



03 July 2019

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Development Committee to be held in The Chamber, Magherafelt at Mid Ulster District Council, Ballyronan Road, MAGHERAFELT, BT45 6EN on Wednesday, 03 July 2019 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

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2. Declarations of Interest
Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
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Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.

Matters for Decision

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19. Tender for Mid Ulster Town CCTV Monitoring and Maintenance
20. Tender Report for the Appointment of a Contractor to deliver the Mid Ulster Digital First Programme
21. Castledawson Roundabout Development Update

Matters for Information

22. Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 13 June 2019

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	3 rd July 2019
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Head of Community Development
Contact Officer	Philip Clarke Community Support, Oliver Morgan Good Relations & Peace, Michael McCrory PCSP

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 agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations and Local Community Festivals.
1.2	To consider and approve the Peace IV Partnership recommendations.
1.3	To note the Housing Working Group minutes.
1.4	To note the update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – Council annually delivers two rolling community grants programmes; Good Relations and Local Community Festivals.
2.2	Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020 and Partnership oversees the delivery of the Plan and recommendations to Council.
2.3	Housing Working Group - As part of Community Planning Council has established a working group to seek to address the provision of social housing across the District.
2.4	Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Village Planning, Community Centres, DFC Neighbourhood Renewal Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Rolling Community Grants: 2 Good Relations applications are recommended for approval total £1,680; one ineligible as a duplicate application. 15 Local Community Festival applications recommended for approval total £11,935, with 1 ineligible as it is for activity being supported under another programme and 1 did

	<p>not meet the minimum score threshold. Please see grant award recommendations in Appendix 1 for approval.</p>
3.2	<p>Peace IV – Grant award recommendations to be forwarded in advance of the meeting; to allow for the Peace Partnership consideration on Wednesday 26th June. These will follow as Appendix 2.</p>
3.3	<p>Housing Working Group – Please see attached minutes of the meeting for information in Appendix 3.</p>
3.4	<p>Community Development Update</p> <p><u>Community Support</u> Grant implementation for rolling local community festivals and sports representative is ongoing.</p> <p>Support is ongoing to groups to maximize funding opportunities.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Renewal: DFC projects for 2018 – 2019 are continuing to deliver. The DUY capital build continues and is progressing to schedule. The application for support funding for Gortgonis to DFC; economic appraisal queries are being addressed.</p> <p><u>Peace and Good Relations</u> Good Relations Action Plan 2018 – 2019 - Project development ongoing with projects commenced on the ground. An update to the Good Relations Plan is proposed; partner Speedwell no longer wish to be considered as a partner and have submitted a letter detailing that they will not be administering or facilitating any further PEACE or Good Relations activity in connection with primary schools projects in Mid Ulster and this will now go out to quotation in August to commence delivery September/October. Decade of Anniversaries funding process is taking place at present. Applicants must engage with the good relations team regarding their proposed events and activities and submit their proposals on an application form by Friday 26th July.</p> <p>Peace IV delivery is ongoing – The Shared space community design consultation is in progress. The remainder of projects are delivering to target and timescale.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> PCSP plan 2019 – 2020 is ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing support to communities on a range of initiatives to help keep people and communities safe.</p> <p>CCTV for the town centres and for the park and ride provision is being finalized through the tendering process.</p>

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Community Festival Grants awards £11,935 Good Relations - 2 Awards allocated £1,680</p> <p>Peace Grant Awards – amount to be finalized when assessments complete through the Peace Partnership, to be provided in advance of Committee.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u> None.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To agree the rolling grant awards - Good Relations and Local Community Festivals.
5.2	To consider and approve the Peace IV Partnership recommendations.
5.3	To note the Housing Working Group minutes.
5.4	To note the update on Community Development.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	<p>Appendix 1 Good Relations and Local Community Festivals grants.</p> <p>Appendix 2 Peace IV Partnership recommendations; to be forwarded in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Appendix 3 Mid Ulster Housing Working Group Minutes</p>

Appendix 1

Good Relations – July 2019

No.	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Kilcronaghan Mission Hall	Community	Football & Games Camp	5	£1,450	£720
2	Maghera Cross Community Link	Community	Summer scheme	3	£1,200	£960
					Total	£1,680

Ineligible or Unsuccessful

William Kerr Memorial Pipe Band	Ineligible – Double Award
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Community Local Festivals - July 2019

No.	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Aodh Ruadh LGFC	Sports	Youth Blitz	4	£2,150	£840
2	Caledon Playgroup	Youth	20 Year Celebration	6	£1,200	£600
3	Coagh Primary School Parent's Assoc.	Community	Summer Community Festival	6	£735	£370
4	Cookstown Fr Rock's	Community	Community Family Fun Day	5	£4,800	£720
5	Derrytresk Youth & Community Group	Community	Lughnasa Sports & Family Festival	3	£1,300	£960
6	FACTS	Disability	Fundraising Summer Event	5	£1,200	£720
7	Haven Coalisland	Community	Treasure Hunt and Fun Day	4	£1,180	£830
8	Killelagh & St John's Community Ass	Community	Tractor & Fun Day	4	£1,175	£825
9	Killyman GFC	Sports	Summer Camp	5	£1,830	£720
10	Moneymore Community Group	Community	Moneymore Festival in our park 2019	3	£1,500	£960
11	Montober Loyal Orange Lodge	Community	Schools Out For Summer	6	£1,000	£500
12	Moyola Park Association Football Club	Community	Moyola Park FC Community Funday	6	£1,200	£600
13	Pomeroy District Sports and Cultural Ass	Cultural	6 th July Soccer Fest	7	£1,310	£480
14	St Michael's GAC Lissan	Sport	Lissan Community Summer Festival	4	£1,200	£840
15	Leckage Neighbourhood Group	Community	Family Fun Day July	6	£1,200	£600

16	St Martin's GAC	Sport	Slieve Gallion Challenge	6	£820	£410
17	The MU old time horse pony driving club	Community	Moneymore Horse & Com Festival 18	3	£1,675	£960
					Total	£11,935

Ineligible or Unsuccessful

Carntogher Community Association	Féile Charn Tóchair 2019	Already supported under another programme(s)
Pomeroy Development Projects	Rowan Tree Fun Days	Did not meet minimum score threshold

Score	Bands	%
30-39	7	40%
40-49	6	50%
50-59	5	60%
60-69	4	70%
70-79	3	80%
80-89	2	90%
90+	1	100%

Mid Ulster Housing Working Group
Friday 14th June 2019 at Mid Ulster Council Offices Dungannon
Minutes

Attendance

Ailbhe Hickey	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Sinead McEvoy	Mid Ulster District Council - Planning
Michael McGibbon	Mid Ulster District Council - Planning
Patrick Thompson	Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations
Ray Forbes	Apex Housing Association
Aidan McGeown	Triangle Housing Association
Mark Graham	Co-Ownership
John Brooks	North Belfast Housing Association
Niall Sheridan	Choice Housing Association
Paul Fox	Rural Housing Association
Cllr Wesley Brown	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Cllr Sean McGuigan	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Cllr Sean McPeake	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Cllr N Dorris	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Cllr C McFlynn	Mid Ulster District Council Member
Claire Linney	Mid Ulster District Council
Helen Gormley	Mid Ulster District Council
Dr Steve Blockwell	NI Water
Julie Ann Dutton	Department for Infrastructure

Apologies

James Wright	South Ulster Housing Association
Danny Fowler	Radius Housing
Tim Gilpin	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Eilish O'Neill	Department for Communities
Ursula Toner	Choice Housing
Chris Boomer	Mid Ulster District Council – Planning
Cllr C Corry	Mid Ulster District Council
Cllr C Elattar	Mid Ulster District Council

Minutes of previous meeting

It was noted that the working group is not a formalised decision making structure, however minutes will be taken to capture discussion. It was confirmed no issues with previous minutes.

Update of Local Development Plan & Social and Affordable Housing

Draft Local Development Plan was launched in February 2019, including a series of proposed objectives, spatial planning framework and planning policies. A total of 17 separate objectives are detailed in the plan. Counter representations period opened 14/06/2019 for an 8-week period. The final draft plan will be subjected to a public independent examination and be finalised for adoption by 2020 - 2021. Following this, a local policies plan will be prepared and all settlements will be reviewed in terms of development limits, zonings and other policy designations.

Brief summary provided on comments received to social housing policy 'HOU 2' during the Draft Plan Strategy consultation period – 18 in total. The main issues were definition of affordable housing and need for supplementary policy, number of social housing units in developments and site specific requirements and need for flexibility in the plan to address changing circumstances. Brief summary of representation issues raised to 'CT3' policy – Social and affordable housing in countryside. The main issues relate to suggestion that policy should include provision for small scale purpose built based on need and also welcoming of rural exceptions.

Discussion took place regarding the definition of affordable housing and whether supplementary policy on an affordable definition in planning applications would be required. NIHE and DFC confirmed that they are developing a document on affordable housing definition which they aim to share with councils in the near future. Planning confirmed all will be considered during the LDP review.

The document 'Affordable Housing Commission – Delivering and Measuring Housing Affordability' was referenced, to be issued to all members of the working group.

Discussion on Key Site Requirements took place with some concern raised that developers may lean towards provision of 'affordable' rather than 'social' housing. Again Planning confirmed that not all areas are the same with regard to provision and need, urban and rural and that all would be considered as part of the review of responses and development of the Plan.

The issue of a situation arising where a zone of land may be parcelled into smaller lots to avoid having to provide the threshold for social and affordable housing. Planning is aware that this could happen and are looking at ensuring comprehensive development planning for entire sites.

Discussion on the level of provision of social and affordable housing in developments took place and need to ensure that the threshold takes account of site viability. The current threshold proposed is provision of 50 housing units threshold in scheme before social housing provision at rate of not less than 25%. It was confirmed that any requirements for social and affordable housing on a site will be based on consultation with NIHE regarding need, including rural areas with latent demand testing. In an

event of identifying housing need in an area with no available land, or land that may not be available to access, Planning will consider phase II development land.

It was highlighted that Belfast Council is considering Supplementary Planning Guidance on site viability and Mid Ulster may consider this.

Sewerage Capacities & Potential Impacts to Delivery of Social Housing

Dr Steve Blockwell provided a presentation on Infrastructure Capacities and Restrictions across NI. The key challenge for future provision is funding and the need for significant investment for wastewater and water infrastructure. Copy of the presentation attached.

Proposed capital investment for the next investment plan 2020 – 2027 for Mid Ulster is Dungannon (key investment), Cappagh, and Loup, these have been identified based on capacity and need. There are 20 works in Mid Ulster where there are issues, this is to be provided, and will be prioritised along with other schemes across the region.

NI Water recognises the contribution of the main hub towns as recognised in the RDS and is seeking to have a greater understanding of the systems in these areas. A drainage area study has been completed for Cookstown and one is due to be complete for Dungannon, as these areas are presenting with issues re future development.

New housing developments and plans may be threatened by under capacity in the sewerage network. NI Water confirmed developments that have previously been granted planning permission should have no issue with connection to the sewerage system. The specific case in Augher referenced with regard to planning and capacity issues to be followed up with Water Service NI.

NI Water has a traffic light system available to demonstrate WWTW capacities and strongly advocates pre application enquiries. It was noted that developers can proceed with individual sewerage systems; whilst this is not ideal it is the only solution for some areas.

There was discussion with regard to areas of need with regard to NIHE, Area Development Plan priorities and Water Service priorities. It was referenced that whilst everyone is operating under the RDS that there is need for continued engagement and interaction.

NI Water confirmed that pump away solutions were not a viable option and can be costly given the level of impact.

Sustainable solutions such as SUDs needs to be explored as if rain water capture can be offset from the sewerage system this will help with capacity. There are cost effective and innovative solutions that can be explored.

It was agreed that the investment and funding need should be raised by all bodies to NI Water, Regulator, Department for Infrastructure, Stormont, political parties. Council

confirmed that it had been raised at a recent Development Committee regarding the need to lobby for greater provision and investment in Mid Ulster and that it would share any papers with members of the working group.

Possible Matters for Discussion at Next Meeting

Update Planning Service on LDP: 'Affordable Housing Definition, Development unit threshold for social and affordable housing, Supplementary Policy (if required),

NIHE to provide update on social and affordable housing need in Mid Ulster

Site/land availability in areas of housing need – NIHE study/Other agencies

NIHE to provide LHA Review and Rent Review for Mid Ulster

Welfare Reform – Bedroom Tax and implications

Any other Business

None

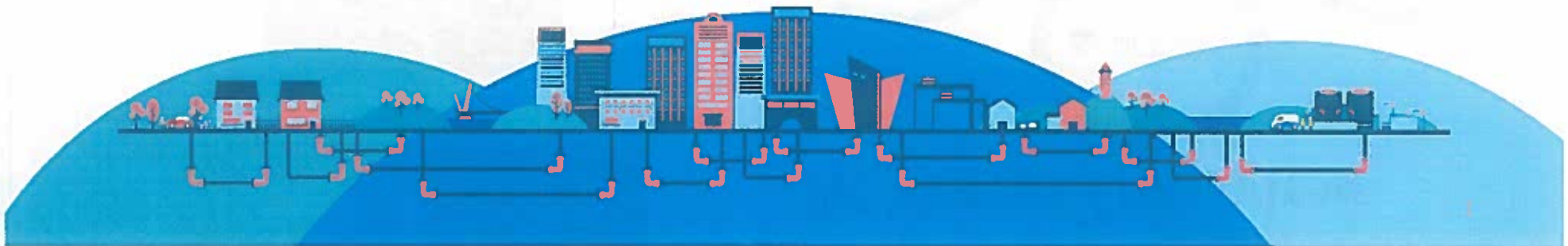
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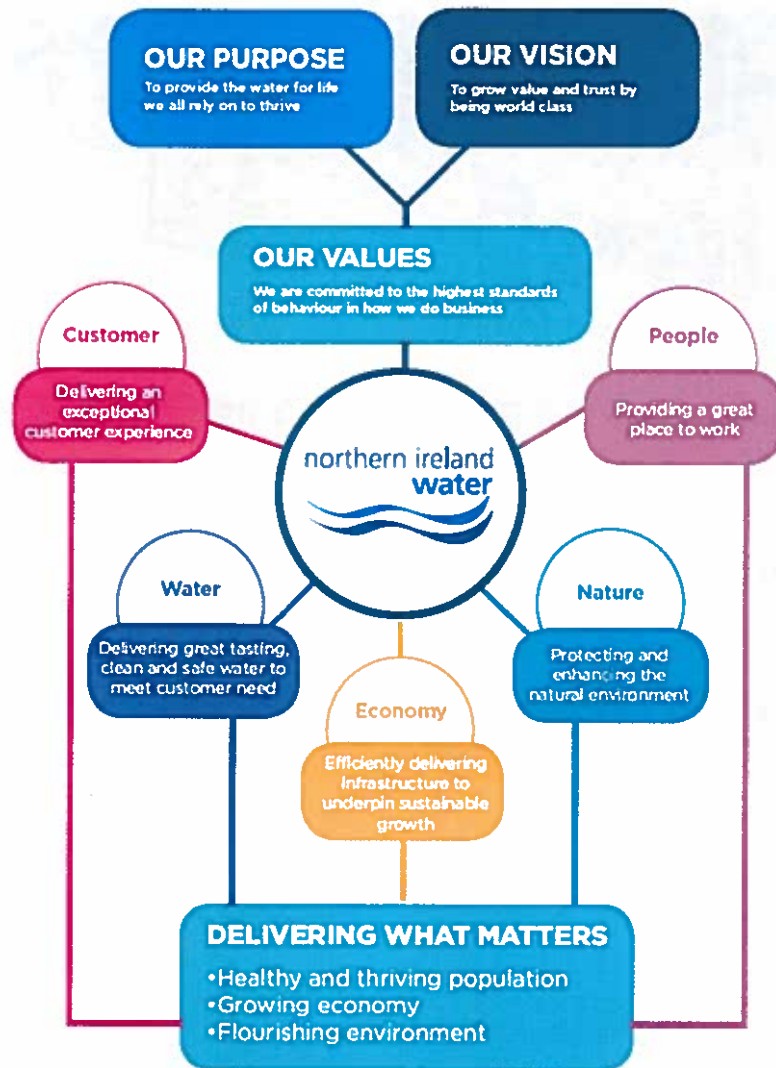
Date in October to be agreed.

Critical Funding for Vital Infrastructure

Mid Ulster Housing Forum 14th June 2019

Stephen Blockwell, Head of Investment Management, Asset Delivery directorate

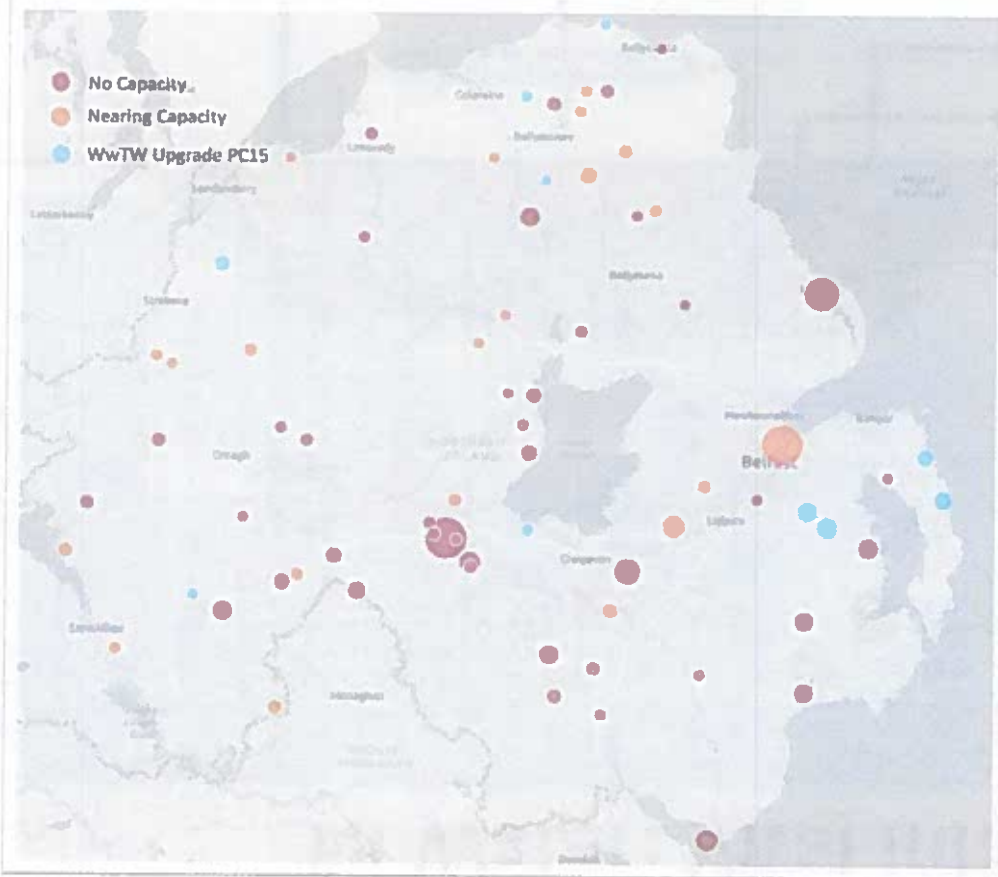




NI Water Overview



WwTW Development Constraints



Constraints (No Growth)

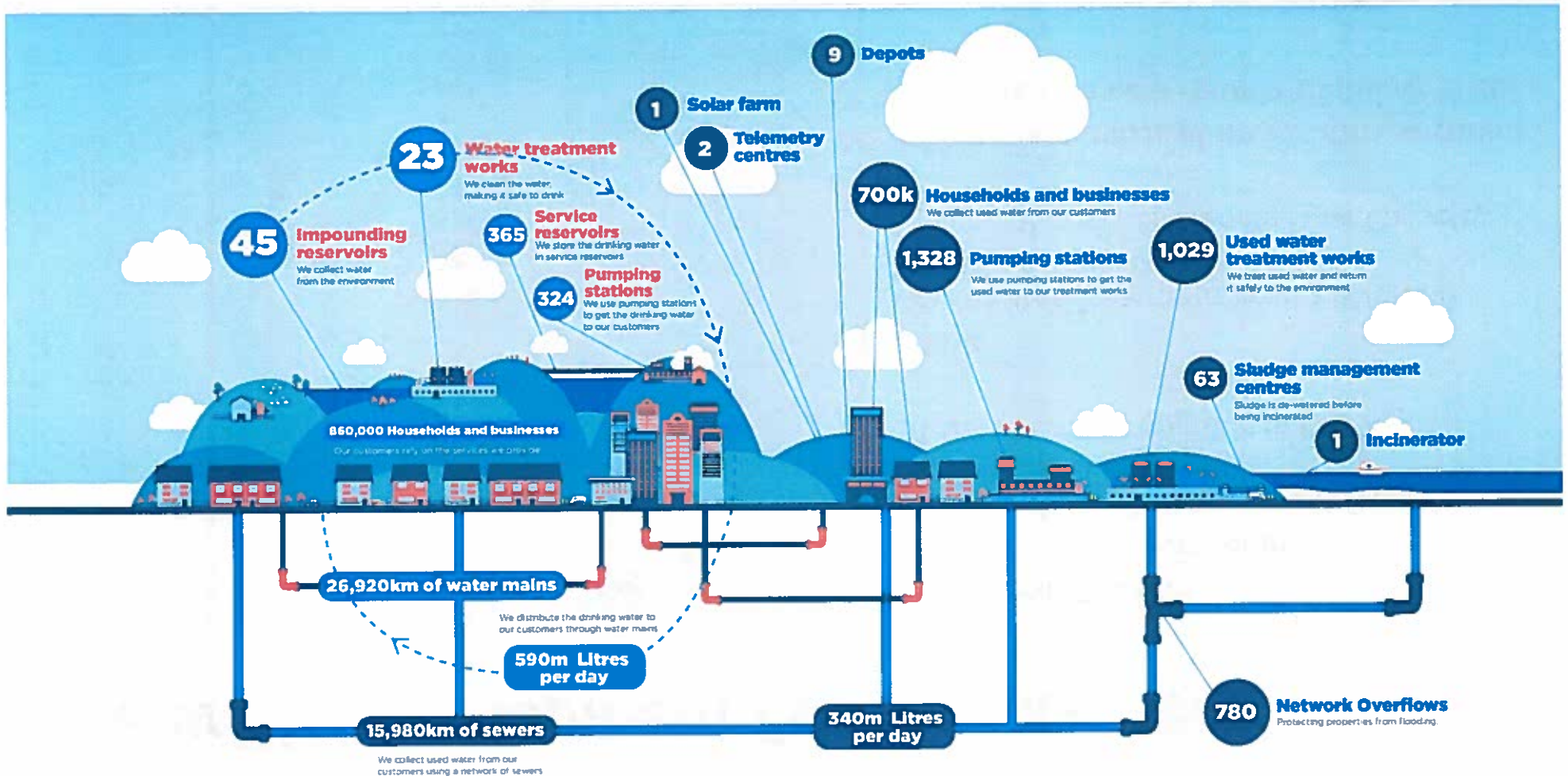
- 55 Towns – Full Development Freeze
- 21 Sites – Partial Development Freeze (Nearing Full Capacity)
- 10 Sites – Still to upgrade in PC15

Asset Risk

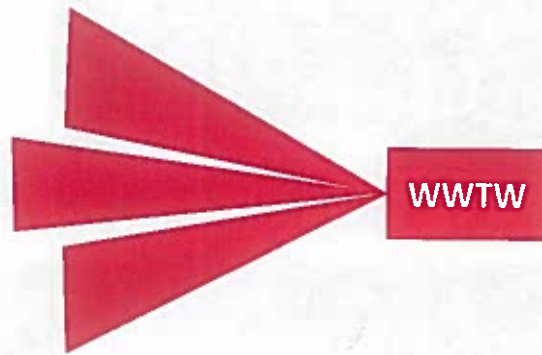
- Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) Exceeding Capacity
- Sewer Networks Exceeding Flow Capacity

We expect the number of areas with constraints to increase before next round of funding in 2021

NI Water: Vital Infrastructure Scope



Development Freeze



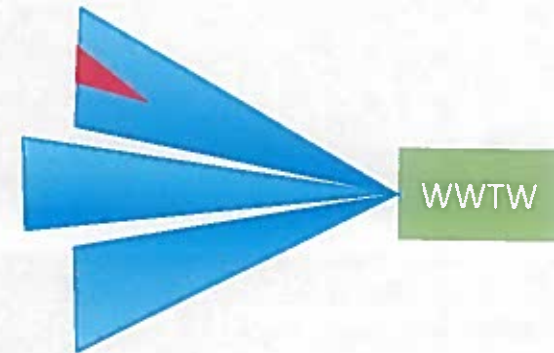
Scenario 1

Constraints affect the whole catchment
(eg. WWTW capacity or
Sewer flooding (UID/DG5)
at Boundary)



Scenario 2

Constraints affect the whole sewerage network sub-catchment
(eg. Sewer flooding (UID/DG5) on
trunk sewer or large pumping
station)

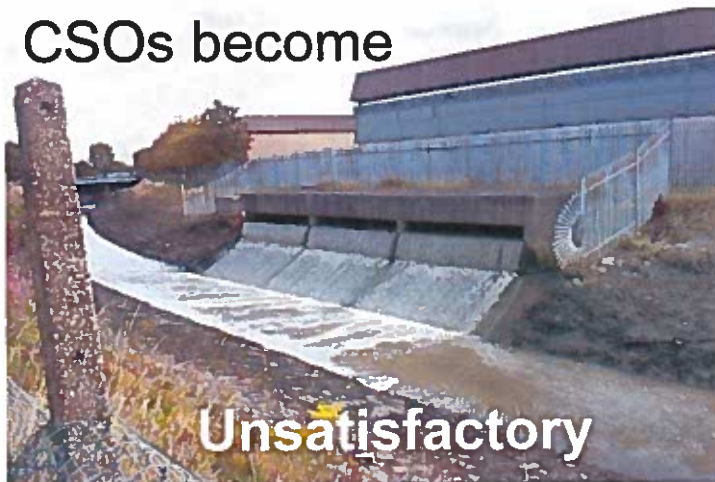


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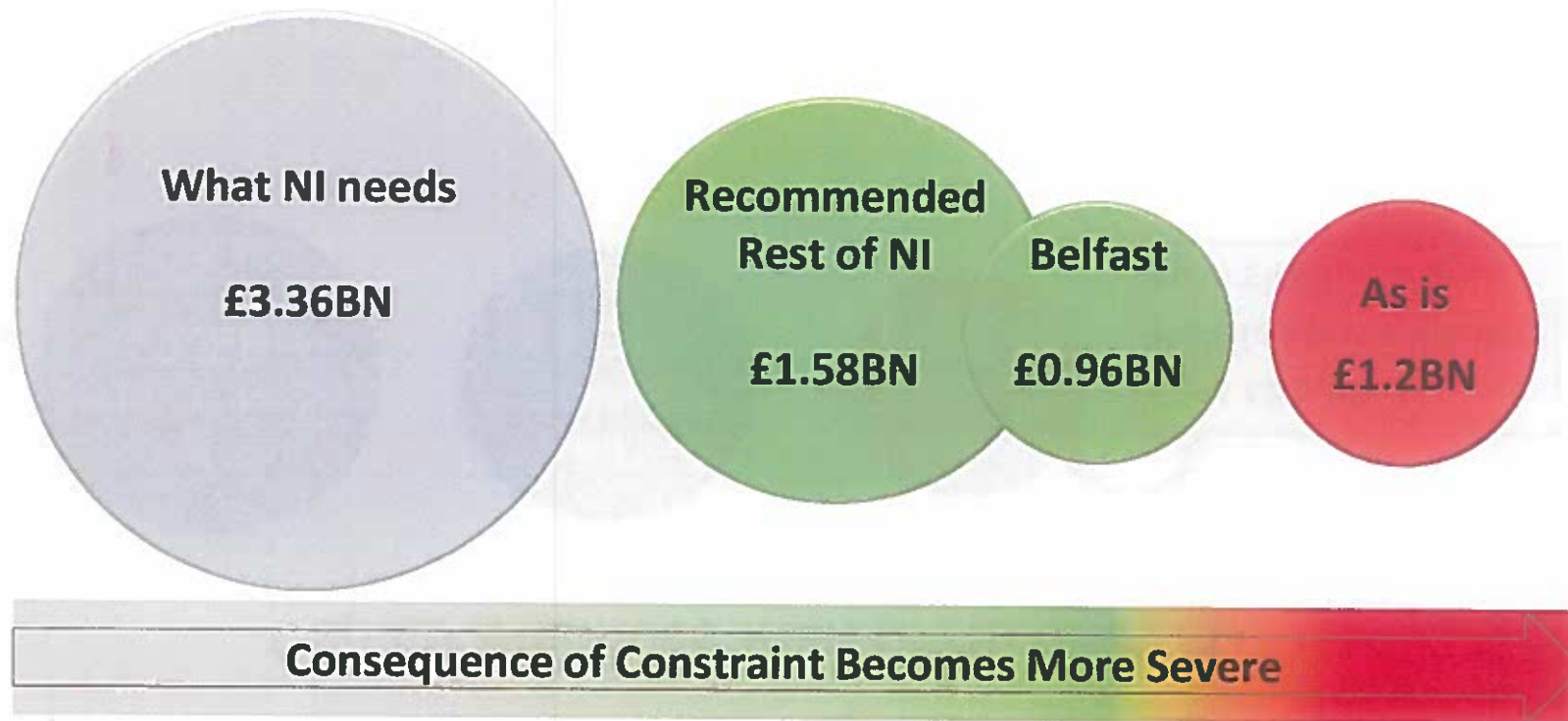
Constraints in one part
of a sewerage network
sub-catchment
(eg. Sewer flooding
(UID/DG5) in Network)



