF funding call already opened and would close again before the next meeting and as such groups which have approached Council need to be advised if they were successful or not, to be able to note this in their project application form.

Councillor Doris felt that it was important to try and help the NOW Group as they wanted to extend their outreach to Mid Ulster.

The Chair requested that a Celebration event be organised to mark the success of the ESF suite programmes which Mid Ulster Council had financially supported over the last few years.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to proceed with the recommendation of not providing match funding to the NOW Group and Community Family Support Programme as outlined in the report. Further recommended that a Celebration Event be organised to mark the success of the ESF suite of programmes.

D175/17 Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to update Members on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.

*The Chair, Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Rural Development Partnership
Councillor McAleer declared an interest in Rural Development Partnership
Councillor McElowney declared an interest in Rural Development Partnership*

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to Council letters of offers to projects approved under the LAGs Rural Services Scheme, and the following process as outlined below:

- 1) Letter of offer from Council to be drafted following receipt from the project promoter of a signed accepted copy of the LAG's offer of funding;
- 2) Key tasks and targets to be aligned with those outlined within the LAG's letter of offer
- 3) Members to be notified in Committee Papers of all letters of offer issued to Rural Services applicants;
- 4) Progress against issued letters of offer to be included within the RDP update report to the Committee.
- 5) With all the job creation through this programme, this should be showcased to show their success.

D176/17 Capital Community Discretionary Grant

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek guidance on a proposed Capital Discretionary Grant for Mid Ulster Council.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval to the Capital Discretionary Grant for Mid Ulster Council, pending agreement from Policy and Resources on a finalised budget.

D177/17 Community Development

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to:

Councillor Wilson declared an interest in the Youth Service.

- 1) Seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals Rolling Grant Award recommendations
- 2) Agree Peace IV Local Action Planning Partnership recommendations
- 3) Agree operational delivery of advice provision across Mid Ulster
- 4) Consider a request for support for the UK Government Syrian Refugee Programme and associated awareness training
- 5) Update on Community Development

Councillor Monteith enquired how much Neighbourhood Renewal was contributing to the Dungannon area as it was a partnership between two areas and asked for a breakdown to be provided to the next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that approval be granted to:

- 1) Grant Award recommendations under the Community Festivals and Good Relations grants as per Appendix 1
- 2) Peace IV Partnership recommendations; Peace partner proposals for EA Youth, STEP, COSTA/CWSAN, Speedwell
Peace Cross Border Heritage to go out to tender
Peace Post Primary Schools Project to go to tender
- 3) £1000 towards the UK Syrian Refugee Programme; breakdown £250 towards storage of basic provisions and up to £750 for awareness training
- 4) Request for flexible local advice delivery, in line with agreed targets and outcomes as per original Agreement, to meet the increasing demand across geographical areas and advice provision communication
- 5) Note the Community Development update report
- 6) Breakdown of how much Neighbourhood Renewal is contributing towards Dungannon be provided to the next meeting.

D178/17 Partnership with Disability Sport NI on provision of a Disability Sports Hub based at Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown

The Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek permission to proceed with the partnership based on an agreed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Development Plan.

Councillor Monteith said that it would be worth considering that the Council liaise with Community Groups to see what Disabled Groups and Sporting Clubs need to do to get involved and having a scoring matrix to measure funding.

The Head of Leisure advised that this could be introduced through Sports Development.

Proposed by Councillor Montieth
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council to approve the proposed MoU and Development Plan to allow the partnership to proceed.

Matters for Information

D179/17 Minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 5 July 2017

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 5 July 2017.

D180/17 Parks Service Progress

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the progress being made regarding activities and associated to Parks Services and highlight events or consultations that will be occurring in the future.

D181/17 Culture & Arts Progress Report

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the progress being made across Culture & Arts Services and to highlight events that have taken place during the previous quarter. The report also highlights specific events and activities within Culture & Arts Services that is currently being developed by the officer team and which will take place in the future.

D182/17 Attendance Figures at recent Events and provide an update on Autumn Events

Members noted previously circulated report which provided attendance figures for recent Events and provide an update on Autumn Events.

D183/17 NISRA Tourism Statistics 2016

Members noted previously circulated report which provided to update members on Tourism NI summary Local Government District (LGD) report that contains key data (e.g. overnight trips, nights and spend, reason to visit and origin of visitors) for all 11 LGDs (based on 2012-2016 Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA data) including Mid Ulster. TNI has also produced 11 LGD Fact Cards based on 2012-2016 data released by the (NISRA) on the LGDS.

D184/17 Working Groups Reporting to Development Committee

Members noted previously circulated report to provide members with a list of the current working groups associated with and reporting through the Development Committee.

Councillor Monteith enquired about Working Groups being set up as a task and finish programme. He said that some Working Groups were going on for five years and felt that these should be classed as Sub Committees under the terms set out by the Council.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that in some cases there was no distinction between Working Groups and Sub Committees. He said that Good Relations delivers the Good Relations programme, Peace is the same, Tourism had a four year action plan in place, not sure on Skills Forum as it's chaired by the private sector and the Ancient Heart of Ulster was set up for 18 months to get an application set up.

Councillor Monteith stressed that a Working Group had a start and finish date and this only ceases when the task is complete. He said that Good Relations wasn't a

Working Group as it was a body of this Council and was of the opinion that the Working Groups were Sub Committees as they didn't adhere to task and finish dates.

Councillor Monteith asked that a report on distinctions between Working Groups and what they represented be brought back to committee.

The Director of Business and Communities said that he would be happy to take this on board and would be brought to Policy & Resources Committee first before coming to this committee.

Resolved: That a report be brought to Committee on the distinctions between the Working Groups and what they represent.

Local Government (NI) 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved: In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D184/17.

Matters for Information

D185/17 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on
Wednesday 5 July 2017

D186/17 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm.

CHAIR

DATE

Report on	MUDC Forest Schools Northern Ireland Launch
Reporting Officer	Head of Parks
Contact Officer	Nigel Hill

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on the recent launch of the Northern Ireland Forest Schools scheme on Monday 18 th September at Ranfurly House and Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council are currently assisting three local schools with this pilot scheme. The principle aims of the scheme are to increase both the child's and teachers perception and knowledge of the local environment, allowing both to gain new skills to take back to the classroom, the designated site is the Hill of The O'Neill.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Dungannon Primary, St. Patrick's and Gaelscoil Aodha Rua are currently taking part in a 6-week scheme based at Hill of the O'Neill.



Forest Schools are an exciting and inspirational experience for children.

They encourage children to:

- Work as part a team, gaining new social skills.
- Build confidence and self-esteem, they also focus on the children's motivation and concentration.
- Encourages children to explore all of their senses.
- Develop communication skills
- Promote observational improvements, helping children to identify flora and fauna, and encouraging them to enjoy the changing seasons.
- Promote increased respect for the environment.
- Allows teachers to gain a new perspective and understanding of the children as they observe them in a very different setting.
- Encourages children to bring their experience home and asked their parents to take them outdoors at the weekend and at school holidays.

Forest Schools incorporates aspects of history, geography and science, delivers an opportunity to develop thinking skills and personal capabilities, and has a strong emphasis on promoting numeracy and literacy. The initiative connects children to their outdoor environment, stimulating curiosity and inspiring a love of the natural world that is likely to remain long after the end of primary school. Teachers participating in the project are well supported with expertise and resources, and enjoy the project as much as the children."

	<p>NIFSA is an independent charity registered in Northern Ireland. They promote Forest School ethos to educational establishments and like-minded organizations throughout the country.</p> <p>NIFSA trains on average 10 schools / community groups per year.</p> <p>From conception NIFSA have taken more than 7,500 children in Forest School sessions.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: £6,000 shared allocation to scheme from Parks and Culture & Arts budgets.</p> <p>Human: Existing staff resources sufficient to coordinate project support.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	Report for members information purposes only.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	Greenvale Leisure Centre Update
Reporting Officer	Liam Glavin
Contact Officer	Oliver McShane

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	×

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To present to members an update on the transition of management of Greenvale Leisure Centre from Pulse Fitness to Council.
2.0	Background
2.1	In May 2017 Council took a decision to return the management of Greenvale Leisure Centre to Council on the 10 th September 2017.
2.2	<p>Detailed Project Planning was required in preparation for the above date. The following are a summary of the actions which were required by various different departments within Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of Exit Management Plan • TUPE preparations • Employment Status of all Pulse employees • Terms and Conditions, pension arrangements of Pulse Employees • Supplier contract negotiations • Financial preparations including payroll, creditors, bank accounts, insurances • Communications and marketing with specific reference to members • Digital convergence • ICT Business impact including all licenses, management information system, access control etc • Production of Budgets • Review of Operational and Health and Safety procedures • Ascertain Inventory and purchase equipment belonging to Pulse if suitable
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Council became responsible for all aspects of Greenvale Leisure Centre's operation from 10 th September 2017.
3.2	There was a smooth transition with the Centre continuing to operate effectively. Ongoing priorities are:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human resources – Staff are currently undertaking induction training and further training is planned. Greenvale staff and operations are being integrated into the leisure review. • Marketing and Communications – Logo has been put on external sign. Currently reviewing website and arrangements for transfer of information to the council's website; • ICT – ICT software and hardware operating effectively. Delays in external connection with telecommunication connections which would give faster wifi operations. The new telephony system is to be installed post 10th September 2017; • Leisure – Queries have been raised about membership deals including Maghera LC usage and staff 50% discount usage at Greenvale LC. Further health and safety issues have been raised about the viewing gallery and arrangements are in place to manage this. An extensive programme of work is still required to align HR and operational procedures, programmes, swimming lessons, Health and Safety, integration to MUDC policies and processes etc. between Greenvale and the rest of leisure. Where appropriate these will be included in the leisure alignment programme of work as well as existing operational arrangements.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial Implications</u> As previously reported.
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	That members note the successful transition of Greenvale Leisure Centre from Pulse management too Council.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	Leisure Services Update Report
Reporting Officer	Head of Leisure
Contact Officer	Liam Glavin

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members of the progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and highlight events that will be occurring in the future.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council recognises the important role that leisure plays in today's society and that the equitable availability of accessible, high quality sport and leisure provision can enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of the local community. The facilities and programmes provided in Mid Ulster are designed to maximise participation in sport and leisure activities from all sections of the community and provide pathways that enable every resident within the Mid Ulster area to maximise their health, sporting abilities, aspirations and potential.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Full details of key elements of Leisure Service provision in the last quarter is included in Appendix 1. A summary of key highlights is provided below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Cross Country at MUSA • Davagh Enduro race at Davagh Mountain Bike Trails • Cookstown Half Marathon at MUSA • Tyrone Towers Summer Basket Ball Camp • Acorns Blue Belles Race at Meadowbank Sports Arena • Adidas Wee Wonders Regional Final at Tobermore Golf Centre
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note activities being undertaken in Leisure Services in the last quarter and the events that will be occurring in the future.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 - Key elements of Leisure Service provision in the last quarter.

