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2019 - 20

LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP (CORE FUNDING COSTS)

APPLICATION FORM

Please return this form to:

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By: 17/06/2019

For Office Use Only:

Date Application Received:

Project Title:

Project Reference Number:

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1. APPLICANT ORGANISATION DETAILS

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

1.1 Name of Organisation:

1.2 Address:

Postcode:

Telephone No: (Include Area Code)

Fax No: (Include Area Code)

E-Mail:

Website:

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

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

Forename:

Surname:

Position Held:

Contact Address:

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

Telephone No: (Evening) (Include Area Code)

Fax No:

E-Mail:

1.4 Legal Status

What term best describes your organisation?

Sole Trader ☐

Voluntary/Community Body (with a constitution) ☐

Limited Company (including company limited by guarantee) ☐

Company Registration Number: **NI041855**

Place of Incorporation: Belfast

Business Partnership ☐

Government Department/Agency ☐

Other Public Sector Organisation ☐

Co-Operative ☐

Registered Charity ☒

Charity Registration Number: NIC106275

Other: ☐

Please state:

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

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

1.6 Please describe the main activities of the applicant organisation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

N/A

2. PROJECT DETAILS

This Section seeks information on the proposed project.

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

Lough Neagh Partnership Core Funding

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

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

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

2.3 What is the purpose of the project?

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

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

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

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

Targets	Quantifiable Outputs
1) Landscape Partnership Project Deliver Year 3 of the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership project	Implement projects as agreed in HLF plan for 2019/20 eg signage project, Coalisland project and progress on brookend reserve and derryloaghan nature reserves
2) Destination Marketing Plan Working with Mid Ulster Council and stakeholders, identify and help develop new tourism products on Lough	Develop and promote three new major Lough neagh Tours 2 of which relate to and promote the Mid Ulster Tourism development product Begin to develop new food project for the Lough and Lough beg area Implementt Seams Heaney Tour Help Mid Ulster with implementation of their tourism strategy
3 Marketing and Promotion Ensure that VICs provide event information to Tourism NI on regular basis Co-ordination of NITB marketing features for LN Work includes co—ordination of marketing features for NITB productions/ advertorials. Production & distribution of Lough Neagh E-Newsletter for stakeholders & consumers online.	Minimum of 20 events per District MUDC events submitted to TNI will be featured on Discover Lough Neagh website & app 2 advertorials - Spring and Autumn 3 stakeholder newsletters - Quarterly The website & app will be updated weekly Minimum 6 press releases 200 posts for facebook/twitter Review other content on website & update through new content management system. Issue of event updates and press releases. Consumer & Trade pages on Facebook & Twitter Electronic Christmas colouring competition for schools . Blog Competition (LNP will feature the top 10 blogs on the destination website, which will have significant SEO value for the destination website and also for the individual visitor attractions featured in the blog. A link can also be included to Mid Ulster Council on the relevant blogs.

Blog Competition	Lough Neagh Partnership will attend trade fairs and exhibitions where opportunities arise to promote the destination and its events. We do not envisage taking destination stands of our own as this would be cost prohibitive.
Trade fairs and exhibitions	
4) Lough Neagh Cycle Trail Monitor condition of Lough Neagh cycle Trail as part of the establishment of a Heritage Trail under the HLF Landscape partnership project	LNP will help promote cycle trail and lap the lough event throughout 2019/20
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6) Co operation Project Help LAGS AND mid ulster council develop Lough Neagh Cooperation Project	Help and assist Lags to develop Rural Development Programme Cooperation project Continue to provide help and advice on the implementation of this project for the LAGs and Councils around the shores of the Lough .
7) Lough Neagh Food Program Apply to DAERA and Develop strategy for lough Neagh food w particular emphasis on LN fis with a view to securing EU or RI funding for a food programme.	Implement new food programme with DAERA including partners from Mid Ulster. Eg Bakehouse
7) Liaison with MUDC Ongoing liaison MUDC	Generally meet with minimum 3 meetings with MUDC officers in 2019/ update on progress and provide gen
8) NIEA Shoreline plan Attract new funding nd engage with farmers and landowners on western shore to improve condition of western shore	LNP staff will help implement and administer Funding of £54,00 per annum over 3 years - has been secured from NIEA towards the development and implementation of management plans for Special Protected Areas (SPAs). Part of this project will relate to the Mid Ulster Council Area
9) New Group Farm Scheme Set up new Group Farm Scheme on western shores of shores of Lough Neagh and Mid Ulster Council Area	LNP will continue to implement and manage and administer new £200,000 DAERA Group Farm Scheme for Lough neagh with main focus area in western shores/ mid ulster area giving help and assistance to over 30 farmers in farmers along the mid ulster shoreline on Lough ne Arrange training and best practice for an additional 20 farmers for 2019 Receive funding and continue to implement programme in 2019/20 Attract over £200,000 EU EFS funding into area
10) Lough neagh Navigation Help develop new markers and navigation for Lough Neagh	LNP staff will meet regularly with stakeholders to develop dredging and marker proposals