Consequences of New Connections to Overloaded Sewers

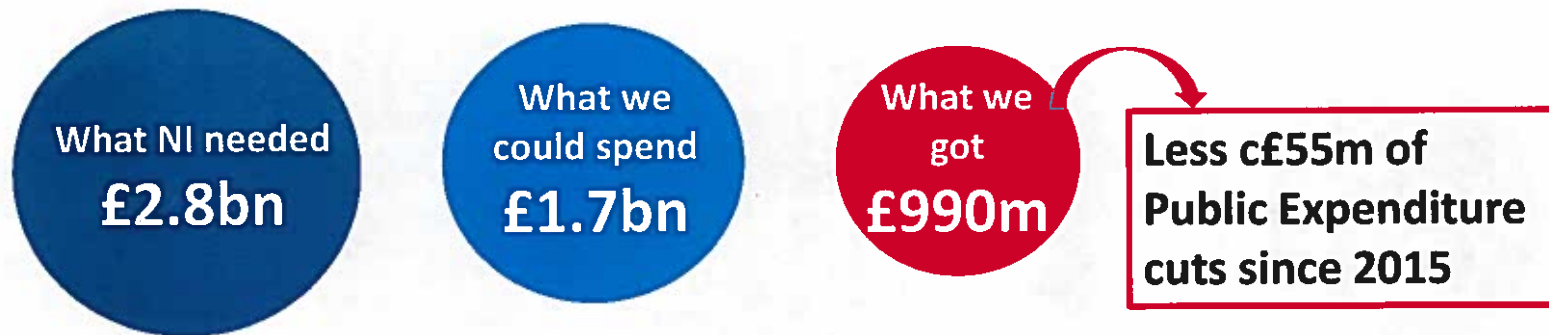


The Funding Challenge (in 2019)



The Funding Challenge (in 2013)

Capital Business Plan (2015 to 2021)



Supporting Future Economic Development

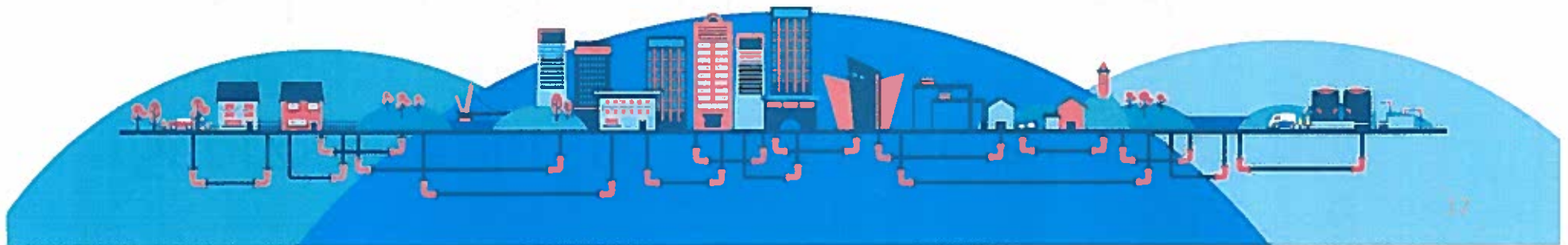
- Across NI significant investment is needed for wastewater and water infrastructure
- Current governance model is broken, it will not deliver the investment needed
- If 'As is' funding continues there will be significant impact on economic and environment damage

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Delivering what matters



Report on	1) Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Proposal 2) Mid Ulster Skills Forum / Skills Action Plan 2018-21 3) Mid Ulster Business Excellence Awards 2019 Proposal 4) Review of Northern Ireland Non – Domestic Rating System 5) Business Eye Article on Mid Ulster 6) Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes 7) Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 8) Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 9) Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI)
Date of Meeting	3 July 2019
Reporting Officer	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below.
2.0	Background
2.1	Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Proposal Dungannon Regeneration Partnership (DRP) submitted a proposal to Council in 2018 to support the costs of employing a Town Centre Development Manager for Dungannon over the next 2 years. On the 28th June 2018, the following recommendation of the Development Committee was approved by Council – <i>“Council contributing £30,000 per annum towards this project for a period of 2 years, providing partner funding is forthcoming from Department for Communities (minimum of £30,000 per annum), Dungannon Enterprise Centre (£10,000 per annum), and Dungannon Traders Association (£10,000 per annum)”</i>
2.2	Mid Ulster Skills Forum / Skills Action Plan 2018-21 The Mid Ulster Skills Forum has identified a number of priority actions contained within the Mid Ulster Skills Report and Action Plan 2018/2021 for delivery in the current financial year (2019/20). These include a potential Collaborative Growth

	<p>Project focused on the challenge facing local employers in relation to engaging with school career teachers and pupils, a Mid Ulster Jobs Fair event and a Careers Attractiveness Initiative focused on Mid Ulster's key priority sectors. These schemes will complement the MEGA (Manufacturing Engineering Growth & Advancement) Collaborative Programme which seeks to address skills and employability issues within the local advanced manufacturing and engineering sector.</p>
2.3	<p>Mid Ulster Business Excellence Awards 2019 Proposal</p> <p>Historically, Mid Ulster District Council has provided funding towards the Mid Ulster Business Awards, which highlight and reward those companies, large and small, which have prospered over the previous 12 months.</p>
2.4	<p>Review of Northern Ireland Non-Domestic Rating System</p> <p>On the 9th May 2019, the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Finance announced a review of the Non-Domestic Rating System in Northern Ireland would open soon to public consultation.</p>
2.5	<p>Business Eye Article on Mid Ulster</p> <p>Business Eye magazine are running a feature in the next edition on Northern Ireland's 11 local councils. They are planning a special Regional Economic Development Feature to highlight the work of Northern Ireland's 11 local councils in the business and economic development arena.</p>
2.6	<p>Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes</p> <p>Magherafelt Town Centre Forum was re-established in January 2017. The forum meets on a quarterly basis to act in an advisory capacity, playing a fundamental role in the development and delivery of key town centre initiatives.</p>
2.7	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes</p> <p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum was established in March 2019 along similar lines to the Forums / Partnerships already operating in Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt and Maghera. The Forum acts as a strategic body that will provide advice and guidance to Strategic Bodies and others regarding the growth of Coalisland Centre.</p>
2.8	<p>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes</p> <p>Cookstown Town Centre Forum was established in 2002 to develop a partnership approach for the development and delivery of key town centre initiatives. The Forum meets at regular intervals throughout the year.</p>
2.9	<p>Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI)</p> <p>The FFNI (Full Fibre Northern Ireland) Consortium is a grouping of the ten councils outside Belfast. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMD) is the lead Council of the consortium.</p> <p>The Consortium made a successful collective bid for £15m funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Local Full Fibre Networks Challenge Fund, to support digital infrastructure development across Northern Ireland.</p>

	A capital grant of £15million to the Consortium has been approved by DCMS and a Letter of Offer and Grant Agreement received.																																
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3.1	<p>Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Proposal</p> <p>Dungannon Regeneration Partnership (DRP) has submitted a new proposal to Council (dated June 2019), attached on Appendix 1 to support the costs of employing a Town Centre Development Manager in Dungannon.</p> <p>Council is asked to consider uplifting the funding contribution it previously agreed ie, £30,000 per annum for 2 years (Table 1 – DRP original proposal) to £130,000 per annum for 3 years (Table 2 – new proposal).</p> <p><i>Table 1 – DRP Original Proposal</i></p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Over 2 years</td></tr><tr><td>Mid Ulster Council</td><td>63,000</td></tr><tr><td>Department for Communities</td><td>63,000</td></tr><tr><td>Dungannon Traders</td><td>20,000</td></tr><tr><td>Dungannon Enterprise Centre</td><td>20,000</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>£ 166,000</td></tr></table> <p><i>Table 2 – DRP New Proposal</i></p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>Dungannon Traders Group</td><td>£ 10,000</td><td>£ 10,000</td><td>£ 10,000</td></tr><tr><td>Dungannon Enterprise Centre</td><td>£5,000 £5,000 in kind</td><td>£5,000 £5,000 in kind</td><td>£5,000 £5,000 in kind</td></tr><tr><td>Mid Ulster Council</td><td>£ 130,000</td><td>£130,000</td><td>£ 130,000</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>£150,000</td><td>£150,000</td><td>£150,000</td></tr></table> <p>The proposal sets out DRP’s rationale to create a Town Centre Development Manager in the context of a 3 year pilot.</p>		Over 2 years	Mid Ulster Council	63,000	Department for Communities	63,000	Dungannon Traders	20,000	Dungannon Enterprise Centre	20,000		£ 166,000		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Dungannon Traders Group	£ 10,000	£ 10,000	£ 10,000	Dungannon Enterprise Centre	£5,000 £5,000 in kind	£5,000 £5,000 in kind	£5,000 £5,000 in kind	Mid Ulster Council	£ 130,000	£130,000	£ 130,000	TOTAL	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000
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3.2	<p>Mid Ulster Skills Forum / Skills Action Plan 2018-21</p> <p>(i) <u>Collaborative Growth Programme</u></p> <p>Following discussions with Invest NI and Mid Ulster Skills Forum, Council officers have identified an opportunity to apply for funding under Invest NI’s Collaborative Growth Programme to undertake a Phase 1 Scoping study to engage and collaborate with local employers, schools and 13-18 year olds in a co-design of the future ‘industry/education engagement’ products and services. In doing so, the outputs from such a co-design process would take into account the existing landscape, the opportunity to ensure engagement/careers advice, placement,</p>																																

	<p>recruitment processes etc. are brought in line with the 'Generation Z' requirements (the current name for the cohort born from the mid-1990s). Such a collaborative approach would also help inform existing services such as NI's 'Connect to Success' and perhaps enable all stakeholders to streamline engagement and ensure information is provided in real time, perhaps exploring options for alternative technological solutions/products. If the Phase 1 Scoping Study produces a positive outcome, this may then open up further opportunities for further funding.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Careers Attractiveness Initiative</u> In order to enhance the image and attractiveness of Mid Ulster's key priority sectors it is recommended to appoint a suitably qualified organisation to engage with the Skills Forum and local businesses to create appropriate content and messages which will be used to inform careers teachers, pupils and parents. The project would help to strengthen linkages between local industry and education by reflecting the offering through the use of visual storyboards, info-graphics and promotional videos etc. with a view to attracting a future pipeline of talent for each sector.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Mid Ulster Jobs Fair</u> It is proposed that a one-day Jobs Fair event is held in Cookstown (venue to be confirmed) as part of Enterprise week in November 2019. The event would be delivered in partnership with the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, Department for Communities (DfC) and Network Personnel. All businesses who wish to attend must operate from Mid Ulster and have live vacancies. In addition, support services will be in attendance to help attendees make the most of the event and give guidance on areas such as interview skills, CV writing etc. It is envisaged that breakout rooms will be available for employers who would like to hold interviews on the day.</p>
3.3	<p>Mid Ulster Business Excellence Awards 2019 Proposal Council has received a proposal from Johnston Press (Appendix 2) relating to sponsorship opportunities at the 9th Annual Mid-Ulster Business Awards, organised by the Mid-Ulster Mail & Tyrone Times in November 2019.</p> <p>This year there will be 14 award categories that recognise a cross section of businesses who excel in their sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best Retailer - Best Export Business - Readers' Favourite Eating Establishment - Best Customer Service - SME Business of the Year - Excellence in People Development - Best Community Impact - Excellence in Tourism - Best Manufacturer - Best Digital & Social Media Initiative - Best Start-Up Business Award - Excellence in Innovation - Business Person of the Year - Lifetime Achievement Award

	<p>Council has been asked to support the Mid Ulster Business Awards by considering sponsorship at one of the following levels;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headline Sponsorship £7,000 + Vat • Associate Sponsorship £3,500 + Vat • Category Sponsorship £1,750 + Vat • Venue Partner £1,500 + Vat <p>The benefits arising from funding each of the sponsorship categories above are documented in the proposal on Appendix 2.</p>
3.4	<p>Review of Northern Ireland Non–Domestic Rating System</p> <p>The first part of this review will be an Innovation Lab process at the start of July 2019 undertaken alongside Government Departments and leading experts in the field of urban regeneration, taxation and the high street.</p> <p>The Innovation Lab will assess and respond to the significant changes that have taken place in relation to Northern Ireland high streets and town centres. This process will serve to guide the strategic direction of a subsequent fundamental appraisal process for the rating system conducted by the Department of Finance.</p> <p>The process of stakeholder engagement will allow interested parties to engage with the Departments Rating Policy Division in order to inform its policy appraisal work in this area. Any stakeholders interested in this process are invited to register their interest with the Department. Mid Ulster District Council has registered an interest in participating in this process.</p> <p>As stated, the upcoming business rates consultation is opening in July 2019 and is likely to close again in advance of the Development Committee in September 2019. As requested at the June 2019 Committee Meeting, officers will draft a Business Rates Consultation Response on behalf of Council and this will be circulated to Members in advance of the Development Committee Meeting on 3 July 2019 for discussion / approval.</p>
3.5	<p>Business Eye Article on Mid Ulster</p> <p>Mid Ulster features in a special regional economic development article highlighting the work of the 11 local councils in terms of business and economic development. The feature is contained on Appendix 4.</p>
3.6	<p>Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum meeting held on 10 April 2019 are attached on Appendix 5.</p>
3.7	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes</p> <p>Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum meeting held on the 11 April 2019 are attached on Appendix 6.</p>

3.8	<p>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes Minutes of the meeting of Cookstown Town Centre Forum held on the 10th April 2019 are attached on Appendix 7.</p>
3.9	<p>Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI) Council is now in receipt of the following 3 documents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Consortia Agreement from Newry Mourne and Down District Council, the lead partner for the programme. • A letter of offer from DCMS • A grant agreement from DCMS <p>Council's legal team has reviewed the terms and conditions within the consortia agreement, letter of offer and grant agreement and will seek approval to accept the documents at Council's Policy & Resources Committee on 4 July 2019. Further to this, formal approval will be sought to apply the Council seal to the documents at the Council Meeting on 25 July 2019.</p> <p>The FFNI funding must be spent by 31st March 2021. It is therefore essential to proceed with the procurements to deploy the funding, in order to give suppliers the maximum time for delivery.</p> <p>The £15m grant will be divided equally between the Consortium Members, so that, after consortium costs are covered, approximately £1.473m will be spent on fibre connectivity in each Consortium Member areas. The procurements will buy full fibre connections for public sector buildings. Most buildings are Council sites, but other sites such as schools are also proposed, subject to agreement of the organisations responsible for them. The buildings in each procurement will be selected from a long list authorised by DCMS to optimise value for money from the market. Multiple procurements are necessary to ensure an effective competition that delivers best value.</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council will operate the procurements on behalf of the consortium and other public sector bodies. Each organisation will contract with the selected supplier(s) for the connections to its own buildings. Each procurement will be carefully constructed to deliver the best value from the market, including spreading the delivery effort across multiple supply chains to reduce risk. The European Journal (OJEU) Open Procurement Procedure is planned.</p> <p>The consortium aims to procure services to as many of the sites as possible within the funding constraints. The sites eventually selected will be determined through the procurements to deliver best value based on the market response.</p> <p>Subject to agreement from each Consortium Member and from DCMS, the first of the procurements is likely to start over the summer (July/August 2019). Each procurement will take approximately 10 weeks.</p>

	<p>Approval is sought for Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities (or his nominee) to represent Mid Ulster District Council on the FFNI Steering Group. This will be the body responsible for strategic oversight of the programme and into which the Operations Group will report.</p> <p>Approval is sought for Colin McKenna (Economic Strategies Manager) and Barry O'Hagan (Head of ICT) to represent Mid Ulster District Council on the FFNI Operational Group to have responsibility for overseeing operational programme delivery, which will include participation in the procurement exercises undertaken by Newry Mourne and Down District Council, on behalf of the Consortium to deploy the funding.</p>
	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Proposal <i>For Consideration:</i> Council is asked to consider uplifting the funding contribution it previously agreed ie, £30,000 per annum for 2 years to £130,000 per annum for 3 years.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Skills Forum / Skills Action Plan 2018-21</p> <p>(i) <u>Invest NI Collaborative Growth Programme</u> Approve match funding of 50% (up to £25,000) out of existing LED budget for a detailed Scoping study (Phase 1) into future 'industry/education engagement' products and services.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Mid Ulster Jobs Fair</u> Approve funding of up to £8,000 out of the existing LED budget to hold a Mid Ulster Jobs Fair in Cookstown during Enterprise week (November 2019) in partnership with the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, Department for Communities and Network Personnel.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Careers Attractiveness Initiative</u> Approve funding of up to £20,000 out of the existing LED budget to appoint a suitably qualified company to create appropriate content to showcase the attractiveness of jobs/careers in key priority sectors within Mid Ulster.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Business Excellence Awards 2019 Proposal <i>For Consideration:</i> Sponsorship costs are as follows: Headline Sponsorship £7,000+vat Associate Sponsorship £3,500+vat Category Sponsorship £1,750+vat Venue Partner £1500+vat</p>

	<p>Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI) FFNI has secured £15m from DCMS for this project of which £1.473million is specific to Mid Ulster. It is anticipated that this will meet all project financial requirements, however, if any additional unforeseen costs arise this will be brought back to Council for consideration.</p> <p>Business Eye Article on Mid Ulster Business Eye article costs have been included in the Economic Development Budget for 2019/20 (£800+Vat)</p> <p>Human:</p> <p>Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI) Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Procurement Team will oversee the procurement process with input from the Operations Team (with an officer from all 10 Councils).</p> <p>Risk Management:</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications:</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>Members are asked to;</p> <p>Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Proposal Consider Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Proposal (Appendix 1).</p>
5.2	<p>Mid Ulster Skills Forum / Skills Action Plan 2018-21</p> <p>(i) <u>Invest NI Collaborative Growth Programme</u> Approval to submit an application form to Invest NI and allocate match funding of 50% (up to £25,000) out of existing LED budget for a detailed Scoping study (Phase 1) into future 'industry/education engagement' products and services. If the study produces a positive outcome, this may lead to further funding opportunities.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Mid Ulster Jobs Fair</u> Approve funding of up to £8,000 out of the existing LED budget to hold a Mid Ulster Jobs fair in Cookstown during Enterprise week (November 2019) in</p>

	<p>partnership with the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, Department for Communities and Network Personnel.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Careers Attractiveness Initiative</u> Approve funding of up to £20,000 out of the existing LED budget to appoint a suitably qualified company to create appropriate content including storyboards and videos etc. to showcase the attractiveness of jobs/careers in key priority sectors within Mid Ulster.</p>
5.3	<p>Mid Ulster Business Excellence Awards 2019 Proposal</p> <p>Consider whether Mid Ulster District Council wish to sponsor the Mid Ulster Business Awards in 2019/20 at one of the following levels;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headline Sponsorship £7,000 + Vat • Associate Sponsorship £3,500 + Vat • Category Sponsorship £1,750 + Vat • Venue Partner £1,500 + Vat
5.4	<p>Review of Northern Ireland Non–Domestic Rating System</p> <p>Approve Council's draft Consultation Response on the Review of the Northern Ireland Non-Domestic Rating System on Appendix 3 (paper to follow)</p> <p>Note that Mid Ulster District Council has registered its interest in the forthcoming stakeholder engagement sessions. If any interested member wishes to register to attend, they can do so by emailing ratingpolicy.cfg@finance-ni.gov.uk</p>
5.5	<p>Business Eye Article on Mid Ulster Members to note Business Eye article (June 2019).</p>
5.6	<p>Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes Note minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum – 10 April 2019.</p>
5.7	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes Note minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum – 11 April 2019.</p>
5.8	<p>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes Note minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum – 10 April 2019.</p>
5.9	<p>Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI) Note receipt of the Full Fibre NI Consortium Agreement with Newry Mourne and Down District Council and associated letter of offer and grant agreement from DCMS. Approval to accept and seal the documents will be sought from Council's P&R Committee and Council Meeting in July 2019.</p>

	<p>Approve that Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities (or his nominee) represent Mid Ulster District Council on the FFNI Steering Group, the body responsible for strategic oversight of the programme.</p> <p>Approve that Colin McKenna (Economic Strategies Manager) and Barry O'Hagan (Head of ICT) represent Mid Ulster District Council on the FFNI Operational Group to oversee operational programme delivery and participation in the procurement exercises undertaken by Newry Mourne and Down District Council, on behalf of the Consortium to deploy the funding.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1 - Dungannon Regeneration Partnership Proposal</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Mid Ulster Business Excellence Awards 2019 Proposal</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Mid Ulster District Council Draft Consultation Response on the Review of Northern Ireland Non–Domestic Rating System (paper to follow)</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Business Eye Article on Mid Ulster (June 2019)</p> <p>Appendix 5 - Magherafelt Town Centre Forum minutes - 10 April 2019</p> <p>Appendix 6 - Coalisland Town Centre Forum minutes - 11 April 2019</p> <p>Appendix 7 - Cookstown Town Centre Forum minutes - 10 April 2019</p>



**Proposal from the Board of Dungannon Regeneration Partnership
to Mid Ulster Council to fund
an initiative to promote Dungannon town and reduce vacancy**

Prepared June 2019

Executive Summary

Dungannon Regeneration Partnership (DRP) Ltd. was set up by Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council in 2000 to promote and encourage the revitalisation, regeneration and development of Dungannon town. The DRP membership is drawn from the public, private and community sectors including Mid Ulster Council, Department for Communities (DfC), Dungannon Enterprise Centre, Dungannon Traders Association and representatives from the education, banking and voluntary sectors

DRP are requesting that Mid Ulster Council fund the shortfall funding of £130,000 per year for a 3-year period.

It is proposed to create an initiative to:

1. Actively manage and fill vacant outlets throughout Dungannon town centre reducing vacancy to below 5%.
2. Actively promote retailing initiatives and offers in the town.
3. Undertake promotion work that will enrich the promotion activities of community events that increase shopper and visitor footfall in Dungannon town centre.

A Dungannon Town Centre Manager would be employed by Dungannon Regeneration Partnership for a 3-year period. and would report to the DRP Management Committee and the DRP Board of Directors. Dungannon town precinct would be regarded as an 'asset' and marketed just like a commercial shopping centre, to increase its vibrancy and to give local people and visitors a complete shopping experience.

The initiative should be considered as a three-year pilot with the positive experience replicated in other large retail centres in Mid Ulster.

The proposal could be considered as a precursor to a potential BIDS application in 4 years' time.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Formation

Dungannon Regeneration Partnership (DRP) Ltd. was set up by Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council in 2000 to promote and encourage the revitalisation, regeneration and development of Dungannon town. DRP has been highlighted as an example of best practice in 'partnership working' by DfC and has won two awards from ATCM for best practice projects. The economic vibrancy of town centres is dependent on successful town centre management.

1.2 DRP Membership

The DRP membership is drawn from the public, private and community sectors including Mid Ulster Council, Department for Communities (DfC), Dungannon Enterprise Centre, Dungannon Traders Association and representatives from the education, banking and voluntary sectors. DRP acts as a single voice of town centre regeneration and support and has the following characteristics:

- Already in existence for many years and constituted as company limited by guarantee
- A recognised partner of the Council.
- Recognised by DfC.
- Award winning organisation.
- Excellent past record of delivery.
- Accounts presented annually.
- Members comprising Town Councillors, Dungannon Enterprise Centre, Town Traders Assoc, South West College and local businessmen, banking sector, with council staff and DfC staff represented at meetings.
- Newly agreed strategic aims expressly aimed at town centre regeneration with emphases on partnership, people, places and promotion.
- Existing successful working relationship with Council's Regeneration Manager.
- Strong focus on vision and delivery.
- Regular monthly meetings.
- Excellent inter working relationship between members.

1.3 Aspirations

It is an aspiration of DRP to develop its role within the area as follows:

- Dedicated town centre management support
- Enhanced financial and manpower resources
- Full working relationship with Council officers.
- Support of all partners.

- Greater business and public awareness of the functions of DRP
- Ability to provide coordination and or leadership with all town centre events and marketing of same.
- Working relationship with community safety partnership and local Policing Board

In 2018, the Board adopted a strategy with the following aims:

Objective 1: Dereliction - meaningful progress made on 2 identified sites.

Objective 2: Reduced Vacancy Rate of property in the town.

Objective 3: Promote the town centre of Dungannon as a place to visit and shop.

1.4 Council report on town vacancy

In the 2017 Mid Ulster Council report “Innovative Approaches to Reducing Vacancy and Dereliction in Dungannon Town Centre” made a clear statement of intent to, not only proactively reduce vacancy and dereliction, but plan and shape it in such a way that re-positions the town as a competitive destination.

“Council will work with key public and private stakeholders to lobby for pilot status for Dungannon town centre to adopt a more holistic regeneration approach to addressing town centre vacancy and dereliction and access to more innovative funding mechanisms”.

“A strong public/private delivery model will be a critical success factor in driving this project forward. **It is recommended that Dungannon Regeneration Partnership (DRP) a public/private regeneration agency/vehicle and a company limited by guarantee become the main delivery vehicle.** Stakeholder involvement in DRP is strong and the organisation does act as a project driver and catalyst for change”.

It was recommended that as part of this development process that Council explore the potential with DRP to initiate a BID Feasibility Study to ascertain the potential role a Business Improvement District could play. This study has been completed and it was found that Dungannon was the most suitable of towns in Mid Ulster for a BID initiative.

2. PROPOSAL

The initiative should be considered as a three-year pilot with the positive experience replicated in other large retail centres in Mid Ulster.

The proposal could be considered as a precursor to a potential BIDS application in 4 years time.

It is proposed to create an initiative to:

4. Actively manage and fill vacant outlets throughout Dungannon town centre, promoting the town centre as a retail, commercial and entertainment centre and improving the performance of the businesses located in the town centre. The main objective of the post would be to reduce the level of vacant retail space in the town and maintain it below 5%.
5. Actively promote retailing initiatives and offers in the town. Initiatives will include:
 - a. the establishment and promotion of a “Dungannon town gift card scheme”,
 - b. the content management of Dungannon town centre a Facebook site set up to promote retailing offers and news in the town,
 - c. the management of a Christmas tv advert campaign
6. Undertake promotion work that will enrich the promotion activities of community events that increase shopper and visitor footfall in Dungannon town centre. Examples of such events are:
 - a. Council run events, such as Christmas Light switch on, Halloween Fireworks etc.
 - b. Events being run on The Hill of the O'Neill and The Square Box.
 - c. Dungannon Traders events such as “Heels on the Hill” and “Digg Deep For Kids” Fun Day
 - d. Community run events, such as, Lap of the Lough, A Santa Dash, National Day events for the Polish, Lithuanian and East Timorese residents.

A Dungannon Town Centre Manager would be employed by Dungannon Regeneration Partnership for a fixed term and would report to the DRP Management Committee and the DRP Board of Directors. This independence from a local and central Government will enable a commercially driven post holder to work with urgency and be an unbiased driver of change who will coordinate with all relevant stakeholders to achieve success for the town.

The Manager would have the financial resources to employ part-time staff and external support, as required, to deliver upon the plan of work.

3. RATIONALE TO THE PROPOSAL

3.1 Active marketing of vacant units

When retail units become vacant it weakens the performance of nearby stores, reduces footfall in the area and increases the likelihood of further store closures – this cycle will continue unless proactive, innovative action is taken to ensure use of available units. No one is responsible for the proactive selling and promotion of vacant units to prospective tenants. Vacant units are usually let via letting agents on a commission basis and, in most cases, a passive marketing strategy is adopted. A clear understanding of consumer and business perceptions is important to work with landlords and letting agents to identify top end retailers/businesses, make them aware of the potential retail location and, when required, work with landlords to bring their vacant properties up to a quality standard to attract such tenants.

The plethora of vacant retail units could be the impetus to strategically re-balance the town centre visitor offering, and a chance for culture and leisure-related outlets and community services to gain more of a foothold in the town centre. Staff will work with key stakeholders to ensure vacant units are repurposed and promoted to ensure the desired innovative approach to reducing vacancy and dereliction.

3.2 Increased rates revenue

Increased occupancy of retail units means increased revenue generated from rates for the Council. It is anticipated that, not only will the increase in revenue generated from more rates cover the cost of the Council investment, but there will also be a surplus.

At present there is vacant retail space is at 14% (Place Management Solutions BIDs Feasibility Study 2019).

There are currently 32 vacant or derelict properties in Dungannon town centre out of a total of 284 properties. It is estimated that there is 40,000 sq. ft. of lettable vacant retail space in the town at present (excluding derelict sites) – a potential rates revenue of £350k per year, if occupied.

3.3 Creating opportunities from nothing

Dungannon town centre is littered with derelict sites which have the potential for development. The initiative would inspire and support the property owner to consider ways to repurpose sites. Bringing together the many stakeholders is needed to breathe new economic and community life into the many derelict areas of Dungannon town centre.

The aim would be to 'sell' the town as an investment opportunity for, not only for retailing, but the many other sectors that make up the vibrant and diverse community that is Dungannon. This could enable our town centre to become a prosperous and exciting space once again. By exploring the potential for a diverse range of services and businesses there is a greater chance of developing an 'evening' economy for the town, providing increased opportunity for employment and social opportunities rooted in the interests and needs of local people.

3.4 Attracting Investment

It is planned that the Town Centre Development Manager would work develop a portfolio of development opportunities to attract public private investment to the town. This work would be done in conjunction with the owners of derelict and vacant properties

3.5 Enhanced marketing of retailing in the town

Mid Ulster Council are currently implementing the "Discover Dungannon" brand with the objective to attract provincial and local awareness of the town. The brand is controlled by the Council and governed under its marketing protocols.