Sports Development

Every Body Active 2020

- The Summer of 2017 was again an action packed few months for the Every Body Active 2020 team that included Multi Sports Camps, Disability Sports Camps, Estates Programmes and Fun Days. Activities took place all across the Council area in places such as Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Meadowbank Sports Arena, Dungannon Leisure Centre, Gortgonis, Draperstown and Pomeroy.
- The aim of the camps was to introduce children to an activity programme and to improve their general fitness levels as well as introducing the kids to new sports. The programme included multi sports such as Soccer, Uni-Hoc, Dodgeball and Handball.
- Below are photos of some of the participants in action throughout the various Camps:



- EBA 2020 Disability Sport was also a big hit this summer with numerous Summer Camps taking place right across the Mid Ulster Council area as well as summer walking groups, Insight outdoor bowls and a variety of other groups availing of sport and physical activity sessions. The camps were open to all disability spectrums, ages, and genders.



- **ClubMark NI**

MUDC are now accredited by Sport NI to assess locally based sports club quality accreditation scheme and the sports development of MUDC unit will lead the assessment process for the Mid Ulster District.

- **Schools Cross Country 2017**

This year's Primary and Post Primary Cross Country events are taking place across the District during 3rd – 5th October with finals taking place on 19th October at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

- **Coach Development Program**

The Coach Development Programme in association with The Performance Lab will be launched at the beginning of October with a wide range of courses on offer to local sports

coaches. Well-known sports professionals will facilitate workshops that will offer local coaches detailed information from their chosen field of athlete development. In addition Sports Development have been working with a wide range of Governing Bodies to encourage them to be part of this year's Coach Education Programme to relocate their coaching / training courses to the Mid Ulster District area.

- **Disability Sports Hub**

The equipment for the Hub has now arrived and staff are working with Disability Sport to agree training up staff and volunteers. Following the training a wide range of activities will be delivered through the Hub.

- **C25K & Beyond Programme**

September sees the return of the councils C25K Programme and to challenge returning participants a "Beyond" element to the programme has been introduced. Over 250 people have registered to take part in the programmes across the district, namely Meadowbank, MUSA and Gortgonis with Graduation scheduled for Saturday 25th November at the MUSA Parkrun.

- **Junior Parkrun**

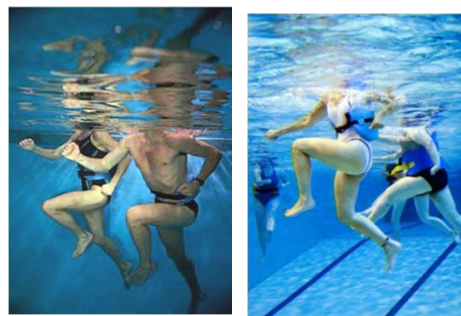
Sports Development is continuing to work with Parkrun to get a Junior run established in Polepatrick. A group of 12 volunteers has been established with an Event Director being appointed to lead the team. A number of meetings including a site visit have taken place and the volunteers are currently working through the requirements as set by Parkrun.

Cookstown Leisure Centre

- Birthday Parties were quiet over the last four months with

- **44 parties booked over June**
- **28 parties booked over July**
- **23 parties booked over June**

- Hydro Power was introduced on Thursday evenings over July and August when the swimming club gave up their sessions for the summer.



- During July and August courses were run in association with the Everybody Active Programme. They were as follows;

- **Get Active Cheerleading Camp:** Monday 3rd – Friday 7th July (2 sessions daily)
- **Gymnastics:** Monday 17th – Friday 21st July (3 sessions daily)
- **Get Active Kirsty's Kinetic Dance Camp:** Monday 24th – Friday 28th July (2 sessions daily)
- **Summer Get Fit:** Monday 7th – Friday 11th August

- **Launch of the September to December Drop in Programme.**

- The new timetable for classes and courses running from September to December was published and made available to the public, it includes a choice of **17** Drop in exercise classes of various styles, courses for Swimming, Lifesaving, Yoga,

Recreational Gymnastics and Buggy Fit. This was also made available to the customers through social media and online.

- The enrolment for various courses is now also available online which greatly improves the procedure and with this more tech savvy generation seems to be more and more in demand.
- Swimming Lesson enrolment (summer intensive July /August 2017) took place on Wednesday 21st June. Youth Swimming lessons took place for 6 weeks and followed a Monday – Friday intensive format. Lessons commenced on Monday 3rd July and concluded on the 18th August 2017. Lessons were available from 9.00am to 12noon and 3.00pm to 6.30pm. RLSS NPLQ, Survival and Save Silver Medallion and rookie lifeguard courses were also offered over the summer.

Youth intensive lessons summer 2017

	Number of Enrolments
Level 1	189
Level 2	173
Level 3	134
Level 4	104
Level 5	72
Level 6	39
Level 7	20
Level 8	7
Total	738
	Intensive NPLQ – summer 2017
NPLQ	8
Silver Medallion S&S	12
Rookie Lifeguard	15 (7 Rookie 8 Gold)

- September – December 2017 swimming enrolment was on Wednesday 23rd August Enrolment has been extremely popular with high waiting lists on levels 1 – 4 and shorter waiting lists on Levels 5 – 7.
- The school programme is proving very popular extra slots have been made available to accommodate the high-level usage of the programme. Due to budget constraints in the education system class sizes are increasing in schools.
- Swim Ulster has selected Cookstown Leisure Centre to be a partner in their “Swim Ulster Pathway Development Programme” and host one of the centres. Swim Ulster have experienced the successful delivery of the 1st stage of the club pathway development programme with Talent ID sessions running on a weekly basis in three locations (Newry, Magherafelt and Enniskillen) plus one weekly Talent Development session in Magherafelt. The next stage of the programme is to establish and support Swim Ulster Pathway Development Centres offering additional training to complement the local club programmes.
- The Outdoor bowling season at Fairhill Bowling Green finished on the 16th September, with all clubs having a successful year. The season was quiet, with no major issues from the clubs, in fact this year saw an additional team enter the leagues “Gunny Moore”. This left a very busy period with the four teams playing of the green. The pre-season inspection and remedial work stood by the green. The last

week did take its toll on certain rinks, but clubs were informed of concerns. The clubs saw fit to invite both members of staff to their end of year dinner dance.

- Cookstown Bowling club has started developing a junior initiative in conjunction with another Provincial club, promoting underage bowling. Although in its early stages the club plan to link in with MUDC "Sports Development" team for direction and financial support in Spring 2018.
- Also during the month of July evolve FITNESS ran a Summer Membership Promotion as an incentive to boost sales at a time when the gym historically becomes less busy during the summer holiday period.
- During the month of June evolve FITNESS ran a members Marathon Challenge. There were two levels for members to complete; a beginner level where they had to run 42km or an advanced level where members had to run 84km using the treadmill over a 1-month period.



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Davagh MBT Volunteer day

- Volunteer Day has been planned for Saturday 23rd September 2017 with over 10 volunteers currently signed up.

Usage Figures

Davagh Forest Trails	Car park	Total Trails	Pump Track	New Counter on top red trails	Running Trails Total
April to June 2015	7865	5004	3933	3933	5004
July to Sept 2015	6453	4780	2227	3090	9784
Oct to Dec 2015	3982	4418	1519	251*	14202
Jan to March 2016	3885	4473	2227	2303	18675
April to June 2016	5711	3469	1690	2822	3469
July to Sept 2016	5713	4285	1951	2366	7754
Oct to Dec 2016	4205	3149	1314	2328	10903
Jan to March 2017	5883	2561**	1188	178*	13464
April to June 2017	6503	3029	1882	1219*	3029
July to August 2017	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Counter not working correctly*

Anti-social behaviour in the Car parks



Help Protect Davagh Forest Trails!

- Mid Ulster District Council, the PSNI and Mid Ulster PCSP have launched a joint campaign to help prohibit unauthorised vehicles including motorbikes, quads and scramblers at Davagh Forest, Cookstown
- "Our main priority must be to ensure that Davagh Forest remains a safe place for the many leisure walkers and families that use our paths and for the mountain bikers that use our world class network of trails" - Chair of the Council, Cllr Kim Ashton.

Free Bike Marking

- Bike Marking Event in conjunction with Mid Ulster District Council, PSNI and Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership on Sunday 23rd July 2017 from 4pm at the Trailhead. Kits were free, but are limited and its first come first serve basis.

