



15 February 2018

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 Thursday, 15 February 2018 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill  
Chief Executive

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## AGENDA

### OPEN BUSINESS

1. Apologies
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Matters for Decision

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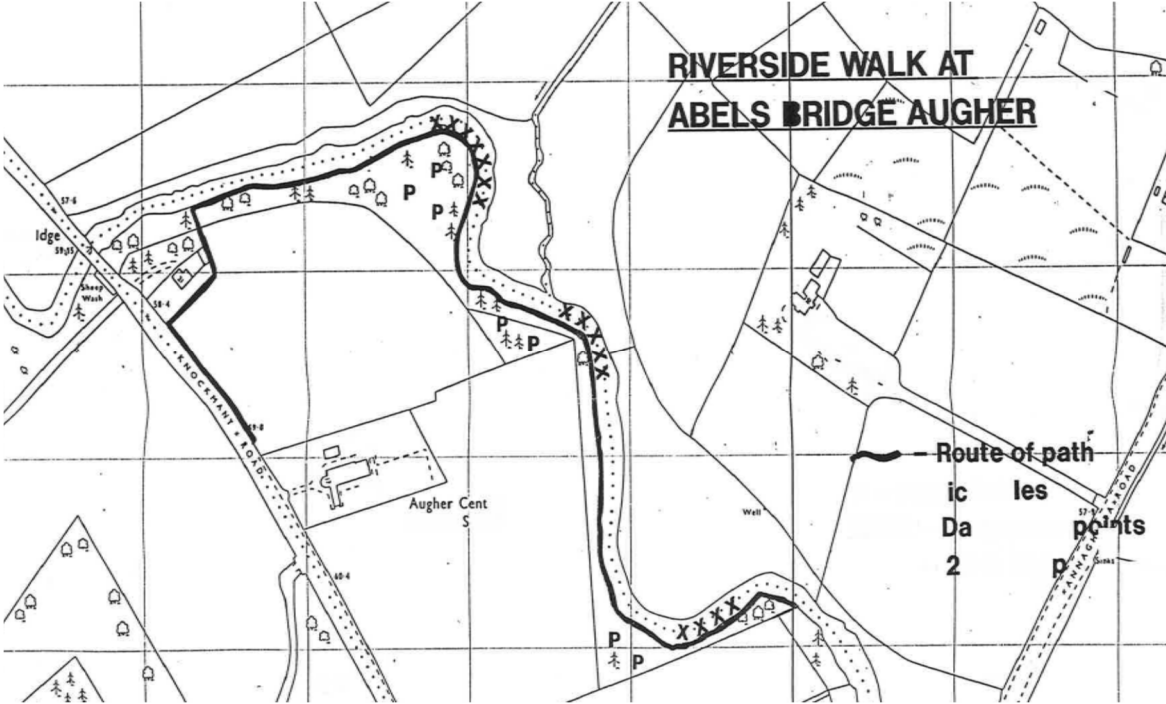
Matters for Information

20. Development Committee Confidential Minutes of meeting held on 10 January 2018

<b>Report on</b>	Augher Riverside Walk Permissive Path Agreement
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Head of Parks
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Nigel Hill

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Council seeks to formalise and approve the creation of permissive path agreements to facilitate public access along the Blackwater, Augher Riverside Path.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Dungannon District Council originally developed Augher, Abels Bridge Riverside Walk for recreational use and to facilitate an off-road link to the village for visitors to the Clogher Valley Show. On completion of this project, ownership and maintenance responsibilities transferred to named trustees on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 1993. With the passing of time, the remaining trustees have recently indicated that they are no longer in a position to fulfil this commitment. In order to protect future public access council will have to consider the creation of new access agreements with the current landowners.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>

3.1	<p>Council approval is sought to enter into negotiations with identified landowners with the objective to create new public access agreements for approximately one kilometre of public path. These agreements will be developed on the basis of standard Permissive Public Path Agreements. This approach will permit Council to exercise its functions in relation to access to the countryside, health &amp; wellbeing objectives and natural environment tourism. Council will indemnify landowners in relation to public use of the paths and agree to maintain and promote as part of a community trails network.</p>  <p>It is proposed that Permissive Path Agreements are created between Mid Ulster District Council and contributing landowners to facilitate public access from Vias Bridge, Annaghilla Road to Abels Bridge, Knockmany Road.</p>
4.0	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial: Annual Parks Service budget cost of £3,500 for grass cutting and general maintenance allocation for countryside Access.</p> <p>Human: Existing staff resources sufficient to coordinate project support.</p>
4.2	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>Protection of shared opportunities for public/community access to the countryside.</p>
4.3	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>Monitored and managed in accordance with council's operational risk assessment systems and procedures.</p>

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Council approval is sought to enter into negotiations with identified landowners with the objective to create and agree terms for new public access agreements for approximately one kilometre of public path. These agreements will be developed on the basis of standard Permissive Public Path Agreements.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	None



<b>Report on</b>	Grant of Access at Portglenone Angling Facility
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Head of Parks
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Nigel Hill

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Seek approval to establish partnership arrangements between Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation UCFF and Mid Ulster District Council in relation to operational effectiveness of Portglenone Angling Amenity.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Annually, Mid Ulster Council District Council facilitate all forms of angling at Portglenone angling facility. The facility is at its busiest during the winter months when the Bann holds large stocks of Roach and Rudd. During this period, weekly league and club matches are a common occurrence, attracting groups of up to twenty anglers. Council currently facilitate access, requiring an ongoing and considerable casual staff resource. Parks Service reviewed the existing provision and in conjunction with UCFF wish to establish a new arrangement that has the capacity to introduce greater flexibility and reduce associated cost to the service.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>Following consultation with the Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation (UCFF), the Council's Parks function are proposing to facilitate organised league / club events on the Bann by introducing a partnership and key holder agreement with the UCFF for the Portglenone Angling Facility.</p> <p>Key systems will be provided to the Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation, the Lower Bann Angling Club and the East Belfast Angling Club, these clubs and their members represent the majority of organised angling at the facility.</p> <p>Working in partnership with these angling organisations will afford Parks function the opportunity to manage costs associated to the facility and develop a closer relationship with user groups and identified stakeholders associated to angling activities.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
	<b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b>
4.1	<p>Financial: Parks Service annual budget allocation saving of £1,322.40 per annum.</p> <p>Human: Existing staff resources sufficient to coordinate project.</p>

<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>  Greater flexibility in relation to access to angling facilities. Closer partnership with user groups.
<b>4.3</b>	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>  Monitored and managed in accordance with council's operational risk assessment systems and procedures.
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Recommendation(s)</u></b>
	Seek approval to establish partnership arrangements between Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation UCFF and Mid Ulster District Council in relation to operational effectiveness of Portglenone Angling Amenity.
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>Documents Attached &amp; References</u></b>
	Appendix 1 Letter of request from the Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation (UCFF).





13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

4 Stirling Road,  
Belfast BT6 9LX

### **Mid Ulster Council Angling Facility at Portglengone**

Dear Paul,

Further to our recent conversation I would like to investigate the option for designated members of the Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation becoming keyholders for the venue.

I am of the opinion that the venue does not need to be opened for one or two ad-hoc anglers for whom there are ample pegs within walking distance of the car park to fish. My suggestion is that as the main users of the facility myself and Derek Buckley along with one other member of the Lower Bann Coarse Angling Association become key holders responsible for the opening and closing of the venue for our events and league matches. In the interest of Health & Safety and potential lock-in's, as have occurred in the past, we believe this is a suitable way forward.

We would be happy to take this responsibility to ease the labour-intensive service the council currently offer in opening and closing the venue. Any key provided would however need to be one that could not be copied.

Yours Sincerely,

John Taggart  
Secretary – Ulster Coarse Fishing Federation, UCFF  
Tel: 07891516677  
[www.ncffi.ie](http://www.ncffi.ie)



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<b>Report on</b>	Sports Representatives Grants Allocations
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Liam Glavin Claire Linney
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Eunan Murray

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To present to members the proposed Grant allocations for the range of Sports Representative Grants.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Sports Representative Grants (Individual and Team) is a continuous rolling programme.
2.2	Eligibility criteria compliance was completed by officers followed by grant programme assessment.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	Detailed analysis of the proposed grant awards are attached for your information.
3.2	The summary details are as follows: The Sports Representative Grant:  Two Individuals applications were received and were awarded a total of £375.00
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<b><u>Financial Implications</u></b>  The total finance allocated for the Sports Representative Grant awards is £375.00  This is a continuous rolling programme with a budget of £30,000. The current allocation for 17/18 is £14,083 leaving £13,708 for the remainder of this calendar year.
4.2	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>  N/A

4.3	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b> N/A
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That members agree the recommendation for Sports Representatives Grant allocations.
6.0	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix 1 – Sports Representative Grants Breakdown.

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
Kyla Bowman	Netball World Qualifiers	£150	3	£150.00
Jack Eakin	Great Britain & Irish Gymnast	£250	2	£225.00
Total				<b>£375.00</b>

<b>Band</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	<b>£250.00</b>
2	<b>£225.00</b>
3	<b>£200.00</b>
4	<b>£175.00</b>
5	<b>£150.00</b>



<b>Report on</b>	Outdoor Recreation NI request for funding for the continuation of the MountainBikeNI consortium.
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Liam Glavin, Head of Leisure
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Liam Glavin, Head of Leisure

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To report on and seek a decision on continuing support for the financial year 2018/19 for the Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland - led consortium of Councils with Mountain Biking facilities subject to agreement on budgets for next year.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	As previously reported Belfast CC (BCC), Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC), Newry, Mourne and Down DC (NMDC) and Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI) are involved in a consortium to market Northern Ireland Mountain Bike facilities. There is a MountainBikeNI brand and website and a Mountain Biking Marketing Officer is employed by ORNI.
2.2	The consortium tendered a sponsorship opportunity which was won by Chain Reaction Cycles (CRC) to finish in March 2018. CRC contributed £15,000 per annum. This historically, along with contributions from consortium Councils, has been used to employ the Mountain Biking Marketing Officer who works on behalf of all consortium Councils.
2.3	Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) are again requesting funding from all previous consortium Councils to continue on with the MountainBike NI website, to continue to employ the Mountain Biking Marketing Officer for the year 2018/19 and for various promotional campaigns. (Please see Appendix 1 for ORNI's full proposal.)
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Mountain Biking Marketing Officer</b></p> <p>The Mountain Biking Marketing Officer delivers the key functions of the MountainBikeNI Consortium, in order to continue to promote Northern Ireland as a 'next must visit mountain bike destination' via website management, digital marketing, campaigns, experiential development and clustering, events and PR. The post ensures continuous liaison with local businesses and stakeholders to ensure market opportunities are capitalised upon and also provides ongoing liaison with consortium partners and sponsors to ensure a collaborative approach providing mutual benefits.</p>

	<p>The cost to all consortium councils for 2018/19 including sponsorship is proposed as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td> <b>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</b>  Rostrevor Trails (National Trail)  Castlewellan (National Trail) </td><td>£21,666</td></tr> <tr> <td> <b>Mid Ulster District Council</b>  Davagh (National Trail)  Blessingbourne (Regional Trail) </td><td>£21,666 (includes £5k Sponsorship)</td></tr> <tr> <td> <b>Belfast City Council</b>  Barnetts Demesne (Regional Trail) </td><td>£5,000</td></tr> </table>	<b>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</b> Rostrevor Trails (National Trail) Castlewellan (National Trail)	£21,666	<b>Mid Ulster District Council</b> Davagh (National Trail) Blessingbourne (Regional Trail)	£21,666 (includes £5k Sponsorship)	<b>Belfast City Council</b> Barnetts Demesne (Regional Trail)	£5,000
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<b>Belfast City Council</b> Barnetts Demesne (Regional Trail)	£5,000						
3.2	<p><b>Sponsorship Opportunity</b></p> <p>The existing sponsorship arrangement with CRC terminates at the end of March 2018. ORNI are proposing that the contract be retendered before the start of the financial year 2018/19 and are assuming similar sponsorship levels to that achieved previously.</p>						
3.3	<p><b>Additional Support</b></p> <p>Additional Support from each consortium Council is also requested for advertising campaigns in the year 2018/19.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Davagh/Blessingbourne Advertising Campaign</td><td>£8,575</td></tr> </table> <p>Each Council can decide to take part in these Campaigns or not as they see fit. (See Appendix 2 for Campaign Overview Report for 2017/18).</p>	Davagh/Blessingbourne Advertising Campaign	£8,575				
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4.0	<b>Other Considerations</b>						
4.1	<p><b><u>Financial Implications</u></b></p> <p>The above costs are within proposed Leisure and Tourism budgets for the year 2018/19 subject to agreement on budgets for next year.</p>						
4.2	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>						
4.3	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>						



<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That MUDC agree to contribute £16,666 to the MountainBikeNI consortium, subject to agreement on budgets for next year and subject to all other consortium Councils contributing. This will employ a Mountain Bike Marketing Officer for 2018/19 only and that the workings of the consortium will be reviewed for the following year.
5.2	That MUDC agree to proceed with the advertising campaigns costing £8,575 over 2018/19 only again subject to agreement on budgets for next year and to Officers being satisfied with the value of the campaigns.
5.3	That MUDC agree that ORNI retender the sponsorship contract to be in place from April 2018 for one year with a possible extension of another year.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1: ORNI's Proposal for the Delivery of the MountainBikeNI Consortium 2018/19
6.2	Appendix 2: Campaign Overview 2017/18



## **Proposal for the delivery of the MountainBikeNI Consortium 2018 – 2019**

### **January 2018**

Outdoor Recreation NI has prepared this proposal in order to request support from trail managing Councils for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

This proposal outlines:

1. Overview of Outputs
2. Added value gained from adopting a consortium approach
3. Proposal for 2018 / 2019

## 1. Overview of Outputs:

Outdoor Recreation NI will continue to assign staff resources to the MountainBikeNI Consortium in order to continue to promote Northern Ireland as a 'must visit mountain bike destination'.

Whilst promotion will take place under the MountainBikeNI umbrella brand each destination will be clearly differentiated within marketing activity.

The focus of marketing activity will be within Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in order to deliver on key objectives:

- Increase number of visits within each trail centre
- Increase the engagement of mountain bikers with the local economy i.e. increase economic impact

Partner	MUDC	NMDDC	BCC
Partner Support	£16,666	£11,666	£5,000
Sponsorship Contribution	£5,000	£10,000	0
Partner Total	£21,666	£21,666	£5,000
% of Delivery Capacity	45%	45%	10%
<b>Fundamental Outputs</b>			
Mountain Bike NI Consortium	✓	✓	✓
MountainBikeNI.com Website	✓	✓	✓
Customer Interaction	✓	✓	✓
<b>Trail Centre Specific Outputs</b>			
Trail Cards E-commerce	✓	✓	x
Mountain Bike NI Trails Team (Volunteer Ranger Scheme)	✓	✓	✓
Sponsorship Liaison	✓	✓	x
<b>Marketing Outputs</b>			
NI Marketing via MTBNI Channels	✓	✓	✓
NI Marketing Campaigns	✓ (£2075)	x	x
ROI Marketing Campaigns	✓ (£6500)	✓ (£6500)	x
Destination Support / Business Upskilling	✓	✓	x

In addition, and at no further cost to partners, ORNI will take the strategic lead on:

- MTB Research
- Revision of Mountain Bike Strategy for Northern Ireland

## **A. Fundamental Outputs**

### **A.1. MountainBikeNI Consortium**

- Act as the Secretariat for the MountainBikeNI Consortium - minimum of 2 meetings per annum
- Agree meeting dates, venue, agenda and circulate minutes
- Prepare and agree annual work programme and provide a progress report on a quarterly basis

### **A.2. MountainBikeNI.com Website**

- Manage and maintain the MountainBikeNI.com website including:
  - All Trail Centres
    - Manage Trail Centre Profile including event calendar in liaison with trail managers
    - Update of Trail Conditions (diversions, closures etc) as required in liaison with trail managers
  - National Trail Centres Only
    - Annual update of downloadable online destination guides
    - Proactive liaison with local tourism service providers (accommodation and eatery) to ensure their web profiles are targeted to the mountain bike market and offers are available in line with campaigns
- Continue to provide high quality and accurate information and content (as required) for Tourism Northern Ireland's consumer website DiscoverNorthernIreland.com
- Provide accurate information and content (as required) for councils' tourism websites
- Proactive Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) to ensure competitive Google Ranking for key terms in both Great Britain (GB) and Republic of Ireland (ROI) markets

### **A.3. Customer Interaction**

- Deal with customer enquiries via telephone, email and social media in a timely manner

## **B. Trail Centre Specific Outputs**

### **B.1. Trail Cards**

- Manage and maintain the e-commerce platform within MountainBikeNI.com
- Proactively engage with tourism service providers and relevant retail outlets to encourage stocking and sale of trail cards
- Facilitate any reprint / redesign of trail cards<sup>1</sup>
- Provide quarterly report of trail card sales within overall work programme report

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<sup>1</sup> Additional budget will be required for trail card design and print costs

## **B.2. MountainBikeNI Trails Team (Volunteer Ranger Scheme)<sup>2</sup>**

- Lead the recruitment of MTB volunteers and manage database
- Communicate dates of maintenance days and allocate volunteers
- Manage MountainBikeNI Trails Team Facebook Group
- Proactively publicise the work of the MountainBikeNI Trails Team
- Organise a training and reward programme in conjunction with the trail sponsor

## **B.3. Sponsorship Liaison**

- In partnership with National Trail Centre managing councils recruit a title sponsor for MountainBikeNI.com and the National Trail Centres
- Agree annual support programme with sponsors and act as key liaison to maximise benefits of both parties
- Manage the ongoing relationship with the sponsor

## **C. Marketing Outputs**

### **C.1. NI Marketing via MTBNI Channels**

- Increase awareness levels, visitation and spend from NI based Mountain bikers via:
  - Design and implementation of the annual content, social media and e-marketing plan against key segments and trigger points
  - Create and circulate positive media stories to local and NI media re mountain biking and events, ensuring prominent destination / local authority message (as appropriate)

### **C.2. NI Marketing Campaigns – MUDC Only**

- Increase awareness levels, visitation and spend from NI based Mountain bikers through the further enhancement of activities under C.1 via:
  - Delivery of a targeted campaign activity (within budget – proposed £2075) to include editorial, advertorial, advertising (online / offline bundles), advocacy, PR FAM Trips

### **C.3. ROI Marketing Campaigns**

- Increase awareness levels, visitation and spend from ROI based Mountain bikers via:
  - Delivery of a targeted campaign activity (within budget – proposed £13,000) to include editorial, advertorial, advertising (online / offline bundles), advocacy, PR FAM Trips

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<sup>2</sup> Council partners to deliver maintenance days including provision of lunch

#### **C.4. Destination Support and Business Upskilling**

- **Business Upskilling:**
  - Support Council workshops for local tourism service providers
  - Proactive engagement with local tourism service providers (accommodation, eateries and activity providers) to ensure:
    - their offering is targeted to the mountain bike market i.e. 'MTB Friendly'
    - innovative offers are available in line with campaigns
    - increased awareness of MTB product offering within their destination
  - Deliver on-line toolkit for local tourism service providers including visitor profiles and requirements, product and service advice, marketing recommendations / opportunities and best practice benchmarking
  - Distribution of two e-newsletters to relevant stakeholders re marketing campaign updates, promotional opportunities and support
- **Destination Support:**
  - Provide support to Council Tourism teams to accurately incorporate the promotion of mountain biking within a wider tourism offering

#### **D. MTB Research**

- Conduct on-line surveys with local businesses to establish a barometer relating to economic impact
- Proactively liaise with Tourism Northern Ireland to gain detailed understanding of methodology utilised within Mountain Bike Northern Ireland Research Study
  - Utilise learnings to identify requirements for ongoing comparable research relating to economic impact
  - Conduct primary research and analysis to provide an update on research findings relating to economic impact (Budget Dependent)

#### **E. MTB Strategy**

- The Mountain Bike Strategy for Northern Ireland 2014-2024 identified the requirement for formal review pending research findings
- ORNI will proactive liaise with key stakeholders to agree a revised Strategy to reflect:
  - Tourism NI – Mountain Bike Northern Ireland Research Study
  - Department for Economy – Tourism Strategy (pending release)
  - Local authority – Community Plans, Tourism Strategy / Action Plans, Recreation Strategy / Action Plans
  - Sport NI – Sport and Physical Activity Participation Study

## 2. Added value gained from adopting a consortium approach

Outdoor Recreation NI is able to provide the following added value to those councils supporting the MountainBikeNI Consortium:

### Consortium Approach

A consortium approach provides the following benefits:

- **Economies of scale** in campaign costs, project costs such as MTB Research
- The ability to **cross sell** between trail centres i.e. consumers interested in or visiting the Mourne based trails will learn about the Davagh Trails and vice versa
- A greater potential to attract (via tender) a **sponsor**
- **Improved brand, destination and product recognition**

### Marketing Foundation

The following marketing foundation is already in place – reducing the need for supporting councils to further invest elsewhere:

- MountainBikeNI.com website
- E-marketing Database of 13,551
- Social media following of 23,777 (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Strong relationship with MTB journalists demonstrated by generation of PR worth an equivalent advertising value of £1.3 million since April 2013

### Expertise & Knowledge

Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland is a not-for-profit organisation whose role is to develop, manage and promote outdoor recreation across Northern Ireland therefore those councils supporting the consortium benefit from its significant expertise and knowledge.

- Product knowledge gained from:
  - proactive campaigning for 10+ years for the development of mountain biking in Northern Ireland
  - driving the development of Rostrevor, Castlewellan, Blessingbourne, Castle Ward and Barnett Demesne Mountain Bike Trails
- Visitor Safety knowledge gained from:
  - membership of Visitor Safety in the Countryside Group (VSCG)
  - staff training investment including VSCG and other relevant workshops
- Mountain bike market knowledge gained from proactive:
  - benchmarking from competitor destinations
  - engagement with UK and ROI wide industry experts
  - staff training investment including learning journeys and industry conferences
- Marketing expertise gained from:
  - 9+ years of proactively promoting outdoor recreation / activity tourism in Northern Ireland via Outdoor Recreation NI platforms such as OutdoorNI.com. WalkNI.com
  - 9+ years delivering activity tourism marketing outputs for Tourism Northern Ireland



### 3. Proposal 2018 / 2019

#### Delivery of Outputs

Partner	MUDC / £	NMDDC / £	BCC / £
Partner Support	16,666	11,666	5,000
Sponsorship Contribution	5,000	10,000	0
Partner Total	21,666	21,666	5,000
% of Delivery Capacity	45%	45%	10%

#### Campaigns

Source	Amount / £	% of campaign delivery
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	6,500	43%
Mid Ulster District Council	8,575	57%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,075</b>	<b>100%</b>



# MOUNTAINBIKENI CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

## 2017 / 2018





# SUMMER 2017 MARKETING CAMPAIGN



# CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVE

RAISE AWARENESS OF THE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS AT DAVAGH FOREST AND BLESSINGBOURNE ESTATE AMONGST NORTHERN IRISH MOUNTAIN BIKERS.

# CAMPAIGN BUDGET

DAVAGH FOREST TRAILS MID-ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL	£1,245 (60%)
BLESSINGBOURNE ESTATE TRAILS MID-ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL	£830 (40%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,075</b>



# DAVAGH FOREST

TRAILS

GETTING THERE

BIKE HIRE

TUITION & GUIDING

EVENTS

WHERE TO STAY

WHERE TO EAT

SEARCH TRAILS

## OVERVIEW

Davagh Forest lies in an untouched rural landscape of rolling hills and sweeping forests.

Located approximately 6 miles north west of Cookstown, Davagh Forest offers gentle mountain biking and walking trails as well as an impressive 16km red trail with some rock slab drops you will never forget!

The Davagh Forest Trails are a Mid Ulster District Council Facility.

[ORDER YOUR TRAIL CARD HERE](#)


Check out [#DavaghRocks](#) photos on Instagram


Download [DavaghNav](#) from your Apple or Android App Store for GPS Activated Navigation


## TRAILHEAD FACILITIES

 Changing Facilities

 Bike Hire

 Car Parking

 Toilets

 Bike Wash

## TRAIL CENTRE CONDITIONS

**Trail Ranger Update: 05/01/18**

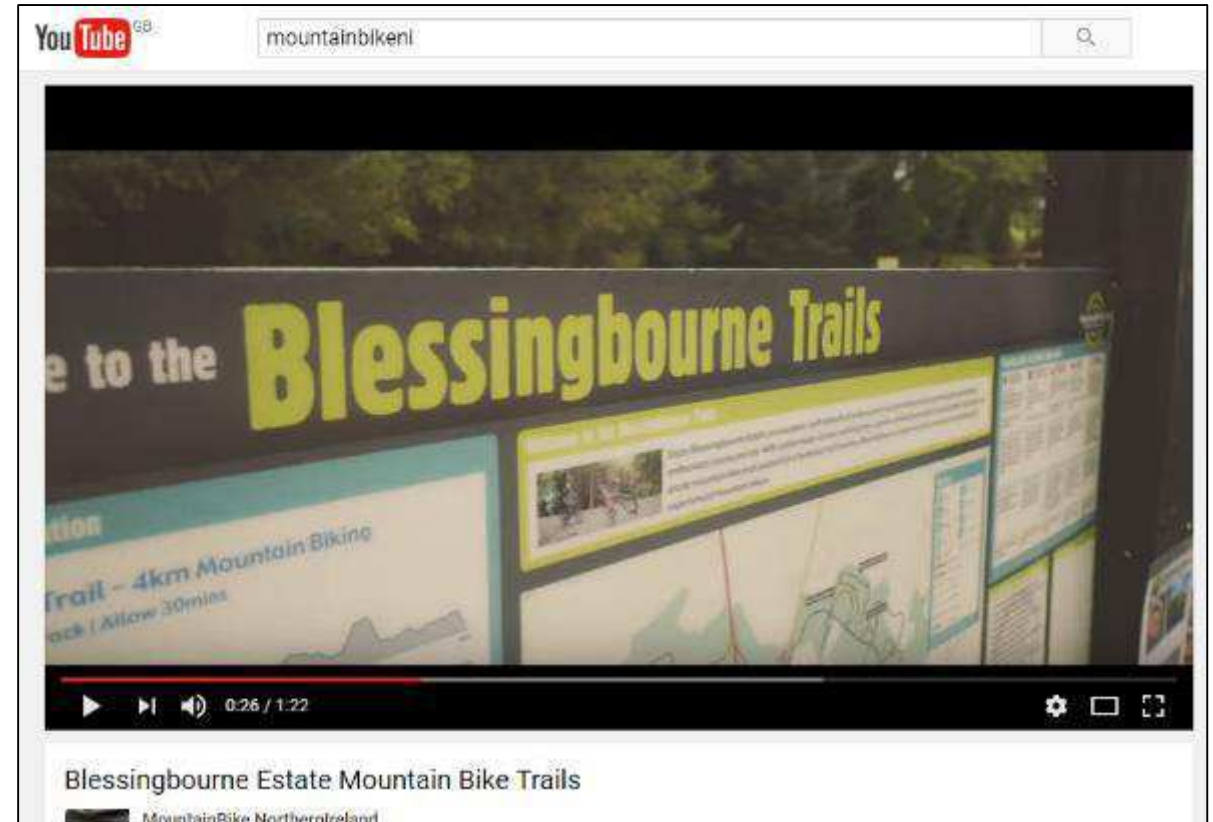
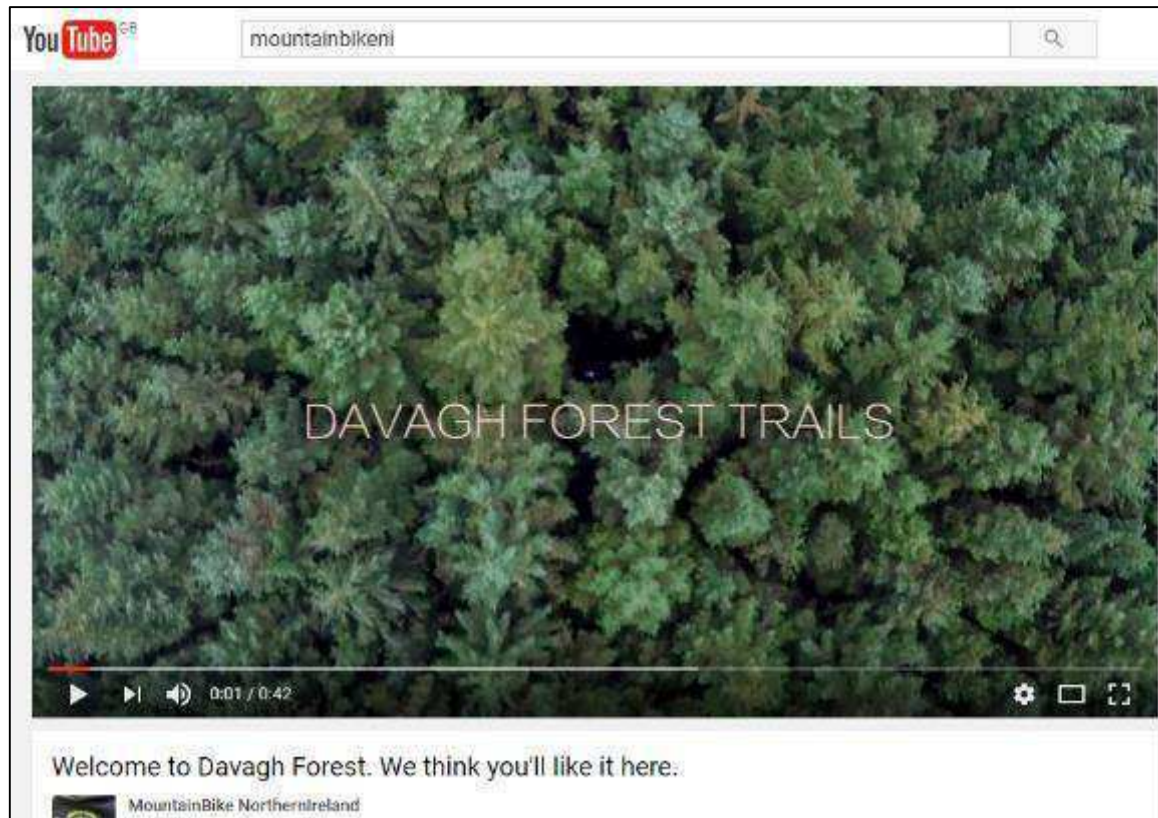
Following a brief closure due to Storm Eleanor, all fallen trees have been cleared and the trails have been reopened.