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

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

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

The project will

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

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

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

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

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

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

1st April 2019

2.10 When is the expected end date for the project?

31st March 2020

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

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

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

Yes



No



If yes, please state: -

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

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

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

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

Councils Tourism and Economic Development programme

(ii) To whom was the application made?

To District Councils

Date of application(s)?

25.01.2019

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

See 2.12 above

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

See 2.12 above

2.13 What is the estimated total cost of the project?

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

£73,000

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

£22,000

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

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

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

2.16 Please provide details of all sources of funding.

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

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

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

2.18 Is the proposed project likely to generate revenue?

Yes

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No

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

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

Yes

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No

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Please explain why.

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

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

2.21 Will the project provide added value?

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

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

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

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

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

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

New artisan food chain set up

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

New Moyle Cattle food chain set up

2.23 Is there a Business Plan for the proposed project?

Yes

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No

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

Yes

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No

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

2.24 Is your organisation registered for VAT?

Yes

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No

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If yes, please supply Vat Registration Number

3. TARGETS

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

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

<p>3 Marketing and Promotion</p> <p>Ensure that VICs provide event information to Tourism NI on regular basis</p> <p>Co-ordination of NITB marketing features for LN Work includes co—ordination of marketing features for NITB productions/ advertorials. Production & distribution of Lough Neagh E-Newsletter for stakeholders & consumers online.</p> <p>Blog Competition</p> <p>Trade fairs and exhibitions</p>	<p>Minimum of 20 events per District</p> <p>MUDC events submitted to TNI will be featured on Discover Lough Neagh website & app</p> <p>2 advertorials - Spring and Autumn</p> <p>3 stakeholder newsletters - Quarterly</p> <p>The website & app will be updated weekly</p> <p>Minimum 6 press releases 200 posts for facebook/twitter Review other content on website & update through new content management system. Issue of event updates and press releases. Consumer & Trade pages on Facebook & Twitter Electronic Christmas colouring competition for schools.</p> <p>Blog Competition (LNP will feature the top 10 blogs on the destination website, which will have significant SEO value for the destination website and also for the individual visitor attractions featured in the blog. A link can also be included to Mid Ulster Council on the relevant blogs.</p> <p>Lough Neagh Partnership will attend trade fairs and exhibitions where opportunities arise to promote the destination and its events. We do not envisage taking destination stands of our own as this would be cost prohibitive.</p>
<p>4) Lough Neagh Cycle Trail Monitor condition of Lough Neagh cycle Trail as part of the establishment of a Heritage Trail under the HLF Landscape partnership project</p>	<p>LNP will help promote cycle trail and lap the lough event Throughout 2019/20</p>
<p>5) Cooperation Project</p> <p>Help LAGS AND mid ulster council develop Lough Neagh Cooperation Project</p>	<p>Help and assist Lags to develop Rural Development Programme Cooperation project</p> <p>Continue to provide help and advice on the implementation of this project for the LAGs and Councils around the shores of the Lough</p> <p>Help facilitate the securing of a Rural Development Project in conjunction with Mid Ulster Council and Mid Ulster Local Action Group to bring benefits to the Mid Ulster District in terms of loughshore facilities owned by Council.</p> <p>.</p>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes



No



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

There is ongoing consultation with the above agencies and Departments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project is evaluated quarterly by manager and reports made to board

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

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

11. HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES: SELECTION CRITERIA

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

11.1 Publicity/Transparency and Economic and Social Sustainability

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

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

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

11.2 New Targeting Social Need

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

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

11.3 Balanced Intervention/Equal Opportunities

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

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

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

11.3.1 Equal Opportunities Information – Beneficiaries

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

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

Project will benefit: -

Persons of Differing Religious Beliefs

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

Persons of Different Political Opinion

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

Persons of Different Racial Groups

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

Persons of Different Age

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

Persons of Different Marital Status

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

Persons of Different Sexual Orientation

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

Men or Women

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

Persons with a Disability & Persons Without

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

Persons with Dependants & Persons Without

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

11.3.2 Equal Opportunities Information – Applicant Organisation

Persons of Differing Religious Beliefs

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

Persons of Different Political Opinion

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

Persons of Different Racial Groups

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

Persons of Different Age

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

Persons of Different Marital Status

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

Persons of Different Sexual Orientation

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

Men or Women

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

Persons with a Disability & Persons Without

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

Persons with Dependants & Persons Without

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

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Dependant with an
Incapacitating Disability