Events and Closures for Davagh 2017

- Davagh Enduro race was over the weekend of the 24th and 25th June 2017 hosted by Michael Regan with over 150 adults and 50 Kids taking part in this year



Under 8 Girls



Events Scheduled for the up and coming months at Davagh Forest trails

Date	Time	Event	Trails
Saturday 16 th September	12 noon	Sperrin Harriers (Obrien Challenge)	Full Closure between 12.00-14.00
September 2017	Tree felling for 3 / 4 weeks during September between way marker 34-39, Diversions will be in place during this felling period		
Sat 14 th Oct	12.00	Fergal's 10 miler	Full Closure between 12.00-14.00
11 th November	12.00	Sperrin Harriers 10km	Full closure 12.00-13.00
Sat 25 th November	9-5	Magherafelt Motor Club	Full Closure

Volunteer Day

- A volunteer Day took place on Saturday 23rd September with 7 volunteers taking part in helping to resurface the bottom section of Wolfs Hill. A new quad trailer was purchased for Davagh and this will help in the next few months in the resurface of other trail with the use of MUDC staff and volunteers.



Mid Ulster Sports Arena

- The new block booking period commenced on 4 September 2017 and will continue until the end of December. Local clubs recommenced their training schedule and Gaelic clubs are mostly using their own facilities for matches and training, with occasional matches here.

Street League 2017

- This year there was a change to the previous Street League format, as in addition to the usual Street League fixtures open to teams of non-registered / recreational football players, a new 'Super League' competition took place, allowing existing football players to enter in their own section. Ten teams entered the Recreational competition and Nine teams entered the Super League. This format was highly successful and enjoyed by all participants and spectators, the games were spread throughout the Mid Ulster Area.



Mullan's Bar and Cookstown Youth won their respective competitions.

Cookstown Half Marathon

- The Cookstown Half Marathon was held on 30th July with over 450 participants taking part in the intense course around Cookstown. Runners from all over Ireland took part in the race.



Tulach Og Hurling and Camogie Camp

- This newly formed club held a two-day camp at MUSA on 28 and 29 July which was attended by approximately 80 children each day.

Club NI/Elite Performer Development Centre

- Once again, the above group returned to MUSA for their summer training camps using the pitches, meeting rooms and strength and conditioning facilities to help the soccer stars of tomorrow hone their skills and increase their fitness levels.

Girls Soccer

- Mid Ulster Ladies held their home league matches and cup ties at MUSA. IFA girl's excellence held trials every Tuesday morning during July and August.



Events

Parkrun continues every Saturday morning at 9.30am (100+ participants weekly)

- Cookstown Half Marathon (400 participants)
- Usage of the Trim Trail by walkers and runners remains steady especially during the day. Estimated numbers using this facility in the region of 100 per day.
- Birthday Parties
- Summer Camps (July and August)
- CYFC Annual Five Aside Jordan Scott Memorial Tournament (17 June)
- IFA Elite NI Development Centre
- IFA Girls Excellence Trials
- MU Ladies FC League and Cup games

Future events and activities

- Street League Competition to start mid-July
- Couch to 5K Programme on Tuesday and Thursday evenings commences on Tuesday 19 September at MUSA
- School Cross Country Races – Primary Schools Cookstown 3 October at MUSA and Primary & Secondary School Finals Day
- Halloween Programmes – IFA Halloween Camp and EBA Courses

Moneymore Recreation Centre

- **School Multi-Sports.** The 6 Week School Multi-Sports programme continued into June. Only 2 schools accepted this invitation due to other commitments & the 2 schools which accepted were St Pats P/S Moneymore & Lissan Primary School.
- **School Sports Days.** On Tuesday 6th June 2017 St Malachys P/S Drummullan held their Annual Sports Day at Moneymore Recreation Centre (10am-12pm). On Tuesday 13th June 2017 Lissan P/S & Churchtown P/S held their Annual Sports Day at Moneymore Recreation Centre (10am-12.30pm).

- **Cookstown Free Presbyterian Fun Night.** On Friday 30th June 5pm-11pm Cookstown Free Presbyterian Church held their Annual Fun Night at Moneymore Recreation Centre. Approximately 100 people attended this fun packed evening which included a BBQ, Inflatables, Tables Quiz, Football and several other activities.
- **5 Week Afterschool's Gymnastics.** On Thursday 1st June 2017 a new 5 week afterschool Gymnastics programme was held at Moneymore Recreation Centre.
- **Jump Gym Juniors.** Kieran Rocks has booked our Sports Hall (6pm-8pm) to hold a 6-week Jump Gym Programme for School Children.
- **Local Gaelic Clubs.** Moneymore Gaelic Club continued using Moneymore Recreation Centre into June 2017 for their winter training.
- **Jill's Cakes,** A cake designing class takes place at Moneymore Recreation Centre. 15 People attend these classes which are held in the Committee Room.
- **Headway Brain Injury Association.** Kelly Shepherd from Headway has booked our Committee Room 3 Wednesdays every month from 11am-1pm to hold classes with people who have suffered Brain Injuries.
- **Pilates Classes.** A new 5-week Pilates programme started at Moneymore Recreation Centre on Monday 5th June 2017 (6.15pm-7.15pm).
- **Tuesday pm Yoga Classes.** 2 new 5-week yoga programmes have started at Moneymore Recreation Centre. These classes started on Tuesday 6th June 2017 (6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm)
- **Acorns Fun Night.** On Friday 28th July Acorns Running Club held a Fun Night at Moneymore Recreation Centre (7pm -9pm).
- **Get Active Tennis Camp.** On Monday 3rd- Friday 7th July a Get Active Tennis Camp was organised to take place at Moneymore Recreation Centre (10am-11.30am).
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- **Get Active Soccer Camp.** On Monday 14th – Friday 19th August a Get Active Soccer Camp was held at Moneymore Recreation Centre from 10am-1pm.
- **Get Active Gymnastics Camp.** On Monday 7th - Friday 11th August a Get Active Gymnastics Camp was organised to take place at Moneymore Recreation Centre.

- **School Gymnastics.** In September, Moneymore Recreation Centre has offered the 6 local schools the opportunity to attend a 6-week Gymnastics programme within the Centre.
- **Harps Cycling Club Fun Day.** On Sunday 3rd September, The Harps Cycling Club held a Fun Day in Moneymore Recreation Centre from 1pm-5pm.

Dungannon Leisure Centre

Classes and Courses

- The Autumn fitness programme commences in September the programme of activities includes Circuit Training on Wednesday night continues to be as popular as ever, as does ½ AND ½ Spin Classes on Mondays, along with the Tuesday and Friday Spin Classes.
- Other classes included are- H.I.I.T., S.W.E.A.T. (Strength, Work, Endurance, Agility Training. The S.W.E.A.T. class has been very well attended so far, with excellent numbers taking part each week. H.I.I.T. is a lunchtime class run on Mondays and is a high intensity 30 minute workout for all abilities.
- Yoga, Step Aerobics and Jive Class continue to be popular activities.
- Insanity Live, this exciting new class will give customers the opportunity to experience a brand new cardio conditioning and strength based training experience.
- PiYO class another new class which gives customers the opportunity to train in a new and exciting way. An innovative mixture of Yoga, Circuit Training and Aerobics.

Swimming Lessons

- Masters swimming classes ran throughout the summer and was very well supported. This class is available Monday and Friday 6-7pm and Thursday 7-8am. These classes regularly attract over 40 swimmers, many of who now use the pool frequently outside these class times.
- The Saturday morning Swimmer Development class - 6.30-8.30am is ongoing. This class is aimed at club swimmers who want to refine their swimming technique to enable them to improve on their performances.

School of Aquatics

- During the summer months a broad range of swimming lessons were made available. These included 1-1's, week long intensive classes and a five week swimming programme.
- The autumn programme has now started with good uptake across all classes.
- All of the 1 to 1 swimming lessons for September are fully booked.
- Aqua Academy classes continue to sell out as participants practice and maintain stroke technique while waiting to Dungannon Amateur Swimming club.

- Squad Training classes cater for up to 120 children every Tuesday. A second set of Squad sessions has been added on Saturday afternoon to accommodate demand. Over 50 children attend this class.
- Teen Swim/Lifesaving - With the continued success of Teen Swim and consultation with the participants, we have revamped the class to introduce lifesaving to the class.
- Adult swimming classes continue on Tuesday nights Beginner and Improver classes provide adults with the chance to learn new skills once again these are fully booked.

Aqua Fit

- Aqua Fit Class restarted in September after a gap of a number of months and is proving to be a big hit with customers. Numbers have been growing steadily since the start of the course.

Clubs

- Local clubs include- Ren Bu Ken Judo Club, Cobra Kai Karate Club, Ju -Jitsu Club, Tae Kwon Do Club, Dungannon Gymnastics Club, Dungannon Sub Aqua Club, Island Triathlon Club, Fit 4 You Club and others. The centre also hosts Dungannon Rifle Club in the Projectile hall three to four times a week. Dungannon Amateur Swimming Club continues to train four times a week in our pool.
- Dungannon Leisure Centre 50+ Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Centre. Various activities take place including, Zumba, Circuit Training, Spinning, Badminton, Table Tennis, and Swimming and lots more. The 50+ club attracts large numbers on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our sports hall, fitness suite and pools.
- Tyrone Towers Basketball Club is based in Dungannon Leisure Centre. The club play home games in the centre and use the facilities to train each Saturday and Sunday.

Men's Health Club

- The Men's Health club continue to meet in the centre on Wednesdays enjoying a range of activities including swimming, fitness suite and football.



Men's Health

- Working in partnership with Environmental Health a new Men's Health Activity Programme will commence at Dungannon Leisure Centre on Wednesday 4th October. Health checks and registration will take place 27th September 2017 in preparation and Leisure Centre Fitness Instructors will be in attendance to give advice and guidance to customers.

P.A.R.P's.

- The Physical Activity Referral Programme at Dungannon Leisure Centre has gone from strength to strength. The local Doctors Surgeries refer patients to the centres specially trained Fitness Consultant.

Tyrone Towers Summer Basketball Camp

- Tyrone Towers Summer Basketball Camp was held in Dungannon Leisure Centre on the week of 14th-18th August. 150 children attended the hugely successful camp. A charity game was played in the centre on Wednesday 16th August as part of the camp where coaches and players from the Towers club played out a very entertaining game.