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[Blessingbourne](#) - located just outside Fivemiletown in Co. Tyrone - is perfect for mountain bikers, families and couples for a weekend break. The Estate boasts over 12km of red and blue trails, a pump track, miles of walking trails, a play park and much more.

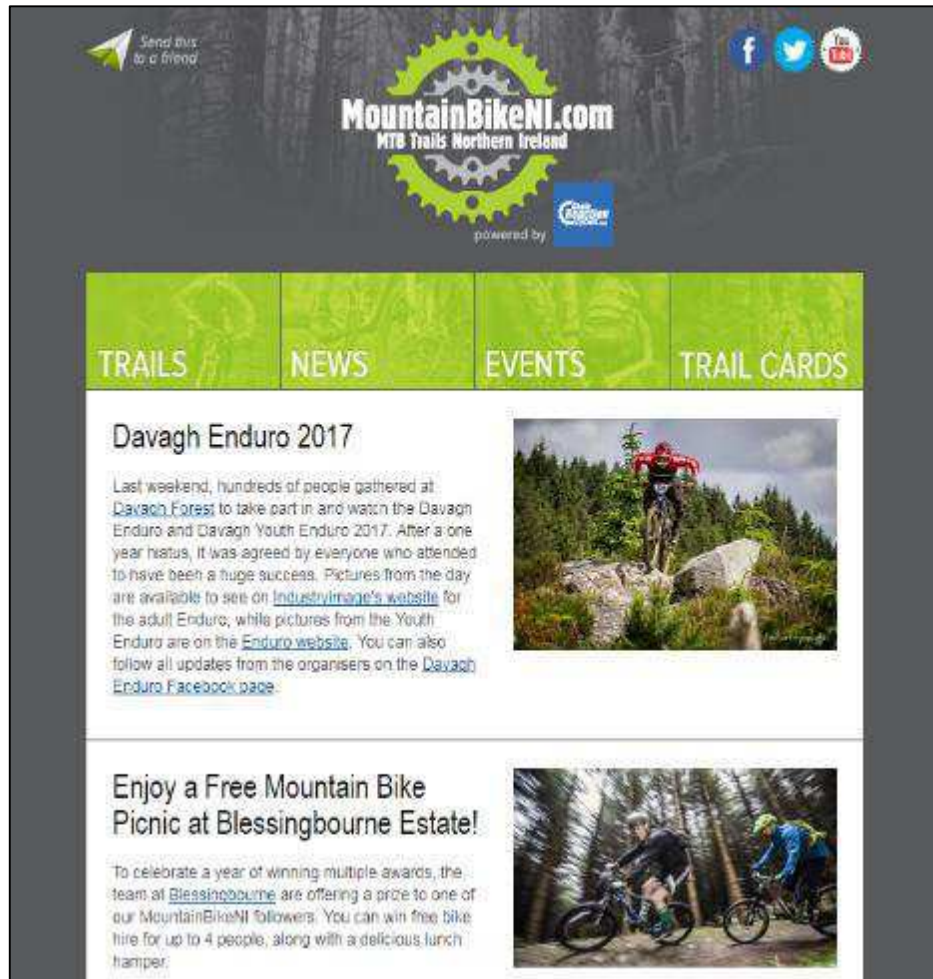
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## Former Irish Downhill Champion Visits Davagh and Blessingbourne

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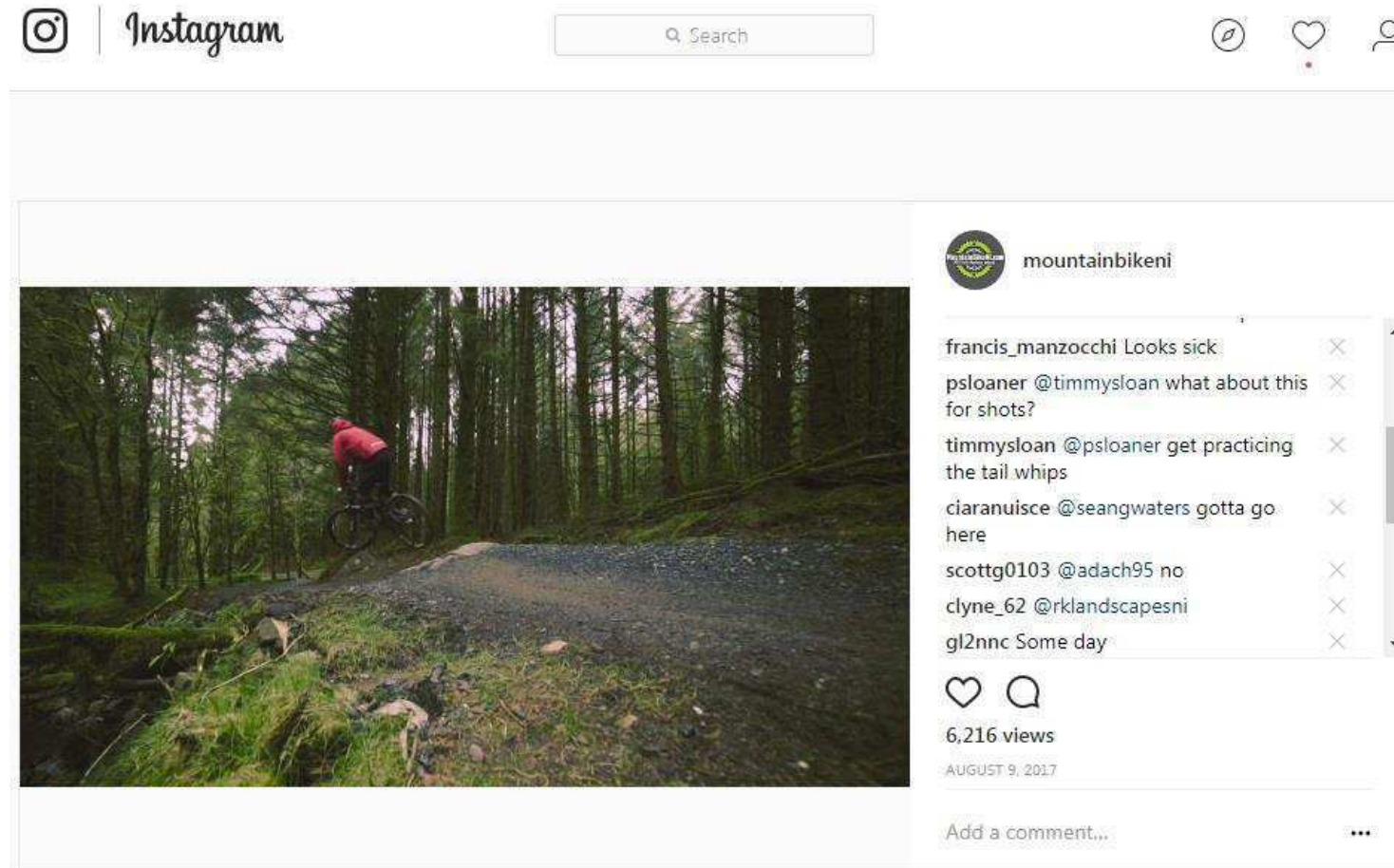
Newry-based mountain biking legend Glyn O'Brien and fellow adventurer wife Catherine took a trip west to Blessingbourne Estate and Davagh Forest recently to visit the mountain bike trails on offer there.

[Blessingbourne Estate](#)

On a typically damp summer evening we made our way to the beautiful [Blessingbourne Estate](#) in Fivemiletown, Co. Tyrone.




# SOCIAL MEDIA






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12km of great trails in the picturesque Clogher Valley, Blessingbourne Estate has something for all the family to love.



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## SUMMER 2017 CAMPAIGN RESULTS



**30,000** VIDEO VIEWS

**21k** VIDEO VIEWS OF DAVAGH FOREST

**9k** VIDEO VIEWS OF BLESSINGBOURNE ESTATE



**+279%** WEBSITE SESSIONS

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# AUTUMN 2017 MARKETING CAMPAIGN



# CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVE

CONTINUE TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE NATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS AMONGST MOUNTAIN BIKERS IN ROI.

# CAMPAIGN BUDGET

CASTLEWELLAN MTB TRAILS NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL	£1,650
ROSTREVOR MTB TRAILS NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL	£1,650
DAVAGH FOREST TRAILS MID-ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL	£1,650
TOTAL	£4,950

# GEO – TARGETED ADVERTISING

The screenshot displays the MountainBikeNI website with a prominent banner for Northern Ireland mountain bike trails. The banner features three images: a rider on a rocky trail, two riders on a scenic overlook, and a rider on a forest trail. Below these images are the locations: DAVAGH FOREST, ROSTREVOR, and CASTLEWELLAN. The main text reads: "ALL MTB TRAILS WITHIN 2 HOURS DRIVE NORTHERN IRELAND IS WAITING FOR YOU". The MountainBikeNI logo and a "powered by" logo are also present.

**EPIC ROCK FEATURES**  
DAVAGH FOREST

**INCREDIBLE VIEWS**  
ROSTREVOR

**CASTLE, LAKES & TRAILS**  
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Every mountain in the British Isles

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## Davagh Night Enduro Returns

Ireland's only [Night Enduro](#) returns to [Davagh Forest](#) this Saturday 4th November, as one of the most anticipated events of the year. Kicking off at 1pm with the youth enduro, the adults race will begin between 6.30pm and 7pm. Riders will compete in three different categories; intermediate, sport and female, across 5 stages.

As part of their entry, entrants will receive a t-shirt, professionally printed number board, water and bananas during the event, chipped timing and all the other essentials that make a great enduro.

[Register now to take part in the Davagh Night Enduro.](#)


 DAVAGH  
NIGHT  
ENDURO

## The Legend of #BostonDon

The [Red Bull Foxhunt](#) at [Rostrevor Mountain Bike Trails](#) was epic for many reasons; the current DH World champ, [Loic Bruni](#) was there. Colin Ross continues to be the most popular man in attendance, despite the presence of world famous superstars like Rob Warner and Gee Atherton, and [Kelan Grant](#) had a blitzing win that left the competition for dead.

But for one man, this year's event was a life changing experience. 'BostonDon' (we're legally obliged to use that name) was the only American to take part in the race. Don had travelled - unsurprisingly - all the way from Boston to take part and was blown away by the experience.


[Check out our interview with him on MountainBikeNI.](#)



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## Davagh Enduro 2017

Last weekend, hundreds of people gathered at [Davagh Forest](#) to take part in and watch the Davagh Enduro and Davagh Youth Enduro 2017. After a one year hiatus, it was agreed by everyone who attended to have been a huge success. Pictures from the day are available to see on [Industryimage's website](#) for the adult Enduro, while pictures from the Youth Enduro are on the [Enduro website](#). You can also follow all updates from the organisers on the [Davagh Enduro Facebook page](#).




## Enjoy a Free Mountain Bike Picnic at Blessingbourne Estate!

To celebrate a year of winning multiple awards, the team at [Blessingbourne](#) are offering a prize to one of our MountainBikeNI followers. You can win free bike hire for up to 4 people, along with a delicious lunch hamper.


To be in with a chance of winning all you need to do is like the [Blessingbourne Facebook page](#) and email [info@mountainbikenl.com](mailto:info@mountainbikenl.com) with the name of one of the sections of [Mountain Bike Trail at Blessingbourne](#)!

You can find these on the [Blessingbourne section of MountainBikeNI](#). Entries close at 12pm on Friday 7th July - good luck!



## Photo Blog of Davagh Forest and Blessingbourne Estate

We love seeing you guys on the trails. With that in mind, we've put together a photo blog of some of our favourite pictures that you've shared on social media from [Davagh Forest](#) and [Blessingbourne Estate](#). Check it out on [MountainBikeNI.com!](#)






# SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING

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 **Noel Doherty** Im free now this evening?? 😄😄  
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 **Dermot Mc Cafferty** Sound job. I'll be up  
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 **Noel Doherty** Up in the sky 😄😄😄 we'll have to give it ago one day  
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 **Dermot Mc Cafferty** Off work tomorrow and go 😄😄  
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 **Noel Doherty** I run 12 mile this evening will b enough sham  
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# BRAND ADVOCACY



# CAMPAIGN RESULTS OVERVIEW

OBJECTIVE	RESULT
ROI WEBSITE SESSION	+15%
ROI FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS	+ 8%



<b>Report on</b>	Improvement works to St Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association pitches, Pomeroy
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Liam Glavin
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Liam Glavin

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update Members on the 3G Pitch installation at St Mary's Primary School, Pomeroy, to seek permission to fund maintenance and replacement carpet costs and to agree future management arrangements of the community use of the 3G pitch.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Further to a previous Report brought to Committee in November 2017 information has come to light regarding ongoing maintenance costs of the 3G pitch and the possible replacement of the 3G carpet in ten/twelve years. The Education Authority will require a similar arrangement to Aughnacloy College regarding the management of the community use of the pitch. The Education Authority (EA) are proposing that they lease the pitch to Council and that Council then lease the facility to the local community group to manage on their behalf.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The EA require that the school will pay 50% of ongoing annual maintenance costs and also the replacement carpet costs when required and that Council pay the other 50%. This is similar to the agreement at Aughnacloy College already agreed by Council.
3.2	As the 3G pitch at St Mary's is smaller than Aughnacloy College's the estimated annual maintenance costs are £2,000. It is not possible to accurately estimate the cost of replacing the carpet in ten/twelve years however the cost of the carpet in today's market is £26,544.
3.3	Council would therefore require £1,000 annually to maintain the pitch and to have sufficient funds in place in ten/twelve years to pay 50% of the replacement carpet costs.
3.4	Community use of the pitch will be managed by the school.

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial: £1,000 per annum maintenance costs and also replacement carpet costs of over £13,000 in ten/twelve years to be included in ongoing budgets.</p> <p>Human: N/A</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
<b>5.1</b>	That permission be granted for Council to pay 50% of the ongoing annual maintenance costs of the 3G pitch at St Mary's Primary School, Pomeroy and 50% of the replacement carpet costs in ten/twelve years.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	None

<b>Report on</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Cookstown &amp; Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh</li> <li>2) Branded Jute Bags</li> <li>3) Cookstown Wi-Fi Upgrade</li> <li>4) Cookstown Continental Market</li> <li>5) Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes</li> <li>6) Coalisland Public Realm</li> <li>7) International Women's Day Events (March 2018)</li> <li>8) Strategic Review of Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses</li> <li>9) Former High School Site, Maghera</li> <li>10) ICBAN Funding Request 2018/19</li> <li>11) Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) Bid</li> <li>12) Hong Kong Trade Visit to Mid Ulster</li> <li>13) Renewal of Membership with NI Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>14) Renewal of Membership with Association of Town and City Management (ATCM)</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed above.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p><b>Cookstown &amp; Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh</b></p> <p>In 2016, Council commissioned a Town Centre Positioning Study, which provided a comprehensive assessment of the 3 town centres (Cookstown, Dungannon &amp; Magherafelt) and produced a report which provided clarity on the future positioning of the 3 towns. An outcome of this study was the requirement to refresh the Cookstown and Magherafelt brands to reinforce and enhance a positive image of the town centres.</p>
2.2	<p><b>Branded Jute Bags</b></p> <p>The updated brands for Cookstown and Magherafelt have now been completed and there is a need to acquire new branded jute bags for both towns.</p>



2.3	<p><b>Cookstown Wi-Fi Upgrade</b></p> <p>In 2013, the former Cookstown District Council installed a free Wi-Fi service throughout the retail core of Cookstown Town Centre. This facility has been widely utilised by various clientele including Businesses &amp; SME's, Visitors, Students and Residents. The Wi-Fi project implemented a wireless network in the main retail core, providing 'on the go' access.</p>
2.4	<p><b>Cookstown Continental Market</b></p> <p>One of the annual civic events for Cookstown is the delivery of the Continental Market, in conjunction with Marketplace Europe.</p>
2.5	<p><b>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes</b></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>
2.6	<p><b>Coalisland Public Realm</b></p> <p>A design team has been appointed for the £2.75M redevelopment of Coalisland town centre. The scheme will include works to The Square, Main Street, Lineside, Dungannon Road, Stewartstown Road, Barrack Street, Barrack Square, Station Rd and Washingbay Road. The overarching aim of the project is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Create a safe, high-quality pedestrian-friendly environment;</li> <li>▪ Revitalise and reinvigorate the town to help encourage more visitors and shoppers into the town centre;</li> <li>▪ Be accessible to pedestrians and vehicles;</li> <li>▪ Have free flowing traffic and retain most on-street car parking.</li> </ul> <p>The works will include the provision of new high quality natural stone paving, street furniture, tree planting, signage, lighting and drainage and will be developed in compliance and co-operation with the Department for Infrastructure and to current DDA standards.</p>
2.7	<p><b>International Women's Day Events (March 2018)</b></p> <p>Following previous years events to celebrate International Women's Day, the Council Chairperson, Councillor Kim Ashton requested that two further events be held in March 2018.</p>
2.8	<p><b>Strategic Review of Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses</b></p> <p>Following a recommendation by the Council's Development Committee a Specification was developed and 5 organisations were invited to provide quotations to conduct a Strategic Review of Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses. By the deadline of 12 noon on 12 January 2018, three quotations were received.</p>
2.9	<p><b>Former High School Site, Maghera</b></p> <p>The site of the former Maghera High School has been identified as a potential strategic site for economic development purposes within the Maghera Development Framework Plan 2017-30. The Council's Economic Development Plan (2015 – 2020) has set out a strategic aim to develop strategic sites under the theme "Enabling Infrastructure and Connectivity".</p>



2.10	<p><b>ICBAN Funding Request 2018/19</b></p> <p>Over the past number of years, a group of 8 Councils from north and south (as listed below) have provided a financial contribution towards ICBAN to support their work; these are Mid Ulster District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh Council, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council and Monaghan, Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim and Cavan County Councils.</p>
2.11	<p><b>Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) Bid</b></p> <p>In June 2017, Digital Catapult was awarded funding from Innovate UK for its bid to expand a project called “Things Connected”. This is intended to develop up to five additional large-scale low power wide area networks (LPWAN) which are emerging as potentially very powerful for business growth. It will be a one year pilot providing a free-to-use regional LPWAN network for the use of testing, experimentation, demonstration of IoT products and services.</p> <p>This fund seeks to lower the barrier to access for this new technology and create opportunities for innovative businesses to develop. The fund will focus on: (i) setting up a regional network; (ii) providing access to the network; (iii) stimulating interest in the business opportunities a network brings;(iv), and educating SME’s on the potential of IoT to their businesses.</p> <p>At the Development Committee meeting on 12 Oct 2017, approval was given in principle only, to provide £10,000 support to an outline application submitted by InvestNI on 29 September 2017 for a pilot one year programme to deploy five regional <b>LPWAN networks</b> (Low Power Wide Area Network). The application has been successful. This technology provides a secure long distance communication between a sensor which is based in the community and the owner of the sensor.</p>
2.12	<p><b>Hong Kong Trade Visit to Mid Ulster</b></p> <p>Previously, in October 2017, twenty students and three staff from the Institute of Vocational Education, Hong Kong spent 16 days at the College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE). The students enjoyed taking part in an Agri-Food Study Tour which was run in partnership with Ulster University and involved a wide range of workshops, industry visits and cultural experiences. Before their departure, the Chair of Mid Ulster Council hosted a civic reception for them.</p>
2.13	<p><b>Renewal of Membership to NI Chamber of Commerce</b></p> <p>The Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry has a network for business with a membership of 1,200 businesses representing over 100,000 employees. Last year Mid Ulster District Council agreed to become members. Membership renewal is now due.</p>
2.14	<p><b>Renewal of Membership to Association of Town and City Management (ATCM)</b></p> <p>ATCM is a respected voice for town and city management at both a European and wider global level. The organisation provides very useful information to members on shared visions, strategies and action plans for town and city centres throughout the UK and Ireland.</p>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p><b>Cookstown &amp; Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh</b></p> <p>Consultants McCadden were appointed to conduct a review to refresh the existing Cookstown and Magherafelt brands as a key recommendation from the Town Centre Positioning Study Implementation Plan. McCadden completed their desktop research, and consultations regarding the brand refresh concepts for Cookstown and Magherafelt. Refreshed brands for Cookstown and Magherafelt have been agreed by each respective Town Centre Forum and attached on Appendix 1. Final artwork, Brand Guidelines and Brand Implementation Action Plan will be provided by McCadden's to ensure successful and effective execution of the brands for each town.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Branded Jute Bags</b></p> <p>As the branding refreshes for Cookstown and Magherafelt have now concluded, it is prudent to secure one supplier for the production and supply of branded jute bags as this will achieve better value for money. Therefore a tender will be sought which includes the manufacture, supply and delivery of jute bags to promote the new / refreshed town brands, up to the value of £45,000.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Cookstown Wi-Fi Upgrade</b></p> <p>The Wi-Fi service provided in the retail core of Cookstown is now five years old, with equipment dated and having reached the end of the current contract with the supplier. The opportunity is now available to review the Wi-Fi service provision and update the equipment to ensure a reliable service in the retail core of Cookstown. A budget circ. £20,000 will be made available from Council's economic development section. A specification will be issued to prospective suppliers to review, design, deliver and implement a Wi-Fi service in Cookstown retail core, in association with Council's Head of ICT. The service will be aligned to wi-fi provision currently being delivered in the other four large towns in Mid Ulster.</p>
3.4	<p><b>Cookstown Continental Market</b></p> <p>Cookstown will host the Continental Market, in conjunction with Marketplace Europe, as part of their Spring Tour of Northern Ireland, Saturday 2 June &amp; Sunday 3 June 2018, in William Street, Cookstown. RSPBA Mid Ulster Pipe Band Championship is scheduled to take place in Cookstown Saturday 2 June 2018 in Cookstown also. The market has moved to the beginning of June to avoid a clash with major events taking place in May 2018.</p>
3.5	<p><b>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes</b></p> <p>Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum Meeting held on 29 September 2017 are attached at Appendix 2.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Coalisland Public Realm</b></p> <p>The revised programmed was issued for acceptance on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 which was updated to include an extended period for the VISSUM Traffic Modelling which has been</p>

procured. Further meetings to be scheduled to include the Modelling outcome in the economic appraisal.

### 3.7 **International Women's Day Events (March 2018)**

Two events spearheaded by Council (details below) have been organised to celebrate International Women's Day in association with Cllr Ashton, Council Chairperson. The tickets are £5 per person with all proceeds in aid of the Air Ambulance NI. The events are expected to attract good attendance as high profile local speakers have been secured as well as Carol Doey (The Hub) to compere both events. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. An invitation is attached on Appendix 3. Event details are as follows;

- **Monday 5 March 2018 at 7.15pm - Ranfurly House & Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon**  
Special guest Karen Farquhar will share her story on how the Air Ambulance NI saved her husband's Ryan's life following a serious motorcycle accident and Billy Dixon will share his secrets on how to build self-confidence to portray a positive personal image.
- **Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7.15pm - The Bridewell, Magherafelt**  
Special guests Dr Janet Gray MBE, world champion blind water-skier and Hannah Shields, the first woman from Northern Ireland to summit Mount Everest, will share their inspirational stories of how they reached their goals and dreams.

Further information and how to book can be found at:

[www.midulstercouncil.org/womensday2018](http://www.midulstercouncil.org/womensday2018)

### 3.8 **Strategic Review of Economic Development Online Services to Businesses**

By the deadline of 12noon on 12 January 2018, three organisations had submitted Quotations for the work: Fathom, Original Digital and Outside Looking In (OLI).

These were assessed on 23 January 2018 by a Panel consisting of Council's Head of Marketing and Communications, Policy and Programmes Officer and Project Officer.

The three submissions passed the Stage 1 criteria and proceeded to the next Stage of Technical Evaluation with 80% allocated to quality weighting, and the Financial Section carrying a weighting of 20%. Results are detailed in the table below:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Financial	Total
Fathom	Pass	70	20.00	90
Original Digital	Pass	48	18.43	66.43
Outside Looking In (OLI)	Pass	77	19.19	96.19

The Panel recommended that Outside Looking In should be appointed to conduct the Study at a cost of £9,600 (including expenses and excluding vat).

### 3.9 **Former High School Site, Maghera**

The shortage of development land is the single most important development constraint for medium/large sized companies in Mid Ulster and there has been significant interest from local companies in locating to the former Maghera High School site, which

	<p>demonstrates a definite business need. In order to progress the development of the site, Technical Services Department have through a procurement process commissioned Teague &amp; Sally Ltd to lead an Integrated Consultancy Team (ICT) to carry out option appraisals including project cost analysis of the various options for proposed roadway infrastructure works to serviced sites and to prepare all necessary Contract documentation and site supervision of the IST contract.</p>
3.10	<p><b>ICBAN Funding Request 2018/19</b></p> <p>ICBAN has submitted a request on Appendix 4a to Mid Ulster District Council for a contribution of £12,500 for the financial year 2018/19, an increase of £2,500 from the previous year. Also attached for information (Appendix 4b) is a Summary of ICBAN's work within 2017/18. ICBAN has advised the proposed Programme of work during k2018/19 will see new initiatives being presented to member Councils which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Market Analysis report into the opportunities to promote literary tourism beyond existing markets, and specifically the northern area of Europe.</li> <li>• A new research report on the Voices of local communities on the impact of Brexit and how this affects them. This will be completed with Queens University Belfast, and will have a particular focus on young people as a hard to reach group and actively engaging them in such issues and matters.</li> <li>• Building on our previous initiatives on broadband telecoms, ICBAN will carry out continued research and advocacy on promoting effective infrastructure and delivery solutions.</li> </ul> <p>The outcomes of all these initiatives will be shared with the Council.</p>
3.11	<p><b>Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) Bid</b></p> <p>The project will collate small data 'packets' from a variety of remote one way sensors and allows data to be built up over a long period of time. At this moment, Invest NI has advised that 9 Councils have supported the project 'in principle' up to £10K per Council, to launch small scale trials with businesses which will utilise the LPWAN network to address specific challenges they are facing.</p> <p>Ulster University are now focussing on building a technical network across whole of NI on selected locations based on business need.</p> <p>This initiative is due to go live on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 and whilst Mid Ulster District Council has previously agreed in principle to support the project up to £10,000 there are many challenges being encountered. For example Ulster University is asking Council to nominate our preferred sites for transmitters at this stage, which would mean we would have to fully commit to the project, without having the necessary detail that we would expect to receive to help us make an informed decision.</p> <p>Other concerns relate to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The decision to install base stations/gateways for the transmitters before businesses have been recruited or before a regional network has been established. Doing this now may mean the base stations are located in the wrong locations, once businesses are recruited.</li> </ol>

<p>3.12</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. There is approximately 71% mobile coverage across NI on which this project is reliant to transmit signals via sensors back to the base stations. We are aware there is poor mobile coverage in parts of Mid Ulster and it remains a concern that if some businesses wish to participate, they may be excluded from doing so, purely as a result of a poor mobile signal.</li> <li>3. Stimulating interest from within the business sector and educating them on the potential of this project has not started yet and the programme is due to go live in 1<sup>st</sup> April). It has also just become apparent that this task will be passed on to local Councils to undertake, and if this had become clear early in play, this process should have commenced at least 6 months ago. Furthermore, no publicity materials have been forthcoming from Ulster University to promote the project to businesses.</li> <li>4. The project lead has not yet finalised the specific types of support (ie, the challenges businesses can seek support for) and Councils have been informed that this will remain fluid. Council would expect the criteria to be finalised and agreed in advance of seeking applications from individual businesses.</li> <li>5. There has been no standard approach developed as to how businesses will be recruited to the programme from participating Council areas, and aside from that there is no clear evidence that there is a demand on the ground from SME's for this type of initiative.</li> <li>6. As this is a pilot project there is no guarantees that future funding will be forthcoming from Digital Catapult beyond year one, and if this is the case, then the base station infrastructure will be removed.</li> <li>7. If Council were to progress and formally approve £10,000 funding towards the project, these funds will go into a general NI funding pot and there is no guarantee that all of the £10,000 will be spent in Mid Ulster. This results in a lack of uncertainty in terms of project outcomes and return on investment.</li> </ol> <p>Invest NI is seeking immediate clarity from Mid Ulster Council on whether it wishes to be included as a partner and formally commit £10,000 to the project. From an officer perspective, we have concerns as outlined above but the lead partner is unable to address these issues to Council's satisfaction before Council has to make a decision on whether to fund the project.</p> <p><b>Hong Kong Trade Visit to Mid Ulster</b></p> <p>Building on the success of the Hong Kong students study tour to CAFRE last October, Councillor Ashton, Council Chair asked officers to investigate the possibility of bringing a group of Hong Kong businesses to Mid Ulster to engage and explore areas of mutual benefit with local companies. In recent months, Council officers have regularly met with representatives from Invest Northern Ireland to develop a programme whereby senior buyers from the agri-food sector in Hong Kong would travel to Mid Ulster for a Meet the Buyer type event with local companies. The proposed dates for the Hong Kong Trade Visit are 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 with a networking dinner to be held on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018.</p>
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	<p>Provision of circ. £20,000 will be made in Council's LED Budget.</p> <p><b>Cookstown Continental Market</b> Provision will be made in Council's LED Budget in 2018/2019.</p> <p><b>International Women's Day Events (March 2018)</b> Provision of approx. £6,500 will be made in Council's LED &amp; Community Services Budgets in 2018/19.</p> <p><b>Strategic Review of Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses</b> Provision of £9,600 within Council's LED Budget.</p> <p><b>ICBAN Funding Request 2018/19</b> Provision of £12,500 is available in Council's LED Budget in 2018/2019.</p> <p><b>Hong Kong Trade Visit</b> Provision of £10,000 is available in Council's LED Budget.</p> <p><b>Renewal of Membership with Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce</b> Provision of £2,500 is available in Council's LED Budget.</p> <p><b>Renewal of Membership with Association of Town and City Management (ATCM)</b> Provision of £495 is available in Council's LED Budget.</p> <p><u>Human:</u> Staff time</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>n/a</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>n/a</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
	It is recommended that;
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>Cookstown &amp; Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh</b> Members to note the two updated brands developed for Cookstown and Magherafelt.</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Branded Jute Bags</b> Members to note progress towards preparation of tender documentation for joint procurement of jute bags to promote the new / refreshed town brands, up to the value of £45,000.</p>
<b>5.3</b>	<p><b>Cookstown Wi-Fi Upgrade</b> Members to note progress towards a procurement exercise to upgrade wi-fi provision in Cookstown town centre at a cost circ. £20,000.</p>

5.4	<p><b>Cookstown Continental Market</b> Members to note Cookstown Continental Market will take place on Saturday 2 June and Sunday 3 June 2018 in William Street, Cookstown.</p>
5.5	<p><b>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes</b> Members to note minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum dated 29 September 2017.</p>
5.6	<p><b>Coalisland Public Realm</b> Members to note progress.</p>
5.7	<p><b>International Women's Day Events (March 2018)</b> Members to note dates of two events to celebrate International Women's Day in March 2018.</p>
5.8	<p><b>Strategic Review of Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses</b> Members to note the appointment of "Outside Looking In" at a cost of up to £9,600 (including expenses and excluding vat) to deliver a Strategic Review of Economic Development's Online Services to Businesses to be completed by March 2018.</p>
5.9	<p><b>Former High School Site, Maghera</b> Members to note progress.</p>
5.10	<p><b>ICBAN Funding Request 2018/19</b> Members to consider approving funding to ICBAN of up to £12,500 funding from Council's Economic Development Budget 2018/19, to be paid in two equal instalments, subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances financial report and Progress Updates).</p> <p>Furthermore to approve the release of the first 50% payment once Council is in receipt of all documentation requested (outlined above). Progress updates from ICBAN will be provided to future Development Committee meetings.</p>
5.11	<p><b>LPWAN Bid (Low Power Wide Area Network)</b> Members previously made a commitment 'in principle' to commit £10,000 towards the LPWAN project, but having considered the matters raised within the report, it is recommended that Council withdraw from the project.</p>
5.12	<p><b>Hong Kong Trade Visit to Mid Ulster</b> Recommended Members approve that Council, in association with Invest NI, host a Trade Visit from Hong Kong's agri-food sector in Mid Ulster and further approve a financial contribution of £10,000 from Council to Invest NI, to co-finance costs associated with the initiative from Council's economic development budget.</p>
5.13	<p><b>Renewal of Membership with NI Chamber of Commerce</b> Recommended Members approve Renewal of Corporate Membership with NI Chamber of Commerce costing £2,500 with costs being met from Council's economic development budget.</p>
5.14	<p><b>Renewal of Membership with Association of Town and City Management (ATCM)</b> Recommended Members approve Renewal of Membership costing £495, with costs being met from Council's economic development budget.</p>



<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Cookstown &amp; Magherafelt Town Centre Brand Refresh – New brands attached for Cookstown and Magherafelt</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Minutes Cookstown Town Centre Forum, dated 29 September 2017</p> <p>Appendix 3 – International Women’s Day – Invitation to Council Events in March 2018</p> <p>Appendix 4a – ICBAN Funding Request for 2018/19</p> <p>Appendix 4b – ICBAN Update Report 2017/18</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Renewal of Membership with NI Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Appendix 6 - Renewal of Membership with Association of Town and City Management (ATCM)</p>



## APPENDIX 1

### UPDATED BRANDS FOR COOKSTOWN AND MAGHERAFELT



## APPENDIX 2



### **MINUTES OF COOKSTOWN TOWN CENTRE FORUM MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 12.45 PM IN THE CHAMBER, MUDC OFFICES, COOKSTOWN**

#### **Present:**

Councillor McNamee	Mid Ulster District Council
Councillor Wilson	Mid Ulster District Council
Patrick Anderson	Department for Communities
Peter Beckett	ASDA
Neil Bratton	Roads NI
Seamus Doone	PSNI
Tom Jebb	Vintners Association
Ursula Marshall	Cookstown Disability Forum
Sean MacMahon	Property Developer
Andrew McConnell	Large Independent Retailer
Annette McGahan	Community Development
TP Sheehy	Small Independent Retailer
Bernie Sonners	Tenants Association
Fiona McKeown	) Mid Ulster District Council
Mary McCullagh	)

**In attendance:** Lynn Shiels ) Mid Ulster District Council

#### **1) APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Buchanan, Glasgow and Quinn, Mid Ulster District Council; Raymond McGarvey, Chamber of Commerce; Derek Kinney, Tesco; Adrian McCreesh, Mid Ulster District Council; Ciaran McHugh, Translink; Jim Eastwood and Hazel McKenzie.

