

Report on	Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme 2019
Date of Meeting	8 th October 2019
Reporting Officer	Fiona McClements, Head of Environmental Health

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Members of the successful applications awarded funding across the Mid Ulster area under the Live Here Love Here (LHLH) Small Grants Scheme and to advise of the request from LHLH to update a future committee on their LHLH programme.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Mid Ulster District Council in partnership with Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and other organisations launched the 2019 Small Grants Scheme on 16th April 2019. The scheme forms part of a wider programme aimed at promoting civic pride within communities and improving environmental quality. It aims to enable and support volunteers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the quality of their local environment through effective and innovative ways to reduce littering and dog fouling. • Enhance the environmental management of a local area. • Contribute to the development of civic pride within a community with the focus on environmental improvement.
2.2	Grants are available from £500 to £5000 and are open to volunteer and community groups, all schools and third level education organisations, youth groups and sports groups in the Council area.
2.3	Representatives from the Live Here Love Here programme would like to update Members on their campaign at a future committee meeting.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The primary focus of the Small Grants Scheme is to equip and support volunteers and community groups to deliver practical environmental action in their locality.
3.2	Within the Mid Ulster District Council area 51 applications were submitted and assessed. The proposed projects were considered in terms of showing engagement with volunteers and community groups and assessed in the following areas:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental outcomes; • Project goals; • Project need; • Volunteer involvement; • Partnership working; • Long term impact; • Value for money.
3.3	Funding was awarded to 19 projects within the Mid Ulster area that met the scheme criteria. The total grant amount allocated to the successful projects within Mid Ulster was £16 850. Northern Ireland Housing Executive and McDonald's also contributed to the funding programme.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Covered within the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Membership
	Human: Staff time for assessment
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Note the successful projects across Mid Ulster District Council area under the 2019 Small Grants Scheme attached at Appendix 1.
5.2	Invite Live Here Love Here representative to a future meeting to update on the LHLH programme.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	List of Mid Ulster District Council awarded projects 2019