The promotion activities planned under this initiative will complement the "Discover Dungannon" brand and will carry out targeted commercial marketing which, under Council policy cannot be undertaken.

3.6 Enhanced social well being

The impact of the retail sector goes well beyond economic output. Research has shown that a diverse retail offering can also contribute to the social well-being of local communities, and serve as a key driver for tourism by increasing the attractiveness of town centres. In fact, retail has made a significant contribution to urban regeneration and the vitality and viability of town centres in the UK for decades by contributing to their socio-economic health.

3.7 Future proofing

Dungannon is the largest town in Mid Ulster Council and soon to become the second largest town in Tyrone after Omagh. Demographic forecasts indicate that over the next 10 years the area is facing the largest a population boom in the province. The recent Feasibility Study into BIDs found that Dungannon was the best suited town in Mid Ulster for the initiative. However it is the view of the DRP Board that the BIDs model for Dungannon might not gain the support of the traders in the town because of the current high rates demands on shop owners. While the BIDs model has proven itself to be beneficial in many towns, the timing could be premature for Dungannon. A failed BIDs process could land negatively on the image of Dungannon. Commitment from all traders will take time before any additional levy is considered. We believe this proposal is an alternative to BIDs and will secure traders' commitment for the future.

4. Key responsibilities

- Support property owners in the town centre to maximise their rental returns and minimising tenancy 'void' periods.
- Work with property owners to develop initiatives and incentives to attract prospective retail tenants to the area.
- Work collaboratively with internal and external stakeholders to support the development of derelict properties
- Bring empty stores/units into use through collaboration with relevant stakeholders.
- Inspire and collaborate with private developers and public sector agencies to explore initiatives that could contribute towards the strategic development of Dungannon town centre
- Develop retail property initiatives that have the potential of attracting public/private investment
- Actively promote the towns property portfolio to attract "high street name" retailers to Dungannon.
- Work in partnership with the Traders Association and the Council to promote Dungannon as an outstanding place to visit and shop and to provide visitors with a quality of experience that encourages them to keep coming back.
- Work with Dungannon Enterprise Centre to promote retail start-ups, retail incubation and pop-up shop initiatives.
- Implement appropriate findings/recommendations from reports such as the Mid Ulster Town Centre Positioning Study, Dungannon Town Centre Masterplan as well as innovative reports, such as The 2011 Portas Review to rejuvenate town centres.

5. Budget

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Advertising and promotion costs	42,000	42,000	42,000
IT and communication	4,000	1,000	1,000
Travel	5,000	5,000	5,000
Stationery	4,000	4,000	4,000
Office rental	7,000	7,000	7,000
Salary costs	60,000	63,000	63,000
Professional fees	5,000	5,000	5,000
Strategic development initiatives	10,000	10,000	10,000
Administration support costs	10,000	10,000	10,000
Accounting and bookkeeping	3,000	3,000	3,000
TOTAL	£ 150,000	£ 150,000	£ 150,000

Proposed Funding Sources:

DRP are requesting that Mid Ulster Council fund the shortfall funding of £130,000 per year for a 3-year period.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Dungannon Traders Group	£ 10,000	£ 10,000	£ 10,000
Dungannon Enterprise Centre	£5,000 £5,000 in kind	£5,000 £5,000 in kind	£5,000 £5,000 in kind
Mid Ulster Council	£ 130,000	£130,000	£ 130,000
TOTAL	£150,000	£150,000	£150,000

6. Conclusion

It is the responsibility of Dungannon Regeneration Partnership to expand upon the potential of the Dungannon town centre. A decision by Mid Ulster Council to fund a Dungannon Town Centre Development initiative makes commercial sense with regards increased revenue from rates, and a practical approach to reducing dereliction and vacancy in the town. Dungannon is the largest town in Mid Ulster. It is essential to regard the properties in the town precinct as an 'asset', and market the town just like a commercial shopping centre to increase its vibrancy and to give local people and visitors a complete shopping experience.



2019 PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL



The Event

Celebrating excellence in business

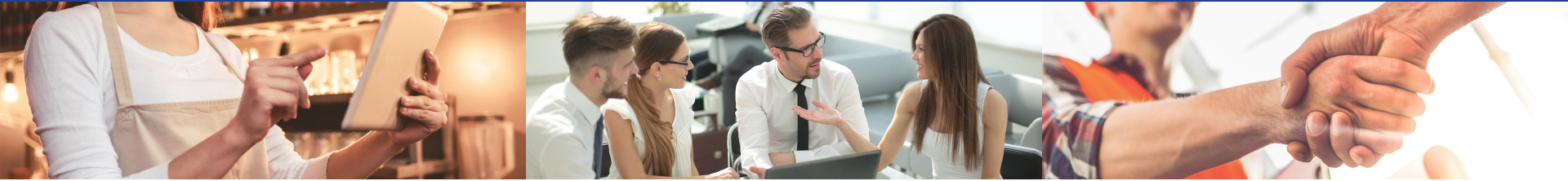
Now in their 9th year, the Mid Ulster Mail & Tyrone Times are proud to launch the 2019 Mid Ulster Business Excellence Awards

These prestigious awards recognise the talent and enterprise that exists across the full range of business and commerce that are vital to the economic success and profile of the area

The awards ceremony and gala dinner, which will be attended by over 200 guests from across the industry, will take place late Nov 2019



The Categories



14 award categories recognise a cross section of businesses who excel in their sector

- Best Retailer
- Best Export Business
- Readers' Favourite Eating Establishment
- Best Customer Service
- SME Business of the Year
- Excellence in People Development
- Best Community Impact
- Excellence in Tourism
- Best Manufacturer
- Best Digital & Social Media Initiative
- Best Start-Up Business Award
- Excellence in Innovation
- Business Person of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award

The Media Partner & Promotion

The Mid Ulster Mail & Tyrone Times in print & online are dedicated to delivering the best of local news, sport, features and photography from the region

Both titles together reach over 160,564 monthly unique users and over 41,000 social media followers

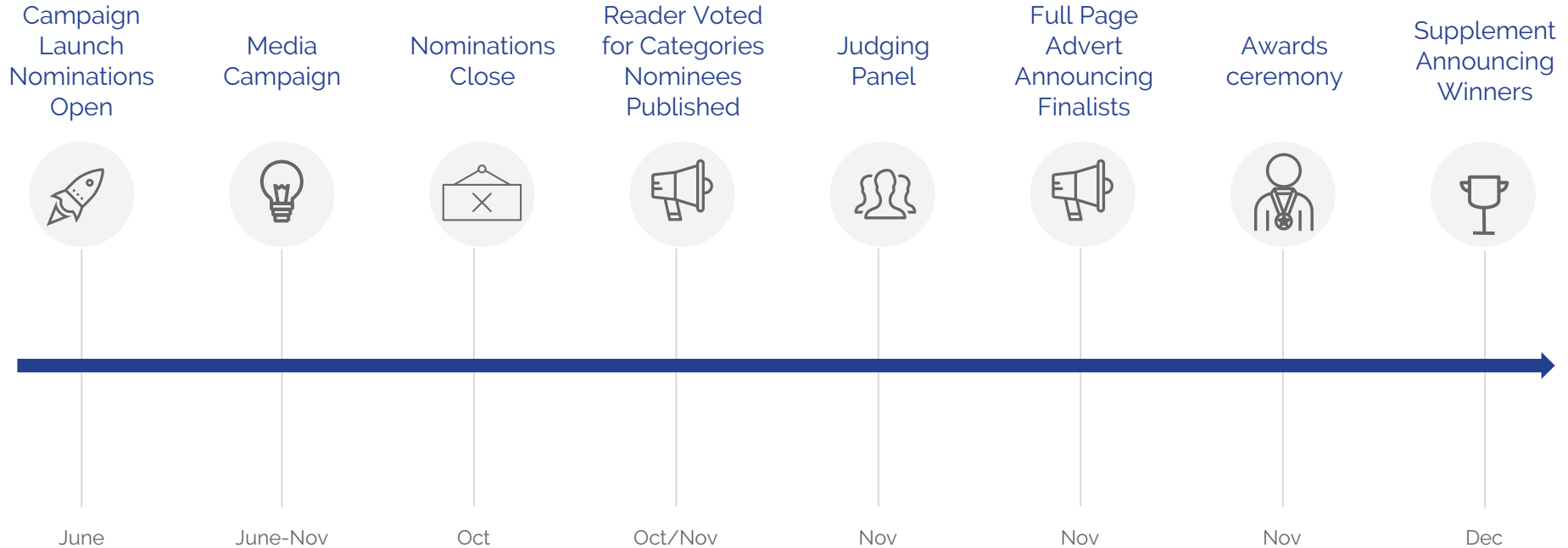
The Mid Ulster and Tyrone news teams have been reporting on events in the area for decades and are a trusted source of news for the community

Extensive media support throughout the 5 month campaign will include a minimum of:

- 8 full page adverts
- 8 Page Post Awards Supplement
- Online & social media campaign
- Minimum of 4 editorial stories from launch to event



The Timelines



Headline Sponsorship



Pre Event

- Company logo in prime position across extensive in paper editorial and advertising campaign for 5 months
- Photograph & Quote of 200 words to appear in the launch article within the Larne Times, Carrick Times & Ballymena Times
- Position on the judging panel
- 50 word company profile and logo on event website with hyperlinks to your website
- Logo branding alongside targeted digital campaign to promote the awards, minimum 50,000 P/I

Awards Ceremony

- 10 complimentary tickets to the awards ceremony
- Extensive branding around the reception and main event room area including stage graphics
- Opportunity to make a welcome speech at the awards
- Co-present each award
- Presentation of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award
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Post Event

- Extensive Media coverage, logo branding and photography in Mid Ulster Mail & Tyrone Times following the awards
- Logo branding to appear in the 8 page Awards supplement in both titles
- Front page branding, 200 quote and photography of your organisation guaranteed within supplement
- ½ page advert in the post event winners supplement
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PACKAGE COST £7,000 + VAT

Associate Sponsorship



Pre Event

- Company logo in prime position across extensive in paper editorial and advertising campaign for 5 months
- Photograph & Quote of 200 words to appear in the launch article within Mid Ulster Mail & Tyrone Times
- 50 word company profile and logo on event website with hyperlinks to your website
- Opportunity to co-judge in your selected category

Awards Ceremony

- 5 complimentary tickets to the awards ceremony
- Branding around the reception and main event room area including stage graphics & event programme
- Opportunity to make a welcome speech at the awards
- Presentation of your selected category awards on stage

Post Event

- Extensive Media coverage, logo branding and photography in the Mid Ulster Mail & Tyrone Times following the awards
- Logo branding across an 8 page Awards supplement in both titles
- 200 word quote and photography of your organisation within supplement
- 1/4 page advert in the post event winners supplement

PACKAGE COST £3,500 + VAT

Category Sponsorship



Pre Event

- Company logo positioned beside your chosen category across extensive in paper editorial and advertising campaign for 5 months
- Photograph to appear in the launch article within Mid Ulster Mail & Tyrone Times
- 50 word company profile and logo on event website with hyperlinks to your website
- Opportunity to co-judge in your selected category

Awards Ceremony

- 2 complimentary tickets to the awards ceremony
- Branding around the reception and main event room area including stage graphics & event programme
- Presentation of your selected category award on stage

Post Event

- Extensive Media coverage, logo branding and photography in Mid Ulster Mail & Tyrone Times following the awards
- Logo branding to appear in the 8 page Awards supplement in both titles
- Photograph of your organisation with winner within supplement
- ¼ page advert in the post event winners supplement

PACKAGE COST £1,750 + VAT

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Appendix 3

To Be Presented Prior to the Meeting

**Mid Ulster District Council Draft Consultation
Response on the Review of Northern Ireland Non-
Domestic Rating System**

Mid Ulster: Innovating Our Way To Success



Cookstown Continental Market

At the end of its first term as a new local authority, Mid Ulster District Council has been assessing the impact of its £30M economic development strategy in the region which is not only the most innovative in the UK, but is also the global centre of advanced manufacturing and engineering, manufacturing 40% of the world's mobile crushing and screening products.

Mid Ulster is not only an outstanding investment destination, but also the industrial heartland of Northern Ireland. From start-ups to major multinational companies, the region is already the location of choice for more than 8865 businesses.

Mid Ulster supports 55,000 jobs and produces 7.3% of NI's total economic output (GVA is £2.075 billion). Sustaining this position and supporting continued growth has been the central focus of the Council's ambitious £30M economic development strategy, which aims to create and sustain

3,000 jobs, support 1,500 businesses and provide employment and training opportunities for 4,000 people.

As the period draws to a close, the Council has reflected on some remarkable success which has spanned ground-breaking work to address skills requirements, the delivery of sector-specific and business support programmes and direct investment in town centres and villages as key social and economic hubs.

Leveraging Investment

In its first full year of implementation (2016-2017), four of the strategy's business development programmes alone supported the growth of 74 businesses and social enterprises

resulting in an economic impact of over £4M. This 40:1 investment return was also boosted by a particularly successful tender programme where nine businesses won new work of £2.5m. The following year (2017-2018), economic development investment of more than £3.4M was generated by the Council's activity.

That figure rose to in excess of £6.3million in 2018-2019, when for every £1 invested, an additional £10 of other external monies was leveraged.

Innovating In Manufacturing & Engineering

Acknowledging Mid Ulster's position as the centre of manufacturing and engineering in Northern Ireland,



special attention has been paid to the research, development and innovation needs of these industry sectors.

Over 2 years between 2017-2019, Council funded a specially designed engineering innovation programme which was delivered by South West College's InnoTech Centre, providing support to 18 small engineering businesses to develop new products, processes or services. It achieved all of its ambitious targets including the creation of 15 new jobs with a value of £617,500, while also sustaining 200 jobs and stimulating a combined average increase in turnover of 15%.

The same sector was to the fore as part of the Mid Ulster Skills Forum work to identify skills gaps and, crucially, to create a three-year action plan to address them.

The broad-ranging plan from the industry-led partnership identifies a series of priority actions, from enhancing the image and perceptions of key sectors, increasing the quality and quantity of apprenticeships to improving engagement between education and employers.

Now, a new sectoral network has been created - MEGA (Manufacturing and Engineering Growth & Advancement) Collaborative Network - which has secured funding of over £200K to deliver a programme to consolidate and build on work to address the skills and employability issues facing the Engineering and Advanced manufacturing sectors in Mid Ulster.

Creating Vibrant Town Centres

Away from industry, a particular focus of the Council's work in its first term has been to enhance the vitality and vibrancy of local towns.

Investment in town centres has taken multiple forms, from new branding and promotion, support for town centre forums and regeneration partnerships to the exploration of the potential to introduce Business Improvement Districts to towns and the creation and delivery of appealing events which add another reason to visit and to shop local. In 2018-2019 alone, 12 strategic events attracted 84,400 into the area's 5 town centres.

Direct investment via an extensive shop improvement scheme began in 2015, completing in 2017, when more than 100 shops across Mid Ulster were able to enhance their premises inside and out through the £500K programme.

The most substantial investment in the regeneration of town centres came, however, with 3 public realm schemes valued at over £10M.

Three major schemes were completed in Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt when funding from the Department for Communities and the Council transformed the look and feel of each centre with new paving, lighting, street furniture, signage and planting.

Dungannon's Market Square also benefited from an additional

£300K improvement scheme which was coordinated by the Council to address pedestrian safety, traffic flow and parking.

With schemes completed in the 3 main towns, work got underway to progress similar investment in Coalisland and Maghera.

In February 2019, a funding package of £3.4M was confirmed for the Coalisland scheme, while the initial design concepts for Maghera improvements were presented to local people in March 2019.

Development Opportunities

Major development opportunities have also been explored and progressed in the Council's first term.

The release of the 4.12 acre site on Ann Street in Dungannon in March 2017 for development was a milestone in the Council's strategic economic ambitions.

Long considered a 'unique gateway site' because of its links to the premier retail core Market Square and Scotch Street via Irish Street, the land has been vacant for a number of years.

Proposals by the successful bidder, Moorefield Group, for a mixed-use scheme representing a £10 million investment in the area, are now in progress.

Similarly, land at the former Maghera High School was identified as an opportunity site, this time, for development of a business

park, the first to be spearheaded by a local council here.

The proposal, intended to meet a demand for land to allow business growth and expansion, is to create a number of serviced sites, with qualifying businesses constructing their own purpose-built facilities ranging in size from 4,000sqft to 20,000sqft.

And signalling the Council's ambitions for Mid Ulster most strongly was the landmark announcement in October 2018 that, together with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, work was to begin towards a Growth Deal to boost economic growth and deliver a step change to the future prospects of the collective area.

The three councils - which together represent over 25% of Northern Ireland's population - wrote to the Chancellor stating a Growth Deal would address specific economic needs and was a once-in-a-generation opportunity, not just for the region, but for the whole of Northern Ireland.

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For more information on Mid Ulster's Economic Development Strategy please contact Fiona McKeown, Head of Service
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or 03000 132 132

APPENDIX 5

MINUTES OF MAGHERAFELT TOWN CENTRE FORUM
WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2019 AT 6PM
MAGHERAFELT OFFICES,
MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Present:

Mark Stewart	Vintners Representative (Chair)
Councillor Clarke	Mid Ulster District Council
Councillor McFlynn	Mid Ulster District Council
Robin Kennedy	Magherafelt Chamber of Commerce
Claire McOsker	Professional Sector Representative
Jack Keatley	Magherafelt Trustees
Patrick Anderson	Department for Communities
Michael McGibbon	Mid Ulster District Council
Neil Devecchis	PSNI
Johnny Wilson	PSNI

In Attendance:

Fiona McKeown	Mid Ulster District Council
Davina McCartney	Mid Ulster District Council
Sharon Scott	NI BIDs
Chris Gray	Gray's Communication for SGN
Mark Davidson	SGN

Apologies:

Gareth Thomas	Meadowlane Shopping Centre
Shauna McCloskey	Mid Ulster District Council

	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1.	WELCOME The Chairman, M Stewart welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	MATTERS ARISING <u>Flooding Issue</u> D McCartney stated communication from DfI Roads had confirmed repairs had been carried out on Moneymore Road and some upgrades had been carried out. <u>Street Lighting</u> D McCartney stated communication with DfI Street Lighting had confirmed street lighting inspections were no longer carried out and relied on reported faults.	

	<p><u>Castledawson Roundabout</u> D McCartney stated Mid Ulster District Council have requested information from DfI Roads about the lighting on the pedestrian bridge and are awaiting a response.</p> <p><u>Rainey Street Toilets</u> R Kennedy said the feeling of the Chamber of Commerce was that the Rainey Street toilets should not be replaced. D McCartney stated a design team had been employed to design replacement scheme and that the comments of the Chamber of Commerce would be fed back to Council Environmental Services Team.</p>	
2.	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes of previous meeting 12 November 2018 were agreed as accurate. Proposed by: P Anderson Seconded by: R Kennedy</p>	
3.	<p>BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE S Scott delivered a presentation on the findings of the BID Feasibility Study for Magherafelt. The findings of the Feasibility study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Sector support is strong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regeneration Manager ➤ Town Centre Forum ➤ Public Realm Improvements • Further intensive work is carried out on developing Business Engagement through Forum and Chamber • Marketing Focus – Partnership approach to Brand Rollout / Town centre Marketing • Consider voluntary contribution scheme to co-fund marketing activity • 1 BID Developed in Mid Ulster initially <p>The recommendation is that Magherafelt should not proceed with BID development at present.</p>	
4.	<p>GAS TO THE WEST C Gray and M Davidson provided information on the planned works to install the gas distribution network to Magherafelt. The work will focus on Killyfaddy Road, Meadowbank Road, Ballyronan Road, Moneymore Road, Fairhill, Queens Avenue, Highfield Road, Tobermore Road, Hospital Road and Desertmartin Road. 60% of the work will be carried out during the summer with the majority of work carried out through lane closures rather than road closures. Members were shown the planned works on a map. Following discussion it was agreed the contact number for SGN would be circulated to members of Town Centre Forum.</p>	

	Members from SGN left the meeting at 6:50pm.									
5.	<p>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE</p> <p>M McGibbon from Council's Planning Team provided an update on the draft Local Development Plan 2030. An 8 week consultation period was launched in February 2019 and closes on 19 April 2019 at 4pm. The Local Development Plan will set the vision for landuse in the Council area until 2030. This is the first stage in the development of the plan. A further 8 week consultation period will commence following the publication of the representations to allow counter representations to be made. The final plan should be adopted by Autumn 2020 and this will allow the second stage of the project to commence.</p>									
6.	<p>REGENERATION MANAGER REPORT</p> <p>D McCartney updated on the previously circulated Regeneration Managers Report.</p> <p>Marketing & Promotion</p> <p>A variety of branded promotional materials have been purchased and will be distributed widely to promote the new brand to a variety of audiences, including businesses, shoppers, young people etc.</p> <p>Business Support / Attracting Investment</p> <p><u>Creative Shops 2</u></p> <p>The Magherafelt Creative Shop Project opened on 22 October 2018 and ran until 15 December 2018.</p> <table><tr><td>Total Direct Participants</td><td>596</td></tr><tr><td>Total Audience</td><td>1900</td></tr><tr><td>Local artists / groups performing/participating</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>Visiting artists / performers commissioned</td><td>8</td></tr></table> <p><u>Magherafelt Wi-Fi Upgrade</u></p> <p>New wi-fi infrastructure has been installed throughout Magherafelt town centre.</p> <p><u>Seamus Heaney HomeGround Project</u></p> <p>The Seamus Heaney HomeGround project aims to enhance the work being developed in Seamus Heaney HomePlace through the development of a series of experiences for visitors to Seamus Heaney HomeGround. An funding application to DAERA's Rural Tourism Fund has been successful.</p>	Total Direct Participants	596	Total Audience	1900	Local artists / groups performing/participating	9	Visiting artists / performers commissioned	8	
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	<p>Town Centre Events</p> <p><u>Tafelta Festival</u></p> <p>The Tafelta Festival will take place on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 June 2019. This annual event will celebrate Magherafelt as a place to live, work and visit. The Tafelta Festival will focus on the distinctive heritage, cultural and literary connections of Magherafelt as highlighted in the Positioning Statement including the Seamus Heaney link.</p> <p><u>Magherafelt Christmas Market & Christmas Lights Switch On</u></p> <p>Magherafelt Christmas Market and Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on Saturday 23 November & Sunday 24 November 2019.</p> <p>Physical Regeneration / Improving Infrastructure</p> <p><u>Rural Regeneration Projects</u></p> <p>Under the Rural Development Programme a total of 37 villages will access funding to develop and deliver projects identified through their respective village plans.</p> <p>In the Magherafelt area projects have been completed in Tobermore, Upperlands, Glenone, Swatragh and Gulladuff. Projects are currently underway in Maghera and Desertmartin.</p> <p><u>Magherafelt Revitalisation Project</u></p> <p>Department for Communities awarded Mid Ulster District Council £160,706 to upgrade the Pedestrian Linkages from Union Road and Central Car Parks to Broad Street, Magherafelt. The project will include upgraded lighting, surfacing and graffiti removal. FP McCann were awarded the contract and project works are currently underway.</p> <p><u>Mid Ulster Shop Front Scheme</u></p> <p>Council has approved the provision of a new Business Spruce Up Scheme for towns and villages across the district, as classified within Mid Ulster's Draft Local Development Plan 2030. A tender process is underway to appoint a Chartered Architect to manage the delivery of the scheme over a 2 – 3 year period. Further details will be provided in due course.</p>	
6.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>R Kennedy highlighted there appears to be an issue with Travellers in the area. N Devecchis stated the PSNI will continue to monitor the situation.</p>	

	<p>R Kennedy asked about the recent press articles about the costs of running Seamus Heaney HomePlace. F McKeown stated further detail would be sought from the appropriate officer and feedback would be provided at the next meeting.</p> <p>J Keatley asked as more apartments were being built in the town centre what the requirement for green space was. M McGibbon stated the existing Development Plan and the Draft Local Development Plan 2030 both required a minimum of 10% open space / communal space in developments.</p>	
8.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>To be circulated.</p>	

Meeting ended 7.45pm

APPENDIX 6

Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum
Thursday 11 April 2019 at 5.30pm
The Cornmill, Coalisland

Present

Cllr Niamh Doris	Mid Ulster District Council (Chair)
Cllr Joe O'Neill	Mid Ulster District Council
Brian O'Neill	Coalisland Credit Union
Melanie Campbell	Coalisland & District Development Association
Ursula Marshall	Mid Ulster Disability Forum
Patrick Anderson	Department for Communities
Raymond O'Neill	Coalisland Traders Association
JP McCartan	PSNI
Hugh Quinn	PSNI

In Attendance

Raymond Lowry	Mid Ulster District Council
Mark Leavey	Mid Ulster District Council
Colin McKenna	Mid Ulster District Council
Catherine Fox	Mid Ulster District Council
Oliver Donnelly	Mid Ulster District Council
Sharon Scott	Place Management Solutions

	DISCUSSION																						
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3.	Minutes of Previous Meeting – 4 March 2019 Proposed by Cllr O'Neill Seconded by P Anderson																						

4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>Cllr O Neill raised issue of dilapidated building at corner of Main Street which MUDC purchased saying he is aware of youths getting access.</p> <p>Action: House to be secured RL</p>
5.	<p>Presentations</p> <p>1. BIDS (Business Improvement Districts) - Sharon Scott, Place Management Solutions</p> <p>Currently there are 8 BIDS in Northern Ireland including 3 in Belfast. Strabane is the smallest. This is a process where businesses collectively decide if there any additional improvements they want to make? how they are going to manage and deliver those improvements? and what it will cost them? This all goes into a business plan which is voted on by all those businesses who would have to pay. The BID can exist for a maximum of five years and must be able to demonstrate how it has benefitted businesses who have funded it.</p> <p>There are three phases to the BID Process;</p> <p><i>i. Foundation Phase (months 1-3)</i></p> <p>Location / Partnership Review Develop Database and Information System Feasibility study Resources & Next Steps</p> <p><i>ii. Development Phase (months 3-9)</i></p> <p>Ensure BID Support Market Research/ Consultation Baseline Agreements Operating Agreement Staff & Board Development Organisational Model Voluntary Contribution Financial Projections Business Plan</p> <p><i>iii. Campaign/Implementation Phase (months 9-12)</i></p> <p>Ballot Arrangements Marketing & Communications Campaign Tracking/Polling/Response Establishment/Implementation Support</p> <p>A profile of ratepayers in Coalisland Town Centre was discussed showing potential revenues gained from various percentage levies</p> <p>10% of businesses responded to the survey carried out. The main issues arising out of the responses include marketing of town, promoting independent businesses and attracting more business to the town.</p> <p>Coalisland has quite a low NAV (Net Asset Value). The NAV is used to calculate the potential revenue income stream. When these figures are contrasted against</p>

the cost of running a BID, including staff, overheads, BID Collection and enforcement, the results would suggest that a BID is unviable in Coalisland Town.

2. Coalisland Great Places Project – Keith Beattie, Lough Neagh Partnership

The project is managed by Lough Neagh Partnership Limited (LNPL) and it will celebrate the rich, historic manufacturing legacy of Coalisland and East Tyrone.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund have supplied £312,100 (or 79%) of the total budget of £394,152, with further support from Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC), Queen's University, Belfast, the Craic Theatre, Coalisland and other local businesses and agencies.

The project will highlight:

- The story of past resource extraction and manufacturing;
- How place names, songs, stories and poetry were derived from the natural resources in the landscape;
- How the area became a focus of the industrial revolution in Ireland.

LNPL will join forces with local businesses and arts and cultural heritage bodies to:

- Celebrate the area's great industrial manufacturing heritage through arts and culture;
- Build a new skills capacity;
- Revive lost artisan and manufacturing working skills.

LNPL will work with local training organisations and businesses to help address the issues of disadvantage and inequality.

Only four projects have been awarded Great Place Scheme grants in Northern Ireland and LNLP have been fortunate to be selected as the flagship for our region

LNPL will work in partnership with the following to deliver the proposed scheme as outlined in the application and supporting documents:

- Mid Ulster District Council
- Queen's University, Belfast and the Centre for Archaeological Research (CAF)
- The Craic Theatre
- Coalisland and District Development Association
- Western Buildings Systems Limited
- South Tyrone Empowerment Programme (STEP)
- Island Turf Craft
- Diane McCormick Ceramics and others.

LNPL will recruit staff for the posts of Project Officer (Full-time) and Finance Officer (Part-time) to oversee programme delivery.