#### **2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Patrick Anderson and seconded by TP Sheehy to ADOPT the minutes of the Town Centre Forum Meeting held on 30 August 2017.

### **3) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

### **4) CONTROL OF ADVERTISEMENTS – Presentation by S McEvoy, Head of Development Planning & Enforcement, Mid Ulster Council**

The Chair welcomed M McGibbon and E Mullin to the meeting. M McGibbon introduced himself and explained that the presentation was to inform members about Councils duty for the control of advertisements.

M McGibbon delivered the presentation and a discussion followed.

The Chair noted that the biggest concern is that there seems to be no consistency between Councils. Cllr McNamee agreed and noted a recent issue concerning the Dunleath's advertising in Cookstown, which took three options before a resolution was reached. Cllr McNamee stated that businesses need a mechanism for advertising to encourage passing trade into businesses. M McGibbon stated that the Planning Department work to the guidance issued by the Department for Infrastructure. He noted that they do not proactively identify signage issues within towns and villages but rather they act on complaints received from external parties.

Cllr McNamee highlighted that some businesses are not aware of signage requirements and need to be informed and educated of the requirements. A McConnell agreed and noted that he wasn't aware that permission for signage was required until the delivery of the Shop Improvement Scheme. U Marshall noted that this wasn't only applicable to the Business sector but also Community & Voluntary sector and suggested that these groups should be made aware of requirements too. T Jebb noted that when replacing signage that was 'like for like' planning permission was not required. M McGibbon confirmed this stating that only new signage or new shop frontages required planning approvals.

N Bratton enquired if planning were responsible for lifting signs. M McGibbon noted that in the case arising from a signage complaint, where no planning approval was attained, a warning letter will be issued to the land owner informing them of the breach of law and requesting that the signage is removed or an application is submitted. Failure to comply will result in them being prosecuted. N Bratton noted that the PSNI lift signs but they are constantly being replaced. S Doone stated that there was great concern over the length of time drivers are distracted due to illegal signage, which presents a Road Safety Concern. M McGibbon noted that 50% of complaints were regarding signage which proposed a Road Safety Concern.

The Chair noted that he was unsupportive of businesses being targeted for signage which has been established and been in place for some time and referred specifically to the case at the Tyre Safety Centre, Cookstown.

The Chair thanked M McGibbon and E Mullin for their presentation.

## **5) MID ULSTER TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN 2017/2018**

### **a) Marketing & Promotion**

#### **i) Seasonal Marketing Campaigns across Mid Ulster Towns**

M Mc Cullagh advised that marketing/promotion campaigns will continue to be developed for each of the towns for key periods of the year. Members were advised that the Christmas marketing/promotion campaign is currently being prepared.

#### **ii) Town Centre Branding**

M McCullagh advised that the Consultations regarding the refresh of the Cookstown Brand will take place in October/November 2017. It was highlighted that a consultation take place specifically for the Cookstown Town Centre Forum and Chamber of Commerce and dates will follow.

### **b) Town Centre Events**

#### **i) Switching on of Christmas Lights**

M McCullagh advised that a request had been received to change the date of the Christmas Lights Switch On- this request has been approved and the event will take place at 6.30pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017, with festivities commencing at 5.30pm. It was highlighted that this was to encourage businesses to remain open for an extra hour to accommodate those who attend the Christmas Lights Switch On. The Chair noted the change of date and the earlier time for the Christmas Lights Switch On.

### **c) Physical Regeneration/Improving Infrastructure**

#### **i) Rural Regeneration Projects**

M McCullagh advised that Regeneration Managers are continuing to work alongside the Technical Services Team to deliver the Rural Development Programme within 37 villages in Mid Ulster District Area. Meetings have been taking place to finalise projects and move them to the next stage involving the Design Consultancy Team.

#### **ii) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme**

M McCullagh informed Members that the Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme closed for applications on 15 September and that the assessment of applications has taken place and will be presented to the Development Committee on 12 October 2017.

## **6) CAR PARKING MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Chair advised that he had just been informed that the Consultation period for the Car Parking Management Strategy will open on Monday 2 October 2017 for a 12 week period. Cllr McNamee stated that he wasn't aware either and noted that at the last forum meeting members requested to have sight of questions that would be presented at the Consultations prior to the Consultation Period opening. He stated that there was no mention of this at the recent Environment Meeting.

TP Sheehy pointed out that it was his view that the Strategy was being rail roaded through without consideration. The Chair stated that neither he nor Cllr McNamee were aware of this and that he would personally be contacting the Chief Executive regarding it.

Cllr McNamee advised that both the business and local community were promised that meetings would take place, however, no dates of meetings have been released to date.

The Chair urged Forum Members to ensure that they feed into the consultation process on car parking.

## **7) UTILITY WORK, COOKSTOWN**

The Chair advised that NI Water are currently working at the Moneymore Roundabout. He noted that he received a couple of complaints regarding noise however Farran's have since brought in alternative equipment that will lift tar, which has reduced the noise element of the work. The Chair advised that from 3-24 November 2017 Farrans will move to the Westland Junction and this will be night time works. He further detailed that following 24 November all works will cease on trunk roads in the town centre for the Christmas period. Works will move to Princess Avenue during the Christmas embargo.

M McCullagh advised that Oldtown Street and Orritor Street Junctions will be affected by the works and this will require them to lift the granite that was laid as part of the Public Realm. TP Sheehy enquired how the area will be left and M McCullagh advised that they are required to leave the area back to the original state and M Kelso, Director of Health & Public Infrastructure is overseeing the process. N Bratton confirmed this process.

T Jebb pointed out that the night work taking place from 9 October - 24 November 2017 will affect the evening economy businesses. N Bratton stated that the main line runs through the parking bays and pedestrian access will be provided at all times to all businesses. He stated that NI Water have been accommodating and have adopted a process which is the most convenient for town centre businesses. The Chair noted that there was a change in attitude from the contractors following the Moneymore Road issue and since have been working very well with residents.

N Bratton advised that the Gas to the West was due to start works on 16 October 2017, however, these works should not impact on the A29 as it will require works in the hard shoulder. It will involve one lane closure on Moneymore Road with speed reduced to 40mph for a short distance.

## **8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

TP Sheehy stated that one of the aims of the new parking arrangements on William and James Street, which resulted in the loss of spaces, was to improve the flow of traffic, however, there still remains a number of people using the right hand side lane to get parked. He enquired if there was some specific road markings that could act as a guide for people parking and reversing out of parking spaces. N Bratton noted that he would make enquiries if this was an option. U Marshall advised that some of the disabled spaces are still parking at 90 degree and therefore reversing out is difficult and requires the use of the second lane.

The Chair noted that there is still no enforcement regarding No Parking / Waiting areas. M McCullagh enquired if there as any other avenue which could be explored. N Bratton stated that currently there is no one in Stormont to sign the legislation off.

The Chair advised that the Cookstown Bus Depot Consultation opens this weekend. It was noted that if the facility was closed at the weekends, it results in a large number of people standing in the shelter with luggage and bags during inclement weather. Cllr McNamee encouraged Forum Members to respond to the consultation. The Chair advised that Council will be meeting Translink.

## **9) DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

M McCullagh advised that the Member will be informed of the next meeting which will take place before Christmas.

The meeting ended at 1.30pm.



## APPENDIX 3 – COUNCIL EVENTS TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – MARCH 2018



**Councillor Kim Ashton,  
Chair of Mid Ulster District Council**  
Invites you to join her to mark

# *International* **Women's Day 2018**

**Monday 5 March 2018 at 7.15pm**  
**Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre, Dungannon**

Special guests **Karen Farquhar** will share her story on how the Air Ambulance NI saved her husband's Ryan's life following a serious motorcycle accident and **Billy Dixon** will share his secrets on how to build self-confidence to portray a positive personal image.

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**Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7.15pm**  
**The Bridewell, Magherafelt**

Special guests **Dr Janet Gray MBE**, the world champion blind water-skier and Hannah Shields, the first woman from Northern Ireland to summit Mount Everest share their inspirational stories of how they reached their goals and dreams.

**Compere at both events - Carol Doey**

 International Women's Day

 **AIR AMBULANCE**  
NORTHERN IRELAND  
Saving Lives Across Northern Ireland

To find out more visit [www.midulstercouncil.org/womensday2018](http://www.midulstercouncil.org/womensday2018)

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Monday 5 &  
Wednesday 7  
March 2018**

**#BeBoldForChange**

**Tickets £5**

with all proceeds in aid of the  
**Air Ambulance NI**



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**Lár Uladh**  
**Mid Ulster**  
District Council

## **APPENDIX 4A**

### **ICBAN FUNDING REQUEST- 2018/2019**

**From:** Joanne Breen  
**Sent:** 24 November 2017 10:41  
**To:** 'anthony.tohill@midulstercouncil.org'  
**Cc:** Cllr. Phelim Gildernew; Cllr. Cáthal Mallaghan; Cllr. Seán McPeake; Cllr. Robert Mulligan; Shane Campbell  
**Subject:** ICBAN Annual Member Contributions for 2018/19

*Email sent on behalf of Shane Campbell, CEO, ICBAN*

Dear Anthony,

#### **ICBAN Member Councils Annual Contribution (2018/19)**

The ICBAN Management Board agreed at their last Board meeting to ask member Councils for an Annual Contribution for the next financial year of £12,500 stg per Council. This relates to the financial year of 2018 for County Councils in Ireland and 2018/19 for District / Borough Councils in Northern Ireland.

Member Council contributions are a very important contributor towards our core administration resources and for which we are always most appreciative. The contribution request is an increase on the previous contribution, which had been £10,000 p.a. That amount had not increased from the contribution first levied around 15 years ago. The organisation does not avail of any other funding streams at the present time but is actively seeking other sources of revenue. The contribution increase levied will help the organisation towards securing its financial sustainability.

Our delivery focus continues to be on areas which will benefit our member Councils. The latest attached 'Update' profiles our current work programme, which has centred on broadband telecommunications, literary tourism, creative industries and rural development initiatives, for the wider Central Border Region. Representations continue to be made on key connectivity infrastructure and on the potential impact of Brexit on the border region. During the next year we will be focusing efforts to advance various such projects and representations. Some of these projects will be advanced for national funding, EU funds and indeed some may be presented to local authorities and Local Action Groups for support. We will continue to keep the Council informed of progress and developments.

The key elements of the current work programme are:

- A priority effort dedicated to promoting and bringing about improvements to fixed and mobile broadband investments on both sides of the border:
  - In NI actively engaging with government and industry stakeholders on the delivery of the key components of the ICBAN 'Fibre at a Crossroads' Reports, including to NI Audit Office who have agreed to carry out a preliminary investigation on BT Capital Contributions following the publication of ICBAN's second Fibre at a Crossroads report
  - Completing and promoting a new proposal paper to assist and aid in the successful delivery of the £150 million funding ear-marked for broadband improvements in NI

- Actively engaging with government and industry stakeholders on the delivery of the key components of the ICBAN report, 'Ireland's National Broadband Plan: Delivering on the Promise'
  - Promoting a new initiative with industry and government to legislate through the Oireachtas for improvements to the mobile broadband coverage obligation in Ireland
  - Supporting the work programmes of Broadband Officers by engaging on issues at a national level.
- Publishing in November 2017 a report jointly with Queens University Belfast, entitled 'Bordering on Brexit' and to use that as part of concerted efforts in representations and advocacy to help withstand any negative consequences arising from the Brexit process on the Border Region
  - Research and development on the opportunities for Literary Tourism promotion in the Region, through funding approved from the EU INTERREG programme, and which would enable a significant funding submission to be made to the EU INTERREG Northern Periphery Programme in February 2018 for the Region. A similar preparatory project has been supported in renewable energies and is being led by Údarás Na Gaeltachta, with ICBAN as a project partner
  - Seek funding opportunities for other cross-border creative industry and literary tourism projects, including advancing a joint North-South collaborative project through Rural Development Programme on capital supports for literary tourism
  - Advocacy through policy submissions and representations on key regional strategic roads projects, to the governments on the island.

Planned work programme outcomes for the next year will include:

- The Brexit initiative would be repeated with a comparator 'voices of communities' project in spring / summer 2018, again with QUB, to ensure that the primary qualitative data gathered is current and will be a support to efforts on the challenges being posed by Brexit for the border region
- Source and secure sustainable revenues
- Complete the Literary Tourism and Digigreen preparatory projects and make formal submissions to the INTERREG NPA programme for regional funding supports
- Complete and share a comprehensive market analysis of the market opportunities for developing and growing literary tourism assets
- Advance the development of regional and North-South project proposals to the RDP Cooperation Programme
- Actively promote and disseminate the 'Delivering on the Promise' report in Ireland, through engagements with the government departments, Regulator etc.
- Finalise a paper with The Bit Commons on the Mobile Broadband Initiative for Ireland with the intention to advance recommendations through structures of the Oireachtas in the form of a possible Private Members Bill.

This list is not exhaustive but demonstrates the priority focus which the organisation has adopted and which is enabled through member Council contributions.

On behalf of the ICBAN Management Board I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Council for the continued support and assistance. Should you have any queries or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,  
Shane

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# ICBAN UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2017

## FOR ATTENTION OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF MEMBER COUNCILS



ICBAN is the Cross-Border Group for the Central Border Region, made up of eight member Councils from the area. Through these regular updates we aim to keep key stakeholders informed of developments involving the Group.

The organisation has been working to develop a number of projects and initiatives for the Region under the Priority Thematic areas below.

### 1. High Speed Internet Provision

The need for High Speed Internet Provision has been a priority for ICBAN for some time. The Governments in both Ireland and Northern Ireland have implemented different plans to address the issue of inadequate broadband provision in rural areas. This is recognised in the commissioning by ICBAN of two complementary initiatives, which offer technical solutions and have the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Central Border Region.

The *'Fibre At A Crossroads - Part II'* report was completed in June. Implementation of the report is ongoing and lobbying of stakeholders continues. Recent discussions have been held with the Northern Ireland Audit Office and Department for the Economy officials to review the findings of the Report. The Audit Office have undertaken to carry out a preliminary investigation based on ICBAN's findings and recommendations on the capital contributions pledged by BT. Vodafone UK have copied the main elements of the report in carrying out a UK wide review and commentary.

A comparator report *'Ireland's National Broadband Plan: Delivering on the Promise'* was completed in July. This includes a series of recommendations to complement the roll-out of the Irish Government's National Broadband Plan in the border County Councils of Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo. Meetings have also taken place with the local Education and Training Boards, with ComReg's Chair, and presentations have been made to the Councils of the Region. A meeting is being arranged with Department of Communications to discuss the findings and recommendations.

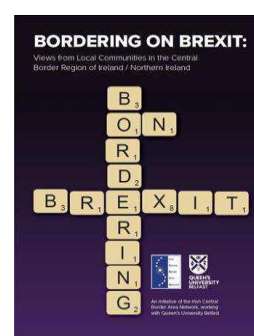
ICBAN re-engaged The Bit Commons to support specific initiatives for the Central Border Region. This includes work on Ireland's mobile broadband coverage obligation and a proposal on ideas and solutions for the £150 million investment announced for telecoms in Northern Ireland by the UK Government.

### 2. Brexit

Since the UK Referendum decision to exit the European Union in June 2016, ICBAN has been examining the consequences and implications of Brexit for the Central Border Region; whilst taking into account the differing opinions amongst Board Members.

As Brexit has now become one of the organisation's priorities, this work has included an initiative delivered in association with Queen's University Belfast, which sought the views of those in rural communities that will be most impacted by Brexit.

The research report entitled *'Bordering on Brexit: Views of Local Communities in the Central Border Region'* was recently published and has been distributed to key stakeholders, including the UK and Irish Governments and Michel Barnier's negotiating team, who have responded welcoming the local tangible evidence. The Report has gained significant media coverage already through local and national media outlets, including The Financial Times, The Irish Independent, The Irish News, The Belfast Telegraph, BBC Radio Ulster and BBC Radio Foyle, The Donegal Democrat, The World Weekly, Northern Southern and Irishman.



### 3. Urban & Rural Development

ICBAN has continued to engage with the Local Action Groups (LAGs) and the Local Development Companies (LDCs) on the potential for cross-border cooperation. The focus of discussion was the merits of developing a Preparatory Technical Study (PTS). Since these meetings, ICBAN has developed a draft PTS which has been circulated to all Member Councils and LDCs, as well as the two government departments with responsibility for Rural Development Programme delivery (DAHRRGA and DAERA).

### 4. Creative Industries

The Creative Industries is another key priority identified by the ICBAN Management Board. ICBAN is involved in various initiatives and a preparatory application to the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme for Regional Literary Tourism has successfully received funding. Work is now underway to complete a full project application by February 2018. This project is being developed with the Western Development Commission and aims to address the untapped potential of the strong and complementary place-based literary landscape assets of the Region, which could attract both motivated literary tourists and culturally curious visitors.

### 5. Other Projects

ICBAN continues to seek appropriate funding from the EU and other relevant sources.

#### Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme



- 'Digigreen' Project: the lead partner is Údarás na Gaeltachta, with partners including ICBAN, Westbic, Ulster University, Linköping University, Sweden and the Bräcke Municipality of Sweden. The project's focus is on digitally enabled 'green solutions' which overcome the problems of physical connectivity whilst at the same time enabling enterprise development using local resources. The aim is to add specialist direction to existing services to produce high value added products, utilising a network of digital rural hubs. A successful preparatory project was approved in October and a full application is to be submitted to the NPA Programme.

#### Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Reconciliation Fund)



- ICBAN has submitted an application to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Reconciliation Fund in September 2017. The project entitled 'Border Compass' would include a new Brexit related survey and focus group discussions.

### 6. Consultation Responses

ICBAN has recently submitted a number of responses to relevant consultations, including:

- Ofcom: Electronic Communications Code Digital Economy Bill: Proposed Code of Practice, Standard Terms of Agreement and Standard Notices (closed 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017);
- Draft Donegal County Development Plan for 2018-2024 (closed 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017); and
- Westminster Consultation on 'The land border between Northern Ireland and Ireland (closed 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017).

## 7. Recent Events & Activity

- Presentation at the NILGA ‘Broadband: Local Needs, Local Solutions’ Event on 27th September 2017;
- Participation at a number of workshops as part of the European Week of Regions and Cities in Brussels, 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017;
- Attendance at the launch of the ‘Brexit and the Border Corridor’ report at the NI Executive Office, Brussels on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017;
- Presentations to the County Councils on the ‘National Broadband Plan - Delivering on the Promise’ report - ongoing;
- ICBAN Annual General Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Enniskillen, which saw the election of Councillor Paddy O’Rourke (Fianna Fáil - Leitrim) as Chair and Councillor Paul Robinson (DUP - Fermanagh and Omagh) as Vice Chair;
- Attendance at ComReg’s Annual Conference in Dublin on 24<sup>th</sup> October;
- Attendance at All-Island Civic Dialogue events on Brexit;
- Attendance at the Digital DNA Tourism NI Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017;
- Participation at the NPA Programme Lead Partner Workshop held in Copenhagen on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.

## Next Steps and Plans

1. Continued promotion and implementation of the ‘Fibre At A Crossroads Parts I and II’ Initiatives and the ‘National Broadband Plan - Delivering on the Promise’ report;
2. A comprehensive market analysis report on opportunities to develop literary tourism assets
3. Submissions to the NPA Programme in February 2018;
4. Building transnational partner linkages;
5. Launch of new corporate website which will include a reference library of information;
6. Submissions to statutory consultations;
7. Promotion of the ‘Bordering on Brexit’ report.

## Communications

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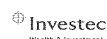
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1.00 (Lynn Shiels)

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<b>Report on</b>	Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Fiona McKeown
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Eamon Gallogly

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on progress with the LAG Rural Development Strategy for Mid Ulster.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p>Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership has been allocated £10.16m for the roll out of a local rural development strategy for Mid Ulster funded under the 2014-2020 NI Rural Development Programme.</p> <p>The Schemes within the local rural strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Business Investment Scheme</li> <li>• Rural Services Scheme</li> <li>• Village Renewal</li> <li>• Rural Broadband; and</li> <li>• LAG Co-operation</li> </ul> <p>Further detail on these Schemes is available on the LAG website <a href="http://www.midulsterrdp.org">www.midulsterrdp.org</a></p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>Members are asked to note progress on the roll out of the strategy schemes as follows:</p> <p><b>Rural Business Investment Scheme (RBIS)</b>  To date 57 businesses have been approved for funding under this Scheme to the value of £1.23m. The job creation target from these projects is 124 with 16.5 verified to date. 34 projects have completed to date.</p> <p>The next call for applications under this Scheme closes on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018. 125 businesses have been invited to apply to this call. There is a remaining balance of £1.6m in funding yet to commit under this Scheme.</p> <p>The key targets within the LAG strategy under the Rural Business Investment Scheme are:</p>

- 100 businesses supported (with 57 supported to date)
- 100 jobs created (with 124 jobs targeted within Letters of Offer issued to date)

### **Rural Basic Services Scheme**

12 applications were received from the first call for capital support under this scheme with 10 approved for funding of £1.5m as listed below:

<b>Community Group</b>	<b><i>Total Grant awarded</i></b>
Tobin Youth Centre (Moortown) Ltd	£ 58,846
Knocknagin Hall Committee	£ 111,587
Rock St Patrick GAC	£ 250,000
Carntogher Community Association	£ 150,000
Cavanakeeran Community Association	£ 250,000
Workspace (Draperstown) Ltd	£ 150,000
Moortown St Malachy's GAC	£ 250,000
Clonoe Rural Development Agency Ltd	£ 136,631
Lissan Hall Committee Ltd	£ 77,707
Moneyneena and District Development Initiative	£ 70,907
	<b>£ 1,505,678</b>

There is a remaining balance of approx £827,000 for a second call for applications under this Scheme. Expressions of interest from potential applicants have been received and the LAG would envisage an opening date for this call in early February closing at the end of June 2018.

### **Village Renewal**

Letters of offer have been issued for projects in Ballygawley, and Augher, Caledon, Granville and Tobermore (as one project involving playpark improvements at each location). Contractors have been appointed to both projects. Works are underway in Ballygawley and the various pieces of play apparatus for the four play parks have been ordered up in preparation for installing. Completion timescales for both of these projects is end of March.

Subject to LAG approval on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 a third letter of offer will issue for phase 1 of Upperlands for the development of a 2G multi games area. Work on this project is expected to commence mid February.

### **Co-operation**

DAERA has informed that applications for co-operation funding must now be submitted by Council on behalf of the LAG with the LAG as co-applicant. Similarly letters of offer from the LAG are to be issued to Council with the LAG as co-applicant. As the LAG does not hold a bank account, Council is the lead financial actor for the LAG on co-operation projects and is responsible for paying project invoices which are then claimed back through the LAG's RDP budget.

	<p>Update on projects:</p> <p><u>International Appalachian Trail</u></p> <p>A second phase of technical support is being prepared led by Derry and Strabane Council. This phase will relate to preparation of final technical designs and specification which will be put to tender to obtain the quotes needed by the LAG to support a capital application.</p> <p><u>Lough Neagh</u></p> <p>Pre-development stage has now completed and the three LAGs involved will meet on 5<sup>th</sup> February to discuss progressing to a second stage of technical support needed to finalise technical specifications for planned infrastructural works. Within Mid Ulster infrastructure works will focus on access improvements to the Lough around Washingbay and angling infrastructure at Portglenone.</p> <p><b>Rural Broadband</b></p> <p>The LAG has a budget of £350k for this Scheme however discussions are ongoing regarding the most effective roll out mechanism for delivery. Before any decisions are taken on this, the LAG would prefer to know the out-workings of where and how the £150m earmarked for broadband as part of the DUP/Conservative deal will be spent, to ensure there is no duplication of funding.</p> <p><b>17/18 Spend target</b></p> <p>The LAG's spend target for 17/18 is £1.23m. Spend achieved to date in claims paid and pending is £480,000. The remaining balance of £750k is being targeted from spend profiled under the Rural Business Investment Scheme, Rural Services and the Village Renewal Scheme. Due to the timing of calls most of this spend is profiled for the last quarter of 17/18.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial: N/A</p> <p>Human: N/A</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>



<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to approve the DAERA requirement for Council to act as the applicant on behalf of the LAG and accept letters of offer on behalf of the LAG for Co-operation projects. The LAG will act as co-signatory on Co-operation applications and letters of offer.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	N/A

<b>Report on</b>	Update on Match Funding Requests
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide an update to Members on match funding requests under European Social Fund (ESF) Programme Phase 2 (2018-22) and to consider financially supporting a new match funding request from Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd towards a Coalisland Great Places Project.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	In September 2017, the second call for grant funding under the NI ESF Programme 2014-2020 opened to applications and closed at noon on 13 October 2017. The application assessment process concluded in December 2017 with a total of 61 project applications being recommended for funding subject to a number of pre-Letter of Offer due diligence checks. An appeals process is available which will be concluded in January 2018.
2.2	In September 2017, Council agreed to consider a number of match funding requests from lead partners under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) and this report will update members on the outcome of their submissions.
2.3	In December 2017, Council received a presentation from Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd requesting match funding to support their application to Heritage Lottery Fund for a Coalisland Great Place Heritage Project. It was agreed that Council support the project in principle and that officers consider the funding request and bring a report back to Council to include information on the geographical area covered by the project.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<b>European Social Fund (ESF) Programme 2014-2020</b> The strategic aim of the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme 2014-2020 in Northern Ireland is to combat poverty and enhance social inclusion by reducing economic inactivity and to increase the skills base of those currently in work and future potential participants in the workforce.
3.2	As part of the delivery of ESF support for employability development, the Council is currently committed to supporting four programmes under Phase 1 over a 3 year period:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Step Up to Sustainable Programme (SUSE+ Programme)</li> <li>2. Exploring Enterprise 3 Programme (EE3P)</li> <li>3. Up for Work Programme (UFWP)</li> </ul>

#### 4. Job Match Programme (JMP)

The lead organisations responsible for the delivery of the current four programmes requested match funding from Council to submit proposals for ESF funding under the second call (ESF Phase 2 - 2018-22). In addition Council received matching funding requests for two additional programmes to be considered:

1. Community Family Support Programme
2. Workforce IV

- 3.3 In September 2017, Council agreed the undernoted match funding requests under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) subject to a successful bid. Projects are funded in the following way ESF 40%, DfE 25% and 35% Public or Private Match Funding. It is important to note that the contributions were based on current budget constraints and pro-rata annual contribution levels to the current programmes:-

##### **SUSE+**

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

##### **Exploring Enterprise 4 Programme**

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

##### **Up for Work Programme**

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

##### **Job Match Programme**

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

The Council did not approve match funding requests under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for the Community Family Support Programme and Workforce IV Programme.

Therefore, the total aggregate annual contribution agreed was £69,296 which amounts to a total financial contribution of £277,184 over the 4 year period (2018-22).