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11.3 Environmental Effects

All projects must:

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

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

Yes

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No

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If yes, please supply a map(s)

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

Yes

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No

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

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

Yes

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No

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If yes, please supply a copy.

11.5 Environmental Benefits

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

Will the project have environmental benefits in?

A Conserving and/or improving:

(1) natural environmental assets, e.g.: wildlife, natural habitats
(woodland, heathland, wetland, etc.), soils, agricultural land, geological
features, landscapes, etc.; or
(2) the rural heritage, buildings, archaeological or historical features, etc.?

Yes

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No

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B Reducing energy consumption/promoting renewable energy supply?

Yes

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No

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

11.6 Environmental Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All impact positive and no negative

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

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

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

If 'yes' please provide reference and date:

New shoreline plan launched

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

(contact: Conservation Science, EHS 028 9054 6596)

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

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

(contact: Conservation Science, EHS 028 9054 6596)

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

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

New shoreline plan and HLF landscape plan target improvement to priority

habitats

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

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| C ii | Will the project affect any landscape features? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>(contact: Countryside & Coast, EHS 028 9054 6556)</i> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If 'yes' specify project impact:
All impacts positive

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| C iii | Could the project affect any rural heritage features? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>(contact: Protecting Historic Monuments, EHS 028 9054 3025)</i> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If 'yes' specify project impact:

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All impacts of HLF landscape project and shoreline plan intend to protect and improve condition of landscape
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| C iv | Has a rural heritage inventory been undertaken? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>(contact: Protecting Historic Monuments, EHS 028 9054 3025)</i> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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| D i | Does the project involve a discharge to ground or to a water body? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>(contact: Water Management Unit, EHS 028 9025 4885)</i> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If 'yes' specify project impact:

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| D ii | Has a 'Water Act' consent been obtained from EHS? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>(contact: Water Management Unit, EHS 028 9025 4751)</i> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

If 'yes' please provide reference and date:

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

If 'yes' please provide reference and date:

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

If 'yes' specify the nature of any emission:

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

If 'yes' specify the nature of any emission:

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F i Could the project affect the built heritage, including archaeology? Yes ☒
 (contact: Protecting Historic Monuments, EHS 028 9025 3025) No ☐

If 'yes' specify how:

All positively

F ii	Might any scheduled historic monuments, listed buildings or structures, historic parks/gardens or other designated sites be affected?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		No	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>(contact: Protecting Historic Monuments, EHS 028 9025 3025)</i>			

If 'yes' specify how:

All improved positively through hlf landscape plan

G Are any other environmental impacts anticipated? Yes ☐

(contact: Information and Education Unit, EHS 028 9025 6533, No ☐
email ehsinfo@doeni.gov.uk))

If 'yes' specify the nature of these impacts and their effects on the environment

The main elements of the landscape proposal and shoreline plan is to improve condition and conserve landscape

11.8 Limitation of Environmental Costs

Complete only if you answered 'yes' to any of the questions in section 11.6 above. If the answer to any of the questions (A to D) below is 'yes', please specify the measures to be taken to limit environmental costs on a separate sheet attached to this application, or supply an Environmental Impact Assessment which addresses these issues.

A Will the project promote or deliver measures intended to **avoid** any negative impact? Yes ☒ No ☐

B Will the project include measures and proposals to **compensate** for Yes ☐

- any impact on the environment? No ☒
- C Will the project include measures and proposals to **mitigate against adverse effects** on the environment? Yes ☒
No ☐
- D Will the project seek to limit environmental costs in any other way? Yes ☐
No ☒

DECLARATION

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

1. Name (capitals) GERRY DARBY

Position Held MANAGER

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerry Darby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'G' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Signed (on behalf of organisation)

Date 23/Mar/2019

2. Name (capitals) AARON SWANN

Position Held ADMIN OFFICER

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron Swann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'A' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Signed (on behalf of organisation)

Date 23/Mar/2019