Meadowbank Sports Arena

- Special events which fell over the summer months were Tesco Fun Day on Friday 25th August with up to 600 in attendance;
- Champions for Christ, a Christian organisation, hired the 3G for soccer Monday 24th – Thursday 27th July 7-9pm with 32 in attendance each evening.
- Mid Ulster Athletics Club ran their annual Star Track programme on the track from Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August which attracted numbers of 150 each day;
- Ulster Rugby held a youth rugby camp on the 3G pitch on one wet day with 65 in attendance for this.
- Ulster Rugby will be recommencing their Regional Youth Squads at the Arena on Monday 9th October 2017 and use the facilities every Monday through to April 2017 with an average of 60/80 participants at each session.
- Yoga is a new item on our list of activities, Rosie Kerr takes Yoga for Pregnancy on Mondays and Wednesday evenings in the pavilion hall at Meadowbank.
- The Arena continued to be a popular venue for Children's Birthday Parties with 67 parties facilitated over the three months.
- Rainey Mini Hockey is back on Friday afternoons with 40/50 children attending each week.
- Rainey Mini Rugby also continues on Friday evenings with between 80 and 110 attending each session.
- St Colmcilles Girl Guides began Thursday 21st September 2017 with 25 girls registering on the first night.
- Mary Hill Ballet School continues on Saturday afternoons with 40/50 dancers attending each week.
- The Meadowbank Fit for Life programme began on Monday 18th September and has attracted 9 Primary Schools from the local area this term.
- Rainey School hockey matches have recommenced with 3 matches being played each Saturday morning, drawing numbers in excess of 300 over the 2 hours;
- Rainey Ladies Hockey now have two teams and we host their home games on Saturday afternoons 4-5pm;
- Secondary Schools Hockey hosted a match at Meadowbank Sports Arena with a team from Liverpool on 17th September 2017, 11am-1pm;
- "Magherafelt Soccer Sixes" continues to run on the 3G pitch;
- A new block of Couch 2 5K sessions began on Wednesday 20th September 2017. Mondays 6.30-7.30pm and Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm. Registration of 85 participants is expected for the 9 week programme and costs £18 for each person attending;

- The 3G outdoor pitches are block booked every night by local clubs for training. Soccer and Rugby being the main bookings;
- The weekends see a lot of match action on the 3G surface too, again mainly soccer and rugby from clubs like Magherafelt Sky Blues, Rainey Old Boys Youth and Minis, Draperstown Celtic Youth and Moyola FC Youth;
- The Barcelona Experience have been using the indoor facility to select young boys for a trip to Barcelona to improve and encourage their development in the Soccer world.
- NIBFA continue to book the 3G pitch for youth soccer matches here at Meadowbank on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons with teams like Linfield, Sion Swifts, Glentoran, Bangor and Derry Colts playing on our 3G pitch;
- O'Donovan Rossa held a day of their Cul Camp here due to adverse weather conditions and this saw 80 children come indoors for some quality coaching on our indoor maxi and mini pitches;
- O'Donovan Rossa Underage gaelic have started back on Sundays 12-1pm with up to 90 children attending these training sessions;
- EBA Walking Group started back in September with numbers of 13 in attendance;
- Cricket Club hired the indoor full pitch for a game on Saturday 9th September from 1-4pm with 40 in attendance;
- Moneyglass GAC hosted an underage Hurling Blitz on Sunday 17th September on the 3G with 150 in attendance;
- Rhian Pegram has started a female bootcamp on Tuesdays, top floor, 7-8pm this is attracting numbers of up to 16 each week;
- Magherafelt Marvels are back after the Summer break, on a mini pitch, Wednesdays, 7-8pm with 40 in attendance;
- Eagle Special Olympics hired the track on Sunday 24th September 2017 and had 30 attendees;
- Down's Syndrome Association are beginning their Youth Club on 28th September which will run every other Thursday in the meeting room from 6.30-8.30pm;
- NIBFA Ladies match Linfield Ladies v. Sion Swifts Ladies on Friday 29th September, 8-10pm on 3G;
- Magherafelt Reds v. Riada will be the first grass pitch booking for Meadowbank this Saturday 30th September, 2pm;
- Free Presbyterian Youth Club will be hiring Meadowbank indoor pitches on Saturday 30th September 2017 6.30-9.30pm which 250 children will be attending;
- Venture Urban Sports held a Summer camp this year and saw 18 children attend and learn new tricks on their bikes, scooters and skateboards with ramps being set up in one of our mini pitches.

- Parkour was another new addition to our activities with 15 young people attending a two hour session on Saturday mornings;
- Kidz Lodge and Happy Days Nursery both availed of our bouncy castles for some fun in August;
- A few Street League matches were held on our 3G pitch on 15th & 29th July;
- Acorns Bluebellies Race was held on the track on Saturday 22nd July with 300 participants in attendance;
- The Lighthouse Fellowship host their Church service in our Café area on Sundays from 9.30am-1.30pm, this can seat up to 150 attendees, and have extended their booking to December 2017



Maghera Leisure Centre

Centre Based Classes and Activities

- Party Packages 115
- Adult Centre Tuesday and Thursday.
- Kettlebells Tuesday & Thursday.
- Senior Citizen Club Wed 2pm – 4pm (finished Wed 28th June 2017)
- Fit Kids Session Mon & Thurs.

- Delivery of GP Referral Programme.
- Daily Morning session classes 10am – 11am.
- Mon -Core Stability.
- Tues – Spin.
- Wed - Circuit Training.
- Thurs - BLT Blitz.
- Fri Circuit Training.
- Sunday boot camp & Spinning class.
- Circuits Monday & Thursday Circuit Training (60+ in attendance)
- Spinning Classes Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & Sat.
- Pre Summer Boot Camp, 6.30am – 7.15am – Mon 4th June – Fri 9th June (average daily attendance 51)
- Post Summer Boot Camp, 6.30am – 7.15am – Mon 18th Sept – Fri 22nd September (average daily attendance 32)

Clubs at Maghera Leisure Centre

- Ju Jitsu Mon – 7pm – 9.30pm & Sat 10am – 1pm.
- Leo Maguire Taekwondo Club, Main Hall Thursdays 5pm – 6 Karate Friday night.
- Northern Trust Sharing the care summer scheme Mon 31st July – Fri 4th Aug.
- Floral Art – 5th Sept.
- Womens Institute 26th Sept.

Tobermore Golf Centre

- Sir A P McCoy, OBE visited Tobermore Golf Centre in July, he was practising and had a Trackman lesson with Resident PGA Professional Tony Mulholland in preparation for playing in the Irish Pro-Am at Portrush, where he was partnering Rory McElroy.



- Tobermore Golf Centre hosted, Qualifier for Adidas Wee Wonders Regional Final – Rosses Point. Our event was full with 27 Golfers from all over Ireland, as far as Mayo. Some of the competitors went on to make it through regional to compete in the Grand Final at St Andrews. Feedback was very positive with the aim to making it an annual event.



- Resident PGA Professional Tuition
Trackman Lessons – 83 Lessons
Standard – 54 lessons
- Local Professional Chris Selfridge continued to take Trackman Studio Lessons with Tony Mulholland 5th, 10th & 13th April.
- Friday Academy Club July, Aug, Sept. Finishes Sept.
- Special Olympics July, Aug, Sept.
- Improvers Course last week 6th July
- Short Game Course 20th July *6 weeks
- Improvers Course 4th Sept
- Kilrea Ladies 14th,

Report on	Dungannon Leisure Centre Options Appraisal Update Report
Reporting Officer	Liam Glavin
Contact Officer	Ann McRoberts

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	×

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Update Members on the consultations planned for the Options Appraisal on Dungannon Leisure Centre.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) has commissioned Cogent Management Consulting LLP (Cogent) and its associates Hall Black Douglas Architects, Taylor & Boyd Civil Engineers and WH Stephens Quantity Surveying to undertake an Outline Business Case (OBC) regarding the future options for Dungannon Leisure Centre. Cogent will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-ordinate the appraisal of current leisure facilities and the identified options for future Leisure Centre provision in Dungannon in order to facilitate a decision by Council which is supported by full stakeholder consultation. • Carry out a Needs Analysis (including consultation) to ensure adequate and appropriate leisure provision is maintained and developed for the Dungannon area. This assessment must examine the following, based within a local context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Projected growth / decline in Leisure indoor and outdoor usage including local and regional needs. – Market trends and forecast, including population forecasting – Market segmentation and future demographics – Consumer attitudes and usage – Strengths and weaknesses in the market – Opportunities and threats – Other leisure provision in the wider area (Council, Voluntary, Education and Private) – The services and facilities to be accommodated in the Leisure Centre – Opportunities for shared provision of services. • Consult with stakeholders (this should include at a minimum Education Authority, Southern Health and Social Care Trust, Sport NI, Governing bodies

	<p>of sport, users/non-users, trade unions, Council employees, local sports clubs, disability groups and Council's Community Planning Department).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a range of options that would address the identified needs for indoor and outdoor leisure provision in Dungannon. • Identify the facility mix required based on consultation with all stakeholders and availability of funding. • Assess the risks associated with each option and a full cost benefit analysis. The costs should be fully proofed capital and revenue whole life costs (including M&E, civils, contingencies, leisure equipment, required statutory approvals and support services, necessary ancillaries, running costs etc.) • Prepare an OBC to NILGEAE standards, for the shortlisted options and identify a preferred option based on the monetary and non-monetary benefits. To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Inform key funding, business and management decisions; and – Support funding applications to potential funders. • Make recommendations to ensure that any proposed scheme is viable, affordable and deliverable. • Ensure that the business case is robust, it should provide a coherent risk management strategy to identify potential risks that could impact on the viability and deliverability of the project, and the mitigation measures necessary to manage those risks. • Provide an analysis of Value for Money (VfM) and affordability to enable key investment decisions to be made to take the project forward. • Provide advice on the funding, delivery, procurement and implementation of the preferred option. The OBC must therefore include a funding plan, a procurement strategy, and an outline implementation plan and programme. • Make up to 3 presentations to Council detailing the results of the options appraisal at the draft stage and the final recommendation.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	By way of building on the information gathered during the desk research, the consultants will undertake the following research over the coming weeks:
3.2	