- 3.4 In December 2017, the Department for the Economy (DfE) concluded the application assessment process and the lead organisations have informed council officers of their funding status:-

Programme	Lead Organisation	Funding Status	Approved MUDC Contribution
SUSE+	South West College	Successful	£40,000 p.a.
Exploring Enterprise 4	Enterprise NI	Unsuccessful*	£9,452 p.a.
Up for Work Programme	Network Personnel	Successful	£9,512 p.a.
Job Match Programme	Network Personnel	Successful	£10,332 p.a.

\* Enterprise NI have advised Council that they will be appealing the decision.

- 3.5 **Workforce IV (Lead organisation: NOW Group)**

As noted earlier, Council did not approve a match funding request (£25,000 p.a. over 4 years) from NOW Group for a Workforce IV Programme. NOW Group have confirmed that their application was successful and have submitted a further appeal to Council to

reconsider its decision. It is important to highlight that Workforce IV Programme proposes similar activities to the Up For Work and Job Match Programmes which have been successful securing ESF Phase 2 funding. In consideration of this and current budget constraints, it is recommended to restate the Council's previous decision not to support the Workforce IV Programme.

### 3.6 **STRIDE (Lead organisation: Ulster Supported Employment Ltd)**

A further request has been received from Ulster Supported Employment Ltd (USEL) to provide match funding for their STRIDE Programme.

STRIDE (Support, Training to Realise Individual Development and Employment) programme offers people with disabilities who are unemployed or economically inactive the opportunity to gain employability skills and qualifications required by employers. STRIDE will work to assist those participants with low or no employability or vocational skills and/or educational achievement to effectively remove barriers to employment over the course of the project, enabling them to move into and within sustainable employment or to progress into further/higher education/training or mainstream employment programmes.

Under the Programme, participants may spend up to one year on the project receiving tailored supports, accredited/non-accredited training in areas such as Essential Skills Training, Vocational Skills up to level 2 (Retail, Customer Service, Food Safety, Health & Safety in the Workplace, Manual Handling, Environmental Sustainability etc.), work experience and subsidised employment before progressing into positive outcomes, such as employment, further/higher education/training or mainstream employment programmes. Delivery will take place in locations and venues accessible and local to the participants.

#### **Projected Outcomes**

	<b>Total per annum (Programme)</b>	<b>Total over 4 years (Programme)</b>	<b>Total per annum (MUDC)</b>	<b>Total over 4 years (MUDC)</b>
Participants	200	800	20	80
Into paid employment	60 (30%)	240 (30%)	6 (30%)	24 (30%)
Non accredited courses	20	80	2	8
Accredited courses	180	720	18	72
Into further education/training	30 (15%)	120 (15%)	3 (15%)	12(15%)
Work Placement Training	100 (50%)	400 (50%)	10 (50%)	40 (50%)
Subsidised Employment Opportunities	20 (10%)	80 (10%)	2 (10%)	8 (10%)

#### **Total project costs over a 4 year period (2018-22):-**

	<b>Cost (£)</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
ESF Funding	£2,613,226	65%
Mid Ulster District Council	£100,000	2.5%
Other match funders	£1,307,121	32.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,020,347</b>	<b>100%</b>

USEL's application was successful and they have requested Council match funding of £25,000 p.a. over 4 years. It would appear that elements of STRIDE cut across the three

3.7	<p>programmes which council have previously agreed to support. In consideration of this and current budget constraints it is recommended not to support the STRIDE Programme.</p> <p><b>Coalisland Great Places Project</b></p> <p>In December 2017, Council received a presentation from Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd (LNP) requesting match funding of £50k over 3 years (£16,666 p.a.) to support their Great Places project entitled <i>Coalisland and East Tyrone: The Historical Manufacturing Base of Mid Ulster</i>. LNP is through to final round of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) competition along with five other applicants.</p> <p>The Council agreed to support the project in principle and asked officers to consider the funding request and provide further information on the geographical area covered by the project. A map of the project boundary area is Appendix 1, which is based on the 1609 Bodley Map for the ancient districts of Munterevlin Owtra and Clonagherie. The selection of Bodley for defining the area is based on his use of local people's knowledge to identify and profile townlands and the area has strong ancient and medieval references to local craft production and artisan manufacturing.</p> <p>The proposed project aims to celebrate the rich historic manufacturing legacy of Coalisland and East Tyrone. It will tell the story of past resource extraction and manufacturing, how place names, songs, stories and poetry were derived from the natural resources in the landscape and how the area became a focus of the industrial revolution in Ireland. The project will join forces with local arts and cultural heritage bodies as well as local businesses to build a new skills capacity, revive lost artisan and manufacturing working skills and celebrate the area's great industrial manufacturing heritage through the medium of arts and culture. The project will help local groups and communities become more resilient by providing them with the necessary skills to ensure heritage, arts and culture becomes an important and integral aspect of regenerating the town and area. The private sector will also be encouraged to examine the potential of arts and culture to fit into their workplace and some of the plays, seminars, lectures and talks will take place in the local factories and workshops.</p> <p><b>Project Vision:-</b></p> <p>To use the natural resources and rich manufacturing legacy of Coalisland and East Tyrone to place culture and arts at the forefront of a new dynamic future by forging new partnerships with the community, public and in particular the private manufacturing sector."</p> <p><b>Project Activity:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist study for a new heritage walking trail including signage</li> <li>• A Community Archaeology Programme</li> <li>• Heritage Skills Workshops</li> <li>• 'The story of manufacturing' publication</li> <li>• Heritage Guides Training Programme</li> <li>• Provide new Public Realm Sculpture</li> <li>• Provide 10 new craft/manufacturing apprenticeships</li> <li>• Business Training Initiatives in crafts and manufacturing sector</li> <li>• Museum exhibiting the area's industrial past</li> <li>• Heritage and Culture Events Programme</li> <li>• Place names, Poetry, Songs and Stories</li> <li>• Community Heritage Education Programme</li> <li>• A sustainable Heritage Plan</li> <li>• A dedicated Project Officer based in Craic Theatre.</li> </ul> <p><b>Linkages to Council Strategic Plans</b></p>
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The proposed project contributes to the achievement of key Council Plans including:

**Mid Ulster Economic Development Plan 2015-20**

Theme 1: Economic Growth	Supporting local traditional industries including local crafts and manufacturing to prioritise job creation and investment.
Theme 2: Enabling Employability & Skills	Explore initiatives to increase uptake of training and employment opportunities in skilled trades / professions.

**Coalisland Development Framework Plan 2016-30**

Theme 3: Improving the Coalisland experience	Create a Heritage trail and related signage. Maximisation of the Coalisland Museum. Brand Coalisland on its rich industrial heritage. Organisation of local cultural events.
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**Mid Ulster Arts and Cultural Strategy 2017-21**

Strategic Aim 4: To make Mid Ulster's arts, heritage and culture sector more visible locally, regionally and internationally	Link with local heritage and history groups to further enhance the heritage product. Encourage and support groups to apply for external heritage resources. Promote increased opportunities for volunteering in the arts and culture sector in MUDC area through the development of a volunteering in the arts, culture and heritage sector.
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**Mid Ulster Tourism Plan 2016-21**

Theme 2: Archaeology, History and Heritage	To position Mid Ulster as a centre of excellence for history and heritage. Developing a compelling heritage tourism proposition for visitors.
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**Project Costs:-**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>394,152</b>
<b>Funding Breakdown</b>	<b>£</b>
Heritage Lottery Fund	312,100
Private sector	10,052
Other source	1,000
MUDC	50,000
In-kind contribution	21,000
	<b>394,152</b>

Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd (LNP) have requested match funding of £50,000 over 3 years (£16,666 p.a.). However, based on current budget restrictions it is recommended to approve a financial commitment of £10,000 per annum over 3 years (2018-21) subject to a successful application to Heritage Lottery Fund.

**4.0 Other Considerations**

**4.1 Financial and Human Resources Implications**

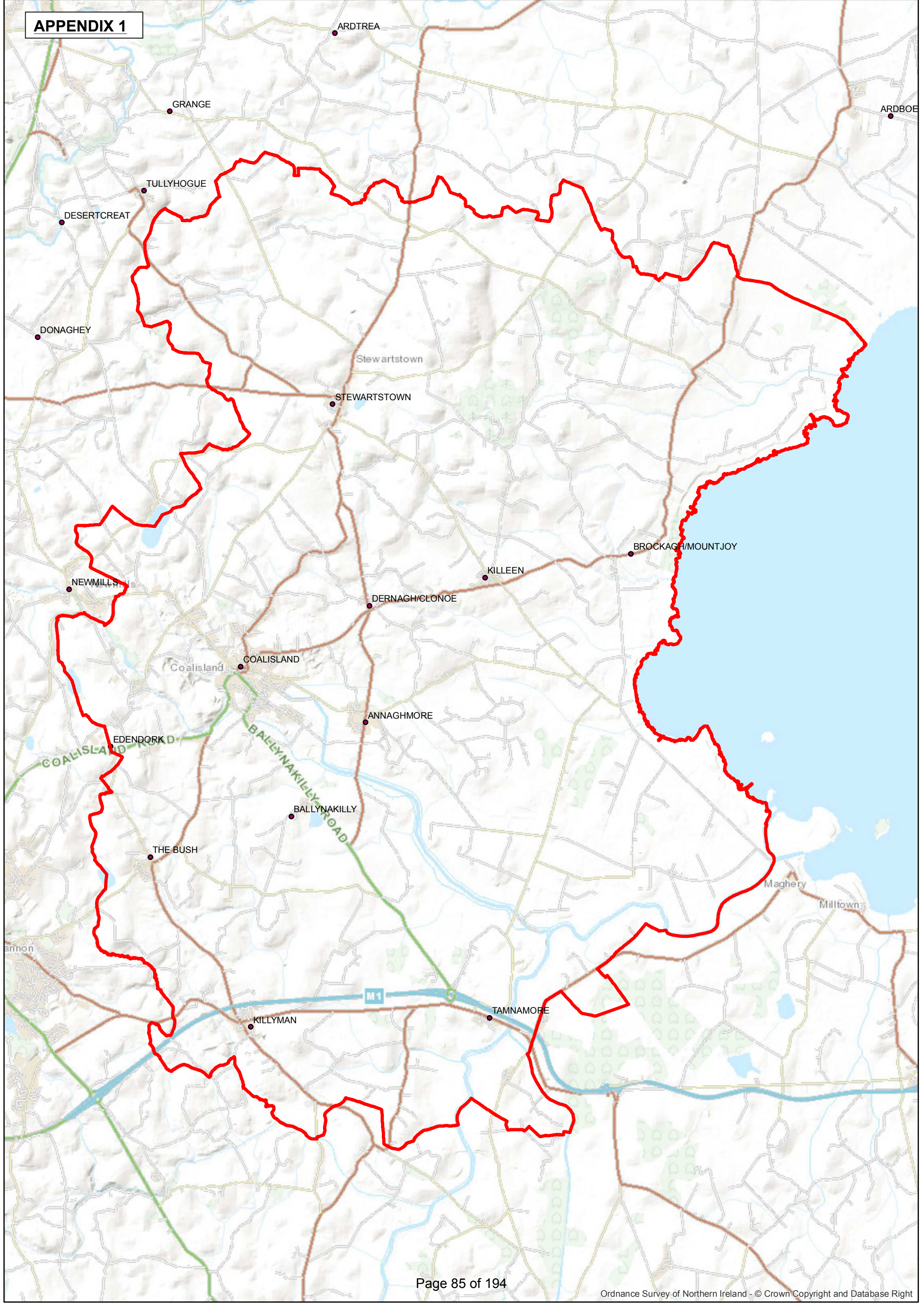
**Financial:-**

**Step Up to Sustainable Programme +**

Council has agreed a financial commitment is £40,000 per annum for the period 2018-2022 (already approved over 4 years from Council's LED Budget).

	<p><b>Up for Work Programme</b> Council has agreed a financial commitment is £9,512 per annum for the period 2018-2022 (already approved over 4 years from Council's LED Budget).</p> <p><b>Job Match Programme</b> Council has agreed a financial commitment is £10,332 per annum for the period 2018-2022 (already approved over 4 years from Council's LED Budget).</p> <p><b>Coalisland Great Places Project</b> A financial commitment of £10,000 per annum for the period 2018-21 (over 3 years from Council's LED Budget).</p> <p>The total aggregate financial contribution is £269,376 over the 4 year period (2018-22).</p> <p><b>Human:-</b> Commitment of officer time on the Programme Management Partnerships.</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b> Officers are not aware of any equality or good relations implications.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b> Risk level is mitigated as Council contributions will be subject to written confirmation of funding from other sources.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That Members note the contents of the report.
5.2	That Members note the current funding status of Programmes under the ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) and financial commitments previously agreed by Council in September 2017.
5.3	That Members do not approve the match funding request under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for the Workforce IV Programme for the reasons outlined in the report.
5.4	That Members do not approve the match funding request under ESF Phase 2 (2018-22) for the STRIDE Programme for the reasons outlined in the report.
5.5	That Members approve a financial commitment of £10,000 per annum (over a 3 year period) to Lough Neagh Partnership Ltd towards the Coalisland Great Places project.
5.6	That Members note map of the Coalisland Great Places Project boundary
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Map of Coalisland Great Places Project boundary









<b>Report on</b>	Community Development
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Claire Linney

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To seek Committee approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations.
1.2	To agree the Peace IV Partnership recommendations.
1.3	To approve the Peace IV Heritage tender award.
1.4	To approve the proposed Good Relations Plan 2018 – 2019 for submission to the NI Executive Office under TBUC for funding and delivery at a local level.
1.5	To approve the Mid Ulster Advice Provision year 3.
1.6	To update on Community Development.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Community Grants Rolling Programme - The Grant Aid Programme for the 2017/18 financial year facilitates applications being made on a rolling basis for Community Festivals and Good Relations.
2.2	Peace IV Local Action Plan 2017 – 2020 – The operational delivery of the Plan is currently in development through guidance by the Peace IV Partnership who make recommendations to Committee for delivery at a local level.
2.3	Peace IV Tender Award for the Heritage Programme – As part of Peace IV it was agreed to go to tender for the Peace IV Heritage Programme.
2.4	Good Relations – Council each year applies for good relations funding from the Executive Office to partner them in local good relations delivery under the agreed Northern Ireland TBUC policy (Together Building a United Community). As part of its submission for funding 75%, with Council matching 25% it submits a good relations annual plan of activity addressing the TBUC themes.
2.5	Mid Ulster Advice Provision - Council currently manages a contract of funding (Council and DfC) for advice provision across Mid Ulster with CAMU, this is a 3 year contract with annual review.  DfC Welfare Reform Support programme has issued a request for Council to delivery additional funding through the Community Support Programme.
2.6	Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Village Planning, Community Centres, DSD Neighbourhood Renewal



	Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<p><b>Community Grants Rolling Programme</b></p> <p>There are 9 Community Festival applications with recommendations for awards totalling £4,688.</p> <p>There is 1 Good Relations applications recommended for an award totalling £200.</p> <p>Please refer to Appendix 1 for detail</p>
<b>3.2</b>	<p><b>Peace IV</b></p> <p>Recommendation from the Peace IV Partnership for decision making: To agree the summary Shared Space Arts and Events PEACE IV Programme specification to go to tender as part of the delivery of the agreed Peace IV action plan by SEUPB to a value of £120,000 - £135,000.</p>
<b>3.3</b>	<p><b>Peace IV Tender Award</b></p> <p>The Peace IV tender for the Heritage Programme closes on 7<sup>th</sup> February, a report on the tender award will be issued in advance of the meeting for consideration.</p>
<b>3.4</b>	<p><b>Good Relations</b></p> <p>Please see a draft good relations plan 2018 – 2019 for submission to the Executive Officer under the TBUC policy and criteria for delivery of good relations activity across Mid Ulster District to a programme value of £230,000 (Executive Office £172,500) and contribution to officer resource for the development and delivery of the plan at 75%.</p>
<b>3.5</b>	<p><b>Mid Ulster Advice Provision</b></p> <p>An independent annual review has been completed on the contract for the provision of a Mid Ulster Advice Service, by William Consulting, as part of Council's 3 year contract with CAMU. It is proposed, in line with the review outcome, to continue the existing service into the final year 3 of the contract. A further review will be undertaken prior to a new contract commissioning exercise. Quarterly monitoring of the service continues.</p> <p><b>Welfare Reform Support Project</b></p> <p>DfC has issued a request to Council to provide DfC funding for the Welfare Reform Support Project through the Community Support Programme to provide for Citizens Advice Frontline Advice services. A funding package of £51,891.36 is to be provided for the following activities: Welfare Reform frontline adviser salaries for the period 1 October 2017 – 31 March 2018, associated hosting costs, an additional funding allocation for the 2017/2018 year and training package for Welfare Reform Advisers. The requirement for Council is to agree to allocate the funding on behalf of DfC under the DfC Community Support Programme, there is no match funding requirement from Council.</p>
<b>3.6</b>	<p><b>Community Development Update</b></p> <p><u>Community Support</u></p>

	<p>The Council grants are now open for application on line, groups are encouraged to contact officers with regard to the grants before applying.</p> <p>Monitoring and verification is being completed for all community development grants 2017 – 2018.</p> <p>Community Development officers are continuing to support groups access other funding sources for delivery of their plans.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Renewal: DFC is appraising all projects for 2018 – 2019 in line with its processes and the final action plan is to be agreed.</p> <p><u>Peace and Good Relations</u></p> <p>Peace Regional Shared Space Project; an update has been provided from SEUPB that the project assessment will now not take place to February 2018, no date has been provided.</p> <p>Good Relations; Projects continue to be rolled out across the District with officers now in the last quarter moving towards project completion and monitoring for the Executive Office in line with the OBA targets and final funding claims.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u></p> <p>Project development is ongoing as guided by the Partnership, including responding to issues as they arise through a partner integrated approach. The monitoring of interventions is ongoing to seek to inform DOJ and NIPB re OBA targets and final claims for funding.</p> <p>PCSP Policing Committee recently agreed the local District Policing Plan for 2018/19 with the PSNI.</p> <p>The PCSP has launched its new community app, Safer U. This app provides members of the public with relevant information on safeguarding themselves, increases awareness of local crimes, and allows for reporting of issues. The app is currently available from the Google Play store and will soon be available from the Apple Store. For other phones it can be accessed through <a href="http://www.saferuapp.com">www.saferuapp.com</a>.</p> <p>The most recent PCSP minutes are attached for information.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Local Festival awards £4,688.</li> <li>• Good Relations awards £200</li> <li>• Peace IV – Peace IV funding for a Shared Space Arts and Events PEACE IV Programme up to value of £120,000 to £135,000.</li> <li>• Peace IV Heritage Tender Award (as per tender specification report)</li> <li>• Good Relations Plan 2018 – 2019 Programme £230,000 along with salary and administration, based on 75% proposed funding from the NI Executive Office.</li> </ul> <p>Human: None</p>

	<b><u>Professional Support</u></b> None.
<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b> None
<b>4.3</b>	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b> None
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>Recommendation(s)</u></b>
5.1	To approve the grant award recommendations under the Community Local Festivals grants and Good Relations Grant as per Appendix 1 £4,688 and £200.
5.2	To agree the Peace IV Partnership recommendation of the Shared Space Arts and Events PEACE IV Programme summary specification to go to tender.
5.3	To consider and approve the Peace IV Heritage Programme tender award.
5.4	To approve the proposed Good Relations Plan 2018 – 2019 for submission to the NI Executive Office under TBUC for funding and delivery at a local level.
5.5	Approve the renewal of the Advice Contract with CAMU for a third year.  Approve the allocation of monies from DfC for Welfare Reform Support Project to the value of £51,891.36 to CAMU.
5.6	To note the community development update report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>Documents Attached &amp; References</u></b>
6.1	Appendix 1 Rolling Grant Programmes award recommendations
6.2	Appendix 2 Peace IV Engaging People through Arts specification summary.
6.3	Appendix 3 Good Relations proposed Action Plan 2018 – 2019
6.4	Appendix 4 PCSP Minutes

## Appendix 1

### Community Local Festival – February 2018

No	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Band	Award
1	Derryloran Flute Band	Cultural/Flute Band	Centenary Anniversary Concert	£1,050.00	6	£500.00
2	Friends of Cabragh	Bowling/Sports	Big Breakfast 50th Anniversary	£1,260.00	5	£600.00
3	Royal British Legion Cookstown	Charity	St Patricks Day 2018	£700.00	7	£280.00
4	St Martin's GAC, Desertmartin	Sports	Slieve Gallion Challenge	£900.00	6	£450.00
5	St Mary's Bowling Club Killeeshil	Sports	Bowling Tournament	£1,215.00	5	£600.00
6	St Mary's Church Youth Choir, Bellaghy	Community Choir	Evening of Hope	£1,000.00	4	£700.00
7	Friends of Belle of Mid Ulster Ass.	Charity	International Women's Day Conference	£894.00	7	£358.00
8	Upperlands Royal British Legion	Charity	Cultural Celebration	£800.00	6	£400.00
9	Wolfe Tones GAC, Bellaghy	Sports	All Ireland Feis	£1,000.00	3	£800.00
						<b>£4,688.00</b>

### Good Relations Grants – February 2018

N o	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Requested	Band	Award
1	Cookstown Garden Club	Gardening	Garden & Outdoor Activities for Community	£497.00	7	£200.00
						<b>£200.00</b>

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

## **Appendix 2**

### **Appointment of Development and Delivery of a Shared Space Arts and Events PEACE IV Programme**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Mid Ulster District Council invites tenders to provide the development and delivery of a Shared Space Arts and Events PEACE IV programme for Mid Ulster District in partnership with Mid Ulster District Council.

The contract is for the development of a bespoke arts peace programme that will seek to bring people from different communities and traditions together using the medium of art. The programme will be delivered across Mid Ulster, focusing on the following areas and the wider surround areas of:

1. Maghera
2. Coalisland
3. Moy
4. Donaghmore
5. Aughnacloy
6. Draperstown
7. Generic District wide programme

The programme will be delivered under the PEACE IV theme Building Positive Relations and will focus on bringing people together from different community and religious backgrounds; with the aim of seeking to make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society. The programme is part funded by the European Union ERDF fund through Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB).

The timeline for the delivery of the Programme is to commence April 2018 and complete September 2020.

The programme and participants will develop:

- A greater understanding of our shared culture and linkages through engagement through art.
- Greater linkages between groups and people across Mid Ulster.

#### **2.0 SCOPE OF WORK/SERVICE REQUIRED**

The programme will focus on developing cross community engagement in the villages identified above through the medium of arts.

The scope of work will include:

1. Development of a bespoke arts programme tailored to suit each area (7 areas) to encourage cross community engagement, using mediums of art, music, drama.
2. The programmes will be delivered over a 2 year period; Year 1 programme delivery and year 2 programme delivery in all areas.
3. The target number is minimum 100 people participating per year; approx. a minimum of 15 – 20 people per area.
4. The project participants must be recruited under a new process and not just work with exiting groupings of people/participants in an area.
5. The contact time for people in the area is minimum 60%/40% CNR/PUL and in an area where there is a large migrant community 60%/30%/10% over a minimum of 26 hours over a 6 month period.
6. The arts delivery will involve a range of interactive workshops allowing for engagement in shared civic spaces.
7. There are four shared civic space development projects being delivered as part of PEACE IV in Moy, Donaghmore, Draperstown, Aughnacloy. The projects include:  
Donaghmore – the development of a riverside walk (environmental improvement works) linking the village to the Torrent River.  
Moy – the development of a riverside walk (environmental works) linking the village to the Blackwater River.  
Draperstown – the development of a riverside walk (environmental improvement works) linking the village and the Plantan and river.  
Aughnacloy – the development of a family friendly park alongside the eco park at the current recreation pitches in the village.  
The arts engagement projects delivered in these areas will link to the shared space developments for example within the arts themes.
8. The programmes across the areas will link the participants after programme delivery to the existing arts community facilities in the areas to allow for sustainable participation.
9. All activity to be delivered at a local level to seek to maximize engagement. Any use of community or Council facilities will need to be arranged and costed as part of any delivery.
10. Facilitation and Management of the following:  
The programme will require
  - Marketing and Promotion – to get attendance to the programme and throughout in line with PEACE IV guidelines.



- Developing and agreeing bespoke arts programmes for each area with Council
- Organising and facilitating a range of art thematic workshops
- Supporting and facilitating the connection and engagement of people and children and young people from different religious and community background in line with the PEACE IV Building Positive Relations Programme.
- Sustaining linkages between people participating on the programme and linking them to local arts delivery in their areas.
- Project management - as part of the remit of management of the programme it will be the responsibility of the successful tenderer to oversee all logistics and ensuring good governance throughout the programme.
- Monitoring and evaluation throughout the programme with regard to outputs, targets and indicators.

#### Programme outputs

Minimum of 7 programmes delivered per year as per the areas identified over 2 years.

Minimum of 100 people across the programmes per year, approx.. 15 – 20 people per programme area, over 2 years.

Minimum of 20 workshops per programme area to be delivered over a 1.5 – 2 hour time period over a 6 month period.

End of programme performance or exhibition etc. per area.

Engagement with local arts provision.

Linkages to the shared space projects, in areas relevant.

11. Monitoring and evaluation against the baseline indicators will be essential and will be part of the management and facilitation role. This will include implementing the necessary baseline and monitoring systems to ensure that outcome based monitoring can take place against the targets and indicators.

Programme Targets/Indicators that should be utilised:

- Percentage of people who believe they have a greater appreciation and increased understanding of their own and diverse traditions.
- Increase in the number of people who have friendships with people from another religious or community background
- Percentage of people who feel better able to participate in public life and shared space in a cross community and cross border environment.

The programme budget is in the region of £120,000 - £135,000 and will include for all costs.

The tender will be assessed against the following criteria.

Quality 70% and Price 30%



# **DISTRICT COUNCIL GOOD RELATIONS PROGRAMME**

## **2018/19 ACTION PLAN**

**District Council: Mid Ulster**

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**Chief Executive Officer: Mr Anthony Tohill**

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## Section 1

### 1.1 Programme information

<b>Number of programmes</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Name/role/contact details of all staff responsible for programme management</b>	<b>Oliver Morgan GRM 50% management</b> <a href="mailto:Oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org">Oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org</a>  <b>Officer 1 Sean McElhatton GRO</b> <b>Officer 2 Sean Henry GRO</b> <b>Officer 3 Paula Kelly GRO</b> <b>Officer 4 Louise Hall Good Relations Assistant</b>

### 1.2 Financial information

	<b>100%</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>Total cost</b>	£416,000	£312,000
<b>Total programme costs</b>	£230,000	£172,500
<b>Total staff costs</b>	£186,000	£139,500
<b>Staff cost breakdown</b>	Officer 1 - £39,895 – 5 days Office 2 - £39,895 - 5 days Officer 3 – £39,895 – 5 days Oliver Morgan – GR Mgr. - 50% 24,185 Assistant x 1 FT resource (S6) £29,700 Mileage £6000 (approx. £1,500 per FT officer & 50% manager and assistant) Learning and development – provided by Council corporate Printing, Stationary and photocopying £1,930 Advertising £2,500 (towards public advertisement grants x 2 etc.) Postage – provided by Council corporate Promotion of projects £2,000	

## Section 2

Children and Young People Post Primary School Diversity Programme			MUC 01	
Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan Paula Kelly			
Total cost of programme 100%)	£10,000			
Total no. of participants	Direct	100	Indirect	200
Unit cost of programme	£100			
Participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT71
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT45
	Location	Coalisland	Postcode	BT71
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority	Our Children and Young People			
T:BUC Outcome	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			
Project Level Outcome	An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from an ethnic minority background.			
Additional Project level Outcomes				
Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for young people from different traditions to interact outside of school.</li><li>• Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage.</li></ul>			



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good practice exists to date on the positive role of schools based activity in facilitating diverse discussions in schools on cultural diversity partnership between schools and relationship building between young people.</li> <li>• The need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures was the most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 84% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li> <li>• 78% of respondents reported a need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds. Schools based work was acknowledged in the survey findings as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates such engagement.</li> <li>• Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other young people from a different community was identified as a high priority.</li> <li>• School resources are not available to fund GR activity within school budgets.</li> <li>• 14 post primary schools in Mid Ulster are engaged in Delivering Social Change (DSC) Shared Education Signature Projects</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV Post Primary Good Relations Programme which will work with 14 schools on engaging schools together project, exploring difference and diversity programme.</li> <li>• Delivering Social Change (DSC) Shared Education Signature Projects</li> <li>• Peace IV Collaboration through Sharing in Education Project (CASE)</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>GR officers have been working with schools across the District for a number of years and in 2018/19 it is planned to deliver programmes specific for each of the school sectors – post primary, primary and pre-school.</p> <p>GR officers will work with post primary schools to develop tailored diversity and good relations programmes to suit each school and partner schools. Up to 6 programmes will be delivered with schools across our main towns that have diverse migrant and ethnic cultures of student populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dungannon Drumglass/St Patrick's College/Integrated programmes</li> <li>• Magherafelt St Mary's/Rainey/St Pius programme</li> <li>• Coalisland St Joseph's programme</li> <li>• Cookstown High School and Holy Trinity programme</li> </ul>