LNPL will deliver an events programme to include/produce:

- Culture nights & events, reflecting songs, music, poetry and prose of East Tyrone;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community plays; • The story of manufacturing in East Tyrone; • Community archaeology programme; • Field & place name interpretation; • Place names, poetry, songs and stories; • Project sculpture/legacy art piece; • Exhibitions; • Training programmes for heritage interpretation guides (delivered by local training organisations); • Community heritage education programmes; • Craft skills programmes; • Apprenticeship programme (delivered with local craft & manufacturing organisations); • Legacy planning. <p>An archaeological dig will take place at an area where there is potentially a pottery site. Local schools and community organisations will also be involved in the dig.</p> <p>4 Culture Nights in partnership with CRAIC to be organised and 2 Community Plays once focusing on Industrial Heritage and the other focusing on the rich Natural Resources in the area.</p> <p>Funding has been allocated for refurbishment of the Exhibition currently at the Enterprise Centre</p> <p>Sculpture will also be erected which will be in conjunction with the Coalisland Public Realm scheme, this will be designed in conjunction with the local schools and community organisations.</p> <p>A 10 year legacy plan for the project will also be finalised to ensure sustainability.</p>
6	<p>Events 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer – Council event to be held on 28 June 2019 in conjunction with Newell 10K. • Halloween – Proposed location of the event will be Fianna GFC premises due to the Gortgonis redevelopment. • Christmas 2019
7	<p>Items for Discussion –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gortgonis Recreation Centre <p>Works on the Recreation Centre are ongoing with a paper that is being brought to Council in June 2019. B O'Neill requested that whilst the Centre is unavailable to the public, the other facilities in the Town should be up to scratch to cater for the extra demand on their resources and that equipment from the old playpark could be donated to local parks elsewhere in the Town.</p> <p>Action: Leisure team to be asked if all play park equipment will be donated to local play parks.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CF</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coalisland Public Realm <p>R Lowry updated that since the last meeting the Design Team on the project had went into administration. Fox Contracts Ltd have been awarded the contract for the project. A programme of works will be issued by the company highlighting timeframe for the works.</p> <p>R O'Neill asked was there any update on the one-way system to which R Lowry replied that it was currently with DfI for determination. DfC confirmed that the project will be funded from within the current year budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graffiti <p>N Doris stated that she had sent an email to Environmental Health department regarding the Graffiti, which falls under the remit of the Clean Neighbourhood team. As the graffiti was on private lands/buildings, Council powers were limited.</p> <p>PSNI stated that the graffiti was sporadic and it was difficult to identify if it was one person. They are working with business owners to deal with issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornmill CCTV Cameras <p>Discussion arose regarding the CCTV cameras which were damaged at the time of works being completed in the Car Park. R Lowry advised that there had been issues with the cabling and that a quotation was being prepared for submission to Contractors to complete the works. M Campbell highlighted that there had been a number of incidences where windows had been broken and manholes lifted and the cameras would have been useful as a deterrent.</p> <p>Action: CCTV Cameras to be kept as item on agenda CF</p>
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>B O'Neill asked if the Business database in Coalisland could be sent to Traders. CF updated that under GDPR this would not be possible.</p>
9	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Date to be confirmed after Local Council elections on 2nd May 2019 and subsequent Council AGM. Provisional date of 3rd June 2019 @ 5.30pm, to be confirmed after 20th May 2019.</p>
10	<p>Meeting Duration</p> <p>Meeting ended at 6.50pm</p>

APPENDIX 7



MINUTES OF COOKSTOWN TOWN CENTRE FORUM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2019 AT 12.30 PM IN THE CHAMBER, MUDC OFFICES, COOKSTOWN

Present:

Councillor McNamee	Mid Ulster District Council (Chair)
Councillor Mallaghan	Mid Ulster District Council
Councillor Wilson	Mid Ulster District Council
Annette McGahan	Community Development
Paul Wilson	Cookstown Chamber of Commerce
Hazel McKenzie	Cookstown North Community Association
Patrick Anderson	Department for Communities
Neil Bratton	DFI Roads NI
Andrew McConnell	Large Independent Retailer
TP Sheehy	Small Independent Retailer
Tom Jebb	Vintners Association
Adrian McCreesh	Mid Ulster District Council
Fiona McKeown	Mid Ulster District Council

In attendance: Deborah Ewing	Mid Ulster District Council
Lynn Shiels	Mid Ulster District Council
Sinead McEvoy	Mid Ulster District Council
Mark Davidson	SGN Natural Gas
Adrian Harley	Keir Utilities
Declan Carlin	Keir Utilities
Chris Gray	Grays Communications

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mark Glasgow, Mid Ulster District Council, Councillor Wilbert Buchanan, Mid Ulster District Council, Jim Eastwood, Peter Beckett, Asda, Daniel Walsh PSNI, Sean MacMahon, MACM, Ursula Marshall, Cookstown Disability Forum, Peter Lennox, Translink and Mary McCullagh, Mid Ulster District Council.

Councillor McNamee expressed his sympathies on behalf of the Town Centre Forum to Mary McCullagh on the loss of her father.

Councillor McNamee advised members that the presentation from BIDS by Sharon Scott has been postponed and will take place at a future meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by T Jebb and seconded by TP Sheehy to ADOPT the minutes of the Town Centre Forum Meeting held on 20 November 2018.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from minutes.

4. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM SGN NATURAL GAS ON PLANNED WORKS AT THE ORRITOR STREET / WESTLAND ROAD JUNCTION AND OTHER FUTURE WORKS SCHEDULED FOR COOKSTOWN

The Chair welcomed representatives from SGN Natural Gas, Keir Utilities and Grays Communications to the meeting and introductions were made. The purpose of the meeting was to raise and address the issues regarding the forthcoming roadworks planned by SGN Natural Gas at the Orritor Road junction, and to understand the likely impacts these would have on the town centre.

Councillor T Wilson expressed his concern regarding the lack of communication regarding the proposed works on Orritor Street/Westland Road. He advised that previously when works were planned for the town that a meeting was organised with Council which did not occur on this occasion. He stated that he had received a response to an email he had sent to Grays Communications which was generic and did not provide adequate answers.

Maps were distributed to members for information showing the proposed works planned for Cookstown. The proposed works are due to take place over several weekends in April and May 2019. There would be lane closures as opposed to road closures – with a stop and go system put in place and traffic lights being covered. The Orritor Road country bound lanes would be closed during these works but all other routes would be open and operating on the stop and go system.

Signage will be displayed showing alternative diversion routes around the town. Members raised their concerns with regards to the routes that people would be diverted along, with particular emphasis being placed on rerouting traffic to the town centre, especially on a Saturday when the town would already be congested. Discussion took place on the impact that the diversion would cause on the town centre and A McCreesh asked for clarification on whether Beechway route was also being used as an option to

divert traffic away from the works. C Gray stated that they can only propose roads which are like for like and was unaware that this was the case for this particular road. After much discussion on the issue of signage, it was agreed that Grays Communications would forward the proposed signage to be displayed on each of the VMS signs to be located throughout the town. This will then be distributed to Members for their feedback and approval.

Members were advised that works were due to start on Saturday 6th April 2019 but due to a serious traffic incident in the town works were postponed. There were no planned works for Sunday 7th April 2019 due to the truck run, which had been organised to run through the town. There will be no works carried out on Saturday 27th April 2019 which is when the Cookstown 100 will be taking place. Works will also not occur during the Continental Market weekend of Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June 2019.

Clarification was sought on why weekend work was the only option and whether operating at night would be possible. C Gray advised that night works were explored at length but due to gas being the last utility to be introduced to the town the works are noisy, and therefore impossible to conduct overnight as many residents are located close to the junction. Town centre business representatives emphasised the importance of Saturday to their trade, with it being their busiest day of the week, and how these works will have a significant impact on them.

Discussion took place on the range of alternative solutions which would have the least impact upon the town and its residents and traders. Members were advised that postponing the works for a long period was not an option as logistically it is impossible to organise schedules and operating only 1 day per week would mean that the works would take place over a longer period. It takes a considerable amount of time to organise the set up and dismantling of apparatus which then reflects the time being spent on actual drilling etc. There are also deadlines and a huge network to cover which must be taken into consideration.

A range of potential solutions were discussed with a mutual agreement being made on works being conducted during the following dates:

- Sunday 14th April 2019
- Sunday 28th April 2019 and Monday 29th April 2019
- Sunday 12th May 2019 and running through the week until works are completed by Friday 17th May 2019 at the latest

It was agreed that works would cease during the morning from 8.00am til 9.30am to facilitate school and work runs. C Gray advised that with the lighter evenings works could continue until approximately 8pm.

It was confirmed that local access would always be granted to residents and businesses during the period of works. F McKeown requested clarification on who they are communicating with and how. C Gray advised that residents receive notification letters, MLA's and MP's are updated and one of the Business Manager's liaises directly with affected businesses.

The next set of proposed works is due to take place during the summer months of 2019. Exact dates have to be finalised. A McConnell advised that the last 2/3 weeks of August would be one of their key retail periods of the year, accommodating the back to school market and that consideration should be given to avoid this period.

It was agreed that a further meeting of the Forum would be arranged upon completion of the works on Orritor Road/Westland Road junction where representatives of SGN, Kier Utilities and Grays Communications would be invited back to review the process and to discuss the next stage of works.

C Gray stated that they appreciate Cookstown has been inundated with roadworks but that they are a utility which currently does not exist in the area at present. The installation of gas will help residents and businesses by offering alternative heating solutions.

T Jebb asked how the network is decided upon. C Gray advised that the network is based upon demand – if there is more than 50% of businesses and/or residents on a particular road then it would be investigated further. Networks are chosen carefully with industrial estates and large commercial premises being a major influence on determining their route.

Councillor McNamee thanked the Gas representatives for agreeing to meet today and working with the Members to reach a consensus to progress the works. The representatives left the meeting at 1.05pm

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON MID ULSTER LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030

S McEvoy, Head of Development Plan and Enforcement, provided a verbal overview of the Mid Ulster District Council Draft Local Development Plan (LDP). The LDP executive summary was published on 26th February 2019 and is open for an 8-week consultation period – which closes on Friday 19th April 2019 at 4.00pm.

The LDP is accompanied by a series of other documents and evidence papers, which are all available to view on the website.

The town centre section is located on page 123 and includes review of the primary retail cores; consistent primary retail core which protects frontages and changes of use of retail.

Members were encouraged to review the document and feedback their comments. Upon close of consultation period, counter representations will take place for a further 8 weeks. People can review and comment on these representations. After this date, the proposal is submitted to Planning Appeals Commission for approval.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON COOKSTOWN CONTINENTAL MARKET 2019

L Shiels provided an update on the upcoming Continental Market due to take place on Saturday 1st June and Sunday 2nd June 2019. A road closure will be in place from 6.30pm on Friday 31st May 2019 until approximately 9pm on Sunday 2nd June 2019.

The event hours will be Saturday 1st June 9am – 9pm and Sunday 2nd June 11am – 6pm. There will be a variety of street entertainment throughout the weekend with local acts performing on the stage on Sunday.

The layout will remain the same with stalls located on the central reservation back to back.

A letter was distributed to town centre traders in March 2019 with further correspondence being issued in May 2019. A comprehensive marketing campaign will commence in May to promote the event and shopping in Cookstown.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor McNamee advised that this is the last Forum meeting during this term of Council. He thanked Members for their support and assistance during his term.

8. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place after completion of gas utility works on Orritor Road/Westland Road junction. Members will be notified accordingly.

The meeting ended at 1.35pm

Report on	NI Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 - Village Renewal Scheme – Update on village projects in Group 7
Date of Meeting	3 rd July 2019
Reporting Officer	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

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 provide Members with an update on the Village Renewal Scheme.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Mid Ulster District Council is leading on the Village Renewal Scheme included within the Rural Development Programme 2014 - 2020.</p> <p>The LAG has allocated a budget of £2.15m in grant aid to the Village Renewal Scheme for the implementation of strategic and minor works within agreed villages. Council contributes match funding of 25% (£716,000), to compliment the funding from RDP. Council makes applications to the Local Action Group for the Village Renewal scheme and leads on development and delivery.</p> <p>6 villages have been selected for major works with a further 31 villages selected for minor works. A further 6 villages have been identified for minor works should extra funding become available from the Programme. All actions supported under both major and minor works are identified through an integrated village plan recognised by Council.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Rural Development Programme ends in December 2020 and all Village Renewal Letters of Offer must be submitted to the MURDP LAG no later than 31st December 2019. Capital works can proceed beyond this date until September 2020.</p> <p>An update of Village projects completed and currently being delivered are outlined below -</p>

Villages with Major Works

1. **Ballygawley** – Works completed at Recreation Field
2. **Upperlands** –Works completed on MUGA and Playpark
3. **Maghera** – Walkway from Walled Garden to Tobermore Road
4. **Ardboe** –Works have completed for development at the Community Building with the provision of a new lift.
5. **Fivemiletown** – Works due to complete in Market Yard and Playpark by end of June 2019
6. **Pomeroy** – Currently at tender stage, PQQ submitted 7th June 2019.

Villages with Minor Works

1. **Caledon** - Play Park Works completed.
2. **Granville** - Play Park Works completed.
3. **Augher** - Play Park Works completed.
4. **Tobermore** – Play Park Works completed.
5. **Newmills** - Car Park upgrade completed
6. **Castlecaulfield** - conservation area and additional play equipment completed
7. **Benburb** - Car Park at recreational fields completed
8. **Gulladuff** - EI Scheme at Bus Shelter completed.
9. **Clady/Glenone** - play equipment completed
10. **Swatragh** - play equipment completed
11. **Killyman** - play equipment completed
12. **The Loup** - Informal Play area completed
13. **Ballynakelly** - play equipment completed
14. **Orritor** – Resurfacing for Event completed
15. **Ballyronan** – works due to be completed end of June 2019
16. **Ballinderry/Ballylifford** – Contractors on site
17. **Clogher** – Contractors due on site end of June 2019
18. **Desertmartin/Longfield** – Contractors due on site end of June 2019
19. **Coagh/Drumullan** – Letter of Offer received
20. **Rock** – Letter of Offer received
21. **Churchtown/Lissan** – Letter of Offer received
22. **Broughderg** – Currently at quotation stage
23. **Galbally** – Currently at quotation stage
24. **Ackinduff/Killeshil** - Currently at tender stage, PQQ submitted 31 May
25. **Bush** - Currently at tender stage, PQQ submitted 31 May
26. **Moortown** - Currently at tender stage, PQQ submitted 31 May
27. **Sandholes** - Currently at tender stage, PQQ submitted 31 May
28. **Edendork** - Currently at tender stage, PQQ submitted 31 May
29. **Stewartstown** – Scheduled for tender September 2019
30. **Eglish** - Scheduled for tender September 2019
31. **Annaghmore/Clonoe** – Scheduled for tender September 2019
32. **Brocagh** - Scheduled for tender September 2019
33. **Tamnamore** - Scheduled for tender September 2019
34. **Cappagh** - Scheduled for tender September 2019

Next Phase of Villages (Group 7)

Underspend has been identified from some contracts coming in under budget at tender stage in the procurement process. Approval is sought to progress projects and reallocate underspend to date, and any further underspend in subsequent procurement processes, to the six villages detailed below up to a value of £240,000, which have not been allocated funding –

Village	Total Project Costs	RDP Funding (75%)	Council Match Funding (25%)
Knockloughrim/Curran	£40,000	£30,000	£10,000
Tamlaght, Culnady and Innishrush	£40,000	£30,000	£10,000
Dunamore, Gortacladdy & Killeenan	£40,000	£30,000	£10,000
Ballymaguigan/Creagh	£40,000	£30,000	£10,000
Washingbay/ Killeen	£40,000	£30,000	£10,000
Tullyhogue/Tullywiggan/Donaghey	£40,000	£30,000	£10,000
	£240,000	£180,000	£60,000

4.0 Other Considerations**4.1 Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications****Financial:**

To progress projects and reallocate underspend to date, and any further underspend in subsequent procurement processes to the six remaining villages which have not been allocated funding. Provision of 25% match funding is required from Council's Capital budget as follows -

- Knockloughrim/Curran - £10,000
- Tamlaght, Culnady and Innishrush - £10,000
- Dunamore, Gortacladdy, Killeenan - £10,000
- Ballymaguigan/Creagh - £10,000
- Washingbay/ Killeen - £10,000
- Tullyhogue/Tullywiggan/Donaghey - £10,000

Approval for Councils capital match funding contribution will be sought from Council's Policy and Resources Committee in September 2019.

Human:
Officer time.

Risk Management:

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: All projects proposed are within rural areas.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To approve recommendation to progress projects and reallocate underspend to date, and any further underspend in subsequent procurement processes, to the six remaining villages, which have not been allocated funding. Approval for provision of 25% match funding from Council (£60,000) will be sought at the Policy and Resources Committee in September 2019.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None

Report on	Lough Neagh Partnership Core Funding 2019/20
Date of Meeting	3 rd July 2019
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	To approve annual contribution for year 2019/20 to the core running costs associated with Lough Neagh Partnership (LNP) in the delivery of marketing tourism, recreational, environmental and heritage activities on Lough Neagh (LN) and the shoreline on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council .
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>LNP is the main co-ordinating body for tourism, environmental, heritage and marketing activities on LN, delivering projects and programmes on behalf of local and central government. Funding is sought to operate a continuous marketing plan for LN, including areas within Mid Ulster.</p> <p>LNP receives funding toward core running costs from five Council's around the Lough Shore for the co-ordination of substantial development, promotion and marketing of LN.</p> <p>The main projects LNP currently coordinate and help to implement directly impacting MUDC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of a marketing and Lough Neagh Destination Plan developing heritage and food tours. • Management and administration of the HLF Lough Neagh Landscape Programme, worth £3.5million and overseeing the programme with Mid Ulster staff to implement projects in the Mid Ulster area. • Implementation of the Lough Neagh Natura 2000 Shoreline Plan. Funding of £43,000 secured from NIEA towards development and implementation of a shoreline management plan for Special Protected Areas (SPAs) and looking to source additional EU funding • Management and administration of a new £230,000 DAERA Group Farm Scheme for Lough Neagh focusing on providing assistance to over 20 farmers along the Mid Ulster area/western shores over 5 years. • LNP staff provide advice on major LN projects applying for planning permission with MUDC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNP Manager provides advice at MU Community Planning meetings, feeding into issues and concerns relating to LN. • Work with councils and LAGS around the Lough to develop a RDP LN Co-Operation Project. • Develop a new LN Navigation subcommittee to investigate and assist development of a new marker system. • Implement new Coalisland Heritage project in co-operation with MUDC. • In co-ordination with MUDC, develop a new interdepartmental policy body for LN and host a major symposium. • In co-ordination with MUDC, promote local recreational facilities and increase usage. • Funding will contribute to employment of LNP staff and core running costs.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Funding primarily contributes towards core staff costs (Manager, Marketing Officer and Admin/Finance Officer), development/ delivery of programmes and office running costs.</p> <p>LNP will continue to identify and secure additional investment to the region to assist in addressing social, environmental and economic issues around the Lough. As part of the funding LNP will offer Mid Ulster District Council continued coordination and marketing around LN and its Waterways and continue to develop Lough Neagh as a tourism destination.</p> <p>The overall cost of the project is £73,000 and funding is conditional to requests being made to the other five Councils around the Lough Shore, pro-rata in accordance with the approximate amount of shoreline and/or activity hubs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Ulster District Council £22,000 • Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council £22,000 • Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council £22,000 • Mid & East Antrim Council £3,500 • Lisburn & Castlereagh Council £3,500 <p>Measurable targets and quantifiable outputs attached in Appendix 1.</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 2019/20 budget and will be paid in 2 stages:</p> <p>Stage 1 payment covering period 1 April – 30 September 19</p> <p>Stage 2 payment covering 1 October – 31 March 20</p>

4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Ensure effective co-ordination of activities on LN and its shoreline and deliver social, economic and cultural benefits within MU. LNP is committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity in all its activities with a focus on all citizens living within the Mid Ulster area of LN.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>LNP has been in existence since 2003 with experience in managing risk. Funding has been secured with 4 Councils surrounding Lough shore therefore minimising risk to MUDC. Monitoring and verification of original invoices, payslips and corresponding bank statements, as well as, quarterly reports and site visits will be carried out to minimise risk.</p>
5.0	<u>Recommendation(s)</u>
5.1	Recommend Mid Ulster District Council fund Lough Neagh Partnership £22,000 as requested subject to funding being secured from all five Councils on the shores of Lough Neagh.
5.2	Recommend that the Lough Neagh Partnership submit a quarterly update to MUDC.
6.0	<u>Documents Attached & References</u>
6.1	Appendix 1 - LNP Application Report for Funding 2019/20

LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP CORE FUNDING 2018/19 - £22,000
MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL FUNDING MEASUREABLE TARGETS AND QUANTIFIABLE OUTPUTS

Targets	Target Date	Quantifiable Outputs
1. Landscape Partnership Project Deliver Year 3 of the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership project	31/03/2020	Implement projects as agreed in HLF plan for 2019/20 e.g. signage project, progress on Brookend Reserve and Derryloughan nature reserves.
2. Destination Marketing Plan Working with Mid Ulster Council and stakeholders, identify and help develop new tourism products on Lough	31/03/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and promote three new major Lough Neagh Tours two of which relate to and promote the Mid Ulster Tourism Development product. • Begin to develop a new food project for the Lough and Lough Beg. • Implement Seamus Heaney tours. • Assist MUDC with 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.	31/03/2019 01/12/2019 31/03/2020	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 3 stakeholder newsletters - Quarterly Review content and update website & app weekly. Issue of event updates and minimum of 6 press releases. 200 consumer and trade posts on Facebook and Twitter.
3.3 Blog Competition	31/12/2019	Electronic Christmas Colouring competition for schools.

3.4 Trade fairs and exhibitions		<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>LNP will attend trade fairs and exhibitions where opportunities arise to promote the destination and its events. Do not envisage taking destination stands of their own as this would be cost prohibitive.</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	31/03/2020	Lough Neagh Partnership will help promote the cycle trail and Lap the Lough event throughout 2019/20.
5. Lough Neagh Cooperation Project Help LAGS and Mid Ulster District Council develop Lough Neagh Cooperation Project	31/03/2020	<p>Help and assist Lags to develop Rural Development Programme Cooperation project.</p> <p>Continue to provide help and advice on the implementation of this project for the LAGs and Councils around the shores of the Lough</p>
6. 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.	31/03/2020	Implement new food programme with DAERA including partners from Mid Ulster E.g. Bakehouse.
7. Liaison with MUDC Ongoing liaison MUDC	31/03/2020	Minimum of 3 meetings with MUDC officers in 2019/20 to update on progress and provide general advice.
8. NIEA Shoreline Plan Attract new funding and engage with farmers and landowners on western shore to improve condition of western shore	31/03/2020	LNP staff will assist in implementation and administration of £54,000 per annum over 3 years which has been secured 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.
9. New Group Farm Scheme Set up new Group Farm Scheme on western shores of Lough Neagh and Mid Ulster Council area	31/03/2020	<p>LNP will continue to implement, manage and administer the existing £200,000 DAERA Group Farm Scheme for LN with main focus in western shores/ mid ulster area giving help and assistance to over 30 farmers along the Mid Ulster shoreline.</p> <p>Arrange training and best practice for an additional 20 farmers for 2019/20</p>

		Attract over £200,000 EU EFS funding into the area through uptake of new EFS plans and attract new EFS investment.
10. Lough Neagh Navigation Help develop new markers and navigation for LN	31/03/2020	LNP staff will meet regularly with stakeholders to develop dredging and marker proposals
11. Mid Ulster Community Planning Meetings Help and assist with development of Mid Ulster Community Plan	31/03/2020	Lough Neagh intends to attend Mid Ulster Community Planning meetings and feed into LN issues and concerns
12. Mid Ulster HLF Advise and assist with Mid Ulster HLF Landscape project THOAULP		LNP staff intend to provide advice and assistance to help with MU HLF Landscape proposal.
13. Moyle Cattle Project	31/03/2020	LNP staff will apply to DAERA to develop a Moyle Cattle Food Chain project including partners in Mid Ulster.
14. Coalisland HLF Great Places Project Submit application	31/03/2020	LNP staff will implement Great Place project in Coalisland and wider area. Will spend £150,000 this year within MUDC area.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

2019 - 20

LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP (CORE FUNDING COSTS)

APPLICATION FORM

Please return this form to:

Allison O'Keefe
Monitoring Officer
Mid Ulster District Council
24 Northland Row
Dungannon
Co Tyrone BT70 1TF

By: 17/06/2019

For Office Use Only:

Date Application Received:

Project Title:

Project Reference Number:

**APPLICATIONS MUST REFER TO THE GUIDANCE NOTES ATTACHED BEFORE
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Please remember you must **complete all questions and the declaration at the end of this form** and return to Mid Ulster District Council at the address on the front cover by the specified date.

1. APPLICANT ORGANISATION DETAILS

This section seeks information regarding the organisation (or lead organisation if more than one party is involved)

1.1 Name of Organisation:

1.2 Address:

Postcode:

Telephone No: (Include Area Code)

Fax No: (Include Area Code)

E-Mail:

Website:

1.3 Enter below the name of the person to be contact regarding the application: -

Title: (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr, etc.) .

Forename:

Surname:

Position Held:

Contact Address:

Telephone No: (Day): (Include Area Code)

Telephone No: (Evening) (Include Area Code)

Fax No:

E-Mail:

1.4 Legal Status

What term best describes your organisation?

Sole Trader ☐

Voluntary/Community Body (with a constitution) ☐

Limited Company (including company limited by guarantee) ☐

Company Registration Number: **NI041855**

Place of Incorporation: Belfast

Business Partnership ☐

Government Department/Agency ☐

Other Public Sector Organisation ☐

Co-Operative ☐

Registered Charity ☒

Charity Registration Number: NIC106275
Other: ☐

Please state:

1.5 Please give a brief history/background of the organisation proposing the project

Lough Neagh Partnership (LNP) was formed in 2003. It has a Board of Directors which is representative of local government, private sector, community sector and special interest groups. It has delivered a large number of infrastructural and marketing programmes on behalf of DARD, NITB, DCAL and local authorities. It is presently implementing major Heritage Lottery funded Landscape Partnership project worth £3.5 million with substantial investment targeted in the Mid Ulster Council area in the west coast of Lough Neagh

1.6 Please describe the main activities of the applicant organisation

LNP is the main co-ordinating body for tourism, environmental, heritage and marketing activities on Lough Neagh. It has delivered programmes and projects on behalf of local and central government including the major Lough Neagh Strategic Fund (DARD) and LN Co-operation Fund RDP). It sources funding for various projects such as festivals and operates a continuous marketing plan for Lough Neagh. The following is a summary of the main projects it will help coordinate in 2019/20 relating to the Mid Ulster Council area and will need core funding to help implement

LNP staff will help implement a marketing and destination plan focussing on the development of heritage and food tours for Lough Neagh helping to promote the whole of the Lough

LNP staff will manage and administer the HLF Lough Neagh Landscape Programme. It has secured a Heritage Lottery grant of £2.5 million towards a Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership project which in total is worth £3.5 million with work on the project progressing well heading into year 2. LNP staff will continue to co ordinate and oversee this programme work with Mid Ulster staff to help implement HLF projects in the mid Ulster Council area.

LNP staff will help implement the Lough neagh Natura 2000 Shoreline Plan. Funding of £43,000 has been secured for a second year from NIEA towards the development and implementation of a shoreline management plan for Special Protected Areas (SPAs). It is also seeking to source additional EU funding for the destination. Part of this project will relate to the Mid Ulster Council Area

LNP intends to receive and manage a new DAERA Group Farm Scheme for Lough neagh with main focus area in western shores/ mid ulster area giving help and assistance to over 20 farmers along the mid ulster shoreline on Lough neagh. It intends to manage and administer a new £230,000 farms programme over the next 5 years. Its focus will be on the mid ulster lough neagh western shoreline. Over 200,000 will be brought into area in efs plans and investment

LNP staff intends to help conserve islands and shoreline of mid ulster part of Lough Neagh through NIEA Natura 2000 shoreline Plan Programme. It has received funding to help implement the programme on then ground.

LNP staff intend to provide advice and comment on any major Lough Neagh projects who have applied for planning permission from Mid Ulster District Council

LNP Manager intends to give advice to Mid Ulster Community Planning meetings and feed into Lough neagh issues and concerns.

LNP staff intends to help Mid Ulster Council and other Councils and LAGS around the Lough with development of a Rural Development Lough Neagh Co operation Project. Will give help and advice.

LNP staff intend to provide advice and assistance to help Mid Ulster HLF landscape proposal.

LNP intend to involve Mid Ulster Council in the development of a new Lough Neagh Navigation subcommittee and investigate and assist the development of a new marker system.

Implement new Coalisland Heritage project in co operation with Mid Ulster Council

Work with Council to develop new interdepartmental policy body for Lough Neagh. Hold major symposium.

Work with Council to help promote local recreational facilities for local people to increase use of honey pot facilities like Ballyronan.

The funding from Mid Ulster Council will contribute to the employment of the LNP staff and help with general core running cost to allow them to successfully apply for community-based funding options and develop new projects.

1.7 If you are applying as part of a group or consortium, please list the names and addresses of your co-applicants below:

N/A

2. PROJECT DETAILS

This Section seeks information on the proposed project.

2.1 Please provide a uniquely, identifiable title for your project.

Lough Neagh Partnership Core Funding

2.2 Please provide a short summary of your proposed project which could be used as an overview description, e.g. in publicity material.

(Your summary should be limited to approximately 50 words).

Lough Neagh Partnership will co-ordinate and promote, tourism, environmental and heritage activities on Lough Neagh and the Lough Neagh shoreline on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council. Its main purpose will be the protection of Lough Neagh. The LNP will attempt to attract new investment into the western shore Lough Neagh Mid Ulster area.

2.3 What is the purpose of the project?

To ensure the effective co-ordination of activities on Lough Neagh and its shoreline and deliver social economic and cultural benefits to the Mid Ulster area through the implementation of a variety of projects and to attract new investment into Lough and Mid Ulster area..

2.4 Have you established a need for the project? Provide measurable targets and quantifiable outputs?

There is strong need to help address the social, environmental and economic needs of the western shores of the Lough within the mid ulster area. These needs include a lack of investment, poor environmental management and general lack of co ordination for the whole of the lough. There is a need to fund co staff to co ordinate manage and administer projects that help mid Ulster area

2.5 What key aims and objectives have been set for the proposed project? Provide measurable targets and quantifiable outputs. Please also specifically outline those activities / initiatives which will specifically benefit and impact on the Mid Ulster District.