Consultee/stakeholder group	Nature of primary research			
	Face-to-face	Telephone	Facilitated focus group/workshop	Online survey
Mid Ulster Council Chief Executive			✓	
Mid Ulster Council: – Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation – Director of Environment & Property – Director of Finance – Director of Public Health & Infrastructure			✓	
Mid Ulster Council (ongoing liaison throughout the project period): – Head of Leisure – Head of Technical Services	✓	✓		
Current Dungannon Leisure Centre Manager and other operational staff (max. 2 workshops and ongoing liaison with the Centre Manager)	✓	✓	✓	
Elected Members (max. 1 focus group/workshop and max. 10 supplementary consultations)	✓		✓	
Department for Communities (max. 1)	✓			
Southern Health and Social Care Trust (max. 1)		✓		
Education Authority and CCMS		✓		
Sport NI and Governing bodies of sport (max. 5)	✓	✓		
Local sports clubs/groups and community organisations (max. 30 telephone consultations and online survey with all others (where email contacts are available))		✓		✓
Users/non-users of Dungannon Leisure Centre:				
– Exit ‘reactionary’ survey (max. 30)	✓			
– Distribution of online survey on Council				✓
– Public consultation meeting to cover wider users/non-			✓	

		users) (at Dungannon Leisure Centre, max. 1)					
		Disability groups (e.g. Disability Action and Willowbank Ltd.). (max. 5)		✓			
		Local schools/Colleges (max. 5)		✓			
		Other providers of sports and leisure provision for the purposes of benchmarking (max. 3)		✓			
		Other leisure Centres (max.3) (for benchmarking)		✓			
		Trade Unions		✓			
		Other consultees required by Council (max. 5)		✓			
4.0	Other Considerations						
4.1	<u>Financial Implications</u>						
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	Members note the consultations planned in order to inform the Options Appraisal.						
6.0	Documents Attached & References						
	N/A						

Report on	Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group Minutes of Meeting of 5 th April 2017
Reporting Officer	Tony McCance
Contact Officer	Tony McCance

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To receive and consider for approval the minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group held on 5 th April 2017 and approved by the Working group at their Meeting of 2 nd October 2017.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council previously resolved to establish a Language Working Group to assist with policy development and to support the implementation of Mid Ulster District Council's Irish Language and Ulster Scots language policies and associated work.
2.2	The Working Group Terms of Reference confirms that the business of the Regional and Minority Language Working Group be reported through Mid Ulster District Council's Development Committee.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The report of the meeting of 5 th April 2017, submitted to and recommended for approval by the working group at their meeting of 2 nd October 2017 is attached for consideration and approval.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: N/A Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>

	<p>The language policies should be implemented in a way that is sensitive to the concerns of certain sections of the community, that is inclusive, and that aspires to promote good relations between all sections of the community in the longer term.</p> <p>The policies should be introduced so as to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the promotion of a good and harmonious environment, either among Council staff or within the District as a whole.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	The Committee considers approval of the Regional and Minority Language implementation Working group minutes of 5 th April 2017.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Minutes of Regional and Minority Language Working Group of 5 th April 2017

Report of Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group of Mid Ulster Council held on Wednesday 5th April 2017 in the Council Offices, Cookstown

Attendees **Members:** Cllr J Mc Namee (Chair), Cllr K Ashton, Cllr T Wilson, Cllr D Mc Kinney, Cllr T Quinn, Cllr S Mc Peake,
Officers: T McCance, U Uí Dhonnghaile, D Ó Doibhlin

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	Apologies	
	Cllr R Mc Ginley, Cllr P Bateson, Cllr C O'Neill, Anne-Marie Campbell	
2.0	Declarations of Interest	
	Prior to establishing declarations of interest, the Chair welcomed Irish Language Officer back after maternity leave and extended thanks to Maria Thomasson who covered the role during the maternity period. No declarations of interest submitted.	
3.0	Report on previous meeting held on 15th November 2016	
	A report of the previous meeting of 15 th November was presented to the Working Group. T McCance noted that item 3 under the responsibility of M Kelso on the minutes is still under development. Chair explained that the Road Signage issue was at Equality Testing stage and Cllr Mc Peake stated that the colour coding issues in relation to signage had been signed off at full Council.	

4.0	Facility Signage	
	<p>T McCance presented the group with samples (based on the Burnavon model) for proposed internal signage for Cookstown Leisure Centre and The Burnavon for which the arrangement would be Irish, English and braille and invited feedback on those samples.</p> <p>Cllr McNamee queried whether the committee had the authority to select the signage, and T McCance confirmed that the Irish Language Implementation Group could forward recommendations to the relevant Council committee but that approval responsibility remains with the Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton expressed concern as to the design and cost involved.</p> <p>Cllr Mc Peake confirmed his approval of the design templates.</p> <p>T McCance reminded the group that the money for this signage would come from council's previously agreed budget for signage 2016/17 as the company has been appointed and design consultation work commenced but that the actual signage work must be carried out as soon as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Wilson expressed his concern at Braille being included on the signage as it is not a legal requirement to do so and by doing so added further financial cost. T McCance explained that these signs were limited in number and covered the primary areas in the buildings. Cllr Mc Peake expressed that he felt it an expressive step and that it was vitally important that braille should also be included.</p> <p>Cllr T Quinn proposed that signage work proceeds based on the design work provided and Cllr S Mc Peake seconded the motion.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton, Cllr Wilson, and Cllr Mc Kinney noted that they were against the introduction of the proposed signage.</p>	<p>T McCance</p> <p>T McCance</p>
5.0	Ulster Scots activity proposals	

	<p>T McCance reported that work is in progress and engagement ongoing with stakeholders including with the Ulster Scots Community Network. T McCance also highlighted that the work of consultants currently preparing the Arts & Cultural Strategy will provide further direction on Ulster Scots activity as part of the Arts and Culture five year strategy.</p>	T McCance
6.0	Launch of Irish Language and Ulster Scots Policies	
	<p>Cllr Wilson proposed launching the Irish Language and Ulster Scots policies by the end of April 2017 and expressed his concern relating to the 'limited progress' of Ulster Scots.</p> <p>Cllr McKinney seconded this proposal.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton expressed that emphasis should be placed on the cultural element of Ulster Scots and also had concern over the merit in launching the policies together at one event.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton also suggested that given the wider remit of the group that the <i>Regional and Minority Languages Implementation Working Group</i> would now be a more appropriate title for the working group.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton also queried whether the two policies once finalised would need ratified at Council and T McCance stated he would clarify the position on this. The policies would be launched at the earliest date available pending clarity on ratification of same.</p>	T McCance
7.0	Irish Language Update	
	<p>D Ó Doibhlin updated the group on the Irish Language progress report.</p> <p>Cllr Wilson complimented the provision of service in terms of Environmental Health issues though Irish to Irish Medium schools.</p> <p>Cllr Mc Peake praised the wide range of work and activity.</p> <p>Cllr Mc Kinney raised concerns in terms of the schools project and whether it was the role of the Council to deliver Irish Language in schools.</p> <p>Cllr Mc Peake suggested inviting Linda Ervine to the launch of both policies when date confirmed.</p>	T McCance

8.0	Irish Language Action Plan 2017/18	
	<p>Ursula Uí Dhonnghaile presented the group with the proposed Irish language activity for 2017/18.</p> <p>Cllr Wilson requested that a list of schools who have participated in the Irish language schools project to date be shared and he expressed concern over possible duplication of funding in the case of community groups accessing funding for the Minority Languages Bursary scheme / Irish Language Activity funding and funding through other Council grant schemes.</p>	D O Doibhlin/ U Uí Dhonnghaile
9.0	A.O.B.	
	Name of group to be changed from Irish Language Implementation Working Group to Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group. This to be reflected in revised Terms of Reference for the Group.	T McCance
<i>Meeting concluded at 7pm</i>		

Reports of Working Groups: Finalised Reports of Working Groups should be forwarded to Democratic Services on committees@midulstercouncil.org with a cover report to be scheduled on the agenda of the next available relevant committee meeting

Report on	Business Engagement Programme - Tourism
Reporting Officer	Michael Brown
Contact Officer	Mary McGee

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Council on the Business Engagement Programme within the tourism section.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Business Engagement Programme is delivered by the Business Engagement Officer to all tourism businesses across Mid Ulster and includes the management of the Tourism Development Group and facilitation of clusters of tourism product by staff within the tourism section.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p><u>Tourism Development Group</u></p> <p>The Tourism Development Group held their last meeting on 6 September at Blessingbourne Estate, Fivemiletown. The meeting was addressed by Tourism NI Chief Executive John McGrillen followed by a comprehensive Q& A session. Issues highlighted included future funding from Tourism NI for product development and capacity building across the region, promotion of the Mid Ulster Region by Tourism NI and the need for closer cooperation and working with Tourism Ireland. The next meeting of the Tourism Development Group is scheduled for 1 November and will be addressed by Aubrey Irwin, Tourism Ireland, Coleraine.</p>
3.2	<p>Business Engagement Programme</p> <p>A new Business Engagement Programme is being delivered throughout the autumn to tourism businesses in Mid Ulster. The programme includes a variety of activities for business and is based on the results of a training needs survey completed by over 40 businesses in September.</p>



Business Engagement Workshops
Tourism Industry Trade

Events Funding Workshop
26th September: The Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre, Cookstown, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Tourism Packaging Workshop
5th October: Tullylagan Hotel, Cookstown, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Communication and Sales Skills
24th October: Tower Room, Ranfurly House, Dungannon, 9.30am - 13.00pm

Selling One to One at Trade/Consumer Events
21st November: Committee Room 3, Magherafelt Council Office, 9.30am - 13.00pm

Tourism Business Networking Event
6th February 2018: Event Space, Hill of The O'Neill, Dungannon, 9.30am - 1.00pm

Achieve Online Growth Using Your Website

4th October 2017
 Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre, Cookstown

Registration & Breakfast:
 7.30am – 8.00am

Seminar Time:
 8.00am – 10.15am

Admission FREE

- Spaces are limited
- Booking is essential

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Activities include the delivery of an events funding workshop by the Events Officer, a Packaging Workshop designed to encourage businesses to think more collectively to package and work together. Two industry speakers namely Nuala Saul, Brack Tours and Colm Murphy, Matthews Coaches both with decades of experience in selling Ireland overseas, will lead the workshop. 25 businesses have signed up to attend this workshop and it will also be attended by Brenda Murphy Tourism NI Mid Ulster Regional Manager.