<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	6 sessions across the schools with 40 workshops delivered across the programmes (different number of workshops per programme depending upon need re numbers engaging) Activities delivered will include diversity around us, diversity of culture and expression, our changing environment Approx. 50 pupils participating in each programme
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Children and Young People Primary School Diversity Programme		MUC 02		
<b>Contact details for programme staff</b>		Oliver Morgan Sean McElhatton		
<b>Total cost of programme 100%)</b>		£8,000		
<b>Total no. of participants</b>	<b>Direct</b>	300	<b>Indirect</b>	200
<b>Unit cost of programme</b>		£27		
<b>Participant background analysis</b>		As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male		
<b>Name and post code of Programme HQ</b>	<b>Location</b>	MUDC	<b>Postcode</b>	BT71 6DT
<b>Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact</b>	<b>Location</b>	Dungannon	<b>Postcode</b>	BT71
	<b>Location</b>	Cookstown	<b>Postcode</b>	BT80
	<b>Location</b>	Magherafelt	<b>Postcode</b>	BT45
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
<b>Key Priority</b>		Our Children and Young People		
<b>T:BUC Outcome</b>		Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds		
<b>Project Level Outcome</b>		An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from an ethnic minority background.		
<b>Additional Project level Outcomes</b>				
<b>Link to good relations audit</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for children and young people from different traditions to interact outside of school.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage.</li> <li>• Good practice exists to date on the positive role of schools based activity in facilitating partnership between schools and relationship building between children and young people.</li> <li>• The need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures was the most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 84% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li> <li>• 78% of respondents reported a need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds. Schools based work was acknowledged in the survey findings as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates such engagement</li> <li>• Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority.</li> <li>• There are 103 primary schools across the District and a need for sustained activity to target new schools that have not engaged in GR work to date.</li> <li>• School resources are not available to fund GR activity within school budgets.</li> <li>• 36 primary schools in Mid Ulster are engaged in Delivering Social Change (DSC) Shared Education Signature Projects</li> <li>• A primary schools survey in 2016 showed that 98% of schools were keen to engage in GR / Peace IV activity.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV Primary Schools Good Relations Programme which will work with primary schools exploring cultural diversity.</li> <li>• DSC Shared Education Signature Projects</li> <li>• Peace IV Collaboration through Sharing in Education Project (CASE)</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>Council has been working very successfully with Primary schools for many years and this work is recognised across the District as good practice in terms of enhancing good relations locally.</p> <p>GR officers will deliver 8 programmes across 10 primary schools to develop tailored diversity and good relations programmes to suit each school and link schools together. Programmes will be delivered in our main towns and catchment areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dungannon Programmes x 3 programmes</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dungannon area schools surrounding with migrant children x 2 programmes</li> <li>• Cookstown Programme x 2 programmes</li> <li>• Magherafelt Programme x 1 programme</li> </ul>
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<p>4 sessions per programme delivered</p> <p>Each session will be a 2-hour workshop focused upon The World Around Us, cultures and music and food, diversity of cultures in our schools</p> <p>No of participants in each programme 50 per school approx. (where larger numbers greater provision)</p>

Children and Young People Pre-School Diversity Programme			MUC 03	
Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan Sean Henry			
Total cost of programme 100%)	Zero			
Total no. of participants	Direct	240	Indirect	200
Unit cost of programme	£0			
Participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	MUDC	Postcode	
	Location		Postcode	
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority	Our Children and Young People			
T:BUC Outcome	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			
Project Level Outcome	An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from an ethnic minority background.			
Additional Project level Outcomes				

<b>Link to good relations audit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage.</li> <li>• The Curricular Guidance for Pre-School indicates that in promoting best practice to ensure equality of opportunity: “It is important that young children are helped to understand that we see the world in many different ways depending on our cultural, social and religious viewpoints. Staff should acknowledge and respect the culture, beliefs and lifestyles of the families of all children. When planning, include activities and resources that encourage respect for diversity within our society”.</li> <li>• Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for children from different traditions to interact.</li> <li>• Good practice exists to date on the positive role of schools based activity in facilitating partnership between schools and relationship building between children.</li> <li>• The need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures was the most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 84% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li> <li>• The need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was the second most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 78% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. Schools based work was acknowledged in the survey as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates such engagement.</li> <li>• Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV Pre-school Programme</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	GR officers will work with up to 16 preschools, facilitating their engagement in the Peace IV pre-school programme. This will involve engagement in a programme to address respect for diversity through exploring early stereotypes and interaction of difference through a facilitated programme involving music, drama and interactive activities.
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<p>2 workshop sessions in each pre-school Workshop sessions will be approximately 2 hours Activities that will be delivered on a range of themes including: The World Around Us, Cultures and Diversity etc. No of participants in each programme approx. 20 – 25 pre-school children</p>

<b>Children and Young People Sharing Cultural Music Tradition in Schools</b>		<b>MUC 04</b>			
<b>Contact details for programme staff</b>		Oliver Morgan Sean McElhatton			
<b>Total cost of programme 100%)</b>		£12,000			
<b>Total no. of participants</b>		<b>Direct</b>	300	<b>Indirect</b>	600
<b>Unit cost of programme</b>		£40			
<b>Participant background analysis</b>		As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
<b>Name and post code of Programme HQ</b>		<b>Location</b>	MUDC	<b>Postcode</b>	BT71 6DT
<b>Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact</b>		<b>Location</b>	MUDC	<b>Postcode</b>	
		<b>Location</b>		<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?</b>					
<b>Key Priority</b>		Our Children and Young People			
<b>T:BUC Outcome</b>		Young people engaged in bringing the community together.			
<b>Project Level Outcome</b>		An increase in the percentage of young people who regularly socialise or play sport with people from a different religious community.			
<b>Additional Project level Outcomes</b>					
<b>Link to good relations audit</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good practice exists to date on the positive role of schools based traditional music in facilitating partnership between schools and relationship building between children.</li> <li>• Children engaged in traditional music within schools have performed at public events which bring members from across the community together.</li> <li>• Music unites people from all communities and cultural traditions. The cross community Cookstown Folk Club has evolved from the traditional music in schools programme.</li> <li>• The need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures was the most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 84% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li> </ul>			



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was the second most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 78% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. Schools based work was acknowledged in the survey as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates such engagement. Music was also highlighted as an important medium for facilitating cross community engagement.</li> <li>• Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV Primary School Good Relations Programme</li> <li>• DSC Shared Education Signature Projects</li> <li>• Peace IV Collaboration through Sharing in Education Project (CASE)</li> <li>• Mid Ulster District Council Arts &amp; Culture programmes</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>The Canavan School of Music has been working with primary schools in the Cookstown area since 2007 and more recently has extended into the Magherafelt and Dungannon area, teaching children traditional music skills (guitar, tin whistle, banjo, mandolin and flute).</p> <p>Pipes and Drums has more recently been working in primary and post primary schools in Mid Ulster teaching children and young people traditional music skills in pipes and drumming.</p> <p>Both organisations have come together, facilitating collective performances at community and Council public events.</p> <p>This programme will work with 24 schools teaching traditional music skills and will fund 2 Youth Cultural International day of Peace events, linking with Mid Ulster Together Clergy Forum. (with Arts and Culture – Canavan School Music £5,000 &amp; £5,000 Music Service for Pipes &amp; Drums) (£2,000 International Day of Peace events)</p>
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<p>Weekly music sessions delivered in 24 schools during school term time April 2018 to March 2019</p> <p>Children will rehearse together for joint events</p> <p>2 Youth Cultural International day of Peace events will be delivered</p> <p>300 children and young people will participate.</p>

Children and Young People Youth Diversity and Engagement Programme		MUC 05			
<b>Contact details for programme staff</b>		Oliver Morgan Paula Kelly Sean Henry			
<b>Total cost of programme 100%)</b>		£11,000			
<b>Total no. of participants</b>		<b>Direct</b>	400	<b>Indirect</b>	600
<b>Unit cost of programme</b>		£27			
<b>Participant background analysis</b>		As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
<b>Name and post code of Programme HQ</b>		<b>Location</b>	MUDC	<b>Postcode</b>	BT71 6DT
<b>Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact</b>		<b>Location</b>	Dungannon	<b>Postcode</b>	BT71
		<b>Location</b>	Cookstown	<b>Postcode</b>	BT80
		<b>Location</b>	Magherafelt	<b>Postcode</b>	BT45
		<b>Location</b>	Coalisland	<b>Postcode</b>	BT71
<b>PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?</b>					
<b>Key Priority</b>		Our Children and Young People			
<b>T:BUC Outcome</b>		Young people engaged in bringing the community together.			
<b>Project Level Outcome</b>		An increase in the percentage of young people who regularly socialise or play sport with people from a different religious community			
<b>Additional Project level Outcomes</b>					
<b>Link to good relations audit</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for children and young people from different traditions to interact.</li> <li>Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage.</li> <li>Arts based activities have been identified as uniting people from all communities and cultural traditions.</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures was the most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 84% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li> <li>• The need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was the second most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 78% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. Arts, sports based activities, intervention work with disengaged young people and the engagement of young people in community based activities was identified in the survey as examples of good practice that facilitate positive cross community youth engagement.</li> <li>• Arts based activities are important for bringing the wider community together.</li> <li>• Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MUDC Peace IV programme Engaging youth, Shared Space Youth Sports Engagement Programme, Engaging through the Arts programme, Rural Communities programme</li> <li>• DSC Shared Education Signature Projects</li> <li>• Peace IV Collaboration through Sharing in Education Project (CASE)</li> <li>• Mid Ulster District Council Arts &amp; Culture and sports programmes</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	GR officers will work in communities to engage young people and bring them together through arts, drama, music, sports and civic leadership focused activities.
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project 1 - GR officers to work with CWSAN and COSTA to develop a rural youth initiative, engaging up to 100 young people. £3,500</li> <li>2. Project 2 - GR officers will work with our strategic arts partners and main arts groups Ranfurly House and Seamus Heaney Home Place to support youth participation in wider cross cultural activities and other Council programmes. Through community drama we will develop good relations themes to engage disengaged young people and / or those from disadvantaged areas / backgrounds.</li> </ol>

	<p>Arts and drama projects x 2 will be delivered, improving access to shared drama and youth space across the district with over 100 young people participating and bringing a more tolerant approach back to their communities. £3,000</p> <p>3. Project 3 - Young people linking to leadership, DOA engagement etc. e.g. the US consulate leadership for young people, ERASMUS etc.</p> <p>Deliver 2 programmes engaging young people from across the District in leadership – 100 young people engaging. £2,500</p> <p>GR officers will work with Princes Trust with regard to engaging youth in positive engagement and volunteering, particularly those most vulnerable - £2,000</p>
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Children and Young People MID ULSTER Primary Schools Cross Community Programme SPEEDWELL			MUC 06	
Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan Sean McElhatton			
Total cost of programme 100%)	£24,000			
Total no. of participants	Direct	280	Indirect	200
Unit cost of programme	£85			
Participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT70 3AA
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Mid Ulster wide	Postcode	
	Location		Postcode	
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority	Our Children and Young People			

<b>T:BUC Outcome</b>	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds
<b>Project Level Outcome</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from the Catholic community.</li> <li>2. An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from the Protestant Community.</li> </ol>
<b>Additional Project level Outcomes</b>	An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from an ethnic minority background.
<b>Link to good relations audit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for children and young people from different traditions to interact outside of school.</li> <li>• Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage.</li> <li>• Teachers are uncomfortable / lack the skills to facilitate discussion on contentious issues such as flags, emblems, symbols.</li> <li>• Good practice exists to date on the positive role of schools based activity in facilitating partnership between schools and relationship building between children and young people.</li> <li>• Parental influence can be a barrier to sustaining the learning from schools based programmes and there is a need to involve and engage with parents and the wider community to reinforce the good work delivered through schools.</li> <li>• The need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures was the most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 84% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li> <li>• The need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was the second most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 78% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. Schools based work was acknowledged in the survey findings as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates such engagement.</li> <li>• Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority.</li> <li>• There are 103 primary schools across the District and a need for sustained activity to target new schools that have not engaged in GR work to date.</li> <li>• School resources are not available to fund GR activity within school budgets.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 36 primary schools in Mid Ulster engaged in Delivering Social Change Shared Education Projects</li> <li>• A primary schools survey in 2016 showed 98% of schools were keen to engage in GR / Peace IV</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV Primary School Good Relations Programme</li> <li>• DSC Shared Education Signature Projects</li> <li>• Peace IV Collaboration through Sharing in Education Project (CASE)</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>Speedwell Trust is a voluntary project based in Parkanaur Forest near Dungannon. Speedwell programmes involve children working in mixed groups, participating in both environmental and community relations programmes. Programmes also offer teachers and parents from both communities the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and knowledge.</p>
	<p>MUDC has been engaging with Speedwell Trust for many years in supporting good relations work in primary schools in Mid Ulster. This work has been extremely effective, partnering schools and facilitating joint workshops with children and teachers. The project has been instrumental in fostering partnership working between schools, which is sustained beyond the project.</p>
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 primary schools will participate, working in pairs (7 partnerships of 1 controlled / 1 maintained)</li> <li>• 280 children from KS2 will participate (P5 and 6)</li> <li>• Initial planning workshop will be facilitated with schools</li> <li>• Children will come together for up to 6 joint workshops looking at – understanding identity, understanding each other, prejudice, stereotyping, flags, emblems &amp; symbols, relationship building</li> <li>• Board of Governors and parent engagement initiatives will be facilitated, encouraging involvement in the programme</li> <li>• 3 celebratory events involving the wider school community</li> <li>• The programme will run from September to March</li> </ul>



Shared Community Good Relations Small Grant Programme			MUC 07	
Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan Paula Kelly Sean Henry Sean McElhatten			
Total cost of programme (100%)	£40,000			
Total no. of participants	Direct	800	Indirect	1,000
Unit cost of programme	£50			
Participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Mid Ulster wide	Postcode	
	Location		Postcode	
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
T:BUC Outcome	Increased use of shared space and services			
Project Level Outcome	An increase in percentage of people who consider the area they live as welcoming to all communities.			
Additional Project level Outcomes				
Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for people from different traditions to interact.</li><li>• The online survey generated the following findings;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 78% of respondents reported that the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li><li>- 46% of respondents reported that shared space was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area</li></ul></li></ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities continue to operate single identity activities rather than reach out to wider and neighbouring communities and there is a need to develop a greater number of shared spaces within areas / local communities where people can come together.</li> <li>• Communities need to be supported in their understanding of shared space, implementing shared space projects and ongoing activities that will facilitate use of shared spaces.</li> <li>• There is a need to further develop and sustain existing shared spaces through the resourcing of activities / events that will encourage increased and sustained use of existing shared spaces.</li> <li>• Resourcing for shared community based activities and events is important for engaging grass roots organisations in the development and delivery of good relations projects.</li> <li>• There is a need to maximise the use of shared space through resourcing of shared space activity.</li> <li>• There is a need to overcome perceptions of shared space and ensure that spaces are welcoming, accessible and visited by all sections of the community.</li> <li>• Demand for small grants is high and in 2017/18 76 small grants applications were received.</li> <li>• Community organisations value the opportunity to apply for small level funding to run events / activities that enable shared activities between all members of the community.</li> <li>• The current political impasse at Stormont makes it challenging for groups to engage in good relations activity. However groups report that given the current political context, it is imperative that grass roots community organisations show leadership in good relations activity.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV programmes – e.g. shared Space Youth Sports Engagement programme, Shared Space Arts and Events Programme, Shared Space Small Capital Grants Programme and Shared Space Capital Programme in 12 areas.</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	A small grants programme will be managed by Mid Ulster District Council
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<p>50 small grants will be awarded to community organisations for shared space activity delivered between April 2018 and March 2019</p> <p>A maximum grant up to £1,200 will be available</p> <p>Contribution towards strategic events grants programme to support range of good relations criteria re. outreach for diversity and engagement of communities across the District see cultural expression.</p>

Shared Community Shared History and Decade of Anniversaries Programme			MUC 08	
Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan Sean McElhatton			
Total cost of programme (100%)	£28,000			
Total no. of participants	Direct	600	Indirect	300
Unit cost of programme	£47			
Participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Mid Ulster wide	Postcode	
	Location		Postcode	
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
T:BUC Outcome	Increased use of shared space and services			
Project Level Outcome	An increase in percentage of people who consider the area they live as welcoming to all communities.			
Additional Project level Outcomes				
Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for people from different traditions to interact.</li><li>• The online survey generated the following findings;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 84% of respondents reported a need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures.</li><li>- 78% of respondents reported that the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li><li>- 47% of respondents reported that shared space was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area</li></ul></li><li>• The decade of Anniversaries activity to date has helped to educate and raise understanding of our shared history. This activity has also raised interest in the decade of anniversaries.</li></ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is reported that increased awareness and understanding has contributed to a 'softening of attitudes' towards people and organisations from different community backgrounds</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peace IV programmes – e.g. Cross Border Shared Heritage Prog. Decade of Anniversaries Prog.</li> <li>Mid Ulster District Council Arts &amp; Culture programmes</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GR Officers will work with local communities interested in acknowledging the Decade of Anniversaries through the Community Relations Council / Heritage Lottery Fund principles of shared understanding of our history in shared locations. A budget of £24,000 grant support will be available for programmes of activity up to £2,500 to be matched 50% by the delivery group</li> <li>A Decade of Anniversaries lecture series will be delivered across the District – 4-5 lectures across the District linking historians £4,000</li> </ol>
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 community based activities delivered</li> <li>4-5 lectures delivered across the District</li> </ul>

Shared Community Shared Spaces			MUC 09	
Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan Sean Henry			
Total cost of programme (100%)	£4,000			
Total no. of participants	Direct	200	Indirect	200
Unit cost of programme	£20			
Participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Pomeroy	Postcode	BT70
	Location	Moy	Postcode	BT45
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
T:BUC Outcome	Increased use of shared space and services			
Project Level Outcome	An increase in percentage of people who consider the area they live as welcoming to all communities.			
Additional Project level Outcomes				
Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for people from different traditions to interact.</li><li>• The online survey generated the following findings;<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 84% of respondents reported a need for greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures.</li><li>- 78% of respondents reported that the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li><li>- 47% of respondents reported that shared space was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area</li></ul></li><li>• There is a recognition of the good practice work that has been developed in creating shared spaces across the district, in Dungannon – Dungannon Park, Railway Park, Ranfurly House, Hill of O’Neill,</li></ul>			

	<p>the Junction; Cookstown – Rowantree Centre Pomeroy, MUSA, the Burnavon, The Hub; Magherafelt – Seamus Heaney Home Place, Maghera Walled Garden, Ballyronan Marina.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a need to further develop and sustain existing shared spaces through the resourcing of activities / events that will encourage increased and sustained use of existing shared spaces.</li> <li>• The current political impasse at Stormont makes it challenging for groups to engage in good relations activity. However groups report that given the current political context, it is imperative that leadership is shown locally in the delivery of good relations activity.</li> <li>• There is significant strategic shared space work proposed in Pomeroy, through a Peace IV Regional Shared Space Project and in Moy which is one of the TBUC shared campus projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV programmes – e.g. Shared Space Small Capital Grants Programme and Shared Space Capital Programme in 6 areas (Draperstown, Moneymore, Aughnacloy, Castledawson, Donaghmore, Moy)</li> <li>• TBUC Shared Education Campuses Programme - Moy Regional Controlled Primary School and St John's Primary School, Moy are one of 5 campuses which have been selected to proceed</li> <li>• Peace IV Shared Space Project Pomeroy – strategic regional shared space project in Pomeroy engaging wide number of facilities and community.</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>GR officers will work with projects that have developed over recent years as strategic shared spaces to continue to encourage shared civic spaces across Mid Ulster.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project 1 - Shared Space Pomeroy – Develop a project in Pomeroy with local groups to seek to encourage and promote sharing together as part of the development of shared space in Pomeroy. GR officers will work with local groups and youth to seek to commence engagement as part of the proposed shared space as part of the development of a Peace IV Regional Shared Space Project. This will also link working with the PCSP with regard to youth issues within the area. £4,000</li> <li>2. Complementary activity Moy Shared Space project – Work with communities and with EA with regard to the development of the proposed shared space project – engaging young people and wider community in the future space.</li> </ol> <p>GR Officers will work with Council Arts and Culture venues to seek to ensure they are open and shared for all the community – see cultural expression theme.</p>

	GR officers will work with Council Events to seek to ensure that our mainstream events on our shared space parks and facilities across the District remain shared and continue to be good practice examples e.g. Dungannon Park, Maghera Walled Garden, Ballyronan Marina, Railway Park.
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	1 shared space programme of activity in Pomeroy Engaged in shared space programme of activity in Moy

Shared Community Clergy and Churches Leadership and Engagement			MUC 10	
Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan Sean McElhatton			
Total cost of programme (100%)	£8,000			
Total no. of participants	Direct	200	Indirect	100
Unit cost of programme	£40			
Participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT45
	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT71
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
T:BUC Outcome	Increased use of shared space and services			
Project Level Outcome	An increase in percentage of people who consider the area they live as welcoming to all communities.			
Additional Project level Outcomes				
Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for people from different traditions to interact.</li><li>• The online survey generated the following findings:</li></ul>			



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 84% of respondents reported a need for greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures.</li> <li>- 78% of respondents reported that the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area.</li> <li>- 47% of respondents reported that shared space was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area</li> <li>• Community consultation highlighted the very positive impact that cross community engagement amongst Church leaders has in the District. The leadership shown by Church leaders was reported to be essential in promoting good practice in terms of showing respect for diversity.</li> <li>• Good relations funding has facilitated Church leaders to build working relationships which would not have happened without GR funding. The work of the Clergy has focused upon social issues and brought the clergy in closer contact with organisations addressing social needs cross the District. Clergy have also engaged in researching good practice in other areas with respect to the role of the Church in meeting social needs.</li> <li>• Church Forums in Cookstown and Dungannon have demonstrated good practice in terms of bringing lay people from different Churches together for an annual programme of activities. Representatives from the Church Forums report that opportunities for shared Church activities would not occur without GR funding.</li> <li>• Church Forum activity has helped to address misconceptions and facilitate better understanding of and between different faiths. Joint working has helped to build relationships and has shown positive example to the wider community.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV programmes – e.g. Shared Space Small Capital Grants Programme and Shared Space Capital Programme in 12 areas</li> <li>• Mid Ulster District Council Arts &amp; Culture programmes</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>GR officers will work with;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid Ulster Clergy Together Forum – in the development of a programme of activities addressing diversity, respect for culture, social inclusion and anti-poverty. Activities will involve Forum focused activities, engagement activities with local schools and engagement in wider community GR activities / events.</li> <li>• Cookstown Churches Forum – in the development of an annual programme of talks, visits and events that address enhanced understanding and collective awareness of local issues, between lay people from different Church traditions.</li> </ul>

<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<p>1. Mid Ulster Clergy Together Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a programme of activities focused upon anti-poverty and related social issues</li> <li>• Minimum of 10 meetings / visits between Clergy over 12 months</li> <li>• Engagement of Clergy Forum with a minimum of 6 other GR events – Mid Ulster in Harmony, International Peace Day, Christmas Choral events, Poverty based events</li> </ul> <p>£4,000 – annual programme of activity £1,000 - Mid Ulster in Harmony £1,000 - Project work e.g. Choral event to be developed in Magherafelt linking clergy and others. Link to Dungannon choral event</p> <p>2. Churches Forum Cookstown - £2,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a programme of activities over 12 months</li> <li>• Minimum of 10 meetings / events over 12 months engaging Church Forum members and the wider community.</li> </ul>
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<b>Our Safe Community Responding to Local Community Issues</b>		<b>MUC 11</b>	
<b>Contact details for programme staff</b>	Oliver Morgan Sean Henry		
<b>Total cost of programme (100%)</b>	Zero - work with PCSP		
<b>Total no. of participants</b>	<b>Direct</b>	100	<b>Indirect</b> 100
<b>Unit cost of programme</b>	£0		
<b>Participant background analysis</b>	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male		
<b>Name and post code of Programme HQ</b>	<b>Location</b>	MUDC	<b>Postcode</b> BT71 6DT
	<b>Location</b>	Dungannon	<b>Postcode</b> BT71

<b>Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact</b>	<b>Location</b>	Cookstown	<b>Postcode</b>	BT80
	<b>Location</b>	Magherafelt	<b>Postcode</b>	BT45
	<b>Location</b>	Coalisland	<b>Postcode</b>	BT71
	<b>Location</b>	Maghera	<b>Postcode</b>	BT46
<b>PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?</b>				
<b>Key Priority</b>	Our Safe Community			
<b>T:BUC Outcome</b>	A community where places and spaces are safe for all			
<b>Project Level Outcome</b>	An increase in the percentage of participants who see town centres as safe and welcoming places for people from all walks of life.			
<b>Additional Project level Outcomes</b>				
<b>Link to good relations audit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The online survey generated the following findings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- silent sectarianism / racism was the third most reported issue, with 60% of respondents reporting that this was a priority issue for Mid Ulster</li> <li>- safe communities was the fourth most reported issue with 57% of respondents reporting that this was a priority issue for Mid Ulster</li> <li>- territorial markings were reported as an issue by 43% of respondents</li> <li>- hate related incidents was reported by 39% of respondents as an important issue for the area</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Segregation within communities was reported as having a negative impact on the promotion of safe communities within Mid Ulster.</li> <li>• Other contributing factors that were reported in the survey and during consultation were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lack of shared spaces</li> <li>- a lack of trust and respect between communities</li> <li>- crime and anti-social behaviour in communities</li> <li>- flags, emblems and bonfires</li> <li>- drug and alcohol misuse</li> <li>- poverty and deprivation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In 2016 there were 106 incidents with a hate motivation in Mid Ulster (55 sectarian, 44 racist and 7 homophobic). There were 79 crimes recorded with a hate motivation in Mid Ulster (46 sectarian, 29 racist and 4 homophobic).</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GR work in respect to shared spaces, children and young people and cultural expression all contribute to the promotion of safe communities</li> <li>• The work of the PCSP is pivotal to the creation of safe communities. It is considered that GR and PCSP potentially compete for the delivery of safe communities' initiatives.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV programmes</li> <li>• Shared Education</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Renewal</li> <li>• Police and Community Safety</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>GR officers will identify communities that have issues or local tensions through links with our partners (recorded instances, members, PCSP, PSNI, NIHE, Probation Board, and Youth justice Agency etc.) and identify areas of work that can be addressed through a multi-agency approach to keep spaces and communities safe and accessible and open to all.</p> <p>The activities will be both proactive and reactive in nature. Where there are known yearly issues arising then a proactive approach will be taken with local people to seek to avoid issues reoccurring. In some areas this has been ongoing for up to 3 years since a previous instance and this can be at key times of the year; areas where there have been recent issues are: Pomeroy and Maghera and others that arise throughout the year. Activities arranged to support community cohesion at difficult times within the year, e.g. bonfires work with PCSP and partners as required to seek to ensure cultural and safe expression, addressing issue of flags and contested space.</p> <p>GR officers will work alongside Council's sports development staff to target young people particularly during summer months and link diversionary programmes into areas and communities with Council sports development e.g. MUSA Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt, Maghera, Coalisland.</p> <p>In other areas we will react alongside the PCSP to situations that are brought to the attention of officers by partners and members. GR officers, in conjunction with PSCP officers, will encourage groups and youths to engage in wider GR programmes.</p>
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<p>6 reactionary support activities working in a multi-agency approach</p> <p>6 proactive initiatives working within a multi-agency approach</p>

Our Safe Community Enabling Good Relations and Safe Communities			MUC 12	
Contact details for programme staff			Oliver Morgan Paula Kelly	
Total cost of programme (100%)			£10,000	
Total no. of participants			<b>Direct</b>	1,000
Unit cost of programme			<b>Indirect</b>	100
Participant background analysis			£10	
Name and post code of Programme HQ			As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male	
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact			<b>Location</b>	BT71 6DT
			<b>Postcode</b>	BT71 6DT
			<b>Location</b>	BT80
			<b>Postcode</b>	BT80
			<b>Location</b>	BT45
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			<b>Location</b>	BT71
			<b>Postcode</b>	BT71
			<b>Location</b>	BT46
			<b>Postcode</b>	BT46
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority			Our Safe Community	
T:BUC Outcome			A community where places and spaces are safe for all	
Project Level Outcome			An increase in the percentage of participants who see town centres as safe and welcoming places for people from all walks of life.	
Additional Project level Outcomes				
Link to good relations audit			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The online survey generated the following findings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- silent sectarianism / racism was the third most reported issue, with 60% of respondents reporting that this was a priority issue for Mid Ulster</li> <li>- safe communities was the fourth most reported issue with 57% of respondents reporting that this was a priority issue for Mid Ulster</li> <li>- territorial markings were reported as an issue by 43% of respondents</li> <li>- hate related incidents was reported by 39% of respondents as an important issue for the area</li> <li>- 27% report that poverty is a priority issue</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Segregation within communities was reported as having a negative impact on the promotion of safe communities within Mid Ulster.</li> <li>• Other contributing factors that were reported in the survey and during consultation were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lack of shared spaces</li> <li>- a lack of trust and respect between communities</li> <li>- crime and anti-social behaviour in communities</li> <li>- flags, emblems and bonfires</li> <li>- drug and alcohol misuse</li> <li>- poverty and deprivation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The new Multiple Deprivation Measure 2017 indicates that two Super Output Areas (SOAs) are within the top 100 most deprived for income deprivation in NI (Pomeroy and Coalisland). Two additional SOAs are in the top 20% most income deprived (Ballygawley and Maghera)</li> <li>• In 2017 the full time median wage for all persons in Mid Ulster was £446, compared to the NI figure of £501.20. Mid Ulster ranked 9<sup>th</sup> of 11 Local Authorities for full time median wage.</li> <li>• Three SOAs are in the top 100 most deprived for crime and disorder (Town Parks east, Tullagh and Mullaghmore). Ballysaggart is in the top 20% most deprived SOAs.</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV programmes</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Renewal</li> <li>• Police and Community Safety</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>Gr Officers will work collectively with local charities – St Vincent de Paul, Vineyard Church, Antioch Centre, Lighthouse - coming together in a joint approach to address issues left by the Troubles including poverty and social issues and supporting people in isolated areas and estates. This joint working will build on the work that has been done to date with charities supporting people in crisis and need. The work of charities reaches out to all communities and GR will support and help to break down perceptions that charities are single identity through supporting outward engagement.</p>
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<p>Support for 4 poverty related / capacity initiatives of local charities working together to address poverty and social needs in Mid Ulster – St Vincent de Paul £4,000, Vineyard Church £4,000, Maghera Link £2,000</p> <p>Syrian refugee inclusion programme – In partnership with the charities and the voluntary sector GR officers will seek to engage &amp; integrate Syrian refugees to Mid Ulster.</p>

Our Cultural Expression Celebrating Cultural Diversity			MUC 13	
Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan Paula Kelly Sean McElhatten			
Total cost of programme (100%)	£60,000			
Total no. of participants	Direct	5,000	Indirect	200
Unit cost of programme	£12			
Participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male			
Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT45
	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT71
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?				
Key Priority	Our Cultural Expression			
T:BUC Outcome	Cultural diversity is celebrated			
Project Level Outcome	An increase in the percentage who think that the culture and traditions of the Catholic Community add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland.			
	An increase in the percentage who think that the culture and traditions of the Protestant Community add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland.			
Additional Project level Outcomes				
Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>84% of respondents to the online survey reported a need for greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures. This was the top priority identified by most respondents to the survey.</li><li>Survey respondents identified the following good practice initiatives that have facilitated cultural expression;</li></ul>			