Targets	Quantifiable Outputs
1) Landscape Partnership Project Deliver Year 3 of the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership project	Implement projects as agreed in HLF plan for 2019/20 eg signage project, Coalisland project and progress on brookend reserve and derryloaghan nature reserves
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3 Marketing and Promotion Ensure that VICs provide event information to Tourism NI on regular basis Co-ordination of NITB marketing features for LN Work includes co—ordination of marketing features for NITB productions/ advertorials. Production & distribution of Lough Neagh E-Newsletter for stakeholders & consumers online.	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 3 stakeholder newsletters - Quarterly The website & app will be updated weekly Minimum 6 press releases 200 posts for facebook/twitter Review other content on website & update through new content management system. Issue of event updates and press releases. Consumer & Trade pages on Facebook & Twitter Electronic Christmas colouring competition for schools . 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.

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7) Liaison with MUDC Ongoing liaison MUDC	Generally meet with minimum 3 meetings with MUDC officers in 2019/ update on progress and provide gen
8) NIEA Shoreline plan Attract new funding nd engage with farmers and landowners on western shore to improve condition of western shore	LNP staff will help implement and administer Funding of £54,00 per annum over 3 years - has been secured from NIEA towards the development and implementation of management plans for Special Protected Areas (SPAs). Part of this project will relate to the Mid Ulster Council Area
9) New Group Farm Scheme Set up new Group Farm Scheme on western shores of shores of Lough Neagh and Mid Ulster Council Area	LNP will continue to implement and manage and administer new £200,000 DAERA Group Farm Scheme for Lough neagh with main focus area in western shores/ mid ulster area giving help and assistance to over 30 farmers in farmers along the mid ulster shoreline on Lough ne Arrange training and best practice for an additional 20 farmers for 2019 Receive funding and continue to implement programme in 2019/20 Attract over £200,000 EU EFS funding into area
10) Lough neagh Navigation Help develop new markers and navigation for Lough Neagh	LNP staff will meet regularly with stakeholders to develop dredging and marker proposals

11) Mid Ulster Community Planning Meetings Help and assist with development fo Mid Ulster Community Plan	Lough Neagh intends to attend Mid Ulster Community Planning meeting feed into Lough neagh issues and concerns
12 Mid Ulsyter HLF Help give advice and help with Mid Ulster HLF Landscape project AHOULP	LNP staff intend to provide advice and assistance to help with Mid Ulster HLF landscape proposal
13 Moyle Cattle Project	LNP staff will apply to DEARA to develop a Moyle Cattle food chain project including partners in Mid Ulster
14 Coalisland HKF great places project Make application	LNP staff will implement Great Place project in Coalisland and wider area. Will spend £150,00 in this year. All within Mid Ulster Area

2.6 Please describe how your project will encourage development through addressing one or more of the following themes:

- (i) help drive forward economic change and stimulate sustainable economic development, and/or**
- (ii) contribute to greatly improved infrastructure leading to economic growth and competitiveness, and/or**
- (iii) enhance the long-term economic prospects for the area, and/or**
- (iv) create new jobs and sustain existing jobs**

The project will

- (1) Stimulate economic development by attracting additional investment (such as the Landscape Partnership scheme, NIEA shoreline Scheme, new Farm Group Scheme)
- (2) Improve infrastructure in the area through the Heritage Trail and Heritage projects in HLF scheme
- (3) Enhance long-term economic prospects through improved marketing of the tourism product and developing new investment projects and working with farming sector
- (4) Help Mid Ulster with planning and community planning advice on relevant shores of lough Neagh
- (5) Sustain three jobs in the Lough Neagh Partnership and lead indirectly to the creation of five new jobs through the Landscape partnership project.

2.7 What are the anticipated benefits of the project? Who will be its primary beneficiaries?

The project will bring additional investment to the District. The primary beneficiaries will be the people who live on the Lough Neagh shoreline.

2.8 If the proposed project will be based at a physical location, please give the address:

- 3 The project will be based in the wards within Mid Ulster District Council that border Lough Neagh from Toome to Maghera

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3.8 If the proposed project is approved, what is the estimated start date?

1st April 2019

2.10 When is the expected end date for the project?

31st March 2020

2.11 Give details of any relevant functions/activities provided in the local area that are broadly similar to those offered by your proposed project. How will your project complement these?

The project specifically relates to Lough Neagh and is therefore not directly related to any other direct activities in the District. However, the project will complement the tourism activities of MUDC such as Heaney Country. It will bring in new investment and complement any existing tourism and rural development projects of the Mid Ulster District Council

2.12 Have you, or any of your co-applicants applied, or intend to apply for any other grants in relation to this project, please give details below?

Yes



No



If yes, please state: -

LNP has applied to the other Councils around Lough Neagh for core funding. Also, to DAERA and NIEA for specific projects

Received / Applied for / Intend to Apply (delete as applicable)

1. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council £22,000 Approved
2. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. £22,000 approved
3. Mid & East Antrim Council £3,500 Approval
4. Lisburn and Castlereagh Council £3,500 Approved

(i) State the Programme/Initiative/Sub-Programme/Measure under which the application was made.

Councils Tourism and Economic Development programme

(ii) To whom was the application made?

To District Councils

Date of application(s)?

25.01.2019

(iii) Was the application approved? (If so, Council must be provided with a copy of all relevant Letters of Offer).

See 2.12 above

(iv) Details (amount approved, date paid, etc)

See 2.12 above

2.13 What is the estimated total cost of the project?

(This should equate to the Grand Total figure contained at Point 2.15).

£73,000

2.14 How much financial assistance is being sought from Mid Ulster District Council?

£22,000

Please provide a breakdown for this figure showing how it is allocated (e.g. contribution towards salary of <job title>, running costs etc.)

2.15 Please state which costs you are likely to incur under the following headings for the financial periods as outlined hereunder: -

	1 APRIL 2019- 30 SEPT 2019 (6 MONTHS)	1 OCT 2019 -- 31 MAR 2020 (6 MONTHS)
Running Costs Please Detail (eg, Salaries, rent, overheads, etc) (Relating to this project only)	Manager 2000 Marketing Officer 2000 Administrator/Finance Officer 4000 Travelling expenses 500	2000 2000 4000 500
Start-Up Stage (eg, feasibility study, Architects' fees, etc)		
Capital Costs Please Detail (eg, buildings, equipment)		
Office running costs	2000	2000
Accountants	500	500
Total Cost for each Six Month Period	11000	11000
ANNUAL GRAND TOTAL		22000

2.16 Please provide details of all sources of funding.

SOURCES OF INCOME	AMOUNT			% OF TOTAL AMOUNT	
	Capital £	Revenue £	Total £	Capital	Revenue
Local Government (Councils)		73,000	73,000		100
Central Govt DCAL NIEA					
Statutory Agencies (e.g. DARD, DEL, DCAL etc)					
EU Programmes (please specify)					
SEUPB					
Own Resources					
Other, eg IFI, IFBs					
TOTAL	£	£73,000	£73,000	%	100%

2.17 Please provide details of the anticipated phasing of the expenditure.

	1 APRIL 2017 - 30 SEPT 2018 (6 MONTHS)	1 OCT 2017 - 31 MAR 2018 (6 MONTHS)
Local Government (Councils)	36,500	36500
Central Govt		
Statutory Agencies (e.g. DARD, DEL, DCAL, etc.)		
NIEA		
EU Programmes (please specify)		
SEUPB		
Own Resources		
Other, eg IFI, IFBs		
TOTAL	£36500	£36500

2.18 Is the proposed project likely to generate revenue?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please state how much you expect to generate per year and explain how the revenue will be generated and used?

2.19 Would the project be scaled down or delayed without the award of Mid Ulster District Council funding?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please explain why.

Without funding from Mid Ulster Council, LNP would cease to exist as other councils would not provide funding.

2.20 Have you considered alternative options to your proposed project and if so, what are they?
All alternative options have been considered but this is the least costly option as it includes for a part time manager and administrator

2.21 Will the project provide added value?

Yes. The project will add value to the work of MUDC by complementing the work of the council departments, in particular tourism and economic development. The Landscape Partnership project will bring significant added value to MUDC in a ratio of 3 to 1.

2.22 Please outline the added value (qualitative and quantitative) that will impact specifically on the Mid Ulster District or activities in the Mid Ulster District.

One third of the Heritage Lottery Landscape Partnership scheme investment is focused on the Mid Ulster Council District. This equates to over 1 million pounds.

The marketing activities carried out by LNP are focused on Lough Neagh as a whole but include Mid Ulster. Two tours will take place in Mid Ulster area

Estimated new funding from DAERA of approx. £200,000 will be brought into the Mid Ulster area.

Estimated that £150,000 of HLF Coalisland funds will be spent in period

New artisan food chain set up

54,000 grant per annum from NIEA for shoreline plan and Islands Plan

New Moyle Cattle food chain set up

2.23 Is there a Business Plan for the proposed project?

Yes

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No

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2.23 Is there an Independent Economic Appraisal planned/underway/completed for this project?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please provide details of who is conducting the appraisal and when it will be available to Mid Ulster District Council.

2.24 Is your organisation registered for VAT?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please supply Vat Registration Number

3. TARGETS

Annual targets must be established for your project. Please estimate a realistic figure under the appropriate section(s) below.

TARGETS/OUTPUTS	APRIL 2019 – MARCH 2020
New Jobs Created: Full-Time Part-Time	0
Existing Jobs Sustained: Full-Time Part-Time	1 full time manager Part time marketing officer Full time admin officer (Manager and Admin/Finance officer) sustained
New Businesses Created	
Targets	Quantifiable Outputs
1) Landscape Partnership Project Deliver Year 2 of the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership project	Implement projects as agreed in HLF plan for 2019/20 eg signage project Progress on brookend and derryloughan nature reserves Implement hlf Coalisland projects also
2) Destination Plan Working with Mid Ulster Council and stakeholders, identify and help develop new tourism products on Lough	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 new food project for the Lough with DAERA Help Mid Ulster with implementation of their tourism strategy Assist with implementation of new signage plan Identify and apply for new marketing funding programmes

<p>3 Marketing and Promotion</p> <p>Ensure that VICs provide event information to Tourism NI on regular basis</p> <p>Co-ordination of NITB marketing features for LN Work includes co—ordination of marketing features for NITB productions/ advertorials. Production & distribution of Lough Neagh E-Newsletter for stakeholders & consumers online.</p> <p>Blog Competition</p> <p>Trade fairs and exhibitions</p>	<p>Minimum of 20 events per District</p> <p>MUDC events submitted to TNI will be featured on Discover Lough Neagh website & app</p> <p>2 advertorials - Spring and Autumn</p> <p>3 stakeholder newsletters - Quarterly</p> <p>The website & app will be updated weekly</p> <p>Minimum 6 press releases 200 posts for facebook/twitter Review other content on website & update through new content management system. Issue of event updates and press releases. Consumer & Trade pages on Facebook & Twitter 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>	<p>LNP will help promote cycle trail and lap the lough event Throughout 2019/20</p>
<p>5) Cooperation Project</p> <p>Help LAGS AND mid ulster council develop Lough Neagh Cooperation Project</p>	<p>Help and assist Lags to develop Rural Development Programme Cooperation project</p> <p>Continue to provide help and advice on the implementation of this project for the LAGs and Councils around the shores of the Lough</p> <p>Help facilitate the securing of a Rural Development Project in conjunction with Mid Ulster Council and Mid Ulster Local Action Group to bring benefits to the Mid Ulster District in terms of loughshore facilities owned by Council.</p> <p>.</p>

7) Lough Neagh Food Progra Apply to DAERA and Develop strategy for lough Neagh food v particular emphasis on LN f with a view to securing EU or f funding for a food programme.	Work with new partners to implement programme in 2019/20 Develop new Moyle Cattle food chain also
7) Liaison with MUDC Ongoing liaison MUDC	Generally, meet with minimum 3 meetings with MUDC officers in 2017/8 update on progress and provide gen
8) NIEA Shoreline plan Attract new funding nd engage with farmers and landowners on western shore to improve condition of western shore	LNP staff will help implement and administer Funding of £54,000 per annum has been secured for a second year from NIEA towards the development and implementation of management plans for Sp Protected Areas (SPAs). Part of this project will relate to the Mid Ulster Council Area
9) New Group Farm Scheme Set up new Group Farm Schem on western shores of shores of Lough Neagh and Mid Ulster Council Area	LNP intends to receive and manage and administer new £200,000 DAERA Group Farm Scheme for Lough neagh with main focus in western shores/ mid ulster area giving help and assistance to over 20 far along the mid ulster shoreline on Lough neagh. Receive funding nd start programme in 2017/18
10) Lough neagh Plan Help with Mid Ulster Council Planning Group for Lough neagh to develop new planning zone designation for Lough Neagh	LNP staff advise on any Lough Neagh planning meetings led by Mid Ulst District Council and give advice and assistance on development of new coordinated Lough neagh plan
11) Mid Ulster Community Planning Meetings Help and assist with development fo Mid Ulster Community Plan	Lough Neagh intends to advise Mid Ulster Community Planning meetings feed into Lough neagh issues and concerns
12 Mid Ulster HLF Help give advice and help with Mid Ulster HLF Landscape project AHOULP	LNP staff intend to provide advice and assistance to help with Mid Ulster landscape proposal

15 Coalisland hlf great places project Make application	LNP to implement Great Place project in Coalisland and wider area. £500,000 to be spent over 2.5 years and in £150,000 in 2019/20 . All w Mid Ulster Area
Total Income Generated	<p>New DAERA LOOs of estimated £250,00 signed in 2017/18. About £200,00 new efs funding will be focussed on mid ulster area.</p> <p>Estimated £150,000 of the HLF Landscape Partnership funds spent in Mid Ulster 2019/20</p> <p>Estimated £100,000 spend in Coalisland project</p> <p>Will help them develop LNP Cooperation project and LN Life Plus project</p> <p>£54,000 spent on NIEA programme for shoreline £30,000 on new artisans food scheme.</p>
Creation of Strategic Documents to stimulate economic development	<p>Help implement Destination Management Plan</p> <p>New implement Lough Neagh Development Plan</p> <p>Will help with Mid Ulster Community Dev Plan</p> <p>Will help develop Lough neagh Planning strategic plan led by Mid Ulster District Council</p>
<i>Other Measurable Targets (please specify below)</i>	

4. **Please give details of the other costs and benefits of the project which are difficult to put a monetary value upon (e.g. voluntary input, in kind support towards premises, equipment, staffing etc.).**

The Landscape Partnership project will create significant volunteering, apprenticeship and skills development opportunities mainly for young people and there will be opportunities for people to become involved in litter pick up campaigns.

5. **Please identify if there are any potential risks and uncertainties associated with the project. How will they be managed?**

LNP has been in existence since 2003 and is experienced in managing risk. All other funding has been secured which minimises the risk to the project

6. **What, if any, are the linkages between this project and other development strategies and programmes within the District (e.g., Government Departments or Agencies, Special Initiatives, SEUPB, Rural Development, IFI, etc.)?**

The main objective of the LNP project is to coordinate activities on and around Lough Neagh. As such it has strong linkages with a whole range of agencies and programmes. This includes the five Councils, including MUDC, NIEA, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Department of Infrastructure and Department of Communities.

7. **Have the relevant public, statutory, voluntary and private sector bodies, who may have an involvement or interest in the project been consulted?**

Yes



No



If yes, please specify the organisation(s) name and date(s) consulted.

There is ongoing consultation with the above agencies and Departments.

8. **Projects must be time bound or be able to demonstrate how the project can be sustained after Mid Ulster District Council funding has been spent. Please give details.**

The entire management structure for Lough Neagh is being reviewed and during 2017/18 decisions will be taken in regard to the responsibilities and resources for future

9. **What is the proposed management structure for the project?**

Lough Neagh Partnership has a Board of Directors from Local Authorities, community sector, private sector and special interest groups. It is staffed by a Manager, Marketing Officer and Administrator.

10. **Please state how the project will be monitored and evaluated.**

- 10.1 **Monitoring:** This shall include information relating to progress reports to check that the actual outputs equate with pre-set targets. What internal arrangements have you made to ensure the project is monitored and runs to time and cost?

A progress report is presented to the monthly meetings of the LNP Board and regular meetings are held with Council officials to report on progress.

- 10.2 **Evaluation:** What are the current arrangements for evaluating the project? This should include information relating to when, how and by whom the project evaluation will be undertaken. What factors will be evaluated? Any performance measures which can be

included in the evaluation should be mentioned. Please indicate how the views of the project beneficiaries will be incorporated into the evaluation process.

Project is evaluated quarterly by manager and reports made to board

10.3 What arrangements will be made to audit the project on behalf of your organisation?

Accounts are audited annually by accountant and report presented to AGM. MUDC officers verify expenditure.

11. HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES: SELECTION CRITERIA

This part of the application form asks you to explain how your project will address those horizontal principles, which will be used along with other criteria to assess your project.

11.1 Publicity/Transparency and Economic and Social Sustainability

Each proposed project is required to commit to a high degree of transparency and publicity and to develop an appropriate exit strategy. Preference will be given to those projects which articulate a publicity strategy and have identified an exit strategy. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

The work of LNP is open and transparent. Progress and financial reports are tabled monthly to the LNP Board, which is attended by MUDC representatives.

Development Trust NI, who were commissioned by DARD, have set up a shadow Lough Neagh Community Trust. Work will continue during 2016/17 as to how this Trust can become self-sustaining.

11.2 New Targeting Social Need

You should provide details on how this proposed project will target resources and efforts on people, groups and areas objectively shown to be socially disadvantaged. Preference will be given to those projects which best address New TSN areas. (Continue on a separate sheet if necessary).

A number of the wards within the MUDC are identified by NISRA as deprived. Part of the LNP work, such as the HLF Landscape Partnership scheme, is targeted at projects within these wards, focusing on improving access to services and assisting economic prospects. Another project is concerned with increasing markets for seasonal fishermen.

11.3 Balanced Intervention/Equal Opportunities

Please describe how your project will promote equality of opportunity. Preference will be given to those projects which can demonstrate a positive effect on the promotion of equality of the groups indicated under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

LNP is committed to the promotion of equality of opportunity in all its work.

In order to comply with programme regulations and monitoring requirements, please complete the Equality of Opportunity section.

11.3.1 Equal Opportunities Information – Beneficiaries

Please provide the following analysis about which section or sections of the Section 75 groupings the project is intended to benefit. You should be as targeted and specific as possible when making

your selection. (Tick one or more boxes in each grouping).

Project will benefit: -

Persons of Differing Religious Beliefs

Focus on all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protestant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Islam/Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Religious Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Religious Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons of Different Political Opinion

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unionist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationalist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Persons of Different Racial Groups

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Another Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish Nationality	<input type="checkbox"/>
British Nationality	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons of Different Age

Focus on All Ages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Age Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age 18 to 25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Age 26 to 59	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age 60 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons of Different Marital Status

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Married	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unmarried	<input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced or separated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons of Different Sexual Orientation

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gay	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Men or Women

Focus on all Genders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Men (including boys)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transgendered People	<input type="checkbox"/>	Women (including girls)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Persons with a Disability & Persons Without

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	With Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Without a Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons with Dependants & Persons Without

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Care of child	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care of an Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dependant with an	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dependent Person		Incapacitating Disability	
Without Dependants	<input type="checkbox"/>		

11.3.2 Equal Opportunities Information – Applicant Organisation

Persons of Differing Religious Beliefs

Focus on all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Protestant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>	Islam/Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Religious Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Religious Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons of Different Political Opinion

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unionist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationalist	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Persons of Different Racial Groups

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Another Ethnic Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish Nationality	<input type="checkbox"/>
British Nationality	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons of Different Age

Focus on All Ages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Age Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age 18 to 25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Age 26 to 59	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age 60 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons of Different Marital Status

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Married	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unmarried	<input type="checkbox"/>	Divorced or separated	<input type="checkbox"/>
Widowed	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons of Different Sexual Orientation

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Men or Women

Focus on all Genders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Men (including boys)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transgendered People	<input type="checkbox"/>	Women (including girls)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Persons with a Disability & Persons Without

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	With Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Without a Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Persons with Dependants & Persons Without

Focus on All	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Care of child	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Care of an Elderly Dependent
Person
Without Dependants

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Dependant with an
Incapacitating Disability

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11.3 Environmental Effects

All projects must:

- comply with the standards laid out in environmental legislation;
- have secured all necessary environmental approvals prior to the final offer of funds; and
- where appropriate, has been the subject of a positive Environmental Impact Assessment.

(a) Does the project involve modification of a site(s), buildings or other structures?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please supply a map(s)

(b) Does any proposed site development require planning consent?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please supply application reference number and date of consent.

(c) Has any proposed site development been the subject of an Environmental Impact Assessment?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please supply a copy.

11.5 Environmental Benefits

If any of the questions (A to K) below is 'yes', please specify the environmental benefits on a separate sheet and attach it to this application or supply an Environmental Impact Assessment which addresses these issues.

Will the project have environmental benefits in?

A Conserving and/or improving:

(1) natural environmental assets, e.g.: wildlife, natural habitats
(woodland, heathland, wetland, etc.), soils, agricultural land, geological
features, landscapes, etc.; or

(2) the rural heritage, buildings, archaeological or historical features, etc.?

Yes

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No

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B Reducing energy consumption/promoting renewable energy supply?

Yes

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No

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C	Reducing the wastage and over-use of water?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D	Extending, improving and promoting the use of public transport?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E	Enhancing safety on road, rail, cycle, pedestrian, watercourse or other transport networks?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
F	Improving environmental quality, for example through reducing and/or treating excessive noise, pollution of land, water (including ground water) and/or air, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, etc.?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
G	Enabling greater re-use of 'brownfield' land?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
H	Reducing waste disposal requirements through reuse, recycling and/or waste minimisation, etc.?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I	Enhancing the quality of life for urban and/or rural communities for example through the provision of open space, improved access to and signage/interpretation of the countryside and/or historic places/ structures, improved outdoor recreation opportunities etc.?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
J	Educating and training people in environmental skills?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K	Other? <i>(please specify nature of other environmental benefit, giving details)</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

11.6 Environmental Costs

If any of the questions (A to G) below is 'yes', you must complete the corresponding Supplementary Questions in section 11.7 (A-G), and also complete questions in section 11.8, or provide an Environmental Impact Assessment which addresses the issues raised in these sections.

(NB. As information may be required which may not be readily available to applicants, a contact number within Environment and Heritage Services (EHS) of the Department of the Environment is provided for each topic).

Will the project have environmental costs through modification, loss or pollution of:

- A Sites of importance for nature conservation, including natural habitats such as woodland, heathland, wetland, etc.? Yes ☒ No ☐
(contact: Conservation Designations & Protection, EHS 028 9054 6661)
- B Sites of importance for significant flora and or/fauna (as set out in the NI Biodiversity Strategy) etc.? Yes ☒ No ☐
(contact: Conservation Science, EHS 028 9054 6596)
- C Landscape quality and rural heritage, including landscape features such as field patterns, field boundaries, significant trees, vernacular buildings, etc. and features of local historic interest? Yes ☒ No ☐
(contact: Countryside & Coast, EHS 028 9054 6556)
- D The water environment (fresh and marine) and associated habitats? Yes ☒ No ☐
(contact: Water Management Unit, EHS, 028 9025 fresh water 4885, marine 4751)
- E Air, including increased emissions of greenhouse gases? Yes ☐ No ☐
(contact: Air Quality Unit, EHS, 028 9025 4816)
- F Historic Monuments and other archaeological features, listed buildings, historic parks and gardens, built heritage conservation areas, sites of importance for industrial and marine archaeology, etc.? Yes ☒ No ☐
4 archaeological digs being down and two in Mid Ulster area. Permission gained
- G Other? (please specify below nature of other environmental costs)
contact: Information and Education Unit,
EHS 028 9025 6533, email ehsinfo@doeni.gov.uk

11.7 Supplementary Information where actual or potential Environmental Costs are anticipated.

Complete only if you answered 'yes' to any of the questions in section 11.6 above. If additional space is needed, continue on a separate sheet.

- A i Is the site which may be affected subject to a nature conservation designation? (Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area, Ramsar Site, Area of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI), Nature Reserve, Local Nature Reserve or Wildlife Refuge?) Yes ☒
No ☐

All impact positive and no negative

HLF landscape scheme, DAERA Group farm scheme, Waterpro water quality scheme and NIEA shoreline plan schme will al help protect and improve environmental quality of the shoreline of the Lough which is within the Mid Ulster Boundary

- An ii If the site affects an ASSI, has consent been obtained from Environment and Heritage Service? Yes ☒
No ☐

(contact: Conservation Designations & Protection, EHS 028 9054 6661)

If 'yes' please provide reference and date:

New shoreline plan launched

- B i Are natural habitats involved? (woodland, scrub, unimproved grassland, heath, peat bog, wetland, coastal, marine, etc.) Yes ☒
No ☐

(contact: Conservation Science, EHS 028 9054 6596)

New shoreline plan and hlf landscape plan drawn up to improve landscape

- B ii Are any of the habitats or species on the site listed as of priority for conservation in the Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy recommendations? Yes ☐
No ☐

(contact: Conservation Science, EHS 028 9054 6596)

New shoreline plan and HLF landscape plan target priority bird and wet woodland species and habitat

- C i Is the site which may be affected subject to a landscape designation? (National Park, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Local Landscape Character Area, Countryside Policy Area, Regional Park, Country Park) Yes ☒
No ☐

New shoreline plan and HLF landscape plan target improvement to priority

habitats

If 'yes' specify which:
Improved SAC, SPA AND ASSI status

- C ii Will the project affect any landscape features? Yes ☒
(contact: Countryside & Coast, EHS 028 9054 6556) No ☐

If 'yes' specify project impact:
All impacts positive

- C iii Could the project affect any rural heritage features? Yes ☒
(contact: Protecting Historic Monuments, EHS 028 9054 3025) No ☐

If 'yes' specify project impact:

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All impacts of HLF landscape project and shoreline plan intend to protect and improve condition of
landscape
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- C iv Has a rural heritage inventory been undertaken? Yes ☒
(contact: Protecting Historic Monuments, EHS 028 9054 3025) No ☐

If 'yes' please supply the inventory.
See HLF LCAP provided to Mid Ulster Council

- D i Does the project involve a discharge to ground or to a water body? Yes ☐
(contact: Water Management Unit, EHS 028 9025 4885) No ☒

If 'yes' specify project impact:

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- D ii Has a 'Water Act' consent been obtained from EHS? Yes ☐
(contact: Water Management Unit, EHS 028 9025 4751) No ☒

If 'yes' please provide reference and date:

N/A

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- D iii Does the project involve the deposition of material or building of a? Yes ☐
Structure in the marine environment below high water mark? No ☒

(contact: Water Management Unit, EHS 028 9025 4751)

If 'yes' specify the nature of the deposit or structure:

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- D iv If a marine deposit or structure is involved, has a Food and Environment Yes ☐
Protection Act licence been obtained from EHS? No ☒

(contact: Water Management Unit, EHS 028 9025 4751)

If 'yes' please provide reference and date:

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- E i Will the project affect air quality? Yes ☐
(contact: Air Quality Unit, EHS 028 9025 4816) No ☒

If 'yes' specify the nature of any emission:

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- E ii Will the project increase greenhouse gas emissions? Yes ☐
(contact: Air Quality Unit, EHS 028 9025 4885) No ☒

If 'yes' specify the nature of any emission:

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| | any impact on the environment? | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| C | Will the project include measures and proposals to mitigate against adverse effects on the environment? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D | Will the project seek to limit environmental costs in any other way? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

DECLARATION

We, the undersigned, declare that all the information provided within this application form is true and accurate.

1. Name (capitals) GERRY DARBY

Position Held MANAGER

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Signed (on behalf of organisation)

Date 23/Mar/2019

2. Name (capitals) AARON SWANN

Position Held ADMIN OFFICER

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Signed (on behalf of organisation)

Date 23/Mar/2019

Report on	Learning Journey to The Midlands For 40 Tourism Cluster Group Members and Lead Officers
Date of Meeting	3 July 2019
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary 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 inform Council of plans to develop a one day Learning Journey to the Midlands on Wednesday 25 th September with Tourism Cluster Business members (40 people) and tourism staff. Cost per person £15.00 to help cover admissions and coach costs.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Mid Ulster Council Tourism strategy states that Mid Ulster has the potential to expand its tourism offer significantly. It will focus on one new tourism strand, currently under development – linked to Seamus Heaney - and two strands that are significant and prominent, relating to Outdoor Activities and to Archaeological sites, the History and Heritage of the island of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the area itself.</p> <p>These strands, or themes, will serve as the strategic core propositions for Mid Ulster, to attract visitors, encourage them to stay longer in the area and ensure that tourism contributes to the local economy.</p> <p>To help deliver on this proposition the Council have established 3 tourism clusters namely Seamus Heaney, outdoor Activities and Events and Archaeology, History & Heritage.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Mid Ulster Tourism Clusters meet once every two months and are developing their plans for the future. One proposal from the Archaeology, History & Heritage cluster would like to deliver is a Learning Journey to the Midlands with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit three key sites within the Midlands to include: • Centre Parc's in Longford, Virginia Park Lodge in Cavan, Kells Festival group. • Explore the new brand of Irelands Hidden Heartlands, recently launched by Failte Ireland • Generate new ideas and thinking for the cluster businesses individually and as a collective by visiting new examples of innovative heritage and outdoors product development. • Discover how the heritage theme is linked to and runs through tourism product development throughout the Heartlands. • Experience best practise in heritage interpretation, management and marketing through the visits to these sites. • Explore the creation of the Irelands Hidden Heartland brand, its development, creation of brand guidelines, and how it is used and monitored across the region. • Investigate opportunities for the Mid Ulster tourism sector.