The packaging workshop will be followed by two sales workshop, one very practical and interactive and focussing to making the perfect pitch and improving communication skills and the second developed to give people the skills to be more proactive in selling at consumer events and closing the deal.

These events are complemented by the training being delivered by Economic Development in developing social media and online sales. Staff have worked together to promote the online breakfasts events thereby ensuring that tourism businesses also take advantage of these opportunities.

These training sessions will be followed in the new year by a Tourism Networking Events to which all our tourism businesses will be invited and allowed time and opportunity to sell to one another, network and familiarise themselves with product in the region. This event will also be attended by Invest NI and Tourism NI representatives.

Sales and Marketing

3.3

GB – ROI Coach Operators Workshop, 14-15 September

Staff and business representatives have attended the GB-ROI Coach Operators workshop in Titanic, Belfast and presented to 40 incoming and domestic tour operators. Businesses from the region present included Blessingbourne Estate, Fivemiletown and Lough Neagh Tours.



This was followed by the inclusion of The Old Thatch Inn and Seamus Heaney HomePlace on a one day FAM trip to the Northwest. Follow up communications with these operators are ongoing with one Scottish Company already planning to programme Seamus Heaney HomePlace for 2018 plus a Canadian Company also planning to sell Seamus Heaney HomePlace in 2018. The Old Thatch Inn have also secured immediate bookings with two tour operators and again are chasing all leads and contacts made with the support of tourism staff.





Sales Calls Dublin, 2 October.

Tour Operators in Dublin are being targeted by tourism staff as part of a sales calls blitz on Monday 2 October. Businesses targeted include CIE tours (US market), Abbey Group (European Market), Adams and Butler (N America - Exclusive) and Odyssey International (Incentive). Staff will deliver a presentation and host a Q&A with staff in their individual offices with a view to selling into 2018 and 2019 seasons.

This work is being complemented by ongoing work with incoming tour operators and the Irish Tour Operators Association to sell product in this region and upsell businesses in and around our key attractions and locations.

4.0 Other Considerations

4.1 Financial & Human Resources Implications

Financial: NA

Human: NA

4.2 Equality and Good Relations Implications

4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	N/a
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	N/a

Report on	Lough Neagh Partnership - Heritage Lottery Landscape Programme Year 2
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Allison O'Keefe

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Council approval to issue Letter of Offer to Lough Neagh Partnership for Year 2 contribution towards Heritage Lottery Landscape Partnership Programme at a cost of £27,534 in advance of expenditure having been made.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Lough Neagh Partnership secured a Heritage Lottery funded Landscape Partnership project worth £3.5 million which involves delivery of 27 capital and revenue projects over the period 2016 to 2021 through a collaborative working partnership between Councils, statutory agencies and community organisations/NGO's.</p> <p>The project is based in the wards within MUDC that border Lough Neagh from Toome to Maghery.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The £99,059 match conditional funding secured from Mid Ulster District Council has contributed to the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership Programme, specifically the delivery of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ardboe Walk and Development of Car Park b. Archaeology Project Goals 1, 2 and 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal 1 – Through new research, increase the understanding of Lough Neagh's unique built and cultural heritage Goal 2 – Consolidate and repair archaeological monuments/remains and enhance Goal 3 – Connect local people to the Lough's Heritage and increase understanding past ways of life c. Lough Heritage Signage <p>Through this project it will stimulate the local economy, improve infrastructure, increase visitor numbers and spend, improved marketing of the tourism product.</p>

	<p>Phase 1 commenced 2016-17, for which Mid Ulster District Council contributed £35,400. All agreed targets were met in the development stage of year 1 (progress report submitted to Council end of March 2017). A request to MUDC for £27,534 to cover implementation costs in year 2 period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018</p> <p>This will leave a balance of £36,125 over the remaining years.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: £27,534 over the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018</p> <p>Human: N/A</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p><u>N/A</u></p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>Implement as per Council recommendation to support the project at Development meeting held on 15 October 2015.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1 – Measureable Targets for Year 2 Lough Neagh Partnership - Heritage Lottery Landscape Programme</p>



**YEAR 2 CONTRIBUTION: LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP HERITAGE
LOTTERY LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP
PROJECT (£27,534)**



	Targets	Target Date	Measureable Outputs	Total (MUDC Section)	MUDC Contribution (50%)	HLF Contribution (50%)
1.	<p>Ardboe High Cross to Battery Harbour To develop a new parking facility at Ardboe Graveyard</p> <p>To develop a 3Km long shoreline pathway from Ardboe High Cross to the Battery Harbour by March 2018.</p> <p>Anticipate once completed 500 users year 1 to increase to 5,000 by year 3.</p>	<p>31/03/18</p> <p>31/03/18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3km walkway - Implementation works to begin in Year 2 Car Park facility for Visitors 5 Volunteers involved in delivery of development and implementation stages. Volunteers to be recruited through Friends of Ardboe to provide community briefing sessions and facilitate sight visits, particularly around the Abbey area. 10 volunteer days 500 users in year one of opening increasing to 5,000 in year three 	£1,750.00	£575.00	£575.00

2.	To deliver an archaeological programme of activities around Lough Neagh to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological Site Investigations • Exhibitions • Experimental Archaeology • Heritage Skills • Cultural Heritage • Schools • Publications • Media • Conservation Access by March 2021	31/03/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 archaeology investigations and surveys carried out (3 relating MUDC) 3 investigations completed at Ardboe, Brocagh and Church Island • 3 buildings conserved (MUDC – Church Island) • WWII aviation sites audited and researched • 3 exhibitions (1 MUDC) • 20 cultural (6 MUDC) events/walks/talks, place names, WW II and fishermen reminiscence projects • 300 schools sessions (Approximately 100 MUDC) • 6 conferences workshops (2 in each council area) • 10 experimental archaeology and skills workshops (Approx. 3 for MUDC) • 	£22,518.00	£11,259.00	£11,2589.00
3.	To develop and install new interpretative, directional and branding signs associated with the heritage of Lough Neagh shoreline	31/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 new directional heritage signs • 40 interpretation signs • Establishment of common branding which has been agreed by partners 	£30,800.00	£15,400 .00	£15,400.00

Report on	Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Allison O'Keefe

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	√

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To present ratified Minutes of Tourism Development Group meeting held on 14 June 2017.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Tourism Development Group (TDG) was established to create a working forum between Council and private sector businesses. The TDG will assist with policy development and support the implementation of Council's Tourism Strategy and associated work in order to create economic growth, increase visitor numbers and create employment.</p> <p>The group meet on a bi-monthly basis and as per the agreed Terms of Reference all business will be reported to Council through the Development Committee.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The ratified minutes of the most recent meeting of the Tourism Development Group dated 14 June 2017 are attached as Appendix 1.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: NA</p> <p>Human: NA</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>NA</p>

4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> NA
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	NA
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 – Minutes of Tourism Development Group Meeting dated 14 June 2017.

APPENDIX 1

MID ULSTER TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 10.30am in Lissan House, Cookstown

Attendees:

Chair Cllr S Clarke – MUDC
Cllr F Burton – MUDC
Cllr N Doris – MUDC
Cllr M Kearney – MUDC
C Lowry - Blessingbourne Estate
N Bell - Lissan House
A-M McFerran - The Old Thatch Inn
H McDermott – Ashbrook B&B
T McCrory – Heraldic Craft
N Somerville – Horses Welcome
B McCormick – Seamus Heaney HomePlace
H McCloy – Jungle NI
J McGrillen – Tourism NI

Apologies:

L Neill – NRC,
G Mullholland – SWC,

Officers:

A McCreesh – Director of Business & Communities
M Browne – Head of Tourism
T McCance – Head of Culture & Arts
M McKeown – Tourism Manager
M McGee - Business Engagement
G Bell - Tourism Officer
G Major – Tourist Information Supervisor
S Arbuthnot - Events Officer
M Beattie – Tourism
A O’Keefe – Business Support

G Bell – Tourism Officer,
C Bell- Tourism Officer

1. Transport NI – T Bratton

Chair welcomed T Bratton from Transport NI to the meeting. T Bratton circulated a Tourist Signing Applications (User Guidance Notes) and a Revised Tourist Signing Policy Factsheet. She discussed the current policy and the new revised Tourist Signing Policy, which has been jointly agreed between Transport NI, DETI and Tourism NI. The revised policy will allow for more flexibility in the tourism products and providers seeking brown tourism signage, subject to criteria being met. She described the 3 phase process of applying for brown signage and the roles of Council, Tourism NI and Transport NI. T Bratton stressed that tourism signage is not intended for advertising but should be used as a means to a destination and where clear benefits are provided for road users.

In response to questions from members T Bratton informed that the cost of a sign is covered by the applicant and depends on the size. She stressed that if the signage is sought for private land then an application must be submitted to planning. When asked if a facility is no longer trading, T Bratton stated that the Council would have a responsibility to inform Transport NI of closures. M Browne explained that an audit of all signage in the district will be carried out and Transport NI informed of the results. He stated that Council will provide assistance to businesses making applications if required. Chair spoke of adequate signage prevents risks to other road users. T Bratton said that while they do not wish to see signage

everywhere there is a need to look at health and safety. She also informed that where a business has changed use, a new application must be made.