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schools programmes</li> <li>- Cultural celebration events e.g. pipe band events, St. Patrick celebrations, 12th July celebration, Hub Summer carnival</li> <li>- Council workshops - exploring diversity, cultural heritage</li> <li>- Multi-cultural events and celebrations that bring the community together</li> <li>- Council run GR events / festivals</li> <li>- Local community based activities</li> <li>- Culture nights</li> <li>- Arts based social activities – music, song, dance</li> <li>• the inclusion of cultural expression events and activities within shared spaces are important in facilitating widespread community engagement</li> <li>• Good Relations funding has facilitated the development and enhancement of cultural activities</li> <li>• some cultural expression events are well attended and are high profile activities that also have an important economic impact in Mid Ulster</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV programmes</li> <li>• Mid Ulster District Council Arts &amp; Culture programmes and strategic events programme</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>Project 1 - O'Neill cultural expression and linkages across the District and wider international links (Tullahogue Fort Cookstown and Hill of The O'Neill Dungannon) Linking with Ancient Clan of O'Neill and the Clans of Ulster – engaging 100 people. £8,000 budget</p> <p>Project 2 - Reaching out to the wider community through engagement in cultural activities / events including the following. £18,000 budget (match and partner culture &amp; arts in all activities below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ulster Scots &amp; St Patricks nights in the Burnavon – cultural expression evenings - £2,000</li> <li>• Burns &amp; Irish nights in Ranfurly House £2,000</li> <li>• Burns, Irish &amp; other poetry linkages Seamus Heaney Home Place - £3,000</li> <li>• Irish (TUS, Seachtain Na Gaeilge) – engaging diversity in Irish language and links with diversity including Presbyterian church and its origins - £5,000</li> <li>• Pipe Band Championships (Cookstown) – engaging people from diverse communities in piping tradition - £3,500</li> <li>• Fusion cultural music event – expression of Irish and Ulster Scots Music with Cookstown community groups in the Burnavon and across the District - £2,500</li> </ul>

	<p>Project 3 - Engaging diverse communities in cultural expression and opening up traditional expressions of culture to diverse groups, including engaging migrant communities. £27,000 budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good relations will work with diverse migrant groups and children and young people to engage in a range of cultural events to bring a diverse element to these across our District throughout the year – engagement with Council and cultural development artists such as ArtsEkta, IAGU, Gathering Drum, Beyond Skin. £10,000.</li> <li>• GR officers will work with young people and wider public to develop a cultural diversity festival in Cookstown and Dungannon, promoting all the resident cultures as well as global culture. To engage a wide range of group, migrants, youth and children bringing them together to promote the benefits of Cultural Diversity - 2 x 1 day events will be organised, engaging all aspects of Global Culture and promoting diversity for our main diverse urban centres. These will be delivered in partnership with the Hub in Cookstown (£7,000) STEP Dungannon (£7,000).</li> <li>• Cultural expression event, pilot, to be developed in Magherafelt with local communities looking at an infusion of culture exploring the diversity of the area £3,000</li> <li>• Contribution towards Council strategic events grants to support cultural activity within key strategic events (general across all grants) £10,000</li> </ul>
<p><b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b></p>	<p>Delivery of the following projects;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O'Neill projects x 2</li> <li>• Ulster Scots &amp; St Patricks nights in the Burnavon – cultural expression evenings</li> <li>• Burns Night appreciation in Ranfurly House</li> <li>• Burns Weekend, Irish and other poetry links in Seamus Heaney Homeplace</li> <li>• Irish (TUS/Seachtain Na Gaeilge) outreach programme across Mid Ulster and activities to engage more diverse groups</li> <li>• Annual Pipe Band Championships event in Cookstown, in partnership with RPBANI - 2,000 people attending</li> <li>• Fusion cultural music event – young people participating in piping, drums and whistle and fiddle music with a Fusion event in Burnavon</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 migrant/ethnic groups/ youth and children groups engaged in 2-3 cultural events</li> <li>• Cultural Diversity engagement festivals x 2 - Cookstown and Dungannon –engaging migrant communities, children and young people</li> <li>• Cultural expression event in Magherafelt</li> <li>• Good Relations embedded into Council strategic event grants to support cultural expression</li> </ul> <p>GR officers to continually engage with strategic partner projects and in partnership with the strategic community events grant with groups seeking to deliver events in partnership with good relations to develop diversity in cross community outreach and or migrant and new communities. Good Relations officers to engage with the Arts and Culture regarding delivery of the arts and culture strategy to seek to support cultural expression and diversity across the District.</p>
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Our Cultural Expression Supporting BME Communities		MUC 14	
Contact details for programme staff		Oliver Morgan Paula Kelly	
Total cost of programme (100%)		£15,000	
Total no. of participants		<b>Direct</b>	<b>Indirect</b>
Unit cost of programme		£13	
Participant background analysis		As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/other 50% female 50% male	
Name and post code of Programme HQ		<b>Location</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact		MUDC	BT71 6DT
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		Dungannon	BT71
		<b>Location</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
		Coalisland	BT71
PROGRAMME PLAN – WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE WANT TO MAKE?			
Key Priority		Our Cultural Expression	

<b>T:BUC Outcome</b>	Increased sense of community belonging
<b>Project Level Outcome</b>	An increase in the percentage of participants who feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood
<b>Additional Project level Outcomes</b>	An increase in the percentage of participants who feel a sense of belonging to Northern Ireland as a whole
<b>Link to good relations audit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 84% of respondents to the online survey reported a need for greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures. This was the top priority identified by most respondents to the survey.</li> <li>• Survey respondents identified the following good practice initiatives that have facilitated cultural expression; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Schools programmes</li> <li>- Cultural celebration events</li> <li>- Council workshops - exploring diversity, cultural heritage</li> <li>- Multi-cultural events and celebrations that bring the community together</li> <li>- Council run GR events / festivals</li> <li>- Local community based activities</li> <li>- Culture nights</li> <li>- Arts based social activities – music, song, dance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• there is evidence of good practice working in respect to engagement of the ethnic minority community in Mid Ulster</li> <li>• Good Relations funding has facilitated the development and enhancement of cultural events and activities</li> </ul>
<b>Complementarity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace IV programme Communities programme</li> <li>• Mid Ulster District Council Arts &amp; Culture programmes</li> </ul>
<b>Programme summary information</b>	<p>Good relations Officers will build on the good work delivered to date through STEP, an Tearmann and the Polish Association, working in partnership to support inclusion and integration of migrants, BME communities and travellers across Mid Ulster.</p> <p>1. Project 1 The Good Relations Officer will work with partners (STEP and An Tearmann) in the development of programmes and activities to assist in the support for migrants, BME communities and travellers</p>

	<p>across Mid Ulster to promote and encourage respect for diversity, culture and integration. £10,000 budget</p> <p>2. Project 2 Engagement with Honorary Consuls GR Officers will meet with agencies representing migrants and travellers and work together on initiatives in relation to BME. GR Officers will support the development of community associations / community groups engaging migrant communities within Mid Ulster. This will include ongoing support to current developing groups such as the Polish Group in Mid Ulster, Local Association of East Timorese, Traveller groups, other and increased support to involve areas in community activity. £5,000 budget</p>
<b>Programme activity – what did we do?</b>	<p>Development of a programme of activities with STEP and An Tearmann that engages migrants, BME communities and travellers. Good Relations support for groups supporting migrants, BME communities and travellers</p>

### Section 3

#### Action Plan Programme Outcome Summary Table 2018/19

Code	Key Priority	T:BUC Outcome	Project Level Outcome – difference between baseline & end of project		No. direct participants	Total Cost
			Number	%		
MUC01	Children & Young People	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			100	£10,000
MUC02	Children & Young People	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			300	£8,000
MUC03	Children & Young People	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			240	0
MUC04	Children & Young People	Young people engaged in bringing the community together			300	£12,000

MUC05	Children & Young People	An increase in the percentage of young people who regularly socialise or play sport with people from a different religious community			400	£11,000
MUC06	Children & Young People	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			280	£24,000
MUC07	Shared Community	Increased use of shared space and services			800	£40,000
MUC08	Shared Community	Increased use of shared space and services			600	£28,000
MUC09	Shared Community	Increased use of shared space and services			200	£4,000
MUC10	Shared Community	Increased use of shared space and services			200	£8,000
MUC11	Safe Community	A community where places and spaces are safe for all			100	0
MUC12	Safe Community	A community where places and spaces are safe for all			1,000	£10,000
MUC13	Cultural Expression	Cultural diversity is celebrated			5,000	£60,000
MUC14	Cultural Expression	Increased sense of community belonging			1,150	£15,000

#### Section 4

#### T:BUC Strategic Outcome

	C&YP	Shared community	Safe community	Cultural Expression	DCGRP Total
<b>Total no. of programmes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total no. of direct participants</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>6,150</b>	<b>10,670</b>
<b>Unit cost of programme activity</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>£44</b>	<b>£9</b>	<b>£12</b>	<b>£22</b>
<b>Total cost of programmes</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>230,000</b>



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## GOOD RELATIONS AUDIT



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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This Good Relations Audit was commissioned by Mid Ulster District Council to help inform development of a new Good Relations Plan for 2018/19. The Audit has been informed by;

- a) Mid Ulster District Council Community Planning; to include the analysis of previous consultation on good relations completed as part of the community planning activity and identified actions that informed the Community Plan under the theme Vibrant and Safe Communities.
- b) Desk based review of relevant socio-economic data.
- c) Facilitation of three community focus groups held in Council offices in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt. These meetings were publicised and open to all to discuss good relations in the Mid Ulster District. Discussion focused upon the 4 thematic T:BUC themes, looking at good practice, current issues and priorities for inclusion in Council's new Good Relations Plan.
- d) Facilitation of a focus group with elected members to discuss Good relations issues and opportunities in Mid Ulster.
- e) One to one meetings with a sample of organisations funded to deliver Good Relations activity in 2017/18.
- f) Design, distribution and analysis of an online survey which was circulated by Council to all groups on Council's database. The survey questions were focused upon the four themes of the Together: Building a United Community strategy (T:BUC), the NI Executive's commitment to improving community relations, the strategy under which Council Good Relations funding is secured through The Executive Office. The four themes are;
  - Our Children and Young People
  - Our Shared Community
  - Our Safe Community
  - Our Cultural Expression

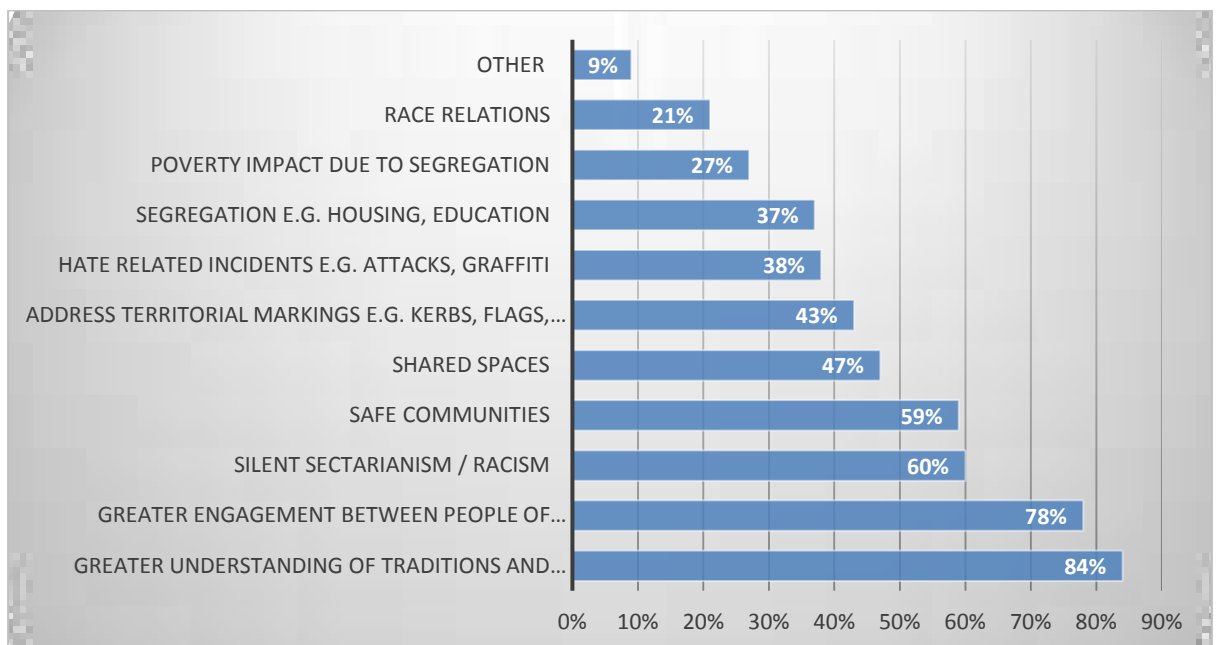
Three open ended questions were asked under each theme;

- 1) What has worked well in facilitating good relations?
- 2) What are the challenges in promoting good relations?
- 3) What actions should be included in Council's new Good Relations Plan?

The survey received 173 responses and responses for each theme are presented in the following sections of this report. One tick box question was included in the survey, asking respondents to tick five good relations challenges to be addressed in their area. Figure 1 below shows that the top 5 most rated priorities were;

- Greater understanding of tradition and cultures
- Greater engagement between people of different backgrounds
- Silent sectarianism / racism
- Safe communities
- Shared spaces

**Fig. 1: What Are the Top Five Good Relations Challenges to Be Addressed in Your Area?**



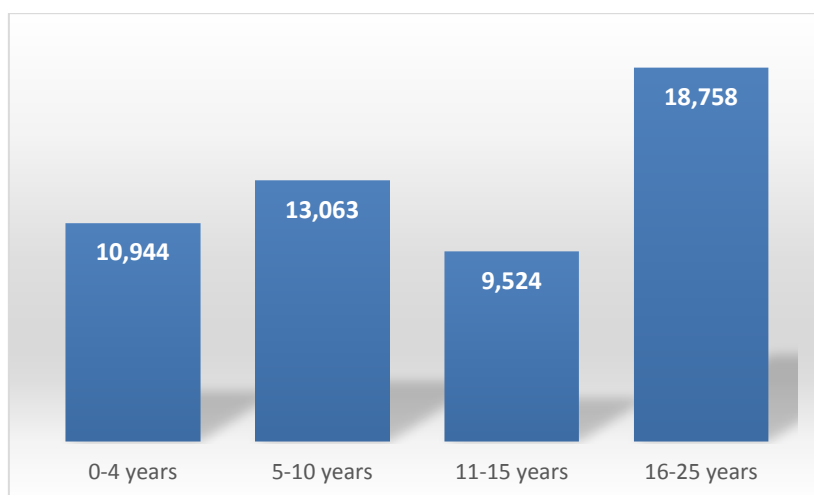
This audit presents the findings from all of the above research and consultation and is presented under each of the T:BUC themes to facilitate linkages with Council's Good Relations Plan.

## 2.0 OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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Population estimates show that the population of Mid Ulster in 2016 was 145,389. Children and young people constitute 36% of the population (52,289). This is higher than the NI average of 34%. Figure 2 below shows the age profile of the youth population in Mid Ulster.

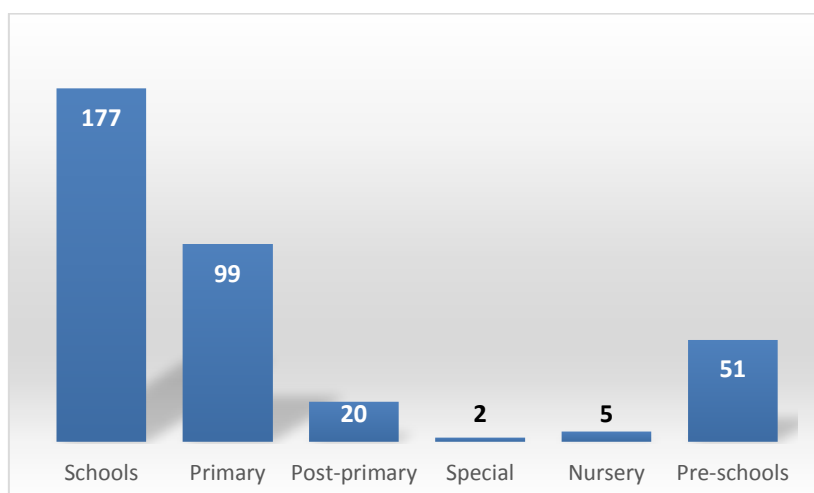
**Fig. 2: Nos of Children and Young People in Mid Ulster District Council Area, 2016**



Source: NINIS

There are 177 schools in Mid Ulster, with a breakdown as shown in figure 3 below.

**Fig. 3: Schools in Mid Ulster, 2016**

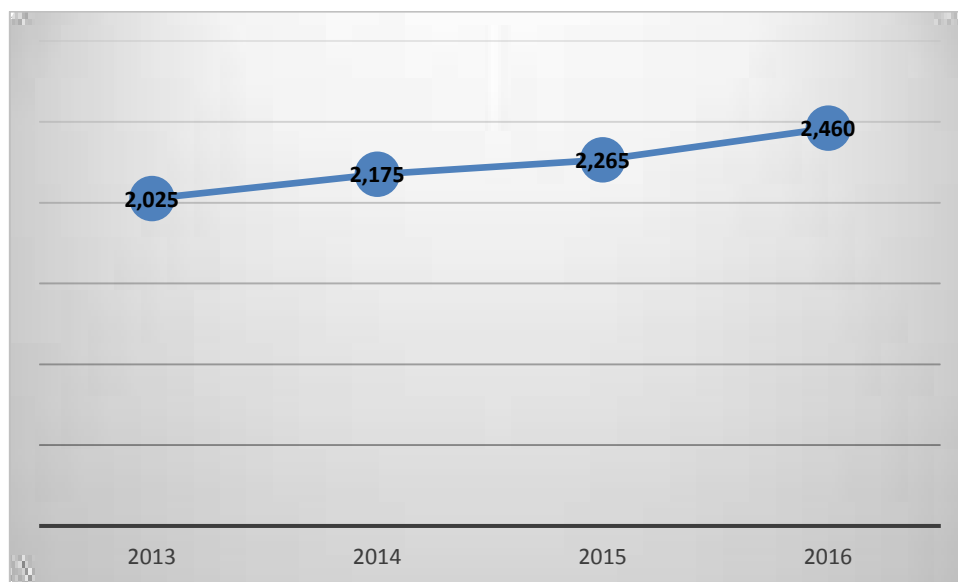


Source: NINIS

The number of newcomer children in Mid Ulster schools has been increasing year on year, with 2,460 newcomer children in local schools in 2016. This is a 21% increase on numbers in 2013. A newcomer pupil is one who has enrolled in a school but who does

not have the satisfactory language skills to participate fully in the school curriculum, and the wider environment, and does not have a language in common with the teacher, whether that is English or Irish.

**Fig. 4: Newcomer Children in Schools in Mid Ulster District Council Area 2013 - 2016**



Source: NINIS

A breakdown of the distribution of newcomer children is presented in table 1 below.

**Table 1: Newcomer Children in Schools in Mid Ulster District Council Area 2016<sup>1</sup>**

Pre-school	Nursery school	Nursery class in Primary school	Primary School (Year 1-7)	Post primary	Special	Total Newcomer Pupils
65	50	135	1,760	440	10	2,460

<sup>1</sup> NINIS

## 2.1 Consultation Findings

### 2.1.1 Challenges

Segregation has been identified in the survey and consultation findings as an important issue and challenge that impacts upon good relations in general in Mid Ulster. Children and young people live in segregated communities, go to segregated schools, Churches, youth groups and participate in segregated sporting activities. As a result of this segregation, misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage. Many young people's understanding of the conflict is singular and embedded stereotypes of culture and religion exist.

Young people in disengaged communities / disadvantaged areas are becoming involved in anti-social behaviour, racist and sectarian activities due to no proactive engagement in meaningful activity. There is evidence of Anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the District (PCSP) with key hotspots currently at Cookstown town centre, Dungannon town parks, Coalisland, Magherfelt town, and Maghera. A recent Oxford Economics report for Mid Ulster highlights that youth unemployment is rising in Mid Ulster which is *"worrying given the potential knock on impacts it can have on social cohesion, disillusionment with returns to education, crime, long term unemployment and out migration"*.

DE Youth Service has highlighted there are communities where young people do not want to engage with people from other religions or migrants. Youth understanding of the conflict is unbalanced and embedded stereotypes of culture and religion exist. There is a need to increase youth understanding of the past and facilitate respect for diversity through engagement with young people from different backgrounds. There is a lack of youth facilities / activities and youth outreach is poor, particularly in rural areas, where two thirds of the population live. The ending of the Community Relations in Schools programme is a loss.

Other challenges reported that impact upon achieving positive Good Relations amongst children and young people included;

- Parental / community influence – it is important that parents and the wider school community engage in good relations to ensure that the messages, understanding and learning are embedded.
- Time pressures - it is difficult to timetable schools based programmes and requires early and timely planning to ensure that projects can be planned into school development plans.

### 2.1.2 Good Practice

All of the projects funded through the 2017/18 Good Relations plan have been successfully delivered, engaging children and young people through schools based and youth work activity. The most recent quarterly progress report indicates the following successes;

- Traditional Cultural Music (Irish & Ulster Scots) projects engaged 23 schools from both traditions with 360 children participating. These projects helped to develop a greater understanding and linkages between the different schools, using music to explore shared music and culture.
- Sports diversionary activities delivered in July targeted 5 single identity estates where there are issues with sectarianism and racism, bringing young people together in a shared venue to interact through sport. The programme finished with a joint event at MUSA.
- Summer Sports diversionary activities were delivered, linking areas and communities with Council's sports development team at council sports centres - MUSA Cookstown, Dungannon, Maghera, Coalisland. The programme provided diversionary activity during the summer period. A combined total of 300 young people participated over a 2-week period.
- An arts and drama programme engaged 60 children and young people in various activities across the District, utilising shared space venues to host multiple cultural activity workshops.
- Cross cultural projects were delivered engaging young people in a mini Mela festival and a cross community schools drama project which has engaged 210 participants in various workshops between 8 schools and will culminate in final joint performances, estimated to attract an audience of over 800.
- The Speedwell project worked with 10 primary schools from 3 areas in Mid Ulster with up to 300 participants engaging in cross community activity.

This work was acknowledged in the community survey and consultations. Respondents referenced the work of schools in facilitating diverse discussions within and between schools, facilitating partnership between schools and relationship building between young people. Joint schools based work was acknowledged as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates engagement between children and young people from different backgrounds. Good practice activities include workshops that explore issues and engage young people in discussion e.g. identity, culture, respect and diversity as well as activities that unite children and young people e.g. music, sport, arts and drama.

The following schools are currently engaged in the Delivering Social Change (DSC) Shared Education Signature Project (SESP).



**Table 2: Mid-Ulster Shared Education Signature Project Partnerships, 2018<sup>2</sup>**

<b>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>
Aughnacloy Primary School; St Mary's Primary School Aughnacloy
Bush Primary School; Windmill Integrated Primary School
Castledawson Primary School; New Row Primary School
Cookstown Primary School; Holy Trinity Primary School; Phoenix Integrated Primary School
Dungannon Primary School; St Patrick's Primary School, Dungannon
Howard Primary School; Edendork Primary School
Kilross Primary School; Gaelscoil Na Speirini
Knocknagin Primary School; Desertmartin Primary School
Newmills Primary School; St Mary's Primary School, Lisbuoy
St Brigid's Primary School, Magherafelt; Knockloughrim Primary School
St John Bosco Primary School; Bellaghy Primary School
St John's Primary School, Moy; Moy Regional Primary School
St Mary's Primary School; Ballytrea Primary School
St Mary's Primary School; Fivemiletown Controlled Primary School; Fivemiletown Nursery
Woods Primary School; St Trea's Primary School
St Macartan's Convent PS; Carntall PS; Augher Central PS
St Mary's PS; Maghera PS
<b>POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS</b>
Drumglass High School; Integrated College Dungannon; St Patrick's College
St Patrick's Academy; Royal School Dungannon
St Pius X College; Magherafelt High School; Rainey Endowed; St Mary's Grammar School; Sperrin Integrated; kilronan Special School
Fivemiletown College; St Ciaran's College
St. Pius X; Magherafelt High School
Holy Trinity College; Cookstown High School

The Delivering Social Change framework was established by the NI Executive to tackle poverty and social exclusion and aims to deliver a sustained reduction in poverty and associated issues across all ages and improve children and young people's health, well-being and life opportunities. The DSC SESP aim is to improve the educational and reconciliation outcomes through school working collaboratively by further developing

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<sup>2</sup> Education Authority

and embedding Shared Education in schools that are already engaged in delivery of Shared Education. Funding of up to £25m is being made available to eligible schools up to June 2019.

Youth work was also highlighted as important, particularly for older children and teenagers. Good relations activity has been effective working with youth clubs, sports clubs, cultural groups and Church based youth groups. Working within local communities was acknowledged as important to ensure accessibility of opportunities for young people, to address local community issues and to facilitate enhanced civic responsibility amongst local people, connecting them with their local community.

### 2.1.3 Case Study

In 2017/18 Mid Ulster District Council funded two schools based projects;

- Traditional Music in Schools (TMIS) programme
- Music Service for Pipes and Drums

TMIS works with 12 Primary schools across Mid Ulster teaching children traditional music skills in guitar, tin whistle, banjo, mandolin and flute. The programme is well established in Mid Ulster and has been engaging with Mid Ulster District Council for many years. To facilitate children and young people sustaining the skills they learn in school the Mid Ulster Folk Club was set up. This is a cross community club that allows children and young people to come together outside of school and continue to play music together.

Mid Ulster District Council has been proactive in engaging with Music Service for Pipes and Drums (MSPD) to introduce a more recent school based programme in Mid Ulster. MSPD has more recently been working in 12 primary and post primary schools in Mid Ulster teaching children and young people traditional music skills in pipes and drumming (Highland bagpipes, snare drums, tenor drums and bass). Children and young people have an opportunity to progress through music grades and eventually to join the band where they can perform at concerts, festivals and competitions.

Both projects are active in engaging young people in public performances across Mid Ulster, e.g. International Day of Peace, Winter Craft Fair, Christmas events, cultural celebrations. As a result of engaging in these collective events both projects have begun to work closely, recognising that music unites the young people from both projects and opportunities for co-operation and joint working need to be developed. Project promoters have plans to bring children and young people together for joint performances to include the Pipe Band Championships in Cookstown and Tyrone Fleadh in Dungannon. Promoters are also developing their own traditional music show – Cultural Fusion which will celebrate music and dance of different cultures.

Both projects have a clear good relations focus, recognising that music can unite people and bring people together. Children and young people are interacting and performing together because of the projects. These projects are considered to be an excellent example of how Mid Ulster District Council can facilitate greater understanding between people from different cultures and can facilitate greater engagement between people from different backgrounds.

#### 2.1.4 Survey Results

Online survey results show that respondents rated the need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures and the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds (including children and young people) as the most important Good Relations priorities in Mid Ulster.

Indicative activities respondents would like to see included in a new Good Relations Plan include;

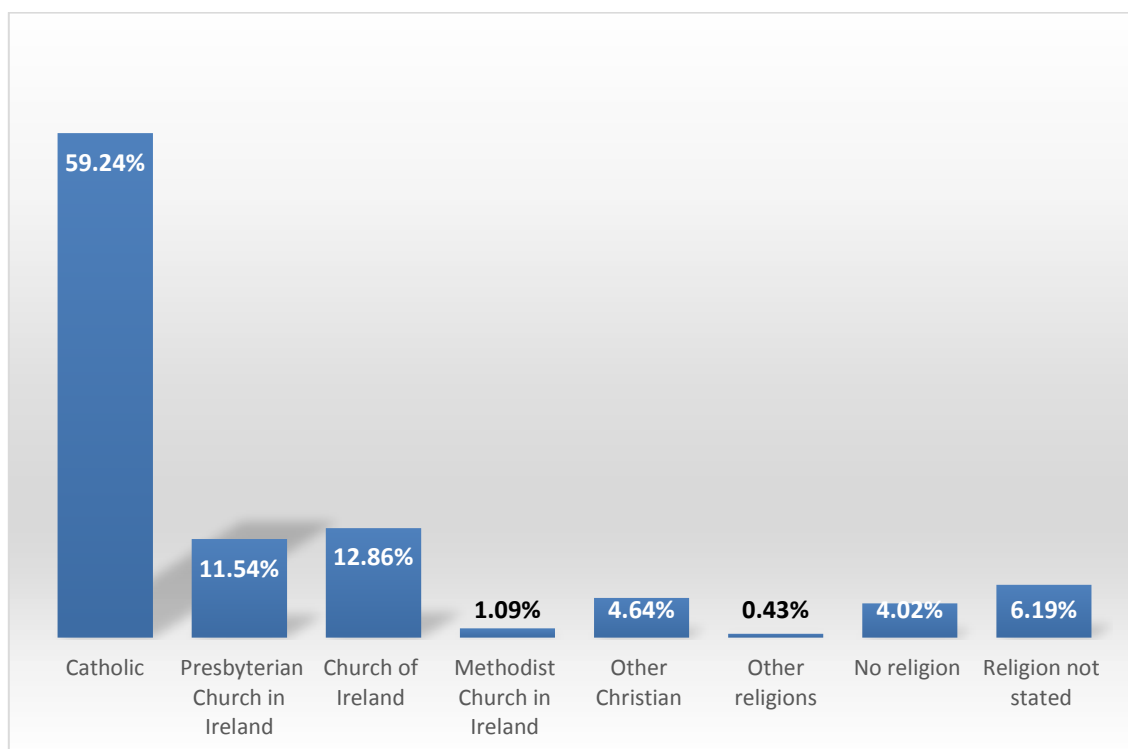
- Joint schools based activity – with a focus on music, arts, sport, recreation
- Education around shared history and cultural awareness
- Shared education
- Fun activities bringing children and young people together
- Good relations events for young people
- Youth intervention programmes
- Youth engagement – involving young people as active citizens
- Wider community and family involvement in youth based activities
- Shared spaces and developing these in local communities
- Build on youth volunteering schemes

## 3.0 OUR SHARED COMMUNITY

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Figure 5 illustrates religious identity of the Mid Ulster population, as recorded in the 2011 census.

**Fig. 5: Mid Ulster Population Religious Identity, 2011**



A Development Plan position paper (2015) on the profile of the Mid Ulster District Council area highlights the settlements across the Council area include 5 main towns, 45 villages and 35 small settlements. The settlements range in their breakdown of religious demographic with some having a predominant community and others more mixed.

There has been a lot of activity within Mid Ulster in recent years in the development of shared space.

- In Peace III the £7m funded Earls project was developed in Dungannon. This initiative identified how the development and linkages of unused public space can be opened up and made accessible to a wider number of communities and people, and can be used to bring people together and move into spaces and areas not normally accessed. A number of spaces were developed to bring people together the Hill of The O'Neill events space, Railway Park space and Junction and path linkage around the town. The promotion of activities in these spaces has sought to increase usage and participation of people.