	As part of the learning journey, a meeting will be set up with officers from Irelands Hidden Heartland to investigate building a relationship with the group/brand and look at how Mid Ulster District Council could become part of this marketing proposition.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: £1,500 to cover cost of coach, admissions and tour guide for 40 people
	Human: staff members who lead the Cluster to participate in the Learning Journey
	Risk Management: Na
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: All tourism businesses will be invited to participate in the Learning Journey and as a cross border-learning journey it will be an invaluable opportunity to experience and investigate the Midlands and tourism facilities.
	Rural Needs Implications:
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Council support the Midlands Learning Journey proposal.
6.0	Documents Attached & References

Report on	Sperrins Sculptures
Date of Meeting	3 July 2019
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne/Tony McCance
Contact Officer	Michael Browne/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	The purpose of the report is to seek members' approval for additional funding for the Sperrins Sculptures Trail.
2.0	Background
	Sperrins Sculptures Trail – DAERA
2.1	<p>The proposed Sperrin Sculpture Trail project will be developed under the Rural Tourism Scheme as part of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (NIRDP). The aim of the programme's Rural Tourism Scheme is to support investment in natural and built heritage projects that can act as a key driver for encouraging rural tourism and particularly out of state visitors whilst preserving the natural assets of the rural community. When the call for expressions of interest was issued, the Department gave a clear indication of its priorities, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop an iconic and unique offering for visitors within the Sperrins - Increase tourism from out of state visitors - Create capital infrastructure - Create jobs
2.2	The Sperrin Sculpture Trail project has been identified as a potential key flagship project and economic driver to deliver upon the strategic aims articulated by each of the three partner councils.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	As previously reported, the Sperrins Sculpture Trail, is a joint tourism initiative being developed by Derry City and Strabane District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Mid Ulster District and part funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) to embed a public art

	installation, consisting of three pieces of international significance, one within each district council area within the heart of the Sperrins.
3.2	The Sperrins Sculpture trail will reflect the rich cultural and natural heritage of the region and open up, for further exploration, the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
3.3	As part of the feasibility and development phase of the project, the trail consultants have considered a number of sites within Mid Ulster and the other Council areas, and have identified the Ranaghan picnic site on the Glenshane Pass as the most suitable site, which would act as a gateway to Sperrins Sculpture Trails. In addition to this, other supporting features for this site is the elevated location and exposure to 22,000 passing vehicles every day.
3.4	The project has now progressed to the next stage of design with the preparation of an artists' brief. The brief is based on a three-stage process designed to attract an artist of significant calibre with the experience and capacity required to deliver a project of this nature and scale.
3.5	The proposed procurement approach makes provision for payments to artists at second and third stage of a competitive process. Depending on the number of respondents may require a further level potential of funding from each Council of up to £8,633, bringing the Council's overall contribution to £17,500.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Appropriate budgetary provision for proposed activity has been included in the 2019-20 budgets.
	Human: The required support will be included in the work plan from the Tourism Development & Arts and Culture Officer Teams.
	Risk Management: Risks identified are detailed in the attached Service Improvement Plan
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Tourism provision is delivered by the officer team to be fully inclusive, and is designed to encourage wide participation from all sections of the community and which promotes and supports good relations between all sections of the community within Mid Ulster
	Rural Needs Implications:

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That members support and approve the request to increase councils' potential contribution to £8,633 to progress to the next stage of design with the preparation of an artists' brief for the Sperrins Sculpture Trail project.
5.2	Both Derry and Strabane and Fermanagh and Omagh Councils have obtained approval for the potential additional funds as detailed in this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
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Report on	Tourism Skills Programme
Date of Meeting	3 July 2019
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary Mc Gee

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 approval for the delivery of a bespoke tailored training and mentoring skills programme to the Tourism sector across Mid Ulster.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The vision for Mid Ulster Tourism 2016-2021 is to;</p> <p>“Enhance Mid Ulster’s image and reputation for visitors and grow the economy to £50m by 2021 as measured by overnight expenditure”</p> <p>To achieve this the tourism section have developed an industry led Tourism Development Group and a series of tourism clusters including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seamus Heaney • Archaeology, History and Heritage • Outdoor Activities • Hotel cluster <p>With the delivery of the Hotel Mentor programme in 18/19 it is notable that there are significant skills shortages and the need for offering tailor made training initiatives for small businesses has become very evident.</p> <p>This has also been identified as part of the Mid Ulster Area skills Report & Action Plan 2018-2021 which identified shortcomings in the recruitment and retention of staff across the board in the hospitality sector, this report also cites:</p> <p>“The biggest challenges facing businesses in the sector are the supply and retention of talent across all levels of their business. The sector already struggles to recruit, with particular challenges in recruiting chefs, other kitchen staff, housekeeping and front of house staff, which are among the roles with the highest proportion of EU migrant workers”</p> <p>The fact that Tourism NI have also put a number of calls out to industry namely to develop experiences and packages around their new brand for Northern Ireland</p>

	and the Taste the Island celebration means that the development of skills, mentoring and support for the tourism and hospitality is greater now than ever. This programme will support businesses capitalising on these initiatives and addressing issues relevant to them everyday.
	Main Report
3.1	<p>It is planned to deliver a bespoke Tourism Training Skills Programme across the tourism sector locally. Council will seek to appoint a suitably qualified organisation to deliver an upskilling programme, which could include bespoke or one to one in-house, group training or individual mentoring to management and staff across the tourism sector.</p> <p>The content of the training will be very much determined by the individual requirements of the organisation and the applicant, and would take the form of digital, social media, hospitality skills, marketing, finance, recruitment.</p> <p>This training will be delivered in two call outs to industry commencing September 2019 and January 2020. To participate on this programme, businesses will be required to complete an application and follow criteria, which will be scored against set parameters.</p> <p>This is a continuation and expansion of the previous Hotel Mentor programme delivered by Mid Ulster Council in partnership with SW College. This spend is also being complemented by an ongoing investment through the InnovateUs programme in South West College. The InnovateUs programme is delivering to ten local businesses including start-ups and those developing new and innovative business solutions. This brings added value of a minimum of £10,000 to each qualifying business.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial - £10,000</p> <p>Human - Council staff will manage procurement and monitoring of the project.</p> <p>Risk Management: None</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Council to approve this proposal and agree to deliver the Tourism Training Skills Programme with an option, to deliver a phase 2 in 2020/2021
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	Trade & Consumer Platforms 2019 -2020
Date of Meeting	3 July 2019
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary Mc Gee

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	This report sets out the plans for Mid Ulster to promote and profile the Mid Ulster tourism product, key themes and cluster experiences to consumers and the travel trade worldwide who are planning to holiday in Ireland.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>MUDC tourism section continue to promote the region and its tourism product to visitors and consumers on the Island of Ireland in association with Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland. This report sets out the details on planned attendance and promotion at a range of consumer and trade events in this financial year, this plan also indicated free of charge FOC promotions available through TNI and TIL.</p> <p>Through these staff and trade promote the key themes including: Seamus Heaney Archaeology, Heritage and History Outdoor Recreation and their associated clusters and businesses who support the clusters.</p> <p>Key to this year will be promotion of the new Dark Sky project at Davagh, scheduled to open in April 2020. These promotions will also support the roll out of the new TNI brand for Northern Ireland and the forthcoming Taste the Island initiative that takes place in NI from Mid-September to the end of November.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The tourism team have identified the following shows and exhibitions as those that present best value and opportunity for product and experiences available in Mid Ulster.</p> <p>Flavours of Ireland, October 2019</p> <p>World Travel Market, London, 4-6 November 19</p> <p>Great Days Out, April 2020</p> <p>Tour Operator Sales Calls, January 2020</p> <p>Meet the Buyer, Belfast, April 2020</p>

	<p>Active Retirement Ireland, Dublin 18 October 2019</p> <p>ETOA, Britain & Ireland Marketplace (BIM), 29 January 2020</p> <p>Celtic Connections, Scotland, January, Glasgow</p> <p>Flavours of Ireland, London, 10 October 2020</p> <p>TIL Webinar - FOC</p> <p>Trade Content for TIL E zines - FOC</p> <p>Trade Content for GB Travel Trade website - FOC</p> <p>Tourism Ireland PR, Trade & Digital Marketing - FOC</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: £11,100 to cover stand costs, furniture, mileage, overnight accommodation and all associated costs.
	Human: Tourism staff required.
	Risk Management: Risk assessment will be carried in conjunction with the organising agency.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Tourism attend and promote Mid Ulster Council key themes and tourism product at these events and capitalise on all FOC opportunities, including branding and Taste the Island.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Trade & Consumer platforms 19 Table

MID-ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL - Trade & Consumer Promotions 2019-2020									
	Domestic								
Action No	Achievements/Activities	Targets	Audience	Projected time	Issues	Partners	Resource	Cost	Council Outputs
1	100 Great Days Out 2020	Targeting 100 group organisers in NI & ROI	100 group Organisers from ROI & NI	Apr-20	Offer and promotional material for Show available specifically for group organisers.	Trade & TNI plus Western councils tbc	Budget & Staffing	£1,500	Ongoing evaluation of the event. Target 10 tours booked to Council and participating business facilities as a result of participation in this event.
2	Clogher Valley Show	Promote Davagh Dark Skies to consumers attending the Show	NI & ROI consumers, local / regional media	July 2019-2020	Offer and promotional material for Show available	Trade	Book and coordinate trade	£1,500	8 trade exhibitors to promote and sell alongside Council at this event.
3	Tour Operator Sales Calls	5 sales calls in ROI	Travel Trade & Media	Perhaps link with Holiday World, Dublin attendance	Offer and rates availability	Tourism NI, Dublin Office & TIL	Staff, mileage and 1 night ON accommodation, Dublin for 2 people	£500	Engage with or build upon the relationship with 5 Incoming Tour Operators (TO), Destination Management Companies (DMC) selling into NI. Secure 2 site visits to Mid Ulster.
4	Meet the Buyer, Belfast	Meet 30 Tour Operators	Tour Operators Worldwide	Apr-20	Approval & Staff resources	Tourism NI, Tourism Ireland & MUDC	Marketing Material, Approval & Attend	£1,000	Secure 1 familiarisation trip and 3 new Operators selling into Mid Ulster Council properties.
5	Active Retirement Ireland	Active Retirement (ARI)organisers in Ireland & Over 50s	Over 50s and ARI	October 2019 & 2020	Approval & Staff resources	Tourism & Leisure	Marketing Material, Approval & Attend	£600	Promote and sell to the ARI market in ROI. Secure a minimum of 5 tours from the ROI market across Mid Ulster properties.
6	Flavours of Ireland - 1 day	Workshop and networking evening and Island of Ireland Showcase for industry to meet with over 150 representatives worldwide.	Worldwide Tour Operator, DMC audience	10 October 2019 - London in association with Tourism Ireland	Space allocation required from TIL, Approval & Staffing	Tourism Ireland	Approval, plan and attend, evaluate	£1,000	Planned first time attending this show, booking permitting through TIL, build new and existing relationships with trade representatives. Meet with 30 TO & DMC representatives, secure 3 site visits to Mid Ulster properties and 1 key operator selling into Mid Ulster properties.
7	World Travel Market, London	Attend for 2019 and future	Travel trade Worldwide	Nov-19	Approval and Budget, may not be able to access NIICP for this project. Trade recruitment	TIL, GE, TNI & Tourism & Leisure	Apply to NIICP, Approval, Book, Staff	£3,000	2 Mid Ulster themed experiences to feature in the TNI Giant Experience launch. Secure 3 business representatives to attend the event. Meet with 25 TO and DMC representatives, secure 4 site visits to Mid Ulster properties and 2 key operators selling itineraries into Mid Ulster by 2021.
8	ETOA, Britain & Ireland Marketplace (BIM)	Attend for 2020	Britain & Ireland Marketplace (BIM), ETOA's B2B workshop dedicated to UK and Irish product.	Jan-20	Approval & Staffing	TIL, ETOA, TNI & Tourism & Leisure	Approval, plan and attend, evaluate	£1,000	First time attending this show, build new and existing relationships with trade representatives. Meet with 20 TO & DMC representatives, secure 2 site visits to Mid Ulster properties and 1 key operator selling into Mid Ulster properties.
9	Celtic Connections, Scotland - 1 day	To distribute and inform the Scotland trade sector of the Dark Sky offering. To establish and make contact with potential operators.	Promote to over 50 travel trade	January 2020	Approval at Council, offer and promotional material available.	Tourism Ireland & MUDC	Approval, plan and attend, evaluate	£1,000	Meet 30 trade representatives, continue to build relationships, secure 2 site visits and 1 new trade representative selling into Mid Ulster properties.
10	TIL Webinar	Talk directly to up to top travel agents in the worldwide markets	Travel agents	Ongoing with TIL worldwide offices	Book and Talk	TIL ,Tourism & leisure	Book with TIL (GE Contact)	FOC	Secure 1 webinar presence for Davagh Dark Skies project, targetting GB trade.
11	Trade Content for TIL E zines	Review on a monthly basis	Consumer Worldwide	Ongoing	Monitor needs & usage on an ongoing basis	Tourism Ireland & Tourism & Leisure	Implement	FOC	3 features in TIL international ezines.
12	Trade Content for GB and international Travel Trade website	Review on a monthly basis	TIL Trade worldwide	Ongoing	Monitor needs & usage on an ongoing basis	Tourism Ireland & Tourism NI	Implement	FOC	All Council properties content up to date on all TIL websites and consumer facing media including social media.
13	TNI & Tourism Ireland PR, Trade & Digital Marketing	Promote Mid Ulster properties across all TNI & TIL platforms	Consumers & Trade worldwide	Ongoing	Offers, Press Release, Images, Rates & Promotional Material required to commence activity	TNI staff, TIL staff in Dublin & Overseas offices & M&C	Communicate information as outlined to TNI & TIL and ensure roll out of PR, Digital campaign, Media & Trade Visits etc.	FOC	Monitor on an ongoing basis and respond to relevant calls across TNI and TIL Industry Opportunities platforms.

Report on	GOGA#2 Project Plan (2021 – 2024)
Date of Meeting	3 rd July 2019
Reporting Officer	Oliver McShane
Contact Officer	Leigh Gilmore

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	<p>To inform Members about the GOGA (Get Out Get Active) 2 Project Plan (2021 – 2024)</p> <p>Live Active NI is a community interest company established by Disability Sport NI to bring the benefits of active recreation to everyone in the community, with a particular focus on underrepresented groups.</p> <p>Mid Ulster District Council has been highlighted as a potential partner due to the lack of previous funding by the Spirit of 2012 and its geographical mix of both rural and urban and its area</p>
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Get Out Get Active (GOGA) is an existing programme that supports disabled and non-disabled people to enjoy being active together.</p> <p>Funded by Spirit of 2012, all partners are focused on getting some of the UK's least active people moving more through fun and inclusive activities.</p> <p>Previously the programme has run over three years (2016-2019) and within 18 localities across the UK. Live Active NI manage programmes for GOGA in Derry City & Strabane and Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon.</p> <p>There are an extensive range of additional partners to help reach more people, who have the greatest need to get out and get active. These partners offer in-depth local knowledge and national expertise.</p> <p>The goal is to support more people to lead active and healthier lifestyles, and in doing this actively help to build stronger and more unified communities.</p> <p>The programme also seeks to proactively share its results on a wider scale, so others can benefit from and use its learning.</p>

	<p>By end of 2019 GOGA will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach 16,500 participants, at least 40% of whom will remain active • Deliver over 30,000 sessions through 550 different activities • Recruit, train and involve over 2,000 volunteers • Improve confidence and competence through 500 training sessions
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>What Live Active NI are proposing for GOGA#2</p> <p>GOGA GROWTH (60% of project) see attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A wide menu of activities to be offered via GOGA#2. • The key focus of all activities is Family Fit, the plan would be to co-ordinate annual events to take place in several areas of NI on the same weekend for maximum media impact.
3.2	<p>GOGA LEGACY (10% of project)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a GOGA Principles and Learning Workshop, which will be delivered in collaboration, to mentor GOGA#2 localities and also extend the impact of GOGA#1 to positively influence inclusive practice across NI. • Maintain, grow and support a stakeholder networking forum in each of the GOGA #1 localities to maintain a GOGA ethos in collaborative working and continue to maximise impact.
3.3	<p>GOGA LABORATORY (30% of project)</p> <p>Develop activities with groups piloted or not yet explored in GOGA#1, prioritising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intergenerational activity - Explore and deliver focussed (sustainable) activities to develop inclusive models to engage the youngest and oldest people in our localities (both disabled and non-disabled) in inclusive intergenerational activity. • Mental Health - Explore and deliver a number of focussed (sustainable) activities to develop good practice inclusive models to engage the most inactive disabled and non-disabled people affected by poor mental health. <p>Subject to a successful funding application there may be the offer of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Full Time staff officer • Management and admin support • Comms and marketing support • Volunteer Development support • Small programme and events budget • 2 training courses delivered per locality per year

	<p>Partners are asked to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of office space, desk and chair. • Access to printing & photocopying facilities. • Stationery and postage. • Telephone Line and telephone. • Storage facilities for sports equipment. • Access to broadband/WIFI to enable remote access to Disability Sport NI's server • Contribution to the annual programme budget – in the range of £4-5k <p>Facts & Figures - Derry & Strabane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the 2.5 years, the programme has invested approx. £13k back into Council facilities. • There have been over 100 new members join Foyle Arena alone, who only accessed the centre because of the GOGA programme. • Those who accessed GOGA programmes have continued to use Council facilities independently e.g. for swimming, room bookings etc. • Annual events create additional footfall for Council centres and initiatives such as Junior Park Run has been established, due to GOGA.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Sport NI are currently submitting a funding application for the programme. Should the application be successful, delivery of the programme will require a budget contribution of £4-5K tbc (2020-2021) (subject to agreement of Council budget for 2020/21).</p> <p>Human:</p> <p>Hosting responsibilities</p> <p>Risk Management:</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: This will have a positive impact as it supports disabled and non-disabled people.</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications:</p>

	The programme will target rural areas to help people live healthier lives.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To agree in principal to support the GOGA#2 proposal with more detail to be presented to committee if the funding application submitted by Disability Sport NI is successful and an offer of support is received.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	GOGA GROWTH - Possible Plan

Activity	Need has been evidenced via GOGA 1	Inclusive activity	Likely partners	Aligned to Spirit's Mission	Audience	No of events / programmes	Sustainability route
Annual Superhero 2k Family Event	Yes – 520 attendees over 2 events	Yes – Family friendly, Inclusive, Intergenerational etc.	District Councils, Volunteer Now, local Surestarts, local Health and Social services Trusts,	ACTIVE CONNECTED	Older people, families (especially women and girls), single parent families, people with disabilities and their families.	1 per year per area	Inclusive local system and practice
Annual Sensory Mile Event	Yes – 150 attendees at each GOGA event	Yes – Family friendly, Inclusive, Intergenerational etc.	District Councils, Hub activity Leaders, Volunteer Now, local Surestarts, local Health and Social services Trusts, local Charities e.g. Autism NI	ACTIVE CONNECTED	Older people, families (especially women and girls), single parent families, people with disabilities and their families.	1 per year per area	Inclusive local system and practice
Inclusive Summer Scheme	Yes – Inclusive and Disability Summer Schemes delivered successfully for first time in both localities	Yes – for children with disabilities and their families *to include physical activity and arts activity	District Councils, Hub Activity Leaders, activity delivery partners	ACTIVE CONNECTED CREATIVE	Children with disabilities and their families.	1 per year per area	Inclusive local system and practice
Inclusive Cycling programme to include: monthly inclusive family cycle, push to pedal courses, annual cycling event	Yes – family cycles and Push to Pedal clubs have been piloted via GOGA 1	Yes - full range of inclusive cycles are available in each Council area.	District Councils, Hub activity Leaders, local cycling clubs, local community groups	ACTIVE CONNECTED	Families (especially women and girls), people with disabilities and their families.	8 family cycles per year per area 3 push to pedal courses per year per area 1 inclusive cycling event per year per area	Individuals active for life
Tai Chi for health Programme (Tai Chi class and facilitated walk)	Yes – high, sustained numbers at GOGA 1 programmes with excellent reported health / improved lifestyle benefits	Yes – generally age 50+	District Councils, Volunteer Now, local Health and Social services Trusts, GP referral programmes , local community groups	ACTIVE CONNECTED	Over 50's, people with a long term health condition	1 ongoing programme per area	Individuals active for life
Family Fit Programmes (e.g. Buggy Fit, Toddler Fit)	Yes – our most successful long term programmes were for women who could participate with their families (and become positive role models)	Yes	District Councils, local Surestarts	ACTIVE CONNECTED	Women, families, people with disabilities and their families, single parent families	2-3 ongoing programmes per area	Individuals active for life
Establish a GOGA (Active Living No Limits) Forum in each area			Volunteer Now, Disability Action, Age NI, Surestart & Identified leads within Council's and Trust's				
GOGA 2 workforce development	Training min of 24 staff and volunteers per year per locality		All above				

Report on	Sports Representative Grants
Date of Meeting	3 July 2019
Reporting Officer	Oliver McShane
Contact Officer	Oliver McShane

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 present to members the proposed community grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grant ~ Team and Individuals
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Sports Representative Grants (Individual and Team) is a continuous rolling programme.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria compliance was completed by officers followed by grant programme assessment.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Detailed analysis of the proposed grant awards are attached for your information.
3.2	<p>Summary detail is as follows: The Sports Representative Grant:</p> <p>4 Individual applications were received and awarded a total of £900</p> <p>2 Team application was received which received an award of £800</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial: Total finance allocated:</p> <p>The Sports Representative Grant is a continuous rolling programme with annual allocation for 19/20 of £10,000 with £5,700 already allocated, balance of £4,300 available.</p>

	Human: None.
	Risk Management: N/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To agree the recommendation for sports grant allocations.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Grant recipients and amount of grant award.

Sportsperson Representative on eligible cost to a max of £250

Name		Project Title	Amount Requested	Band	Amount Awarded
Ruth	Arrell	Ladies International Fly Fishing Championships	£250	2	£225
Lisa	Bowman	Netball World Cup 2019	£250	2	£225
Pamela	Marten	Ladies International Fly Fishing Championships	£620	2	£225
Bayliss	Reeve	International Taekwon-Do	£250	2	£225
Total					£900

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

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

Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Band	Amount Awarded
Edendork GAC	All Ireland Football Feile	£1,850	3	£400
St Michaels GAC, Lissan	All Ireland Football Feile	£500	3	£400
Total				£800

Band	Amount
1	£500.00
2	£450.00
3	£400.00
4	£350.00
5	£300.00

Report on	JC Decaux Advertising Licence Agreement at Railway Park
Date of Meeting	Wednesday 3rd July 2019
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	Consideration to extend billboard advertising rental contract with current provider JC Decaux at Railway Park, Dungannon
2.0	Background
2.1	JC Decaux (trading as David Allen Holdings) have held a ground rental agreement for two free standing 48 sheet advertising panels at Newell Road, Railway Park for over twenty years. The billboard panels are located on the junction of Newell Road and Ballygawley Road.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Council are in receipt of a request to consider an extension of one year, commencing from November 2019. The proposed annual rental income figure is £2750. The rental agreement provides an important source income, which assists with the offset of onsite utility and maintenance costs for the public park.</p> <p>Recent development proposals for the relocation of a public access path to Railway Park will not be adversely affected by the continuation of the rental agreement in its current format.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial: The rental agreement proposal provides for a revenue income of £2750 p.a.</p>
	<p>Human: Current staff structure sufficient to deliver project</p>

	<p>Risk Management: Project will be managed in compliance with council policies and normal operating procedures.</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>The content of the advertising material is subject to restrictions.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval to extend the current Licence Agreement for one year under the current terms and conditions.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Copy of JC Decaux Licence Agreement (Appendix 1)

LICENCE AGREEMENT

Part 1	The Licensor Name & Address	Mid Ulster District Council Burn Road Cookstown BT80 8DT	Site No: Capacity: Negotiator: Tel No:	95001 2x48 AM 03000 132132 Ext 24817
Part 2	The Advertiser	David Allen Holdings Ltd; trading as: JCDecaux having its registered office at 15 Kilwee Industrial Park, Upper Dunmurry Lane, Belfast BT17 0HD Northern Ireland		
Part 3	The Site	Ballygawley Road Dungannon (in the agreement called "the Site")		
Part 4	Position of Structure on Site	Two free standing 48 sheet panels as at present		
Part 5	The Term	Subject to the provision for earlier determination contained in clause 4 this licence shall continue for one year from the date hereof (in this Agreement called the "Original Term") and thereafter from year to year unless and until either party shall give to the other 12 months notice in writing to determine the same expiring on any anniversary of the date of expiry of the Original Term.		
Part 6	Commencement Date of this Licence Agreement	1 st November 2019		
Part 7	The Annual Licence Fee	£2750 two thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds		
Part 8	Payment Terms	Annually in advance		

AS WITNESS the parties hereto

SIGNED by the Licensor

Date:

Witness

Address

Occupation

SIGNED on behalf of David Allen Holdings Ltd T/A JCDECAUX

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Witness

Address

Occupation

Report on	Knockmany Forest and Washingbay Capital Projects Revised Letter of Offer Sport NI.
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	Approval is sought to accept revised Letter of Offer from Sport NI. In relation to additional funding for Knockmany Forest and Washingbay Capital Projects.
2.0	Background
2.1	Both Knockmany Forest and Washingbay Wetlands Park capital development projects were approved by council in November 2017 and July 2018 respectively. The original projects were funded to an upper level of £264,938 for the works at Knockmany Forest and £230,615 for development works at Washingbay Wetlands Park. Both projects were designed to provide infrastructure to create improved public access and inclusive visitor amenities. Council contributions to each individual project was agreed at a maximum limit of £25,000. Additional funding for each of the projects has been made available from Sport NI with a proposed extension to original work programmes. This programme of additional works includes improved vehicular entrance, associated safety works and upgrade to car parking surfaces at Knockmany Forest and an extension of boundary fencing and public path access at Washingbay Wetlands Park.
2.2	
2.3	The additional funding equates to an increase of £42,598 in relation to the project at Knockmany Forest with a total project funding package of £307,527
2.4	The additional funding equates to an increase of £8,197 in relation to the project at Washingbay Wetlands park with a total project funding package of £238,812
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Knockmany Project Council approved construction contract in November 2018 to award IST contract to WH Alexander for the sum of £261,796.84 + 10% contingency Sum This project was originally funded as follows: Sport NI £120,000 DEARA £120,000 MUDC £24,938 Total Package £264,938
3.2	Members are advised that additional funding has been made available to the project via Sport NI to cover additional works to enhance the project delivery.

	<p>The new project funding package is as follows</p> <p>Sport NI £162,589.80 (maximum)</p> <p>DEARA £120,000</p> <p>MUDC £24,938</p> <p>Total Package £307,527.80 (based on revised LoO)</p>
3.3	<p>Washingbay Project</p> <p>Council approved construction contract in November 2018 to award IST contract to MP Coleman for the sum of £229,415.10 + 10% contingency Sum</p> <p>This project was originally funded as follows:</p> <p>Sport NI £102,808</p> <p>DEARA £102,807</p> <p>MUDC £25,000</p> <p>Total Package £230,615</p>
3.4	<p>Members are advised that additional funding has been made available to the project via Sport NI to cover additional works to enhance the project delivery.</p> <p>The new project funding package is as follows</p> <p>Sport NI £111,005 (maximum)</p> <p>DEARA £102,807</p> <p>MUDC £25,000</p> <p>Total Package £238,812 (based on revised LoO)</p>
3.5	<p>It is proposed that the existing IST contracts will be extended to cover this additional spend. Council's Procurement team are satisfied that this procurement process is considered acceptable.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p>
4.1	<p>Financial: No additional financial contribution required from Mid Ulster District Council associated to the amended Letter of Offer from Sport NI.</p>
4.2	<p>Human: Council staff resources would be required to manage and implement the project.</p>
4.3	<p>The projects are profiled in the Council's draft Outdoor Recreation Strategy and Capital Works Programme</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>In line with Mid Ulster District Council policy and procedures.</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Project managed and delivered on the basis of committed grant from Sport NI. and MUDC risk management policy and procedures</p>

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Approval is sought to accept the terms and conditions associated to the revised Letters of Offer and to manage the programme of works as agreed in conjunction with Sports NI and associated stakeholders.
5.2	Council to approve the additional funding package from Sport NI for the Knockmany Project and increase the IST contract Value from £261,796.84 to £304,386.64 + 10% contingency sum resulting in upper limit of potential spend of £334,825.30 for construction scheme delivery costs excluding VAT.
5.3	Council to approve the additional funding package from Sport NI for the Washingbay Wetlands Park Project and increase the IST contract Value from £229,415.10 to £237,612.10 + 10% contingency sum resulting in upper limit of potential spend of £261,373.31 for construction scheme delivery costs excluding VAT.
5.4	Council agree that the existing IST contracts be extended to cover this additional spend.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 Revised Letters of Offer Sport NI.

Date: 27 March 2019

Ref No: EBAOS/10183C and EXQ

Mr Gerry McCaffrey
Eskra Community Association
167 Newtownsaville Road
Eskra
Omagh
Co. Tyrone
BT78 2RJ

Dear Gerry

Re: Everybody Active Outdoor Spaces – Revised Letter of Offer

I refer to the application made by Eskra Community Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") for financial assistance from Sport Northern Ireland.