Chair thanked T Bratton for attending and she left the meeting at 10.55.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 5 April 2017

Having been circulated in advance, the minutes of the meeting held on 5 April 2017 were taken as read and correct.

Proposed: H McCloy Seconded: N Bell

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Cluster Reports

The minutes of Cluster meetings, which took place over May and June, were circulated in advance to members. R Mullholland was nominated to sit as Chair on the Seamus Heaney cluster. Remaining clusters to elect at their next meeting. Within each cluster an exercise was carried out to determine the aspirations and fears of the group, which could be used to develop an action plan in going forward. In addition to the minutes was the following:

4.1 Outdoor Recreation – 25 May 2017

Cllr Cuddy requested that the developers of a new motorbike racecourse in Coalisland be invited to the next cluster meeting to give a presentation on their proposed project. He added that if the project is successful in securing funding then it will expand tourism in the district and everyone will benefit.

4.2 Food – 23 May 2017

G Mulholland, South West College, has been invited to a Food Cluster meeting on 14 July. She intends to examine skills shortages within the hospitality/tourism sector and discuss methods of tackling working conditions, long hours and attitudes, in an effort to encourage more students to follow a career in the sector. A M McFerran suggested the Hospitality Ulster's Skills programme and nominated herself to represent the group on MUDC Skill's Forum.

4.3 Events – 6 June 2017

Events officer to facilitate a funding/sponsorship workshop for members in July.

4.4 History, Heritage & Archaeology - 24 May 2017

A National Trust representative will sit on the cluster from September's meeting. There was a consensus from trade to develop packages across the clusters. As a result Council will facilitate a packaging workshop in September. Members were informed that the Carleton Trail and brochure will be launched at the Carleton Summer School in August. M McKeown gave an overview of the summer marketing campaign and Hidden Heritage tours.

Tourism Manager informed members of the Heritage Angel Awards, noting that Council will be making a number of applications under the categories; Best Rescue of an Historic

Building, Best Contribution to a Heritage Project by Young People, best Craftsmanship or Apprentice on a Heritage rescue of Repair Project and, Best Rescue, Recording or Interpretation of a Historic Place

In response to questions, Tourism Manager informed that Outdoor Recreation NI, (ORNI) are responsible for the old Ulster Way signage and walks, and some could only be renamed if accredited as quality walks by ORNI.

4.5 Seamus Heaney - 1 June 2017

In addition, it was noted that E Kearney, LNP launched a website promoting 3 new Lough Neagh Tours; Western Forts Tour, The Wilderness Tour, Craic 'n Food and Drink Tour, which cover a large area of MUDC.

5. Browne Signage Proposal

Item 5 was covered under Item 1.

6. Mid Ulster Council Tourism Strategy

Head of Tourism reported that outputs for the next 2 years have been incorporated into the MUDC Corporate Plan and once approved will form the action plan for TDG and clusters.

7. Digital Strategy

G Major reported that the Trade Hub will be the central resource to businesses and will allow for interaction and engagement among users. It is expected to go live 28 June 2017. He stated that so far only businesses featured in the Visitor Guide have been uploaded, however, this will expand to all tourism contacts in the near future. Head of Tourism explained that the Digital Strategy will look at making both the industry and Mid Ulster digital.

8. Industry Update

Trade were invited to take the opportunity to share any progressions within their business and the following businesses gave updates; Jungle NI, Clogher Valley Horses Welcome, The Old Thatch Inn and Lissan House.

Tourism Manager congratulated the following businesses on their recent awards and recognitions at the Tourism NI Award Ceremony in Enniskillen. Blessingbourne Apartments won the Non-Serviced Accommodation category and Todds Leap, were shortlisted in the Outstanding Visitor Experience. She also sent congratulations to Lough Neagh Partnership on winning Best Marketing Initiative for Eel Eat campaign.

9. District Wide Monitoring Results

Tourism Manager informed that she will present January – June 17 visitor figures at September meeting. Due to statutory obligations accommodation providers must send figures directly to NISRA, however, attractions and activity businesses may forward to NISRA,

tourism team or digitally through the HUB. She noted that the figures will provide a baseline to increase figures by 2020.

Tourism Manager circulated VIC monitoring figures, and informed that staff have been trained on collating visitor numbers accurately and monitoring streamlined which have been streamlined across the VIC's.

10. Community Planning Forum Representative Nomination

Head of Tourism gave a brief background to the forum. A M McFerron put forward a request sit on the Forum as a representative of TDG. All agreed.

11. AOB

11.1 Bloom Garden Show, Dublin and Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh

Tourism staff promoted at Bloom Garden Show, Dublin with Tourism NI and up to 1,000 competition entries were collated for the database. The show proved very successful with a great deal of interest in visiting Seamus Heaney HomePlace. Staff will be promoting with Tourism Ireland at Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh in June also.

11.2 Tourism NI Board Meeting

Tourism NI are hosting their Board meeting in Seamus Heaney HomePlace on 22 June and members will be staying at Ardtara House the evening before.

11.3 Magherafelt Playing Fields

N Somerville noted that on a recent visit to a sports event at Magherafelt Playing fields, there were no facilities to purchase drinks or confectionary. He enquired that with large numbers of visitors to such events, including ROI, if it would be possible to place vending machines in Meadowbank Sports Arena.

11.4 New Property Manager, Lissan House

N Bell introduced the new property manager, Sharon Ferguson, who gave a brief synopsis on her background and plans for Lissan House. She thanked MUDC on their support and noted that all advice/assistance would be greatly welcomed.

Chair, in closing, thanked N Bell and Lissan House on hosting the meeting and informed that a tour of the house was available following lunch.

Meeting ended at 12.10am.

The next meeting of the Tourism Development Group will be held on 6 September at 10.30am at Blessingbourne Estate, Fivemiletown

Report on	Neighbourhood Renewal Programme
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney
Contact Officer	Oliver Donnelly

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report												
1.1	To update members on the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme with detail on each project delivered across the two Neighbourhood Renewal Areas												
2.0	Background												
2.1	The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas across the region. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership to identify and prioritise needs, and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established in 2005 representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.												
2.2	The estimated population for both areas based on NISRA’s population estimates (2015) show that Coalisland NRA was 2,744 and Dungannon was 1,782.												
2.3	Multiple Deprivation Measure statistics (2010) based at Super Output Area level show Coalisland South ranked 82, Ballysaggart 169 and Coalisland North 175 out of a total of 890 Super Output Areas across Northern Ireland.												
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Coalisland South	Dungannon	82											
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There are 7 domains within the Multiple Deprivation Measure. The below table outlines the rank of the 3 Super Output Areas within each of the domains.

SOA NAME		RANK (out of 890)
Coalisland South	Income Domain	75
	Employment Domain	79
	Health Deprivation and Disability Domain	62
	Education Skills and Training Domain	116
	Proximity to Services Domain	532
	Living Environment Domain	199
	Crime and Disorder Domain	186
Ballysaggart	Income Domain	141
	Employment Domain	280
	Health Deprivation and Disability Domain	152
	Education Skills and Training Domain	150
	Proximity to Services Domain	497
	Living Environment Domain	108
	Crime and Disorder Domain	122
Coalisland North	Income Domain	118
	Employment Domain	197
	Health Deprivation and Disability Domain	178
	Education Skills and Training Domain	175
	Proximity to Services Domain	320
	Living Environment Domain	673
	Crime and Disorder Domain	529

3.0 Main Report

- Detail of the current projects delivered across the two NRA's are as follows;
- 3.1 1. Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Coordinator - £41,000**
A dedicated worker is employed (by Council and funded 95% by DFC, 5% Council) to facilitate and promote a more 'joined-up' and co-ordinated approach across government to tackle disadvantage and support the social, economic, community and physical development within the two local neighbourhood areas. The Co-ordinator supports the partnership in delivery of the Action Plans developed for each area and ensuring the Partnership and relevant sub-committees are managed

	<p>efficiently and effectively, providing support, guidance and monitoring. The Co-ordinator provides support to partner delivery agents and community groups in the development of projects, delivery and monitoring in line with outputs and targets.</p> <p>2. Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Learning Mentor - £76,000</p> <p>A full time Learning Mentor is employed on behalf of five Post-Primary Schools serving the Coalisland/Dungannon Area. The learning mentor works across each of the schools supporting specific children in achieving their unique potential: academically, socially and emotionally.</p> <p>3. Coalisland & Dungannon Neighbourhood Renewal Skills Programme - £59,000</p> <p>This project is led by South West College and named 'Going Places' and involves the dedicated services of 3 Mentors in a combined programme who work together to cover all 4 NRA's across the West-Enniskillen, Omagh, Dungannon and Coalisland. The Going Places project has continued to act as a stepping stone for Neighbourhood Renewal residents to access Education, Training or Employment.</p>
3.2	<p>Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal Projects</p> <p><u>1. Coalisland Education Programme (annual) - £61,000</u></p> <p>The following initiatives are delivered under this project;</p> <p><i>a) Cairde Uí Neill – Fun While Learning</i> – This element of the project gives children attending the school an opportunity to learn the Irish Language through play & enables parents to interact with their children through the medium of Irish.</p> <p><i>b) Seal Spraoi – Multi Media</i> – The programme focused on developing literacy and ICT skills through the medium of Irish and using Digital media aimed at empowering the skills and confidence needed to compete in the ever developing world of information and communication technology.</p> <p><i>c) An Tearmann – Homework Club</i> – This project provides a home work club for members of the travelling community and links this activity directly into the schools.</p> <p><i>d) OGRAS - Summer Scheme</i> – The aim of this project is to address the poor quality of life many young people are experiencing living within the designated Neighbourhood renewal areas and develops an environment whereby the young people feel they are a valuable member of the community.</p> <p><u>2. Coalisland NR Health and Social Well Being Programme £65,000</u></p> <p>The suite of projects delivered under this project include;</p> <p><i>a) Health worker Dugannon and Coalisland £20,000</i></p> <p><i>b) House of health – Community Health Promotion Project - £12,000-</i> delivered various programmes across the two areas including horticulture project and general wellbeing programmes.</p> <p><i>c) Breakthru – Drugs and Alcohol project</i> – split Dungannon and Coalisland £9,000 - delivers a range of projects across the Dungannon Area.</p> <p><i>d) LILAC</i> – £21,500 - complimentary therapy project for those with chronic illness - Lilac's 'Complementing the Community Programme' engaged , with long term chronic health problems , and delivers complementary therapy sessions.</p> <p><i>e) Niamh Louise Foundation - £2,000 (split Dungannon/Coalisland) - suicide prevention & education project</i> – Niamh Louise foundation target project "Breaking</p>

the Silence” has delivered support to residents through The Well-Being & Recovery Programme.