- Additionally, work was facilitated under Peace III to develop small shared spaces across targeted areas of the old legacy Councils to promote connections and develop relations locally between different groups within communities. The project was very successful and was delivered in over 24 areas across the District.

Peace IV also brings opportunities to develop shared space and Council's Peace IV Plan includes the following shared space activities;

- Capital development programme (£280,000) of shared space developments in 6 large villages across Mid Ulster - Castledawson, Donaghmore, Moy, Aughnacloy, Moneymore and Draperstown
- Shared space arts and events programme to facilitate engagement of people in activities associated with the new shared space development in each of the 6 villages.

### 3.1 Consultation Findings

#### 3.1.1 Challenges

- As previously discussed, segregation of housing, schooling etc. is an issue that impacts upon people's ability to come together as well as their willingness and commitment to come together. One of the partner groups consulted reported that there are areas where people are 'living in peaceful separation' and do not feel the need to come together. In other areas there exists resistance / fear of engaging. There are still communities who have not engaged or had limited engagement in good relations activities and there is a need to promote and encourage cross community participation through a range of programmes.
- Perceptions of spaces as shared and inclusive can differ and there is a need for work to ensure that all can feel welcome and respected. It was identified that location of shared spaces is important and territorial markings within communities are not conducive to fostering a sense of shared space / community.
- Resourcing for shared space activity is important if people are to come together within shared spaces and opportunities are maximised in terms of enabling and facilitating people to come together.

#### 3.1.2 Good Practice

Refence was made in the online survey and during community consultations to a lot of good practice across the district. Specific shared spaces acknowledged included;

- The Hill of O'Neill
- Ranfurly Centre
- Walled Garden in Maghera
- the Junction at Railway Park, Dungannon
- Seamus Heaney Homeplace
- the Hub, Cookstown
- Mid Ulster Sports Arena
- Meadow Bank Sports Arena
- Dungannon Park
- Ballyronan Marina
- Bellaghy Bawn
- The Burnavon
- The Bridewell

In 2017/18 Council funded three shared spaces programmes;

- a) Shared spaces small grant programme – the small grants programme had a budget of £60,000 and was available to support groups to develop projects and shared activities, spaces and / or services. In 2017 / 18 76 applications were received for small grants and 53 projects were approved. The average grant awarded was £600. In 2017 / 18 there was a slight decrease in the number of groups engaging in grant activity compared to 2016 / 17. Officers reported that this was primarily due to groups applying to the Festivals project funding.

Organisations funded included historical groups, cultural groups, community associations, sports clubs, seniors' groups, women's groups and youth groups. Activities delivered included decade of commemorations events, cross border visits, trip to the Somme, summer schemes, cultural celebration events and historic talks.

- b) Shared space programme – was targeted at providing support to specific shared space projects, namely;
  - Rowan Tree Centre, Pomeroy – targeted at increasing usage of this new shared space within contentious boundaries by developing more community activity and making the centre more open and accessible to all. The most recent quarterly monitoring report states that the Rowan Tree has seen an increase in usage of this new shared space by developing activities available within the centre. The Centre is now used by all groups in the Pomeroy area and is a shared community space hosting the GAA magical forest event, Scouts, COI Choral Society, Farmers Union meetings etc. There has also recently been the development of a cross community over 55's club which is considered to be a

significant development in a divided village. This has been a great example of support to ensure it is a shared space for all.

- Event linked to the Earls project, Railway Park - The Railway Park Community & Fun day Music Festival was a shared space event engaging all communities and new communities in the area. The event was key to the ongoing transformation of a public space that had been funded under Peace III Shared Space project with a commitment to holding annual events. 800 people attended across the day including the fun day and music festival, despite adverse weather conditions, which had an impact on less numbers attending than had been planned. Progress reporting states that participants were very positive about the event and felt that it was important for events to encourage people to spaces that are for everyone.
  - Seamus Heaney Home Place - engaging with the wider Mid Ulster Community as a strategic shared space project. The aim of this project was to develop community events with a view to improving community ownership of the Seamus Heaney Home Place, as a new shared space, with a particular emphasis on under- represented community engagement. Four events were organised, attracting 500 participants to the centre. The activity has proved positive in seeking to ensure the Centre is viewed for all by the wider community and there is proactive and diverse community use.
- c) Faith Group / Clergy and Churches leadership and engagement - three organisations were funded under this programme;
- Dungannon Area Churches Forum
  - Cookstown & District Inter Churches Forum
  - Mid Ulster Clergy Together Forum

The Church forums are cross community church groups of lay people who were funded to deliver an annual programme of activities / events for their 160 lay members as well as the wider Mid Ulster community. Activities include joint celebration of events, heritage talks and visits and social events. In 2017 /18 24 different events were organised, bringing people from different faiths together. These activities and opportunities for cross community interaction would not be achieved without Council Good Relations intervention. Activities facilitate people getting to know others they would not normally come into contact with, developing an understanding of different faiths and building relationships and showing leadership within their own and with the wider community.



### 3.1.3 Case Study

Mid Ulster Clergy Together Forum includes representatives of the Catholic, Church of Ireland and Methodist clergy in Mid Ulster. Prior to local government reform Cookstown and Dungannon each had their own Clergy Forum. When the new Mid Ulster District Council came into being a new joint Forum was established, with the support and facilitation of Good Relations officers. The Forum meets monthly and annually a programme of work is agreed that will be the focus for their monthly meetings. As a group they focus upon social issues which are affecting and impacting upon their parishioners. These are issues which the Chair of the Forum describes as 'uniting' rather than dividing issues. They are problems across the community, irrespective of religious background. Issues addressed have included mental health, suicide, domestic violence, poverty and homelessness. The Forum visit community and voluntary groups supporting people in need (e.g. Women's Aid, STEP, a homeless hostel in Cookstown). These visits enable the clergy to learn more about the issues and the work of organisations in trying to support people in need. They have also engaged in best practice visits and research to learn about how the role of the clergy can help to address local needs.

An important aspect of the Forum is that it enables clergy across Mid Ulster to get know each other. This would not be possible outside of the Forum. They have engaged in visits and talks to learn and understand each other's cultural backgrounds. This has broadened clergy's understanding and this learning is applied in liaising with their own community and has allowed them to organise their own talks on addressing the decade of anniversaries through a shared understanding.

The role of the clergy coming together through the Forum is seen as important in terms of sending a message to the community about good practice in respecting difference and promoting engagement with others from a different background. As a collective group they support events and traditions within member Churches and are keen to lead by example.

The work of the Forum would not be possible without Good Relations support. The funding and the support of the officers is crucial to allow the clergy to take time out from their busy schedules and engage in good relations activity.

### 3.1.4 Survey Results

Online survey results show that 47% of respondents rated shared space as a priority for Mid Ulster. The need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was the second highest rated priority. This shows that respondents

particularly value shared space activity which is of a higher priority than the physical shared space itself.

Indicative activities respondents would like to see included in a new Good Relations Plan include;

- Community events in shared spaces and the involvement of local communities in the development of shared space initiatives
- Creation of new shared spaces
- Development of local shared spaces and services with continuation of small grants
- Greater promotion of our existing shared space activity delivered across Council
- Spaces to allow for conversations and sharing including that of our heritage and culture and decade of anniversaries.
- Strategic engagement to facilitate shared space objectives. Specifically reference was made in the survey to a Play Area Strategy for Mid Ulster, Town Centre Management Strategy regarding events in our 5 towns, development of local forests for shared space and development of derelict land in Dungannon town centre to bring it back into use
- Address the safe provision of shared space for all

## 4.0 OUR SAFE COMMUNITY

The incidence of hate motivated incidents and crimes in Mid Ulster has been declining since 2015. The PCSP action plan 2018/19 reports that recorded hate crime and incidents have decreased since 2015 across all three categories.

**Table 3: Hate Motivation Incidents and Crimes in Mid Ulster<sup>3</sup>**

Motivation	Incidents			Crimes		
	Apr-Sep 16/17	Apr-Sep 17/18	Change	Apr-Sep 16/17	Apr-Sep 16/17	Change
Racist	23	21	-2	15	13	-2
Sectarian	43	34	-9	34	24	-10
Homophobic	5	3	-2	2	2	0

Consultation has indicated that not all hate crime is recorded particularly race issues. A Council study on recording of hate crime identified that people are reluctant to report.

Mid Ulster District Council's 2017/18 Good Relations Plan acknowledges linkages between areas that display community safety issues and social deprivation. Poverty is an issue across Mid Ulster and many who suffer from poverty have been directly impacted by the troubles and continue to have related issues. Recent NI Multiple Deprivation Measures, 2017, show evidence of deprivation within Mid Ulster. Specifically;

- Coalisland South and Pomeroy Super Output Areas (SOAs) are within the top 20% for multiple deprivation, ranking 92 and 167 respectively, out of 890 SOAs in NI.
- Four SOAs are within the top 20% for income deprivation – Pomeroy (68), Coalisland South (76), Ballygawley (113) and Maghera (163)
- Seven SOAs are within the top 20% for the proportion of the population aged 15 and under living in households whose equivalised income is below 60% of the NI median - Pomeroy (56), Sandholes (94), Maghera (102), Aughnacloy (103), Ballygawley (143), Upperlands (160) and Town Parks East (175)
- Coalisland South ranks number 96 for Employment deprivation

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<sup>3</sup> PSNI

- Five SOAs are within the top 20% for crime and disorder deprivation – Town Parks east (90), Tullagh (96), Mullaghmore (98), Ballysaggart (156) and Newbuildings (159)
- Four SOAs are within the top 20% for health and disability deprivation – Coalisland South (82), Glebe 2 (122), Town Parks (137) and Ardboe (178)

The Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings shows that wages in Mid Ulster are below the NI average as detailed in table 3 below, contributing to poverty issues locally.

**Table 4: Earnings in Mid Ulster, 2017<sup>4</sup>**

Indicator	£	MUDC Ranking	NI FT Median Wage	Difference
FT Median Wage Male	£462.30	8 <sup>th</sup>	£514.90	-11%
FT Median Wage Female	£421.40	9 <sup>th</sup>	£482.40	-14.5%
FT Median Wage	£446	9 <sup>th</sup>	£501.20	-12%
All persons Median Wage (includes part time)	£390.70	5 <sup>th</sup>	£409.50	-5%

In 2003 the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme was launched in NI. Neighbourhoods in the most deprived 10% of wards across Northern Ireland were identified using the Noble Multiple Deprivation Measure. Following extensive consultation, this resulted in a total of 36 areas, being targeted for intervention, two of which are in Mid Ulster – Dungannon and Coalisland. The Coalisland Neighbourhood Renewal Area (NRA) is made up of contributing housing estates and areas within the Coalisland North and Coalisland South electoral wards. The Dungannon NRA includes the Ballysaggart and Mullaghmore electoral wards.

## 4.1 Consultation Findings

### 4.1.1 Challenges

- As discussed previously, the impact of segregated communities permeates through all themes and in certain areas, where territorial markings such as flags, painted kerbstones, graffiti that can cause tensions within communities.

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<sup>4</sup> NINIS

- Focus on bonfires and safe without community tension.
- Poverty is an issue as demonstrated from the latest deprivation figures and consultation with project promoters confirms that the incidence of poverty and people in crisis is worsening. The working poor is an issue and many families are struggling to survive.
- Crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) is an issue that impacts upon community sense of safety and this is further heightened by reduced police visibility in neighbourhoods. The misuse of drugs and alcohol were also reported to be a challenge which can lead to ASB and associated community safety tensions. Dungannon Railway Park specifically was referenced at the elected members focus group as an area that is not considered to be a safe space for residents.
- Respondents to the online survey reported that the availability of shared spaces in communities was a challenge that has an impact upon feeling safe. This demonstrates the important inter connectedness of the Good Relations themes. People perceive the importance of shared spaces, where people can interact as important to facilitating safe communities.

#### 4.1.2 Good Practice

In 2017 / 18 two Good Relations programmes were delivered by Council.

- a) Responding to Local Community Issues was focused upon Good Relations Officers identifying communities that have issues or local tensions through links with partners and collectively working together to address issues. To date Officers have engaged in bonfires debate, involving public, statutory bodies and council officers. Meetings have explored contentious issues and Good Relations, feeding into Council's member working group on bonfires. Officers also engaged with community groups and community leaders during July to help develop youth diversionary activity and build community confidence and capacity through various fun activities.
- b) Support and engagement for those most vulnerable in society focused upon work with charities addressing poverty and disadvantage across the District and also a Syrian refugee inclusion programme. This initiative worked in partnership with the voluntary and statutory sector to develop a bespoke programme of training and information sessions to welcome and integrate Syrian refugees to Mid Ulster.

Much of the community safety agenda is currently being addressed by Mid Ulster Police and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and there is excellent working

relations between the PCSP and Good Relations staff. Priorities of the PCSP for 2018/19 are listed below, many of which will address the Good Relations theme of building communities where everyone feels safe.

**Table 5: Mid Ulster PCSP Strategic Priorities 2018/19**

Theme	Activities
<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversionary Programmes</li> <li>• Educational and Awareness Initiatives</li> <li>• Anti-Social Driving</li> <li>• Road Safety</li> </ul>
<b>Night-time Economy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underage Drinking Initiatives</li> <li>• Stakeholder Initiatives</li> <li>• Educational and Awareness Initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>Vulnerable Persons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet Safety</li> <li>• Domestic Violence</li> <li>• Fear of Crime</li> <li>• Alcohol &amp; Drugs</li> </ul>

Respondents to the community survey identified that many of the activities funded by Good Relations under the themes of Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Cultural Expression, all contribute to facilitating safe communities. Specifically, the following good practice was referenced;

- Community based programmes
- Programmes available through facilities such as Seamus Heaney Homeplace and the Hub, Decade of Commemorations and other venues
- Community watch
- Police engagement
- Public events and programmes
- Shared space initiatives
- Youth activities focused upon sport and music
- Mid Ulster Schools Together project
- Partnership working

#### 4.1.3 Case Study

In 2017/18 Mid Ulster District Council worked alongside St Vincent de Paul (Cookstown and Dungannon), the Vineyard Church and Maghera Link to support their work in reaching out to the most vulnerable residents and those in poverty across Mid Ulster. St Vincent de Paul and Vineyard and the Link have been operating across Mid Ulster for a number of years tackling poverty and disadvantage. Examples of their work includes provision of a local foodbank, delivery of Christmas hampers and toys to

families at Christmas, heating support, clothing, school liaison to support children in need, senior citizens dinner and organising a summer family day trip. The charities have been working closely together over the last number of years to seek to ensure limited resources go further to meet the increasing needs and demands of poverty in our local communities, increasing need for foodbank, distribute hampers at Christmas support classes and clubs as well as offering emotional support to the community.

In 2017/18 both projects engaged with the following approximate numbers;

- Over 1000 families were visited by charities for support and help in a year.
- Over 1000 were supported with Christmas food hampers and weekly over 20 per week alongside fuel support.
- Over 1000 were supported on to undertake summer trip with families

Outreach working is an important focus of the work of the organisations. They have been proactively working together and engaging with referral organisations (Churches, community groups, charities) across the community to make people aware of their support across all communities. St Vincent de Paul in Cookstown report that 60% of the families supported in 2017/18 are from the Protestant community. While in Dungannon 50% of families supported are from a minority ethnic community. The Vineyard Church are proactive in their cross community working. They rely on the help of volunteers with specific community focused activities. The Christmas hamper initiative engaged local Primary Schools, youth groups, Churches and sports clubs from across the community.

Good Relations funding is important to both organisations as it helps to promote their work targeting poverty and need and working together. Good Relations funding ensures that people will recognise cross community is at the heart of the work of both and ensures accessibility for those in need across the whole community.

#### 4.1.4 Survey Results

Online survey results show that 59% of respondents rated community safety as a priority for Mid Ulster. Silent sectarianism / racism was the third most reported priority by respondents.

Indicative activities respondents would like to see included in a new Good Relations Plan include;

- Actions to welcome new residents to the local area

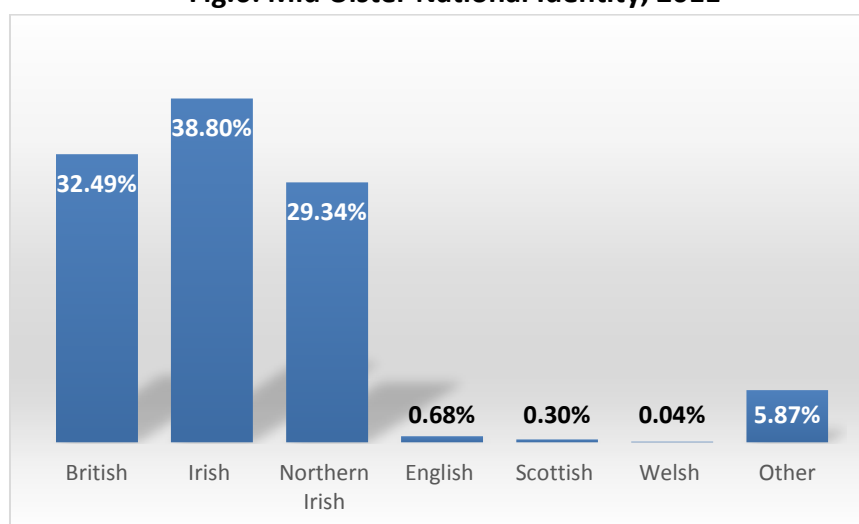


- Activities / events that bring the community together – social and good relations focused activities (dialogue and understanding initiatives, cultural awareness)
- Youth community engagement activities
- PSNI and community safety activities
- Joint schools work - learning about respect, tolerance, bullying and safety
- Support projects for vulnerable people
- Engaging residents in the positive 'look and feel' of their neighbourhood
- Good neighbour / resident schemes
- Shared space initiatives
- Partnership initiatives
- Showcasing the work of local community forums and organisations
- Multi agency programme focused upon areas of ASB identified with PCSP and PSNI.

## 5 OUR CULTURAL EXPRESSION

Figure 6 shows the national identity of the resident population in Mid Ulster as reflected in the 2011 census.

**Fig.6: Mid Ulster National Identity, 2011**



Source: NINIS

Mid Ulster had the highest level of residents recorded as 'other' compared to the other 10 local authority areas. The 2011 census provided further detail on the place of birth of those born outside the UK and Ireland. Of the 139,903 people resident in Mid Ulster, 9,065 were born outside the UK or Ireland, representing 6.4% of the population, significantly above the Northern Ireland average of 4.5%. Table 6 shows a breakdown of the place of birth of those residents who were not born in the UK or Ireland.

**Table 6: Place of Birth of Residents in Mid Ulster Not Born in the UK or Ireland<sup>5</sup>**

Place of Birth	No of Residents
Europe (outside UK and RoI)	6,920
Asia	1,178
North America and Caribbean	443
Africa	272
Oceania and Antarctica	116
Central and South America	106
Middle East	30

<sup>5</sup> NI Strategic Migration Partnership, Community Profiles for Local Government Districts

As discussed previously, the number of newcomer children in Mid Ulster schools has been increasing year on year, with 2,460 newcomer children in local schools in 2016. This is a 21% increase on numbers in 2013.

In 2014 there were 245 NIHE migrant tenant households in Mid Ulster.

## 5.1 Consultation Findings

### 5.1.1 Challenges

A number of challenges have been identified in promoting respect for diversity, cultural expression and inclusion.

- The legacy of the troubles and people's experiences, understanding and perceptions of the past impact upon their acceptance and respect for those of a different cultural background.
- There is reported to be sectarian and racist attitudes as well as ignorance, fear, lack of trust and respect for others.
- Promoting inclusion for all events is a challenge, encouraging people from different cultures and backgrounds to engage with / experience / celebrate cultural diversity.
- The current political environment presents a challenge as political leadership at Stormont is important and particularly on key issues.
- It was also reported that particularly in areas experiencing social and economic deprivation, that politics is irrelevant to those who are struggling to survive.
- The language barrier may continue to be a challenge re the inclusion of minority groups within the wider community.
- Resourcing for events that can engage people in cultural expression is important to allow people to come together and experience each other cultures
- Events that seek to reach out again re our shared spaces are important.

### 5.1.2 Good Practice

In 2017 / 18 Council funded three programmes under the theme of Cultural Expression.

- a) Celebrating Cultural Diversity - to date three key events have been delivered under this programme.
  - O'Neill events - Tullahogue Cultural Re-Enactment Event which attracted 800 people and the Lunasa Spirit Folk Festival at the ancient Fort which attracted 500 people

b) Cultural Support and Development – two key events have been supported under this programme;

- The Pipe Band Championships in Cookstown, organised with the Mid Ulster Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association. This event attracts approximately 2,000 people annually to Cookstown in June and is the biggest Pipe Band competition in NI. In 2017 54 bands participated in the competition, many of which are cross community and bands participate from across Ireland. The championships allow for a diverse audience to express the piping culture and also sits alongside the development of drums and piping across schools to seek to engage young people in piping. The event also contributes to the economic return to the town where people stay and dine in local facilities.

- St Patrick's Cultural Parade, organized with the Gaelic Forum which attracted over 3,000 people in 2017. The Gaelic Forum, a voluntary community group, have been running the St Patrick's Day parade in Dungannon for 5 years, taking over responsibility for the event from the legacy Dungannon and South Tyrone District Council. Good Relations funding is made available to the Forum to facilitate outreach working within the community, with community groups, schools, cultural and sports groups and the ethnic minority, encouraging their engagement in the parade. Over the years the parade has developed and in 2017 the Russian, Polish and East Timorese were supported to be represented in the parade.

The support of Mid Ulster District Council Good Relations allows for the parade to engage wider cultural diverse groups to create a carnival atmosphere to the day that is lively and family entertaining. The group has increased engagement in the event in terms of those participating as well as attracting increasing numbers into the town centre to celebrate and showcase diverse cultures within Mid Ulster.

Council has worked to develop Dungannon as a diverse location with a large migrant population and seeks to encourage involvement and integration in a wide range of initiatives. The parade allows for a multi-cultural expression of diversity of the migrant groups. To coincide with the parade Council Arts & Culture Section ran a programme of family fun activities at Ranfurly House which provided further opportunity for the community to participate in the Centre. As the parade has got bigger each year, there are greater economic benefits to the town trade.

c) Supporting BME Communities – direct support has been provided to the development of migrant groups and engagement of the wider migrant community. An example project is the Polish Association to help develop their capacity and fund activities that facilitate inclusion of the Polish community in Mid Ulster. In 2017 a successful Heritage Day was organised to inform and educate local people about the Polish culture. The Polish Association developed the exhibition in conjunction with the Polish Consulate and the Remembrance War Museum in Belfast.

STEP was also funded to support the work they deliver with minority ethnic communities across Mid Ulster, this ranges from direct support to people and groups, linking people and groups together through events and activities and representing the voice of the migrant community. This is alongside their min mela which celebrated Irish, Ulster Scots, Lithuanian, Russian and Timorese cultures. This was the first such event in Mid Ulster as referenced previously.

Support as part of the programme also allows for the Belong programme, which seeks to support travelers with regard to support and development. The Belong programme works across a number of traveler sites re integration, rights and seeking to ensure programmes to meet the needs of the traveler community.

Respondents to the online survey referenced the following good practice in respect to promoting / celebrating diversity, cultural expression and inclusion;

- Schools programmes
- Cultural celebration events across the District e.g. pipe band events, St. Patrick celebrations, 12th July celebration, Hub Summer carnival that seek to bring people together and share cultural expression
- Council workshops - exploring diversity, cultural heritage
- Multi-cultural events and celebrations that bring the community together
- Council run events / festivals
- Local community based activities
- Culture nights
- Arts based social activities – music, song, dance
- The work of Mid Ulster Clergy Forum

### 5.1.3 Survey Results

Online survey results show that respondents rated the need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures and the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds as the most important Good Relations priorities in Mid Ulster.

Indicative activities respondents would like to see included in a new Good Relations Plan include;

- Cultural events / activities that celebrate tradition and culture, and bring all people together
- Cultural diversity workshops
- Cultural integration support
- Arts and sports activities
- Schools based activity

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership  
held in The Junction, Dungannon on Wednesday, 20 September 2017 at 6.00pm**

- Present:** Councillor Ken Reid (Chair), Councillors Frances Burton, Clement Cuthbertson, Phelim Gildernew, Cathal Mallaghan, Denise Mullen, Derek McKinney, Sean McPeake
- Marian Dorman, Liam Duggan, Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall (Vice Chair), Ciaran McElhone, Martina Watson
- Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Michael Hogg (EA), Inspector Keith Jamieson (PSNI), Ruth McKelvey (PBNI), Maoliosa Tate (PSNI), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI), Willie McCarroll (NIFRS)
- Apologies:** Fiona Crawford, Hannah Su O'Callaghan, Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT), Inspector Joanne Gibson (PSNI), Chief Inspector Roy Robinson (PSNI), Inspector Gavin Sterling (PSNI), Kate Lambe (NHSCT)
- In Attendance:** Michael McCrory (PSCP Manager), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer) Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer), Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

**PCSP68/17 WELCOME**

The Chair, Councillor Ken Reid welcomed all to the meeting. He reminded Members a Public Themed Meeting dealing with 'Postal & Internet' scams would follow directly after this meeting.

**PCSP69/17 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

**PCSP70/17 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
MEETING HELD ON 31 MAY 2017**

The Minutes of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday, 31 May 2017 were approved and signed subject to the following amendment.

**PCSP66/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  
**Focus Group – Dr Jonny Byrne, University of Ulster**

Liam Duggan's name to be added to list of Members participating in the Focus Group.

**Proposed by: Councillor Frances Burton**  
**Seconded by: Mark Farquhar**

## **PCSP71/17 MATTERS ARISING**

### **PCSP65/17 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATE**

#### **ASB – Anti-Social Behaviour Forum Update - Item 4 – Anti-Social Driving**

Councillor Burton raised concerns in relation to the mishandling of a recent call made to the non-emergency 101 number. The caller had told Cllr Burton that they had requested the PSNI not attend their home late at night, but this had happened. Councillor Burton stressed the importance of recording the correct information provided by callers.

Inspector Walsh advised there has been good success in tackling anti-social driving issues. He said if an area is nominated as a 'hotspot', steps will be taken to tackle the problem, but re-iterated the PSNI need to be kept informed.

In response to a question from Councillor McKinney in relation to an incident of anti-social driving at Newmills junction, Superintendent Baird advised if the car registration could be provided, further investigations could be carried out.

## **PCSP72/17 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES**

The PCSP Manager advised Members that the 'Letter of Offer' from the Joint Committee was received at the end of August, signed by the Chief Executive and returned.

In light of the Public Meeting commencing at 7.00pm, the PCSP Manager suggested Members ask questions in relation to the thematic groups rather than officers providing lengthy updates.

### **ASB – Anti-Social Behaviour Group Update**

Responding to a question from Councillor Burton regarding having PCSP Officers attend a forthcoming event, the PCSP Manager requested details to be provided in order to make necessary arrangements.

### **VP – Vulnerable Persons Group Update**

In response to a question from Ursula Marshall, the PCSP Officer stated Beam Creative Network would deliver 15 drama workshops of 'Who's at the Door' Schools Internet Safety Project across Mid Ulster area.

### **NTE – Night-Time Economy Group Update**

No comments.

## **PCSP73/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Incidents in Coalisland**

Marian Dorman raised concerns about a number of individuals who are creating problems for residents living in Innishmore Park in Coalisland.

Michael Dallat referred to monthly meetings, which take place with NIHE, PSNI and Mid Ulster District Council, and with a combined multi-agency approach have resulted in successful prosecutions. Following a brief discussion, Members agreed the PCSP Manager should follow up to assess the situation.



PCSP Manager to arrange for a representative from the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) to attend the next PCSP meeting to provide an overview of the role of the PPS and sentencing structure practice.

## **2. Incident in Moy**

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to incidents occurring in Moy, whereby young people under the influence of alcohol are trying to gain access to a licensed premises via the rear entrance.

Inspector Jamieson said this type of activity had happened previously, action was taken, which resolved the issue, but now appears to be re-occurring. The PSNI's aim is to refocus efforts which previously proved successful and hopefully but put an end to this activity.

## **3. Community Safety Warden**

The Chair requested Michael Dallat to provide information on the level of funding offered by NIHE to assist with the introduction of a 'Community Safety Warden' in Mid Ulster area.

Michael Dallat advised Members, NIHE Community Cohesion would fund 50% to aid the introduction of a 'Community Safety Warden'. He stated further investigations were required before any decision could be taken.

The PCSP Officer advised that under the legacy Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council, the 'Community Safety Warden', was firstly initiated through a Community Safety Project, then by PCSP, but was employed by Community Voluntary Services.

Councillor Burton suggested investigating other avenues of funding to secure the balance required, otherwise, it might result in a large portion taken out of the PCSP budget, detracting from other areas of proposed work.

The Chair stressed the importance of the 'post holder' being solely accountable to the Policing & Community Safety Partnership.

Members agreed the PCSP Manager should collate all information garnered and present at the next Anti-Social Behaviour sub group meeting.

## **PCSP74/17    DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Next PCSP meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13 December, 2017 in the Conference Room, Magherafelt at 3.00pm.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Willie McCarroll who arrived at 6.02pm, Ruth McKelvey, Superintendent Mike Baird, Inspector Andy Archibald, Sergeant Maoliosa Tate, Ciaran McElhone who arrived at 6.05pm, Councillor Cathal Mallaghan & Ursula Marshall who arrived at 6.08pm, Inspector Keith Jamieson who arrived at 6.09pm, Councillor Denise Mullen and Councillor Sean McPeake who arrived at 6.12pm.



**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Wednesday 10 January 2018 in the Council Offices, Burn Road, Cookstown**

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor Wilson, Chair  Councillors Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, McEldowney, McFlynn, McNamee, Molloy, Monteith (7.05 pm), J Shiels
<b>Officers in Attendance</b>	Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Oliver McShane, Acting Head of Leisure Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development Ms Grogan, Committee Services Officer
<b>Others in Attendance</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4 – Deputation</b> Rural Broadband Action Group based in Aughadarragh, Augher, Co. Tyrone Mr Wilson, Mr Monaghan, Mr McMeel and Mrs McElduff

Meeting commenced at 7 pm.

**D001/18      Apologies**

Councillors Burton, Forde, McAleer, Milne, G Shiels,

**D002/18      Declaration of Interests**

None.