I am pleased to inform you that Sport Northern Ireland has agreed to offer the Applicant an increase in award (the "Award") of up to a maximum of £282,589.80 at the rate of 94.71% of estimated allowable expenditure of £298,386.80 towards development costs and construction costs (detailed in Appendix I). This equates to an increase of £42,589.80 on the original Letter of Offer.

This award is subject to the terms and conditions set out in this letter ("Letter of Offer") including the "Standard Terms and Conditions" set out in your original Letter of Offer dated 28 January 2019.

Please note that the Annexes (including the terms and conditions referred to above) and Appendices to this Letter of Offer shall be deemed to be incorporated in and form part of the Letter of Offer and references in this Letter of Offer to any provisions herein howsoever worded shall be deemed to include where the context so permits or requires, reference to provisions of the Annexes and Appendices as appropriate.

In the event that there is any conflict between the provisions of this Letter of Offer and any of the Annexes or Appendices, the provisions of this Letter of Offer shall prevail. In the event that there is any conflict between the provisions of the Specific Terms and Conditions and the Standard Terms and Conditions, the provisions of the Standard Terms and Conditions shall prevail. Please see Appendix 1 for details of estimated Allowable Expenditure and Partnership Funding Package and Appendix II – Form of Acceptance.

Please read this offer carefully and if you wish to accept it on the terms and conditions stated please return one copy of the enclosed Form of Acceptance to us, duly signed and dated on behalf of the Applicant by two authorised signatories before the deadline set out below. You should retain the other copy, which



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together with this Letter of Offer (and its Annexes and Appendices) will constitute the agreement between Sport Northern Ireland and the Applicant.

Please also return, with the Form of Acceptance, any other information or documentation required to be submitted to satisfy the Standard or Specific Terms and Conditions attached to the Award.

Once we are satisfied that you have complied with all of the necessary terms and conditions attaching to the Award, thereafter we will issue you with a letter authorising you to commence the Project.

You have one week from the date of this Letter of Offer to accept this Award. After the one week period, this Award may lapse, unless valid reasons are given for the delay, and these are accepted by Sport Northern Ireland. If this offer lapses your application may be treated as having been rejected.

The following award profile only is offered:

- £120,000 (57.54%) of the award (DAERA funding) must be accrued in respect of construction completed in 2018/19.
- £162,589.80 (42.46%) of the award (Lottery funding) must be accrued in respect of construction completed in 2019/20.

Should your project be delayed, or should you fail to make valid claims to SNI for the funding profile indicated above and by the relevant claim deadlines, you should be aware that Sport NI cannot guarantee funding beyond the amounts specified above in each financial year.

The applicant's attention is drawn to paragraph 24 of the Standard Terms and Conditions. It should be noted that all cases of suspected fraud involving Sport Northern Ireland funds will be referred to the Police Service of Northern Ireland. This includes but is not limited to all irregularities in tendering, for example falsification of quotations or tenders, sale of Sport Northern Ireland funded equipment etc.

Should you have any queries on the above please do not hesitate to contact your Development Officer, Julie McCann, on 028 9038 3205.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J McCann'.

**Willie Devlin
Capital Investment Manager
Sport NI**

Enc. Appendix I: Estimated Allowable Expenditure and Partnership Funding Package
Appendix II: Form of Acceptance

Date: 27 March 2019

Ref No: EBAOS/10196C and EXQ

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Conor Corr
Muintir Na Mointeach
16a Ferry Road
Washing Bay
Co. Tyrone
BT71 4QT

Dear Conor

Re: Everybody Active Outdoor Spaces – Revised Letter of Offer

I refer to the application made by Muintir Na Mointeach (hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant") for financial assistance from Sport Northern Ireland.

I am pleased to inform you that Sport Northern Ireland has agreed to offer the Applicant an increase in award (the "Award") of up to a maximum of £213,812 at the rate of 89.99% of estimated allowable expenditure of £286,574.40 towards development costs and construction costs (detailed in Appendix I). This equates to an increase of £8,197 on the original Letter of Offer.

This award is subject to the terms and conditions set out in this letter ("Letter of Offer") including the "Standard Terms and Conditions" set out in your original Letter of Offer dated 28 January 2019.

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The following award profile only is offered:

- £102,807 (48%) of the award (DAERA funding) must be accrued in respect of construction completed in 2018/19.
- £111,005 (52%) of the award (Lottery funding) must be accrued in respect of construction completed in 2019/20.

Should your project be delayed, or should you fail to make valid claims to SNI for the funding profile indicated above and by the relevant claim deadlines, you should be aware that Sport NI cannot guarantee funding beyond the amounts specified above in each financial year.

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Yours sincerely

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**Willie Devlin
Capital Investment Manager
Sport NI**

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Appendix II: Form of Acceptance
Annex I: Standard Terms and Conditions
Annex II: Specific Terms and Conditions

**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Thursday 13 June 2019 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

Members Present

Councillor Wilson, Chair

Councillors Ashton, Black, Burton, Clarke, Corry, Cuddy,
Doris, Elattar (7.01 pm), Hughes, Kearney, Kerr,
McNamee, Milne, Molloy, Monteith,

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr Hill, Head of Parks
Ms Linney, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development
Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure
Mrs Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Mr Conor McCrory – Project Lead, SIB
Mr Conor Doyle – Capital Build & Asset Manager, NIFRS
Mr Dermot Rooney – Group Commander, L&D, NIFRS
Mr Lloyd Crawford – Interim Assistant Chief Fire & Rescue
Officer, NIFRS

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D089/19 Apologies

Director of Business and Communities
Head of Tourism

D090/19 Declaration of Interests

The Chair reminded members of their responsibility with regard to declarations of interest.

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Dungannon Thomas Clarkes GFC

Councillor Monteith declared an interest in Square Wheels CC

Councillor McNamee declared an interest in:

- *Cookstown Fr Rocks GFC*
- *Gortlowry Park Community Group*
- *Shopmobility Mid Ulster*

The Chair Councillor Wilson declared an interest in issues relating to Enterprise

Councillors Burton, Clarke, Kearney and Wilson all declared an interest in LAG.

D091/19 Chair's Business

The Chair advised that the Head of Economic Development wished to raise an item under Chair's Business.

The Head of Economic Development advised that DAERA (Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs) wrote to the RDP LAG Chair on 30th May 2019 confirming approval of additional funding to the LAG under the Village Renewal Scheme. The LAG will discuss this offer at its next meeting on 24th June 2019 and must confirm acceptance back to DAERA by 28th June 2019.

Councillor Elattar entered the meeting at 7.01 pm.

This additional funding is conditional on the LAG issuing Letters of Offer by 31st December 2019. Council is responsible for leading on applications to the Village Renewal Scheme therefore in light of the approval timescale, the design stage for projects going forward must commence immediately in order to be worked up and ready for assessment by the LAG in December 2019. A full design and procurement process must be completed prior to submitting applications to satisfy DAERA eligibility requirements. This will require the appointment of an external design team to work alongside Council Officer teams.

The Head of Economic Development sought approval to appoint an architect led integrated consultancy team (ICT) to prepare, develop and project manage the delivery of the projects going forward to the LAG including all aspects of the RIBA 2013 plan of work from Stages 0-7 and/or extend the existing Village ICT contract subject to Procurement guidance.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor Ashton and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the appointment of an architect led integrated consultancy team (ICT) to prepare, develop and project manage the delivery of the projects going forward to the LAG including all aspects of the RIBA 2013 plan of work from Stages 0-7 and/or extend the existing Village ICT contract subject to Procurement guidance.

D092/19 Deputation – Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

The Chair welcomed representatives from the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Crawford provided members with an update on the situation regarding Desertcreat site and invited Mr McCrory to provide an overview of the project.

Mr McCrory thanked members for this opportunity and took members through the Journey to date:

- 2006 – Site acquired by NIPB for proposed Police Training College
- 2007 – 2011 – Business Cases approved for a Tri Service College
- 2014 – Non-completion of Project & Changes to Training Need
- 2016 – Business Cases approved by NIFRS only training at Desertcreat
- 2016 – Phase 1 Design Team Appointed
- 2017 – Phase 1 Contractor Appointed – Henry Bros
- 2018 – Phase 2 Design Team Appointed – IBI Stage 2 Design Completed
- 2018 – Phase 2 Business Case submitted December 2018

He said foreseeing what is ahead:

- Business Case Approval – August 2019
- Phase 2 Design Team Resume – August 2019
- Procure Contractor & Planning App – Late 2019
- Appoint Contractor Q1 2021
- Start on site Q1 2021
- Completion Q1 2023

He stated that there were many benefits to the project as listed:

- Improved quality of Learning & Development facilities
- Improved Learning & Development experience
- Improved Firefighter safety
- Increased public safety and confidence
- Improved Social & Environmental Sustainability

Mr Rooney gave an overview of what the training college aimed to achieve and stated that it would be a state-of-the-art facility for the area.

The Chair thanked the representatives from NIFRS for their impressive presentation and asked for any member comments.

Councillor McNamee thanked the representatives for their great presentation and said that it was good to see Phase 1 on the ground and would look forward to the completion. He stated however, that the people of Cookstown have reservations about the Fire Station being relocated to the new site at Desertcreat and enquired if there were any plans to progress this.

Mr Crawford advised that there were no plans to relocate Cookstown fire station to the new training site at Desertcreat as most of the Firefighters were in part-time employment and doing so would most likely have an adverse impact upon their response times to callouts and have a huge impact on the service to the local community.

Councillor McNamee stated that he was very happy to hear this as the base in Cookstown was very much relied upon.

Councillor Cuddy enquired about the creation of jobs at Desertcreat and any concerns around the burn-house from local residents.

Mr McCrory advised that a business case was previously prepared which included the expected jobs figure from the construction phase through to when the site is operational, but did not have the figures to hand at the meeting but would be happy to forward on these figures after the meeting.

In response to the query regarding the burn-house, Mr McCrory stated that the site was located on quite a hilly terrain and the burn-house itself was situated on the highest point. He indicated that this was advantageous as the prevailing wind carries the smoke away at a very high level in a 'western' direction, away from the NIFRS Learning Development Centre.

Mr Rooney stated that all the fire and rescue training would be carried out at Desertcreat which would include a mixture of approximately 40-50 uniformed staff and administration. He said that it is likely that a lot of other fire and rescue personnel from other areas would not want to relocate to Desertcreat and if this happened, it may result in more employment opportunities being available in the local area.

The Chair said that a lot of residents were concerned about how the site would integrate into the rural area and asked for consideration to be given to the planting of trees at the site.

The Chair thanked the representatives from NIFRS for their attendance and said that he looked forward to the official opening of the site.

NIFRS representatives left the meeting at 7.32 pm.

Matters for Decision

D093/19 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated and drew and provided an updated on the following:

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

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

- **Sports Capital Grants**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Capital grants as per grant recommendations in Appendix 1 to a value of £118,335.

- **Rolling Grants Awards – Good Relations and Local Community Festivals**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the rolling grant awards – Good Relations £12,845, Local Community Festivals £19,940 and additional small grant as per Appendix 2.

- **Gortgonis Community Build Project and Proposed Usage by Forever Friends Play Group**

Members noted the Gortgonis Community Build Project and proposed continued usage by Forever Friends Play Group, based on LPS valuation.

- **Clogher Valley Pre School Play Group at Clogher Community Centre**

The Head of Community Development referred to item 5.4 Clogher Valley Preschool and advised that at the Environment Committee it was agreed that other suitable premises in Clogher be sought for the provision of public toilet facilities to allow access for the preschool users at the old Primary School site.

Members noted the Clogher Valley Pre School proposed temporary usage of Clogher Community Centre.

- **Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) Minutes**

Councillor Monteith enquired if the Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) was a sub committee or a working group, because if it was a sub committee the report should be adopted and if a working group then the report should be noted.

The Head of Community Development advised that it went through committee as a sub committee; however the process within Council is to have working groups.

Members noted the Housing Sub Committee (Working Group) Minutes as per Appendix 3.

- **Festive Lights Provision for Rural Villages**

The Head of Community Development stated that the appendix noted was based on the previous area plan of settlements and an update current report is in place which needs to take account of the small villages of Cappagh, Creagh and Ballynakelly.

Councillor Black referred to Innishrush and Tamlaght O'Crilly and enquired why they were not listed and asked if they could be listed.

The Head of Community Development stated that small settlements within the settlement report had to contact Council to be considered and that officers could then engage with the areas regarding providing festive lights in their area. She confirmed the small settlement areas can be supported to provide festive lights.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Festive Lights provision for Rural Villages as per Appendix 4, for a 3 year period, with inclusion of small villages as per the settlement report of Cappagh,

Ballynakelly, Creagh, and small settlements Innishrush and Tamlaght O'Crilly (Tamlaght).

- **Connecting Pomeroy re Partner Programme Delivery**

Members noted update on Connecting Pomeroy re Partner Programme Delivery.

- **DFC Syrian Refugee Team to Contribute Towards YPRS Storage Scheme**

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to support the VPRS Storage Scheme at a cost of £300 per year for next 3 years.

- **Community Development Update**

Councillor Monteith referred to Grants issue and stated that a few meetings back it was agreed that a grants review would take place which was still to be done and said that he would expect a paper to be brought to the July or September meeting on what could work better as there was an increasing need for the grant thresholds to be increased.

Councillor Burton said that she agreed with Councillor Monteith's comments and also referred to the Shop Front Scheme in towns and villages and stated that any financial support from the Council would really be appreciated.

Councillor Burton referred to appendix 3, Item 1 – Barrier to Development and said that she knew that the item of sewerage had already been raised but stated that it was a serious issue for people building new homes in the rural areas and would like it investigated.

The Chair advised that this issue was being investigated through the Mid Ulster Housing Forum and if any member had concerns then they could be raised in that arena.

Members noted Community Development Update.

D094/19 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following:

- **DfE Public Consultation re Corporate Membership within Credit Unions**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Council's consultation response (Appendix 1C) to the Department for the Economy with regard to Corporate Membership within Credit Unions.

- **Review of Councils' Statutory Targets (Business Start Activity)**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the recommendations contained within the independent Capaxo Evaluation and revise Mid Ulster's Annual Statutory Jobs Target for Business Start Activity to **153 jobs per annum**, subject to approval by Department for the Economy.

- **Correspondence from Invest NI re Local Economic Development Measure: Investment for Growth & Jobs Programme**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Kearney and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that Officers scope and submit initial project ideas to Invest NI to meet potential gaps in business support provision that comply with ERDF application criteria. A report to be brought to a future meeting, to seek the necessary approvals from Members if a full application is to be made at a later date.

- **Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes – 12 November 2018**

Members noted Minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum on 12 November 2018.

- **Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 4 March 2019**

Members noted Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum on 4 March 2019.

- **Economic Development Service Plan 2019/20**

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve Economic Development Service Plan 2019/20.

- **Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme: Final Report**

Members noted Mid Ulster Engineering Innovation Programme: Final Report - March 2019.

- **Economic Development Achievements 2018/19**

Members noted Economic Development Achievements 2018/19.

- **Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI)**

Members noted Full Fibre Northern Ireland Update.

- **Business & Communities – Summary of External Investment Leverage 2018/2019**

Members noted Business & Communities – Summary of External Funding Leverage 2018/19.

Councillor McNamee enquired if there were any developments on the Shop Front Scheme.

The Head of Economic Development reminded Members that approval had been granted previously to develop a new Mid Ulster Town and Village Business Spruce Up Scheme and Council was nearing the appointment of a Chartered Architect to oversee and manage the programme which will be rolled out across a number of designated towns and villages. The scheme is anticipated to be delivered over a 2 to 3 year period subject to the number of applicants and the available economic development budget.

In response to Councillor Molloy's query, the Head of Economic Development advised that the reserve list from the previous scheme had been exhausted.

In response to Councillor McNamee's query, the Head of Economic Development advised that the scheme would be open to both new applicants and to applicants who applied previously, provided it was for a new element(s) of eligible works. She stated that new applicants/projects, who had not applied previously, will have the opportunity to score a few additional points for this, provided they complete their application correctly, in accordance with the scheme's scoring criteria.

Councillor Monteith referred to the ongoing concern regarding town centre rates and said that under the current review the deadline for response was likely to be August 2019 and suggested that it be an item on the agenda for the July meeting.

The Head of Economic Development advised that she and her team had been in regular contact with the Department of Finance several times to determine date of when the consultation process will formally commence and to seek clarity if Departmental officials will come to meet with the five Town Centre Forums in Mid Ulster but was still awaiting a formal response to this request. She further advised that the Department of Finance's website indicated that they would be holding an Innovation Lab process at the start of July 2019 to assess and respond to the significant changes in NI's high streets and town centres. She added that interested stakeholders who would like to engage with the Department of Finance's Rating Policy Division in order to inform its policy appraisal work could register their interest on the Department of Finance website and stated that Mid Ulster District Council had already did this.

Councillor Monteith said that it would be helpful to move forward with a positions paper in order to steer the Department of Finance in the right direction and would ask that

the Non Domestic Rates Review for Town Centres be included as an item on the agenda for Development Committee meeting on 3 July 2019.

The Head of Economic Development advised members that the July papers were due for submission to Directors tomorrow and it wouldn't be possible to complete a full consultation response at such short notice but that she would most definitely be working on a draft response for the Review of the Non Domestic Rating System.

Councillor Monteith said as there was no committee meeting in August, it was necessary to have sight of a draft response in advance of the September 2019 meeting, as the consultation would likely be closed before then. Councillor Monteith reiterated his request for the item to be placed on the agenda for the July meeting of the Development Committee and the draft consultation response could follow in advance of the meeting date.

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that a Rates Review of Town Centres be included as an item on the Agenda for the July 2019 meeting of the Development Committee.

D095/19 Response to Public Consultation on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services'

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report and advised that on the 25th March 2019, the Department of Health commenced its consultation on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services' across all Health Trust Areas. The consultation will run until 17th June 2019. The purpose of the paper is for members to consider a draft Response to the Report.

At the Council meeting on 15th April 2019, it was agreed that Council would prepare a response to this consultation. Delegated power granted to the Development Committee scheduled on 13th June 2019 to approve response.

Councillor Ashton thanked staff for preparing this paper and advised that a number of meetings had taken place with a group of supporters from Lurgan who through her, had requested to receive a copy of Council's draft consultation response.

Proposed by Councillor Ashton

To share Council's draft response to the public consultation with the Support Group from Lurgan to ensure a strong case is made to retain 'breast assessment services' for the region.

Councillor Cuddy stated that if the Health Service relocated the service to Dundonald this would be a terrible journey to travel and cause more undue stress for patients. He said that this was another example of Consultants not wanting to work in the rural west and wanting to remain in Belfast.

Councillor Burton said as a rural Councillor the amount of phone calls she received on the issue was overwhelming and would hate to think of people having to drive this distance to receive an assessment. She said that it was important that Council's

response was shared with others who sought a copy, to ensure that a stronger case can be built.

Seconded by Councillor Doris

To support Councillor Ashton's proposal as this would also affect some of her constituents.

Councillor Wilson agreed with members comments especially about the extensive travel times after receiving treatment and no option for overnight beds.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the consultation response on 'Reshaping Breast Assessment Services' in time for it be received by Department of Health deadline of 17th June 2019 and also supply a copy of Council's response to the Support Group in Lurgan who had requested it.

D096/19 Tourism Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Tourism Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Councillor Burton said that she was disappointed not to see President Grant's Homestead mentioned within the report as it seems to be overlooked. She said that previously a caretaker used to take care of the Homestead and kept it neat and tidy but now this was not the case and were overgrown weeds everywhere. She said that this Council were trying to encourage people to visit the Homestead, especially its links with American tourists and needed addressed as soon as possible.

Councillor Cuddy agreed with Councillor Burton's comments and said that a lot of Americans visit the facility and was important that the area was kept neat and tidy.

Councillor Cuddy advised that George Best Airport held a competition for Best Kept Awards where visitors voted on the best site and enquired if the Council entered any of their facilities.

The Head of Culture and Arts stated that both Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Ranfurly were both nominated.

Councillor Cuddy stated that Todd's Leap received an award and it was important that the Council get on board to gain recognition.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that the Head of Tourism would raise the issue of George Best Airport Best Kept Awards at the next Tourism Forum meeting and would liaise with Environment and Property Services in relation to the tidying up of President Grant's.

Councillor Monteith referred to Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and said that he previously requested that the Council be included in the programme, but no feedback on

conversations with Bord Fáilte or the Tourist Board had amounted to anything which indicated their lack of interest. He asked that this be investigated again.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

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

- 1) Tourism Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) George Best Airport Best Kept Awards to be raised at the next Tourism Forum meeting.
- 3) Liaise with Environment and Property Services in relation to general tidy up of President Grant's Homestead.
- 4) Investigate links with Ireland's Hidden Heartlands.

D097/19 RDP Co-operation Projects: Davagh Archaeological Trail (in Partnership with SW Mayo LEADER)

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report to seek approval for Council to take forward an application for Rural Development Programme funding under the Local Action Groups Co-operation Scheme where Council will act as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership (the LAG) as co-applicant. The application will relate to the Davagh Archaeological Trail and is to be developed in partnership with the SW Mayo LAG.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

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

- 1) Council to progress an RDP Co-operation Scheme funding application on the Davagh Archaeological Trail project acting as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership as co-applicant.
- 2) Council to appoint an external design consultancy team(s) to prepare design specification for the co-operation project named above. Design team consultancy costs to be met from Council budgets and will be included as eligible expenditure within the applications for funding to the LAG.

D098/19 Culture & Arts Services - Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

The Head of Culture & Arts presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Culture & Arts Services – Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Culture & Arts Services – Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

D099/19 Broughderg Public Right of Way

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to assert a Public Right of Way (PRoW) between the Broughderg Road and Davagh Road, Broughderg. (Map Appendix 1).

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to assert the Public Right of Way running between 121 Broughderg Road and Davagh Road.

D100/19 Parks Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Parks Service Improvement Plan for 2019/20.

Councillor Monteith referred to section within the report where it stated, “*Appoint consultancy teams to develop and implement proposals for Key Capital Projects including Railway Park and Portglenone Blueway*”. He said that he was intrigued to see Railway Park on the Plan again as it was his understanding that this was being progressed and enquired what was the reason for the hold up.

The Head of Parks advised that previously when the appointment was being considered regarding the design and development it was felt that there could be the potential for full legal challenge against the procurement process if the project proceeded and it was felt that it would be more advisable to prepare a revised retender and that an outcome would be brought to the July meeting for consideration.

Councillor Monteith felt that the whole situation was farcical and that a design team could have been appointed a lot quicker as March 2020 was just around the corner.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised that following appointment, initial design concepts would be developed in 6 to 10 weeks for Council consideration. Following agreement from Council on the preferred option, the appointment of a contractor to undertake the construction work would need to be procured and appointed hence the date of March 2020.

Councillor Ashton referred to item 3.2 and formally requested that the matter of disabled access for a barbecue area at Dungannon Parks barbecue area to be investigated.

Councillor Burton stated that she wished to commend staff on their hard work upgrading Brantry Lough and said that it was amazing to see such a great facility being well utilised. She referred to Lumford’s Glen and enquired if there was any update as it was very dangerous and felt that the matter should be pursued the same way Knockmany was.

The Head of Parks advised that he was aware of the issue around the access at Lumford's Glen but stated that this was the responsibility of Forest Service and unfortunately it looks like it was going to be a long-term problem. He said that the Forest Service was continuously being reminded of the issue, emphasising how popular it was within the community.

Councillor Molloy referred to Railway Park/Ballysaggart Lough and stated that there was a watercourse around the town sitting in no man's lands. He said that he had been approached by residents concerned about the liability of falling trees and who would be responsible as no-one was answerable.

The Head of Parks said that both the Rivers Agency and the Landowner would have roles to play as the water runs through their lands. He advised that the Council would only be responsible for lands they have management for.

Councillor Molloy stated that there was an onus on the Council to provide guidance to residents.

Councillor Cuddy asked for an update on caravan income and antisocial behaviour at Dungannon Park.

The Head of Parks advised that caravan income remained consistent with 24 serviced sites at Dungannon park being well utilised with promotions being looked at to fill the gaps. He said that in future consideration could be given to extending caravan spaces. He stated that the biggest development at Dungannon Park was tenting and that tent owners were now looking for luxury tenting with electricity access and felt that this could be investigated as to generate extra income. He stressed the need to investigate the redevelopment of other potential sites like Ballyronan and Round Lake.

In referring to antisocial behaviour, the Head of Parks advised that it was low at the moment and no cause for concern.

Councillor Burton stated that there was a significant increase of visitors to Ballyronan and Round Lake. She said that it was important that these areas were kept clean and tidy as she was aware especially of Round Lake being well utilised every day but felt that there was a real need for a facelift at the Marina.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the:

- 1) Parks Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) Matter of disabled access for a barbecue area at Dungannon Park be investigated.

D101/19 RDP Co-operation Projects: International Appalachian Trail and Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to seek approval for Council to take forward applications for Rural Development Programme funding under the Local Action Groups Co-operation Scheme where Council will act as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership (the LAG) as co-applicant.

These applications will relation to:

- 1) The International Appalachian Trail – Ulster Section and,
- 2) Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

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

- 1) For Council to progress RDP Co-operation Scheme funding applications on the International Appalachian Trail and Infrastructure Developments on Lough Neagh and its Waterways acting as lead partner with Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership as co-applicant.
- 2) For Council to appoint an external design consultancy team(s) to prepare design specification for co-operation projects named above. Design team consultancy costs to be met from Council budgets and would be included as eligible expenditure within the applications for funding to the LAG.
- 3) To present financial cost associated to the RDP Co-operation Scheme to Policy & Resources Committee for approval.

D102/19 Irish FA Foundation Hub

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report on proposal from Irish FA to establish a foundation Hub at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

Proposed by Councillor Black

Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the:

- 1) Proposal from the Irish Football Association for establishing a Football Development Hub at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena, consisting of a Regional Grassroots Development Officer (RGDO), Let Them Play Officer (LTPO) and a Grassroots Volunteer.
- 2) Development of an SLA with the Irish Football Association regarding this Hub.

Councillor McNamee enquired if there was any further update on the bid for the extension at Mid Ulster Sports Arena.

The Acting Head of Leisure advised not at the moment but should know more by September.

D103/19 Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to seek approval for the Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.

Councillor Monteith referred to programme of works being carried out at Dungannon Leisure Centre and stated that there was a lot of speculation and major concerns have arisen due to the scheme being far behind. He said that even staff were not being made aware of what was happening and were not confident in advising the public when they didn't know themselves.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith

That staff be kept up to date on proceedings so that they be confident in advising the public on what was happening. A statement to be put on the website updating the public on the any developments relating to the scheme.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation advised members that works were still on schedule to have the scheme completed within the timescale.

Councillor Cuddy said that he would be happy to second Councillor Monteith's proposal and stated that it was important to keep the public informed through social media i.e. website and facebook.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy

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

- 1) Leisure Services – Service Improvement Plan 2019/20.
- 2) Staff being kept up to date on progress so that they can be confident in advising the public on what was happening. A statement to be put on the website and social media updating the public on any developments relating to the scheme.

D104/19 Sports Representative Grants

The Acting Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report on the proposed community grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grant – Team and Individuals.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the Sports Grant Allocations.

Matters for Information

D105/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019.

D106/19 Wild Adventure Weekend

Members noted previously circulated report which advised of the success of Mid Ulster's first Wild Adventure Weekend held on 13 & 14 April 2019.

D107/19 The Heart of Ancient Ulster HLF

Members noted previously circulated report which provided an update on the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Project.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Doris 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 item D108/19 to D112/19.