3. Coalisland Disengaged Youth Programme (annual) - £40,000

This project engages vulnerable young people from Coalisland in youth development and social activity led by OGRAS Youth Club. Engagement focuses on outreach street work and targets young people who are not currently participating in youth activities in the area and who are vulnerable to involvement in anti-social behaviour. The engagement model extends current provision of youth work outside of core youth education to provide support at times when young people are out on the streets.

4. Coalisland Halloween Diversionary Project (annual) - £2,000

The Coalisland Halloween Initiative creates diversionary activities for young people in the Coalisland area in the weeks and days leading up to Halloween night. Working in collaboration with local community and voluntary groups this project has reduced anti-social behaviour in the town.

5. Coalisland Youth Centre (OGRAS) Development Programme (one off) - £10,000

The main aim of this project was to provide fit out items and equipment for the newly refurbished Ogras youth Centre to ensure it contained fit for purpose equipment and furniture which would further enhance user experience and meet increased need as a result of increased user numbers.

6. Coalisland– Community Education Programme - £30,000

This project is delivered by Coalisland Training Services and provides a wide range of social activity courses and programmes for residents within the Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal areas. The Community Education Programme has been very successful with local adults being very enthusiastic in attending and completing a range of courses which has seen them achieving qualifications in great numbers

7. Coalisland Post Primary Vocational Project - £28,500

Led by St Joseph’s College – the project supports students to experience taster courses and then follow accredited vocational courses expanding their range of employment opportunities, leading to a greater retention of students at KS3, raising their self-esteem

8. Coalisland Capital Coalisland Fianna GFC – Community Activity Centre 2017 - £414,557

Project was to build an indoor Community Activity Centre and changing room facilities to cater for a range of different activities for both male and female population within the Coalisland NRA and wider.

9. Coalisland Capital Brackaville GFC 3G MUGA & Illuminated Walkway 2017 - £479,662

Project was to build a 3G MUGA with associated works and illuminated walkway that will cater for a range of activities for both the male and female population within the Coalisland NRA.

10. Coalisland Capital Ogras Youth Centre Refurbishment 2016 – 237,514

The funding for a refurbishment and associated fit out aimed to provide a more modern, fit for purpose and fully accessible youth facility for those young people living in a recognised area of high deprivation and poverty. The building offers a range of modern facilities including a kitchen, a large function room and meeting rooms. The project was funded with Neighbourhood Renewal funding through the Department for Communities.

Dungannon Neighbourhood Area**1. Dungannon Education Programme - £51,533**

The following programmes are delivered under this project;

a) *St Patricks Primary School – DELTA Programme* – This element of the project aims to develop parenting skills, raise confidence and awareness among parents, to share knowledge and skills, and give parents support by means of individual and group exercises using researched based information and advice. Parent Programmes enable parents to become more positive in their attitudes to education and also helps to improve parents' relationships with other parents and linkages between parents, schools and the wider community and ultimately raises their expectations not only for themselves but also for their children.

b) Dungannon Youth Resource Centre

i) *Summer Scheme* – The four week summer scheme now has become a mainstay of the summer for the youths within the Dungannon NRA. The first two weeks of the programme targeted young people in the 8 to 11-year age bracket by providing fun developmental programmes to improve young people's participation levels and reduce their risk of being socially excluded. In the second two weeks the summer programme facilitated 12 to 18 year olds with a similar aim but also to reduce their opportunities of taking part in less positive activity especially.

ii) *Young Men's programme* - The theme of this project is to develop strategies in partnership with the young people to tackle the high rates of mental health, suicide and low self-esteem in the Neighbourhood Renewal Area.

c) *STEP – Literacy for Youth programme* – The Literacy for Youth Programme aims to:

- Improve young people's (age 12 to 16) communication skills in English
- Encourage young people to want to become readers and writers and to discover pleasure in reading and writing
- Promote overall enjoyment in literacy and becoming literate
- Provide activities to enable young people to become confident readers and writers while supporting differences in culture, race, gender, and ability

2. Dungannon NR Health and Social Well Being Programme £35,000

The suite of projects delivered under this project include;

a) *Health Worker – shared Coalisland and Dungannon £16,000*

b) *Men's shed project - £8,000- Social inclusion project* - South Tyrone Men's shed general programme is the ongoing project of restoration of the old convent school building.

c) *Breakthru – Drugs and Alcohol project* – split Dungannon/Coalisland £9,000 - delivers a range of projects across the Coalisland Area

	<p>d) <i>Niamh Louise Foundation – (split Dungannon and Coalisland) £2,000 - suicide prevention & education project</i> – Niamh Louise foundation target project “Breaking the Silence” delivers support to residents through The Well-Being & Recovery Programme.</p> <p>3. <u>Milltown Engagement and Activity Programme (annual)</u> - £5,200 This programme led by Milltown Super Adults Group aims to provide companionship, education, advice, physical and mental exercise and health promotion through a carefully developed social programme (Creative Arts and Flower Arranging, dances etc) with complementary use of Gardners Hall facility for the group.</p> <p>4. <u>Dungannon capital Annaghshee Play Park 2016</u> - £75,000 (NR 62,000, Council £13,000) Refurbishment of play park at Annaghshee housing area.</p> <p>5. <u>Dungannon capital Breakthru - Dungannon Outreach & Drop in Centre refurbishment 2017</u> - £10,000 Refurbishment and fit out for creation of a drop in premises in Ann Street in Dungannon to enable Breakthru to deliver programmes</p> <p>6. <u>Dungannon capital First Steps Women’s Centre</u> - £78,000 Contribution to capital refurbishment of the First Steps Women’s Centre alongside space and place funding.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: As per plan</p> <p>Human: As per plan</p>
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To note the attached report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None

Report on	Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership
Reporting Officer	Fiona McKeown
Contact Officer	Eamon Gallogly

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members on progress with the interim rural development strategy for Mid Ulster.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership has been allocated £10.16m for the roll out of a local rural development strategy for Mid Ulster funded under the 2014-2020 NI Rural Development Programme.</p> <p>The Schemes within the local rural strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Business Investment Scheme • Rural Services Scheme • Village Renewal • Rural Broadband; and • LAG Co-operation <p>Further detail on these Schemes is available on the LAG website www.midulsterrdp.org</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Members are asked to note progress on the roll out of the strategy schemes as follows:</p> <p>Rural Business Investment Scheme (RBIS) To date 38 businesses have been approved for funding under this Scheme to the value of £810,591. The job creation target from these projects is 84. Twenty three projects have completed to date drawing down £477,747 in grant aid.</p> <p>A further 19 projects are currently under assessment seeking grant aid to the sum of £434,490.</p>

The next call for applications under this Scheme is planned to open in November of this year with mandatory funding workshops scheduled for October as below:

	9.30 am	6.30 pm
Monday 9th Oct	Magherafelt Council Offices	Cookstown Leisure Centre
Wednesday 11th Oct	Cornmill Coalisland	Quinns Corner Dungannon
Monday 16th Oct	Cookstown Leisure Centre	Cornmill Coalisland
Wednesday 18th Oct	Quinns Corner Dungannon	Magherafelt Council Offices

Workshops dates will be advertised on the LAG website www.midulsterrdp.org, through social media channels and local papers.

The LAG has now increased the level of funding available under this Scheme to £90,000 for existing small businesses and £50,000 for existing micro businesses. Full detail of the Rural Business Investment Scheme is available on the LAG website. Members are encouraged to forward these details to interested businesses.

Rural Basic Services Scheme

12 applications were received from the first call for capital support under this scheme seeking grant aid of £1.7m.

To date:

- 11 applications have been brought to the LAG with 9 approved for grant aid totalling £1,434,771 which are:
 - Tobin Youth Centre (Moortown) Ltd
 - Knocknagin Hall Committee
 - Rock St Patrick GAC
 - Workspace (Draperstown) Ltd
 - Moortown St Malachy GAC
 - Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd
 - Lissan Hall Committee Ltd
 - Carntogher Community Association
 - Cavanakeeran Community Association

There is an issue with planning permissions on the last remaining project, Moneyneena and District Development Initiative which will be discussed at the September LAG meeting.

	<p>There will be a second call for capital support under the Rural Services Scheme. It would be envisaged that mandatory workshops will be organised for December 17. An exact opening and closing date will be agreed by the LAG. Full planning permission approval, evidence of match funding sources, cost comparisons (obtained through a procurement process) and preparation of a project business plan are all pre-requisites to making an application to the Rural Services Scheme. Maximum grant levels for this call are to be agreed by the LAG.</p> <p>17/18 Spend target</p> <p>The LAG's spend target for 17/18 is £1.23m. Spend achieved to date in claims paid and pending is £216,810. The majority of spend for 17/18 will come from the Rural Business Investment Scheme and Village Renewal (£403,000). Due to the timing of calls most of this spend is profiled for the third and fourth quarters of 17/18.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: N/A</p> <p>Human: N/A</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note progress outlined above.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	N/A