**D003/18      Chair's Business**

The Chair, Councillor Wilson advised that the Seamus Heaney HomePlace had been shortlisted for a Best Tourism Initiative Award by the All Ireland Community & Council Award 2018. He said that the event was to be held on Saturday 3 February 2018 in the Croke Park Stadium and that permission was sought for Mr Brian McCormick - HomePlace Manager, Chair or Vice Chair to attend.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that the HomePlace Manager and the Vice-Chair attend the event.

**D004/18      Rural Broadband Action Group based in Aughadarragh, Augher, Co. Tyrone**

The Chair, advised that the representatives from group were yet to arrive and that the committee would proceed with meeting business and would return to this item later.

**Matters for Decision**

**D005/18      Economic Development Report**

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

- 1) Research Study into the Engineering Sector in Mid Ulster**
- 2) Rural Development Programme Business Plans – Select List**
- 3) Mid Ulster Digital Seminars Report**
- 4) NIBSUP (NI Business Start Up Programme) Update**

The Chair asked that the report be amended to read that “Workspace were the ‘lead contact’ for the Business Start Programme in Mid Ulster, not the lead partner”.

- 5) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme**
- 6) Village Renewal Project**
- 7) Coalisland Public Realm**
- 8) Market Square Improvement Project, Dungannon**
- 9) Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes**
- 10) Ofcom NI Broadband Discussion Forum**
- 11) Mid Ulster Skills Forum Minutes**
- 12) Irish Central Border Area Network**
- 13) LED Outdoor Mobile Screen – Amendment to Purchasing Arrangements**
- 14) Dungannon Branded Bags**

Councillor McFlynn stated that it seemed a lot of money to spend.

The Head of Economic Development advised that a completely new town brand had been developed in Dungannon and there is an ongoing need to promote it, and the bags are an excellence mechanism to use to do that. She said that the bags were very well received by shoppers and the traders in Dungannon.

In response to Councillor Elattar’s query about the costings of the bags, the Head of Economic Development advised that Council has yet to procure the bags but based on previous quotes received for similar work, the bags may cost in the region of £1.50 each. She added that the jute bags provided good value for money as they have a long shelf life.

Councillor Monteith said although this was a good start, there was a lot more items of merchandise than bags discussed at the meetings and how traders would be putting their own brand on things to promote Dungannon. He

enquired what was happening to the rest of branded material like the reusable coffee cups etc.

The Head of Economic Development said that last November it was agreed with the Director of Business & Communities that rather than do a formal launch during the ongoing public realm works in the town centre, that the new branded shopping bags be released to traders and shoppers in Dungannon prior to the Christmas shopping period. She added that further merchandise has been procured and will be imminently delivered to Council. Upon receipt of this, a brand awareness campaign will commence to disseminate the new branded merchandise to the various user groups, such as schools and traders, etc.

Councillor Monteith said that a good news story would be to launch the branded cup.

Councillor Molloy enquired if the funding was all allocated through DfC or was there additional funding sought.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the first batch of branded bags were part-funded by the Department for Communities and the remaining merchandise has been funded by Council.

Councillor Cuddy said it would be worthwhile to hold a Dungannon DEA meeting to iron out any issues regarding the branded merchandise and get an update on Anne Street.

The Chair stated that when the Cookstown branded bags were launched a few years ago there was an article on the website to see which bag travelled the furthest.

*Councillor Monteith entered the meeting at 7.05 pm*

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

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

**1) Research Study into the Engineering Sector in Mid Ulster**

The appointment of Cogent Management Consultancy LLP at a cost of up to £27,500 (including expenses and excluding Vat) to deliver the Research Study into Mid Ulster's Engineering Sector to be completed by March 2018

**2) Rural Development Programme Business Plans – Select List**

The appointment of BD Consultancy and Mid Ulster Enterprise Partnership at a cost of £500 per Plan (including expenses and excluding Vat) to the Select List to deliver high quality Business Plans for applicants to the Rural Development Programme until 31 March 2019.

**3) Mid Ulster Digital Seminars Report**

Note Report on Digital Media Seminars.

**4) NIBSUP (NI Business Start Up Programme)**

Note progress.

Report be amended to read that ““Workspace were the ‘lead contact’ for the Business Start Programme in Mid Ulster, not the lead partner”.

**5) Mid Ulster Village Spruce Up Scheme**

Note progress.

**6) Village Renewal Project**

Note progress.

**7) Coalisland Public Realm**

Note progress.

**8) Market Square Improvement Project**

Note progress.

**9) Magherafelt Town Centre**

Note Minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum dated 7 August 2017.

**10) Ofcom NI Broadband Discussion Forum**

Note progress.

**11) Mid Ulster Skills Forum Minutes**

Note Minutes of Mid Ulster Skills Forum dated 27 September 2017.

**12) Irish Central Border Area Network**

Release the 2<sup>nd</sup> (and final) 50% payment of £5,000 for 2017/18 to ICBAN.

Proposed by Councillor McFlynn  
Seconded by Councillor McNamee

**Resolved:** To release the 2<sup>nd</sup> (and final) 50% payment of £5,000 for 2017/18.

**13) LED Outdoor Mobile Screen – Amendment to Purchasing Arrangements**

Instead of using the budget of £50,000 to outright purchase the LED Outdoor Mobile Screen that it be more prudent to lease/contract hire the screen over a three year period. The following accounting treatment has been discussed with the Director of Finance and agreed subject to Committee and Council approval.

Council has identified funding of £50,000 in 2017/18, which in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2017 and the Department for Communities Accounts Direction may be reserved for application in 2018/19 and beyond. Reserving the funds in the this manner will result in Council technically having a £50,000 underspend in 2017/18 in its year end accounts which will be matched by a technical overspend in

subsequent years when the funds are released. Council's management reports, however will show neither an under or overspend but will apply the reserved funding in the financial period in which the screen is hired and Council derives economic benefit therefrom.

Approve the reserve of £50,000 from Council's economic development budget in 2017/18 for use over the next three year period (2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21) in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2017 for the lease/contract hire for a large LED Outdoor Mobile Screen.

Approve the tender of an LED Outdoor Mobile Screen Lease/Contract Hire for key events over the next three year period (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21).

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy  
Seconded by Councillor J Shiels and

**Resolved:** To approve the reserve of £50,000 from Council's economic development budget in 2017/18 for use over the next three year period (2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21) in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2017 for the lease/contract hire for a large LED Outdoor Mobile Screen.

To approve the tender for an LED Outdoor Mobile Screen Lease/Contract Hire for key events over the next three year period (2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21).

#### **14) Dungannon Branded Bags**

Budget of up to £25,000 towards procurement and purchase of a further batch of new branded jute bags for Dungannon town.

**Resolved:** To approve the procurement and purchase of a further batch of new branded jute bags for Dungannon town with a budget of up to £25,000

#### **Continuation of D004/18 Deputation – Rural Broadband Action Group based in Aughadarragh, Augher, Co. Tyrone**

The Chair welcomed representatives from Aughadarragh, Augher Broadband Action Group to the meeting who provided overview on problems incurred due to the lack of broadband facilities within the Aughadarragh/Augher areas.

The representatives advised that Aughadarragh, Augher was a community located off the Augher/Aughnacloy road, which was a vibrant rural community off the A28 Augher/Aughnacloy Road. It had an 81 pupil local Primary School, Woodlands Pre and Afterschool club and Tourism Resource.



The community consists of St Patrick's Primary School with an enrolment of 81 pupils, redevelopment in 2016/17 with 3 new classrooms, office and kitchen/dining room & ground works, Woodland Pre and After school – 51 children enrolled, on the newly developed Carleton Trail & Ulster Way and strong farming and business community.

The representative advised that the area suffers from very poor broadband service and said that new USO regulate for 10mb download speeds, with residents having a average speeds of 0.8 – 1.5 mb downloads.

The representative advised that a meeting was held before Christmas with over 40 householders being in attendance, which had been addressed by Airfibre reps.

The options which were available to householders in the area were BT FTTP which would service 69 homes at a cost of £107,807 on contract reduced to £77,807 because of the local primary school, the other option would be Airfibre, which would service 30 homes at a cost of £33,600.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their presentation and advised that Mid Ulster Council were very proactive in trying to get broadband to areas which were badly affected. He said that there was a huge problem with rural broadband and indeed in a number of cases urban broadband. He said in his area just because a business or household is located beside a green box, doesn't necessarily mean their premises are connected to it, as was his personal experience.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that poor broadband service was a common experience as many households and businesses in the Mid Ulster area were affected. He said that Council had taken delegations to meet with previous Ministers and Officials and had lobbied, submitted evidence to government on poor broadband connectivity issues but have witnessed little progress.

He said that Broadband Voucher Schemes for businesses had helped to some extent but it too had ended abruptly as the UK government funding ran out. He indicated that there is some funding available under the Rural Development Programme in Mid Ulster but the Local Action Group had agreed to 'hold' this funding until March 2018 until more details became available on how and where the £150m funding from the DUP/Conservative deal will be spent.

The Head of Economic Development stated that many rural communities in Mid Ulster struggle to get a decent broadband connection and whilst responsibility for telecoms provision lies with Government, Council had been proactive in its efforts to lobby and source funding to deliver solutions such as the broadband business voucher scheme. She added that work was ongoing to find a more strategic and permanent fibre solution to address broadband deficiencies in Mid Ulster, but work has paused until the outcome of the DUP/Conservative deal is known.

The Chair advised the representatives that although it was of little comfort to leave without a commitment, they could be assured that Mid Ulster Council is trying to do all it can to find solutions and would continue to do so, as Mid Ulster is the most entrepreneurial region in Northern Ireland and it is incumbent upon us to address the needs of local businesses and communities.

Councillor Molloy advised that a local community group that he belonged to had met with BT regarding poor broadband services to local primary school and over 50 homes which only had a 1mb speed. He said that he felt that the group should try to get a better deal from BT, due to the school and community use, as in his area the cost negotiated down to around £350 per household.

Councillor Clarke thanked the group for their presentation and advised that he was a Councillor for 12 years and that he was continuously fighting a battle to get a broadband service to the Sperrins. He said that the Council representatives had met every Minister there was and wouldn't be confident of ever getting broadband through a fibre connection. He said that he had wireless broadband as that was his only option, but the solution which is really needed is fibre to the home. He stated that money was set aside for broadband but in his opinion BT had let everyone down. He said that he was aware that this was little help to the group but was aware of many rural areas being in the same situation.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their attendance and reiterated that the Council were doing everything they could and would continue to work on the issue.

*The representatives left the meeting at 7.40 pm.*

Councillor Monteith stated that this was a perfect example for the Council to use its power of general competence as people in rural areas can't be expected to put up with inferior broadband any longer. He said that he would be suggesting that a rural funding initiative be set up for communities as a collective or that the Council be prepared to contribute towards a household connection fee. He said that BT would not solve this and that it was a perfect opportunity for the Council to step up to the mark and ask the rural community to get involved. He said that the Council could address infrastructure through the general power of competence and would ask that the Officers look at options and bring a report back on findings.

The Chair advised that there was a need to be careful before making decisions on a new broadband grant scheme.

Councillor Monteith advised that a new way of thinking was needed as the old way was not working.

The Director of Business and Communities said there would be a significant cost in delivering a fibre solution across the whole of Mid Ulster, but to achieve such would provide a future proofed telecoms solution for the area. Councillor Clarke said that we were starting to talk business in regional government terms and that he hoped there would be a chance of getting funding for a proportion of this investment to help bring this solution to a reality, instead of delivering piecemeal solutions.

The Chair said that £150m had been earmarked for rural broadband between the DUP and the Conservatives and that BT were reluctant to proceed until they see the outcome of how these monies will be spent.

Councillor Molloy advised that ICBAN were looking at connectivity and that it would be worthwhile getting their view by inviting them to a future meeting.

#### **D006/18      Community Development**

The Head of Community Development drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval for Good Relations and Community Festivals rolling grant award recommendations and to update on Community Development.

The Head of Community Development advised that additional Executive funding of £20,000 had now become available, instead of £15,000 as stated within the report.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

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

- 1) Grant award recommendations under the Community Local Festivals grant as per appendix 1 - £1860.
- 2) Allow consideration for additional Executive funding (pending it becoming available) of up to £20,000 towards the current Speedwell project that is being delivered to allow for additional schools, to be allocated by March 2018.
- 3) Note the community development update report.

#### **D007/18      Grants Review 2017/18 and Grants Policy 2018/19**

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

The Head of Community Development referred to the Rolling Grants for Good Relations and the Community Local Festivals and advised that the threshold should read not £1,500 but £1,200 to keep in line with the other community, arts and heritage small grant.

In response to Councillor McNamee's query about the assurance of fulfilling the grants, with advance payments, the Head of Community Development advised that a 50% initial allocation would be made and the remaining 50% would be allocated upon delivery of their activity. She further advised if delivery of an activity wasn't carried out that funding would have to be recouped.

Councillor Monteith said that it made sense and was very helpful that people were taken through the changes. He said that discussions took place on a heritage grant for physical or community based projects.

The Head of Community Development advised that Community Groups with heritage projects had an opportunity to apply up to £1,200 for heritage grants.

The Director of Business and Communities said that the Work Up Programme would be coming for consideration to this committee, but that there was a need at present to

be prudent as we were working within existing budgets, indeed we are now having to manage reductions in budgets which would prove to be extremely difficult. For example, Council's financial support towards Strategic Partners was previously subvented by some 50% from the Arts Council NI. This subvention is not available for 2018/19 and will therefore have to be reduced accordingly.

The Chair said that it was important to secure the funding for the schools sports grant as it was important to ensure schools are open to the community for use.

The Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation said that there wasn't a particular budget for the grant scheme and for a number of years it had been funded from other budgets through underspends. She said that there was an extra school included this year which added an extra financial pressure. The funding of the programme would have to be considered by members as part of the budget setting process for 18-19.

The Chair said that this needed to be looked at as the Council had encouraged the schools to become involved.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee  
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

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

- 1) Grants Policy 2018-2019 for implementation with Good Relations and Community Local Festivals being amended from £1,500 to £1,200
- 2) Advance payments of micro and small grants to Voluntary and Community organisations.

**D008/18      Heartland: A Heritage and Literacy Project for Primary Schools in Mid Ulster**

The Head of Culture and Arts drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek Council approval to develop a Heritage and Literary Project, Working in conjunction with the NI Children's Writing Fellow, Myra Zepf and the Historic Environment Division of Department for Communities.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to develop and deliver the Heritage and Literary project as proposed working in conjunction with NI Children's Writing Fellow, Myra Zepf at a cost of £8,000.

**D009/18      Northern Ireland Forest Schools Scheme**

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report to seek approval to register and engage with Northern Ireland Forest Schools Association (NIFSA) to develop a schools programme in Mid Ulster District Council area for a second year 2018-19.

Proposed by Councillor J Shiels  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to register Mid Ulster District Council with Northern Ireland Forests Schools Association and subject to available budget initiate a year two programme to engage local schools and youth groups to embrace local parks and greenspace where feasible across the district.

**D010/18 Recommendations on Allocations of Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants**

The Acting Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report to advised Members on the Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants

Proposed by Cuddy  
Seconded by McFlynn and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council to agree the recommendations for successful grant applications.

**D011/18 Davagh Forest/Dark Skies Observatory**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to update the Council and seek approval to apply for additional funding from the DAERA Rural Tourism Programme (Round 2) for an outdoor interpretation visitor experience for Davagh Forest/Dark Skies Observatory and visitor centre.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith  
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to seek additional funding from the DAERA 's Rural Tourism funding programme of up to £250k, with match funding of £62,500 (25%) to Design & Build Outdoor Interpretative that would add to the overall attractiveness and enhance the Davagh Forest Dark Skies Visitor Centre project. Total cost of the project £312,500. Engage original ICT team Teague & Sally to contract manage the Interpretative elements and associated works of the build which was not included in their original fee submission. Fees to be basis as per their original tender submission.

**D012/18 World Travel Market, Excel London 6 – 8 November 2017**

The Head of Tourism drew attention to the previously circulated report to inform and feedback to Council on Mid Ulster District Council presence at World Travel Market, London on the Tourism Ireland stand.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee

Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

**Resolved:** That it be recommended to the Council that approval be given to return to showcase Mid Ulster Tourism product at World Travel Market 2018 and bring local businesses representatives along to sell alongside staff.

### **Matters for Information**

#### **D013/18 Minutes of Development Committee Wednesday 6 December 2017**

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on Wednesday 6 December 2017.

Councillor McNamee advised that a delegation from Cookstown Town Centre Forum including himself and Mary McCullagh had met with Mr Philip Orr regarding the sale of the market rights in Cookstown. Councillor McNamee said that he understood that Cookstown District Council tried to purchase these previously but Mr Orr had indicated that no discussions had taken place between representatives of the Council and himself. Councillor McNamee said that on a Saturday Cookstown was extremely busy and Mr Orr was attempting to address some health and safety issues which were brought to his attention. Councillor McNamee said that Mr Orr had indicated he would make a decision relatively soon on whether he wished to sell the market rights, after he had fully discussed the matter with his family. He added that Mr Orr had specified that he did not want to see the Saturday Market in Cookstown dying out and was keen to see the two allocated fair days starting up again. Councillor McNamee said that Mr Orr agreed to inform Council if he intended to sell the market rights for Cookstown and if they came up for sale, Council would have an opportunity of bidding to purchase them.

The Director of Business and Communities advised that he would liaise with Council's Regeneration Manager on the matter.

#### **D014/18 The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULP) – Update on Community Consultations**

Members noted previously circulated report to update Members on The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULP) – Update on Community Consultations.

Councillor Clarke advised that within the proposal there was walks included and that some time ago there were right-aways and would like a report on the progress as it would fit in well with some features.

The Director of Business and Communities said that the Council had to November to pull it together for HLF and would be happy to invite the two newly appointed Officers to update the members on how things can be progressed.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the closure of Dungannon Park over the Christmas break and enquired if there was a facility to have it open over the holiday period.

The Head of Parks advised that Parks were closed to vehicular access, but that the pedestrian gates remained open. He said that a member of staff does come in on days off.

Councillor Cuddy said that it was only open for pedestrians and that he had received complaints that the gates were locked.

He also asked that the Christmas lights be turned on earlier in the future as he also had complaints that they were not being turned on early enough.

#### **D015/18 NISRA Tourism Statistics 2016**

Members noted previously circulated report to update Members on a summary of Tourism Statistics for 2016.

#### **D016/18 Parks Service Progress/Update Report**

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

#### **D017/18 Leisure Services Update Report**

Members noted previously circulated report to update Members on progress being made regarding activities in Leisure Services and highlight events that would be occurring in the future.

#### **D018/18 Culture & Arts Progress Report**

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

### **Local Government (NI) 2014 – Confidential Business**

**Resolved:** In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D019/18 to D021/18.

#### **Matters for Decision**

- D019/18 Proposal for the Delivery of the Fusion Pilot Project
- D020/18 Proposal to identify Improvement Works to Events Space at Hill of the O'Neill Dungannon

#### **Matters for Information**



D021/18      Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on  
Wednesday 6 December 2017

**D022/18      Duration of Meeting**

The meeting was called for 7 pm and concluded at 8.30 pm.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



<b>Report on</b>	Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group minutes of meeting of 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Tony McCance
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Tony McCance

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To receive and consider for approval the minutes of the Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group held on 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council previously resolved to establish a Language Working Group to assist with policy development and to support the implementation of Mid Ulster District Council's Irish Language and Ulster Scots language policies and associated work.
2.2	The Working Group Terms of Reference confirms that the business of the Regional and Minority Language Working Group be reported through Mid Ulster District Council's Development Committee.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The report of the meeting of 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 is attached for consideration and approval.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b>  Financial: N/A  Human: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>  The language policies are implemented in a way that is sensitive to the concerns of certain sections of the community, that is inclusive, and that aspires to promote good relations between all sections of the community in the longer term.

	The policies are introduced so as to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the promotion of a good and harmonious environment, either among Council staff or within the District as a whole.
<b>4.3</b>	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>  N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	The Committee considers approval of the Regional and Minority Language implementation Working group minutes of 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Minutes of Regional and Minority Language Working Group of 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

Report of Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group of Mid Ulster Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Council Offices, Cookstown

**Attendees**    **Members:** Cllr J Mc Namee (Chair), Cllr K Ashton, Cllr T Wilson, Cllr M Kearney, Cllr S McGuigan, Cllr R McGinley, Cllr S Mc Peake

**Officers:** T McCance, D Ó Doibhlin

AGENDA	MATTERS AGREED	ACTIONS & RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	<b>Apologies</b>	
	Cllr P Bateson, Cllr D McKinney, A McCreesh.	
2.0	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
	No declarations of interest submitted.	
3.0	<b>Report on previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017</b>	
	A report of the previous meeting of 2 <sup>nd</sup> October was presented to the Working Group.	

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Report on Language Policies Launch</b>	
	<p>D Ó Doibhlin reported on the launch of both the MUDC's Irish language policy and Ulster Scots policy on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 in the Burnavon. Cllr Dominic Molloy chair of Policy and Resources, launched both policies following presentations on both languages by Dr Pádraig Ó Tiarnaigh of Conradh na Gaeilge and Dr Frank Ferguson, Director of the Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, Ulster University. Music at the launch was representative of both linguistic traditions and was performed by piper Andy McGregor.</p> <p>The event and the work of the officers involved in the launch was praised by councillors Kearney, McPeake and McNamee.</p>	D Ó Doibhlin
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Signage Programme update</b>	
	<p>T McCance presented final draft designs for bilingual interior directional and exterior information signage for Council properties in accordance with Council policies on signage and the Irish language. He reported that the signage would now be installed in properties across the district to an agreed schedule. Cllrs Wilson and Ashton registered their opposition to the proposals for the introduction of bilingual signage.</p>	T McCance
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Irish Language Action Plan 2018/19</b>	
	<p>D Ó Doibhlin reported that officers were currently preparing a draft Irish language action plan for the year 2018/19. The plan would be based largely on the existing action plan with a continuing emphasis on the development of the spoken language in the home/family and community in order to encourage the maintenance of a truly bilingual society in Mid Ulster.</p> <p>Cllr Ashton asked if a similar language plan was being prepared for Ulster Scots and if not could that be considered? T McCance observed that Council did not have officers responsible for the promotion of Ulster Scots or any representation from the Ulster Scots linguistic community locally and that this constrained Council's ability to create a similar type of plan based on demand within the community.</p>	D Ó Doibhlin





***Meeting concluded at 6.45pm***

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





<b>Report on</b>	Disability Arts Project – Kilronan Special School Magherafelt
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Tony McCance
<b>Contact Officer(s)</b>	Tony McCance

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To inform Council of plans to deliver a Disability Arts Project as part of the Culture & Arts Programme of activity, in conjunction with with Kilronan Special School Magherafelt.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Following initial discussions between Kilronan Special School and Culture & Arts staff, the need for development and delivery of a specific Arts project was identified. Due to a lack of other sources of funding provided to Kilronan Special School, a limited number of art activities are currently made available to students of the school. Engagement with Arts & Cultural officer team has identified a project that will encourage Arts participation and build self confidence among the students of the school.
2.2	A project is being delivered that is designed to encourage greater participation in the arts by students of the special school through the delivery of an arts activity project, enabling the pupils to engage in a song, dance, music and drama project.
2.3	Through the delivery of this project pupils with learning difficulties, will be supported to rehearse and stage a musical production of the Wizard of Oz in March 2018.
2.4	Given their previous experience of working with the school, RiChMusic will work with the pupils of Kilronan Special School Magherafelt during February and March 2018 on music, dance, song and drama, which will culminate in the performance in March 2018.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	This Disability Arts Project is being delivered through the Culture and Arts Service for the pupils for Kilronan Special School.
3.2	RiChmusic are a specialist music company who bring music education to those with Special Educational Needs, providing a safe and familiar environment to explore, learn and enjoy arts activity.
3.3	The aim of the project is to engage pupils with learning difficulties in the arts through the medium of music, song, dance and drama.

3.4	3 professional musicians will work with the students over a number of weeks (workshops) to produce and prepare for a musical production of the Wizard of Oz. They will oversee the production which will be staged on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018.
3.5	This will be the first stage production Kilronan Special School will perform and is a unique opportunity for the pupils to build confidence, new skills and participate in the Arts.
3.6	The funding required will be used towards tutor costs and staging of the performance of the Wizard of Oz.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p><b>Financial:</b> The project is supported through the Culture &amp; Arts programme (up to a maximum of £5,000). Costs can be met from within existing budget resources</p> <p><b>Human:</b> Staff will manage and deliver the project as part of their duties.</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>The activities delivered within Mid Ulster Culture and Arts Service are designed to maximise engagement and participation from all sections of the community in Culture and Art activity.</p> <p>The delivery of this project engages with children with disabilities within a secure environment and ensures equitable delivery and wider participative opportunity across the District.</p> <p>This project contributes to the development and promotion of Culture and Arts and also focuses on Councils Community Plan Themes of Education and Skills and Health &amp; Wellbeing.</p>
<b>4.3</b>	<p><b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the Disability Arts Project that is being delivered at Kilronan Special School, Magherafelt, which engages the services of RiCH music and which is supported through the Culture and Arts Services programme at a cost not exceeding £5,000.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	None

<b>Report on</b>	Davagh Forest Observatory/Visitor Centre Update
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Michael Browne
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Mary McKeown

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update the council on the progress of the Davagh Forest Observatory and Visitor Centre project.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	On October 2015 the Council's Development Committee took the decision to scope out a potential new tourist attraction for the district at Davagh Forest adding to the existing mountain bike trails, utilising the potential of the site and the uniqueness of both the built and natural heritage.
2.2	On November 2015 the Council appointed Outdoor Recreation and Cogent to work up a business plan and an economic appraisal which had to be prepared and submitted with the application to DAERA.
2.3	In March 2016 the ICT tender was awarded to Teague & Sally, Cookstown for the new visitor hub building, which will be located in Davagh Forest to facilitate an application to Rural Development Programme Tourism Measure.
2.4	Initially Council was lead to believe that the application process would open before the summer of 2016. Due to internal issues DAERA delayed to opening date for the Rural Tourism Programme until the summer of 2018.
2.5	The Mid Ulster Davagh Forest Dark Skies project team submitted the round one application along with Economic Appraisal and Business Plan to the DAERA Rural Tourism funding programme for £500k.
2.6	At the October 2017 meeting of the Councils Development Committee permission was granted to seek additional of £245k from the Landfill Tax Fund for additional funds for the interpretation offering inside the building to ensure that the visitor would enjoy a fully immersive visitor experience. Later that month the Council received notification that the application had been successful.

2.7	On 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 notification was received from DAERA announcing that the Rural Tourism scheme open call for full applications will be made on 14 <sup>th</sup> August, with a closing date of 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 which was extended to February 2018. An application was submitted to the DAERA on the 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
2.8	Planning permission was granted for the project at the November 2017 meeting of the planning committee.
2.9	At the January 2018 Development Committee permission was granted to seek additional funding from DAERA's Rural Tourism Programme for an outdoor element of the project.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	On the 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 Council staff were notified by DAERA that the Council's Phase 1 application had been successful up to the value of £500k which is the maximum grant.
3.2	Procurement for the internal interpretation of the Visitor Centre has now taken place and this will be reported to the P&R committee later this month.
3.3	After submitting the expression of interest form for Phase 2 DAERA Rural Tourism programme, Council received permission on 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 for Council to carry out a scoping study for the outdoor element of the visitor experience up to a maximum of £25k prior to making a full application.
3.4	It is anticipated that this project will commence March/April of 2018 with a projected date of opening in the spring of 2019.

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<b>Report on</b>	The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULP) – Update on Community Consultations
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Michael Browne
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Mary McKeown

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update the council on the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme. (THoAULP) and to provide an update on The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme up to the end January 2018.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council have been granted a £2,002,300 grant for The Heart Of Ancient Ulster Landscape Scheme that has been given approval by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) through its Landscape Partnership (LP) programme
2.2	The project aims to help protect one of the most significant areas of archaeological interest in the middle of Northern Ireland, stretching from Broughderg to Carrickmore down to Pomeroy. The Scheme also intends to help protect and restore unique natural upland blanket and raised bog. There will be strong community involvement focus, together with large educational and conservation skills development. The landscape is also is unique within the United Kingdom in having very low levels of light pollution and provides a great opportunity to create the first Dark Sky Heritage Park in Northern Ireland.
2.3	A development grant of £85,000 has been awarded by HLF to enable <i>Mid Ulster District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council</i> , to develop its plans and seek final approval for the full grant amount of £2,002,300 at a later date.
2.4	The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULP) is currently developing a Landscape Character Area Plan: a fully-budgeted five year programme which forms the core of the Round 2 application to be submitted to Heritage Lottery in November 2018.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	<p>Consultations with the community groups were advertised via press release, both councils' websites, social media, community websites and the Rural Support Networks. The dates and venues for the consultations were as follows and all meetings have taken place between 7-9pm (to date approximately 120 people have attended);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rowntree Centre, Pomeroy Thursday 11th Jan 2018</li> <li>• Broughderg Community Centre Monday 15th Jan 2018</li> <li>• Sixmilecross, WF Marshall Centre Thursday 18th Jan 2018 (cancelled due to adverse weather will be rescheduled at a later date)</li> <li>• An Creagan Visitor Centre Monday 22nd Jan 2018</li> <li>• Galbally Community Centre Thursday 25th Jan 2018</li> <li>• The Patrician, Carrickmore Tuesday 30th Jan 2018</li> <li>• Greencastle Community Centre Thursday 1st Feb 2018</li> </ul>
3.2	In addition to the above community consultations, the Introductory Meeting of the Landscape Partnership Board was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 16th January, unfortunately following a car accident, which involved Moira O'Rourke the HLF Development Officer, this meeting was postponed until Tuesday 23rd January 2018. Sixteen representatives from community / voluntary sector attended along with three Council observers.
3.3	The Introductory Meeting held on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> January with potential members of the Landscape Partnership Board were shown a presentation outlining the objectives of the project and timescales. It was agreed after the community consultations have been carried out those who expressed an interest to sit on the LPS Board will be formally invited. The LPS Board would take place every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday bi-monthly. It is anticipated that the first meeting will be scheduled for 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2018. Good Governance training is currently being sourced for members of the LPS Board were office bearers will be appointed. It was also agreed that future Grantee Board and Landscape Board meetings be scheduled so as not to conflict with existing councils meetings.
	<b>Other Considerations</b>
4.1	<p><b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b></p> <p>Financial support from Fermanagh and Omagh Council and Mid Ulster Council has also been factored into the 2018/19 estimates.</p>
4.2	<p><b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b></p> <p>N/A</p>

4.3	<u><b>Risk Management Implications</b></u>  N/A
5.0	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	For Information.
	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
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