Matters for Decision

- D108/19 Tender Report for the Mid Ulster PEACE IV Arts Engagement Programme
- D109/19 Shopmobility Mid Ulster Letter of Support
- D110/19 Regionally and Minority Language Bursary Scheme
- D111/19 Gortgonis Leisure Centre Economic Appraisal and Identification of Preferred Option

Matters for Information

- D112/19 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 3 April 2019

D113/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.20 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	Leisure Services Update
Date of Meeting	3 rd July 2019
Reporting Officer	Oliver McShane
Contact Officer	Oliver McShane

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 highlighting a number of key events/activities.
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	Full details of key elements of Leisure Service provision in the last quarter are included in Appendix 1. A summary of key highlights are provided below:
3.2	<p>Cookstown Leisure Centre</p> <p>In addition to the normal programme 2 Buggy Fit classes and a 60+ Zumba class were added which are not part of the existing membership packages. With Dungannon LC closing Noel Skelton's two Masters swimming classes has moved to Cookstown and numbers attending from the existing Dungannon swimmers and new swimmers from Cookstown are good. The classes are continuing to perform well and we have seen an increase in numbers in most of the classes. On average 24 Centre based classes are delivered to the public each week.</p> <p>Cookstown Leisure Centre ran a four day Easter Scheme Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th April. The facility offered a range of centre-based activities e.g. dodgeball, swim & flume, soft play, ten-pin bowling and full main hall programme. Daily the centre catered for over 100 children.</p>

	<p>Cookstown Leisure Centre have just trained additional staff for the climbing wall, 12 staff from across the area received climbing instructor training from “Adventure Training”. These staff will start immediately working at forthcoming event across the district.</p>
3.3	<p>Mid Ulster Sports Arena</p> <p>Mid Ulster Sports Arena hosted its first ever Australian Rules open day. The event was hosted by The Belfast Redbacks Australian Rules Football Club and Portadown Power men’s and ladies teams and offered coaching, fun games, drills and skills tests on the day for men and women of all abilities. The AFL hope to start a team at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena this summer. Staff have been working closely with the new club and we will be providing the first proper oval pitch in the province for Australian Rules football.</p> <p>A new six a-side soccer league has been delivered with 10 teams entered. This competition is hosted by MUSA and provides a referee for all games. Staff hope to expand on this in the autumn and take the tournament to a 16 team competition played over 2 nights a week over an eight week period.</p>
3.4	<p>Greenvale Leisure Centre</p> <p>The second Rookie course of the year kicked off in April and was well attended with 20 participants. With a mixture of dry work, where they learn first aid and CPR and water work, where they learn lifesaving skills, this is a stepping stone for young kids before they enrol on our NPLQ course.</p> <p>The third block of Masters started on the 13th May and ran for 8 weeks. This course runs for 7 weeks and is aimed at the more experienced swimmers as well as people who take part in triathlons etc. The Club is focused on technique and drills that will improve their swimming capabilities.</p> <p>Greenvale delivered a new class focused on learning and improving techniques in Olympic and other related lifts. It is designed to improve coordination, conditioning strength, posture and anaerobic CV fitness. The class will be split into 2 sessions with session 1 incorporating all the basic lifts which will be delivered and exercised in the following part of the class. Session 2 will be a stimulating circuit that will take the functional aspects of the training to the limit to challenge your inner warrior.</p> <p>New equipment was delivered to Greenvale A number of new pieces of equipment were purchased the SkiErg’s provide a true full-body workout that exercises the legs at least as hard as the upper body. The classic (alternating arms) ski technique uses fewer muscles than double-poling, and generally has less leg involvement, but it is an excellent ski-specific training for Nordic skiers.</p>
3.5	<p>Meadowbank Sports Arena</p> <p>Special Events April - June 2019</p>

- Ulster GAA Gaelic Blitz Wed 3rd April – 200 Kids
- Ulster Camogie Blitz Sat 6th April 2019 – 400 Kids
- Ulster GAA Gaelic Blitz Wed 10th April – 250 Kids
- Cuchulainn Cup project Gaelic Blitz Wed 10th April – 250 Kids
- Boys Brigade Soccer Tournament Sat 13th April – 70 Kids
- Sky Blues Soccer Tournament Sun 14th April – 400 Kids
- Schools Ladies Gaelic Blitz Wed 17th April – 250 Ladies
- Ulster Rugby Junior Men 7's Tournament 30th April – 200 Players
- Ulster Camogie Blitz Sat 11th May – 100 Kids
- Sky Blues Soccer Tournament Sat 14th May – 250 Kids
- Primary Schools Athletics Competition Thurs 16th May – 200 Kids
- Free Presbyterian Church Fun Evening 29th May – 150 Kids/Adults
- Spires Integrated P.S. Sports Day Fri 31st May – 200 Kids
- CFM (Combined Facilities Management) Soccer Tournament Fri 31st May – 60 Players
- Gaelscoil School Sports Day Mon 3rd June – 100 Kids
- Kilcronaghan Mission Group Fun day Mon 3rd – Thurs 6th June - 150 Kids/Adults per night
- Kilross P.S. Sports Day Fri 7th June – 100 Kids
- Sky Blues Soccer Tournament Sat 8th June – 80 Kids
- Northern/NW Ladies Cricket match Sun 9th June – 50 Players
- Holy Family Schools Sports Day Tue 10th June – 250 Kids
- Local Council Elections Fri 3rd May – 400 People
- European Elections Mon 27th May – 1000 People

3.6

Maghera Leisure Centre

Maghera Leisure Centre released its biggest class program so far with 29 Classes (not including gymnastics). With the return of the old favourite classes and some new initiatives such as Pilates, customers are being challenged in different ways and with staff catering for different levels of fitness. The over 50s club has also provided more opportunities to exercise and socialise for the less active customers. The new Kids Spin & Kids Cardio classes adds younger users to our instructor lead programme.

Following on from previous Shred programmes with some clients losing up to 10lb staff organised a pre summer Shred in April 2019 The programme consisted of 3 weekly group gym sessions each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.30am, combined with regular weigh-ins and nutritional advice to help you achieve your goals 6 week membership to use our Gym, Health Suite and all our Centre based classes is also included.

Tobermore Golf Driving range continues to be busy with a wide range of courses on offer for example Learn to Play Golf for those inspired to play Golf by The Masters, USPGA & Open (Portrush), you can now register for adult-beginners Summer Courses 2019.

<p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p>	<p>Dungannon Leisure Centre</p> <p>The Leisure Centre closed for refurbishment from Monday 29th April 2019. Prior to closure ongoing work took place with customers advising them of what other services and facilities would be available to them during the closure.</p> <p>Some of the fitness equipment from Dungannon Leisure Centre was relocated to Gortoginis Citizen Centre and the opening hours extended to provide customer access to a fitness suite locally. Customers were also advised of the facilities available in Cookstown and Magherafelt.</p> <p>Sports Development</p> <p>Summer planning is completed and an online bookings system up and running through the Council website.</p> <p>Below is a summary of the activities on offer this summer</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="229 875 1358 1330"> <tr> <td data-bbox="229 875 794 1048">Activity / Camps</td><td data-bbox="794 875 1358 1048">Summer Schemes, Canoeing, Tennis, Bowling, Gymnastics, Football, Disability, Gaelic, Hockey, Multisport, Dance, Athletics and Golf</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="229 1048 794 1330">Locations</td><td data-bbox="794 1048 1358 1330">Ballyronan, Fairhill, Cookstown LC, Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown HS, Dungannon Park, Royal School Dungannon, Greenvale LC, Maghera LC, Moneymore RC, Meadowbank Sports Arena, Tobermore Golf Centre</td></tr> </table>	Activity / Camps	Summer Schemes, Canoeing, Tennis, Bowling, Gymnastics, Football, Disability, Gaelic, Hockey, Multisport, Dance, Athletics and Golf	Locations	Ballyronan, Fairhill, Cookstown LC, Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown HS, Dungannon Park, Royal School Dungannon, Greenvale LC, Maghera LC, Moneymore RC, Meadowbank Sports Arena, Tobermore Golf Centre
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4.0	Other Considerations				
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: N/A</p> <p>Human: N/A</p> <p>Risk Management: N/A</p>				
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A</p>				

	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
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.

Every Body Active 2020 Update

Disability Coach

During April Fit 4 U co-ordinates a range of daytime physical activities and sports. Fit 4 U is funded by the Public Health Agency and led by the Southern Health and Social Care Trust in partnership with MUDC and Sport NI funded Everybody Active 2020 coaches.

The Fit 4 U Project aims to empower people with physical/ sensory and/or learning disabilities to improve their health. Some of the activities include Archery, Boccia, New Age Kurling, Group Based Exercises programmes, Boxercise, Walking Groups and Indoor Golf etc.



May saw the continuation of the Mid Ulster Boccia Club in Cookstown Leisure Centre. The Mid Ulster Boccia Club runs on a fortnightly basis and each session lasts one hour (6-7pm). The club gives participants with physical disabilities the opportunity to compete for the club trophies in a round robin tournament.

Please see pictures below of some of our Trophy winners to date.



Multi-Sport Coach

April saw the commencement of the Schools Multi Sports Programme, which was run in conjunction with local school Tobermore PS and took place every Wednesday afternoon at the school. The children enjoyed the range of activities on offer.



May saw the commencement of the Fit Workplace Programme, which was run in conjunction with local workplace South West College in Dungannon. The programme took place every Tuesday evening after work for 6 weeks.



Coach Development Program


The 2018 /19 Coach Development Program has now finished.

Coach Development Courses	Numbers of Coaches attending
11	169

Summer 2019

Summer planning is completed and an online bookings system up and running through the Council website.

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Summer Leisure Activities



This summer, you'll find a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and sporting opportunities for young people throughout the district during July and August. All activities will be led by fully qualified staff that will ensure that participants have a fun, stimulating and enjoyable experience in a safe, structured environment. Bookings are on a first come, first served basis, therefore any postal/email bookings cannot be guaranteed. *Please check the location for enrolment for each activity.

EBA Year 3 Strand 1 & Strand 4

Strand 1

Year 3 has been completed and the Year 4 Plan and Year 3 Review have been submitted to Sport NI the programme funder. Year 4 will see the coaches continue to target women and girls, those living with a disability, and those living in areas of greatest need with health related physical activity programmes.

Strand 4

The MUDC small sports grants will once again receive support from Sport Ni via the EBA 2020 programme and a funding pot in the region of £30k will be available for local sports clubs to access.

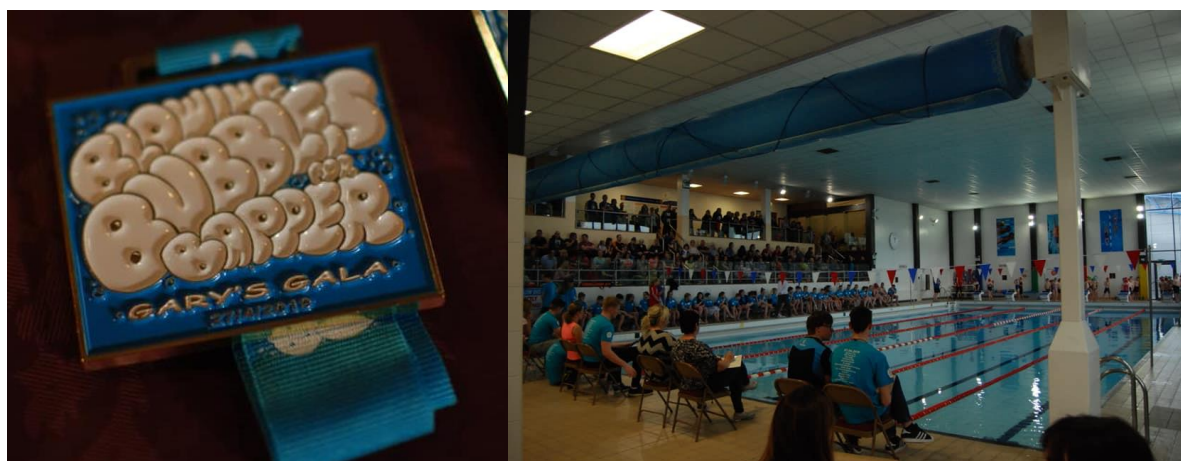
Dungannon Leisure Centre

The Leisure Centre closed for refurbishment from Monday 29th April 2019. Prior to closure ongoing work took place with our customers advising them of what other services and facilities would be available to them during the closure.

Some of the fitness equipment from Dungannon Leisure Centre was relocated to Gortgonis Citizen Centre and the opening hours extended to provide customer access to a fitness suite locally. Customers were also advised of the facilities available in Cookstown and Magherafelt.

The Men's Health programme continues to run at Drumcoo Bowling Pavilion providing them with the opportunity of trying out outdoor activities.

On Saturday 27th April 2019, Dungannon Leisure staff held a swimming gala to say a final farewell to their much beloved co-worker, Leisure Attendant, Swimming Teacher and Coach Gary Morris and to raise funds for local charity Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke. The gala provided an opportunity for all the children and young people who attended swimming lessons in Dungannon and taught by Gary the opportunity to swim competitively and demonstrate what they had learned. Over 230 young people took part. The event was a great success and £5,000 raised for Chest, Heart and Stroke.



Cookstown Leisure Centre

Cookstown Leisure Centre Drop-In Classes are offered to the general public and also as part of the total "Evolve Membership". We have 18 drop-in classes currently running as part of our membership packages, this will increase again during the summer months when pool space frees up due to the Swimming club summer break and officers reintroduces the "Hydro Power" class.

In addition to this, we run 2 Buggy Fit classes and a 60+ Zumba class per week which are not part of the membership packages. With Dungannon LC closing, two Masters swimming classes have moved to Cookstown and numbers attending from the existing Dungannon swimmers and new swimmers from Cookstown are good. The classes are continuing to perform well where we have seen an increase in numbers in most of the classes. (24 Centre based classes open to the public).



Cookstown Leisure Centre MidUlster Academy completed its Spring Enrolment offering 1160 place to the public with 86% uptake.

Cookstown Leisure Centre ran a four day Easter Scheme Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th April. The facility offered a range of centre-based activities e.g. dodgeball, swim & flume, soft play, ten-pin bowling and full main hall programme. Daily the centre catered for over 100 children plus.

We have just trained up additional staff for the climbing wall, 12 staff from across the MUDC district receive climbing instructor training from “Adventure Training”. These staff will start immediately working at forthcoming event across the district. June and July already looking a busy period.

MUSA

Sports Review

Facilities at MUSA are very busy with bookings from soccer, GAA and rugby clubs as well as schools during January to March 2019. There were a huge number of schools matches and tournaments played on our 3G Gaelic pitch throughout the week in this time period. There also remains a high demand for soccer matches at the weekend with most pitches booked each Saturday and a lot of matches also played of site at Beechway and Fairhill football pitches.

Colour Run

Mid Ulster District Council organised a colour run for all year 8 school girls in the district.

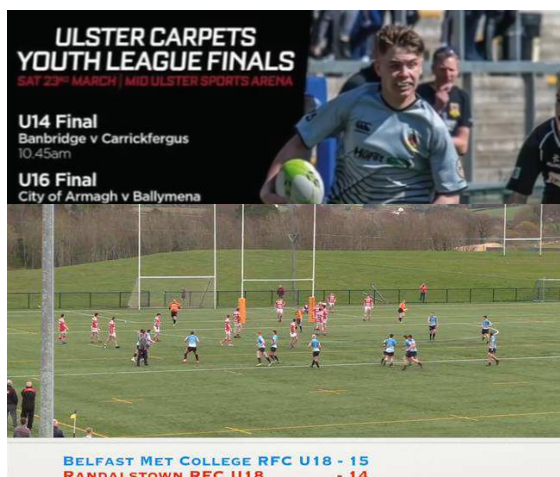
The Colour Run was organised as part of the Every Body Active 2020 Programme. The Course was laid out around the outside of two pitches of our pitches.

350 year eight girls from across the Mid Ulster district took part. The girls all received a free t-shirt and sunglasses for the event. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all. It was a fantastic opportunity that let young people from all walks of life mingle, make new friends and be healthy and active in a fun environment.



Ulster Youth League Rugby Finals

The Ulster Youth League Rugby finals were held here at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena. There were 3 finals held on Saturday 23rd March 2019 for the under 14s, under 16s and under 18s. All 3 games were well supported with over 600 people coming to spectate.



Soccer Coaching Awards

On Sunday 24th February, Sunday 3rd and 10th March the IFA ran a very successful coaching award to get local people qualified to coach grassroots football here at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena for local clubs.



AFL

Mid Ulster Sports Arena hosted its first ever Australian Rules open day. The event was held by The Belfast Redbacks Australian Rules Football Club and Portadown Power men's and ladies teams that offered coaching, fun games, drills and skills tests on the day for men and women of all abilities. The AFL hope to start a team here at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena this summer. We have been working closely with the new club and we will be providing the first proper oval pitch in the province for Australian Rules football.



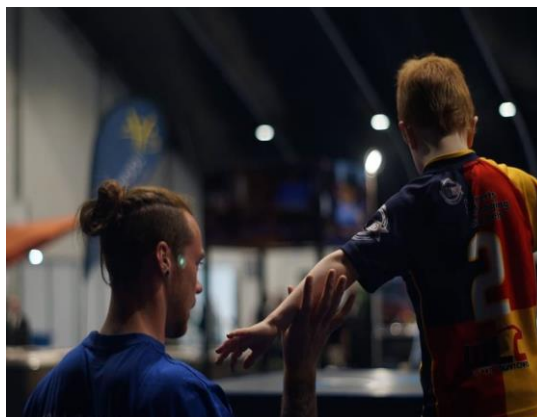
Six a-side soccer league

The new six a-side league has been a great success with 10 teams entering the first time the event has run. This competition is run by MUSA and provides teams with a referee for all their games. We hope to expand on this in the autumn and take the tournament to a 16 team competition played over 2 nights a week over an eight week period.



JumpNI

JumpNI brought Parkour for the first time to the Mid Ulster Sports Arena. The activity teaches kids the ability of moving rapidly through an area negotiating obstacles by running, jumping, and climbing. It was a very popular event with children.



Usage figures were good for the period. Following a slow start in January usage began to pick up towards the end of January and continued to rise through February and March. The low figures in January could be attributed to the bad weather and having to call off several matches and training sessions during the month.

Events During This Time Period

- Parkrun continues every Saturday morning at 9.30am (100 plus participants weekly)
- Mothers and Others takes place every Monday and Friday morning
- Mid Ulster Youth League 9 aside and 11 aside matches each Saturday
- National League matches on Pitch 1
- Ladies only circuits on Monday evenings
- Schools colour run
- Ulster rugby finals
- Couch to 5K Programme on Tuesday and Thursday evenings
- CYFC Development Centre – 200+ children
- 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
- High demand for Birthday Parties in the indoor 3G & Blue court
- Mid Ulster District Council & Tyrone GAA Primary School Winter Indoor Blitz
- Ulster Colleges Matches and Tournaments
- Ulster Colleges Camogie Tournament
- Ulster Camogie Blitze
- Tyrone Hurling Centre of Excellence
- Ulster Ladies GAA Matches

Fairhill Bowling Green

Facilities opened on the 6th April, with matches commencing on the 13th. All bookings and supervision of the pavilion, bowling rinks and tennis has moved to MUSA. We have been approached by the general public for the opportunity to avail of the seasonal tickets, which has now been accommodated.

Over the last few weeks there has been some increase in anti-social behaviour again. Police have been informed and a request for CCTV has been received. The clubs had to make a “999” call on the 31st May due to a group of youths throwing stone over the perimeter hedging during play (police couldn’t attend on the evening). Fortunately, no club members were hurt.

Meadowbank Sports Arena

Spring Programme April – June 2019

As with the seasonal nature of Meadowbank there has been a decrease in the number of pitch bookings due to the lighter evenings and clubs returning to their own facilities. On a more positive note there has been a number of big events that have taken place and the normal burst of School Sports Days and Fun Days at this time of year. The main bookings of note have been the Local Council Elections and European Elections that chose Meadowbank as their Count Centre. This led to a lot of Media exposure, footfall and income for the Arena.

Special Events April - June 2019

- Ulster GAA Gaelic Blitz Wed 3rd April – 200 Kids
- Ulster Camogie Blitz Sat 6th April 2019 – 400 Kids
- Ulster GAA Gaelic Blitz Wed 10th April – 250 Kids
- Cuchulainn Cup project Gaelic Blitz Wed 10th April – 250 Kids
- Boys Brigade Soccer Tournament Sat 13th April – 70 Kids
- Sky Blues Soccer Tournament Sun 14th April – 400 Kids
- Schools Ladies Gaelic Blitz Wed 17th April – 250 Ladies
- Ulster Rugby Junior Men 7's Tournament 30th April – 200 Players
- Ulster Camogie Blitz Sat 11th May – 100 Kids
- Sky Blues Soccer Tournament Sat 14th May – 250 Kids
- Primary Schools Athletics Competition Thurs 16th May – 200 Kids
- Free Presbyterian Church Fun Evening 29th May – 150 Kids/Adults
- Spires Integrated P.S. Sports Day Fri 31st May – 200 Kids
- CFM (Combined Facilities Management) Soccer Tournament Fri 31st May – 60 Players
- Gaelscoil School Sports Day Mon 3rd June – 100 Kids
- Kilcronaghan Mission Group Fun day Mon 3rd – Thur 6th June - 150 Kids/Adults per night
- Kilross P.S. Sports Day Fri 7th June – 100 Kids
- Sky Blues Soccer Tournament Sat 8th June – 80 Kids
- Northern/NW Ladies Cricket match Sun 9th June – 50 Players
- Holy Family Schools Sports Day Tue 10th June – 250 Kids
- Local Council Elections Fri 3rd May – 400 People
- European Elections Mon 27th May – 1000 People

Upcoming Events

- Woods P.S. Sports Day Wed 12th June
- Fit For Life Fun Day Thur 13th June
- Annahorish P.S. Fri 14th June
- Holy Family/St Mary's Fit For Life Fun Day Tue 18th June
- Vocational Schools Athletics Competition
- Holy Family P.S. Key Stage 1 Sports Day Fri 21st June
- Sky Blues Soccer Tournament Sat 22nd June
- Kilronan School Sports Day Mon 24th June
- Ballylifford P.S. Sports Day Tue 25th June
- St Mary's Grammar School Fun Day Wed 26th June

There were 38 Birthday Parties booked between April – June.

9 Local Primary Schools have signed up again for Meadowbanks Fit for Life Programme

The Mid Ulster Swim Academy started its second block on the 1st April 2019 with a total of 1181 swimmers registered on the scheme. With the scheme running for 13 weeks we hope to see all participants' progress and hopefully pass the level they are at and move into the next.

Private Lessons

Another term of private lessons commenced on the 29th April. These lessons are as ever popular with the general public with 60 hours of 1-1 lessons provided and 6 hours of 2-1 lessons. These lessons are perfect for people who want that little extra attention from the teacher so that they can progress further and focus on certain areas that they feel they are lacking in.

Rookies and Lifesaving

Rookies – 20 participants

The second Rookie course of the year kicked off in April and was well attended with 20 participants. With a mixture of dry work, where they learn first aid and CPR and water work, where they learn lifesaving skills, this is a stepping stone for young kids before they enrol on our NPLQ course.

Survive and Save – 5 participants

The second Survive and Save course of the year kicked off in January and was well attended with 9 participants. With a mixture of dry work, where they learn first aid and CPR and water work, where they learn lifesaving skills, this is a stepping stone for young kids before they enrol on our NPLQ course.

Masters Swim Club

The third block of Masters started on the 13th May and ran for 8 weeks. We had 19 participants registered and paid. This course runs for 7 weeks and is aimed at the more experienced swimmers as well as people who take part in triathlons etc. The Club is focused on technique and drills that will improve their swimming capabilities. This is always a popular class on the pool timetable.

NPLQ

The second of our planned NPLQ courses ran from the 24th April for 5 consecutive days. With 6 people having booked and paid this is a great opportunity for people to gain access to the leisure industry and hopefully we will welcome them into employment in the near future.

The candidates were put through their paces and sat their exam on Sunday 28th April. This consisted of a written exam, practical exam and then their pool test. All 6 candidates passed the course and now will hopefully be able to go on and gain a job in the Leisure industry.



Adult beginners and Improvers

Our next block of adult lessons started on the 7th May

Beginners – 10 participants

Improvers – 11 participants

As always our adult lessons continue to be a hit with the public. These lessons are taken by Anthony McGill and Eoin McGeary and we have received nothing but positive feedback regarding what they teach. Both beginners and improvers are constantly pushed and the progress can be clearly seen at the end of the block.

Talent spotting

Charlie Morriss, a member of Mid Ulster Swim Club and Greenvale Leisure Centre swam a new PB in 50m Freestyle at the recent Ulster Championships in Bangor. Charlie's time of 30.46, qualifies him for the Irish Division 1 Nationals. That's now 50m Free and 100m Breaststroke.



Pool Bookings

Ballymena Swim Club – Every Sunday and Monday (On going booking)

Swim Ulster – Every Sunday (On going booking) = 60 swimmers

Every Wednesday (On going booking) = 24 swimmers

With the closure of Dungannon Leisure Centre we were able to welcome Dungannon Swim Club to the centre to use the pool facilities. They booked 2 x lanes every Friday night. Great to see other clubs making use of the great facilities here at Greenvale.

We also welcome Tullylagan Pony Club to the centre for the first time. They have a number of tetrathlons (run/swim/shoot/cross country on pony) in May and June, and their championship is on 14th July. We have been able to support their progress in the pool.

Mid Ulster Swim Academy

With the current 13 week block running up to the start of July we see another term come to a finish with great success. All kids have enjoyed the 13 weeks of lessons and with a great success rate throughout the scheme we see the benefits of the lessons coming to the fore front.

The next block of lessons commences on the 15th July after a 1 week break due to a holiday period within the council. We hope to see the current numbers not dropping too far even though it is the summer period.

Fitness Suite and Classes



NEW CLASS ALERT @GREENVALE

This class focuses on learning and improving techniques in Olympic and other related lifts. It will improve coordination, conditioning strength, posture and anaerobic CV fitness. The class will be split into 2 sessions with session 1 incorporating all the basic lifts which will be delivered and exercised in the following part of the class. Session 2 will be a stimulating circuit that will take the functional aspects of the training to the limit to challenge your inner warrior have must for any standard of customer want ting to learn technique!!

In line with customer feedback and industry trends Greenvale has procured and completed installing new equipment in our Fitness suite. This initiative was deemed a great hit and welcomed by our internal stakeholders and staff alike,

Assault Bikes



The Assault Air Bike is a great 'default to' exercise. If running or rowing is currently something you are unable to do due to injury, the Assault Air Bike is a great way to modify that movement in your workout

ERG Skiers



A workout on the SkiErg provides a true full-body workout that exercises the legs at least as hard as the upper body. The classic (alternating arms) ski technique uses fewer muscles than double-poling, and generally has less leg involvement, but it is an excellent ski-specific training for Nordic skiers.

6 Bay Rig



The Metal 6 bay free standing rig is 15 feet long by 6 feet wide. ... The 6 foot section provides multiple pull-up areas as well as the use of suspended training devices, like TRXs and gymnastic rings. Each Bay allow access for functional; exercise like squats, bench press, thrusters and Push Press

GREENVALE SHRED PROGRAM STARTING 13th MAY 2019

13th May - 21 June 2019, Mon, Wed & Fri 6.30am & Saturday 08.00am. The programme costs just £120, together with regular weigh-ins, nutritional advice and excellent functional training, it's a great way to get motivated and get in shape for summer!



GREENVALE SHRED PROGRAM RESULTS FOR 13th Feb 2019!

The weight loss results were amazing the fitness team at Greenvale are proud of the shredders as they have done extremely well!

Active Aging Group

Greenvale celebrated the 3rd annual birthday party for the over 50s Active Ageing Group on Wednesday 17th April 2019

There was a great turn out and everyone had a ball, the day started with a circuit session, followed by a finger buffet. Then to help burn of those extra carbs there was a swim, sauna and steam, followed by some casual badminton.

This group has gone from strength to strength with an average of 10 members on its first year to an average of 30 per week attending this year! This group is a great means of social networking and fitness exercise to achieve and develop normal daily functional. If you want to know more about the activity or are available on a Monday or Wednesday from 11.30 call in or give us a call for more info.



Greenvale Easter Kids Camp 24-26th April 2019

Easter Camp involves all the normal activities in GLC including dodgeball, swimming (over 8s only), play kingdom, multi sports, water polo, obstacle courses etc.

There were 100 children, aged 4 – 12yrs attending & enjoying the activities daily @ GLC.

Café Dolce/Parties @ Greenvale Leisure Centre

Over the last quarter the café has performed steadily. Food and coffee sales remain fairly consistent and it is always good to see customers returning on a weekly basis whether it be for a quiet coffee during the day or feeding the family after swimming lessons. The Easter camp was a success and the café provided food over the 3 days.

Service

Coming into the summer months it is a time for us to look at our food and drinks menus and see where we could offer more choice for our customers.

This summer we believe we should focus/promote the smoothies and iced coffees /teas. We've offered these in previous summers but uptake has been low. We aim to market & promote Café Dolce this summer and will be liaising with the marketing department to guide us and steer us in the right direction to achieve this. We also need to look at the FOH display and see if we can better utilise the space we have.

We are looking at changing our menu to provide a lighter and healthier selection of foods for the warmer weather, increasing in the offerings of salads, pastas and baked potatoes moving into the summer.

Maghera Leisure Centre

Membership

Our £20/month membership continues to sell extremely well. We have retained our custom base and sales to new customers continue to increase.

Birthday Parties/School Bookings

Birthday parties are also very busy with almost every weekend slot booked out and our evening parties have become more popular too due to the weekend slots being already filled. We have also a number of schools booked for end of year trips.

Centre Based Classes and Activities April & May.

Maghera Leisure Centre released its biggest class program so far with 29 Classes (not including gymnastics). With the return of the old favourite classes and some new initiatives such as Pilates, customers are being challenged in different ways and we are catering for different levels of fitness. The over 50s club has also provided more opportunities to exercise and socialise for the less active customers. Our new Kids Spin & Kids Cardio classes adds younger users to our instructor lead programme.



Maghera 10k and 5k Road Races 2019

Almost 400 participants took part in Maghera 10K and 5k races 2019 supported by Mid Ulster District Council and sponsored by Kelly's Eurospar and Qualivend took place on Tuesday, 21 May.

This was an extremely enjoyable and fun occasion, which brought Maghera to life attracting serious athletes and fun runners, all completing the course safely in almost perfect conditions.



6-week Body Shred Programme.

Following on from previous Shred programmes with some clients losing up to 10lb We organised a pre summer Shred in April 2019

Programme consisted of 3 weekly group gym sessions each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.30am, combined with regular weigh-ins and nutritional advice to help you achieve your goals 6 week membership to use our Gym, Health Suite and all our Centre based classes is also included!! The Programme costs £120 per person.



Easter Bootcamp 2019

We organised and ran our annual Easter Bootcamp in April with the numbers at these classes continuing to rise every year.

Gymnastics.

Registration for our 7 week Gymnastics classes took place at end of March to middle of May 2019. Our customers had the option of booking online or at reception and has proven to be as popular as ever, with all 6 classes fully booked.



Outdoor Pitches

Soccer pitches have been booked weekly as leagues conclude and end of season matches are organised/booked. Cahore Gaelic pitch bookings are beginning to increase as the GAA season begins.

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.
- Floral Art.
- Womens Institute.
- Gardening Group.
- Club Oige Luraigh.
- Derry GAA Special Needs
- Glen Gac
- Slaughtneil Gac
- St Patricks College Maghera
- Day Centre Maghera
- Over 50s Club

