

Report on	Mid Ulster Bonfires - Resources
Date of Meeting	3 rd May 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on the Bonfire Management Programme and seek financial resource for its implementation.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members will be aware that a Bonfire Working Group has been established through the Environment Committee, which has considered a range of issues pertaining to local bonfire events held on Council property. A report on draft procedural arrangements for bonfire management was considered and agreed at the April meeting of Council with the intent of promoting public safety, reducing public risk and the maintenance of good community relations.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Bonfire Management Programme is designed to assist with practical arrangements for safe bonfire management and will provide guidance and good practice to enable residents and communities to celebrate safely while reducing the potential for issues of neighbour nuisance or dangerous behaviour and in accordance with Good Relations guidance</p> <p>The Bonfire Working Group are in the process of finalising the Draft Policy and procedures which will be presented to Environment Committee for consideration. It is recognised that the Bonfire Management Programme will require adequate resourcing for its effective implementation. The Strategic Action Plan will set out a 2 - 5 year programme of activity to support local communities who wish to hold events on Council premises to enable them to continue to promote their cultural celebrations in a safe and sustainable manner.</p> <p>As Council has made no specific budget provision for these activities to date, suitable provision requires to be made. Following celebration events held on Council premises last year it was estimated that Council incurred clean-up costs in the order of £ 18,000 across its range of properties. To provide a more structured approach to resourcing it is proposed to make suitable provision as outlined in Table 1 below.</p>

	Table 1	
	Cost Type	Amount (£)
	Site Management Costs	25,000
	Contingency	25,000
	TOTAL	50,000
	It is proposed that Members agree the resource allocation as outlined for the management of bonfires on Council premises.	
4.0	Other Considerations	
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications	
	Financial: As identified	
	Human: As identified	
	Risk Management: As identified	
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments	
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: As determined	
	Rural Needs Implications: As determined	
5.0	Recommendation(s)	
5.1	That Members agree the allocation of £50,000 for the Mid Ulster Bonfire Management programme.	
6.0	Documents Attached & References	
	None	