

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

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

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

Villages with Major Works

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

Villages with Minor Works

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

Next Phase of Villages (Group 7)

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

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

4.0 Other Considerations

4.1 Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

Financial:

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

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

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

Human:
Officer time.

Risk Management:

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