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| Report on | 1) Magherafelt Revitalisation Project 2) Cookstown Revitalisation Project 3) Village Renewal Project 4) Coalisland Public Realm |
| Date of Meeting | 8 th November 2018 |
| Reporting Officer | Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities |
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| Is this report restricted for confidential business? | Yes | |
| If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon | No | X |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
| 1.1 | To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed above. |
| 2.0 | Background |
| 2.1 | <p>Magherafelt Revitalisation Project An application was submitted to Department for Communities for funding to deliver a Revitalisation Project in Magherafelt Town Centre.</p> |
| 2.2 | <p>Cookstown Revitalisation Project The preferred project that Cookstown would require assistance with during the 2018/2019 financial year is the A29 roundabout project, located on a key gateway to Cookstown.</p> |
| 2.3 | <p>Village Renewal Project Council is leading on the Village Renewal Scheme included within the Rural Development programme 2014 -2020. Council will make an application to the Local Action Group for the village renewal programme and will lead on development and delivery. 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 will contribute match funding of 25%, to compliment the funding from RDP.</p> |
| 2.4 | <p>Coalisland Public Realm 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"> ▪ Create a safe, high-quality pedestrian-friendly environment; ▪ Revitalise and reinvigorate the town to help encourage more visitors and shoppers into the town centre; ▪ Be accessible to pedestrians and vehicles; ▪ Have free flowing traffic and retain most on-street car parking. <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> |

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| 3.1 | <p>Magherafelt Revitalisation Project</p> <p>Department for Communities have issued a Letter of Offer for £160,707 towards the project. The project is part of the Seamus Heaney HomePlace Project which aims to develop the visitor experience for people visiting Seamus Heaney HomePlace. The project will involve upgrading the two pedestrian walkways on Broad Street leading from Central and Union Road Car Parks including the surfaces on the alleyways, removing graffiti on the walls and installing a piece of public art to reflect the connection with Seamus Heaney HomePlace.</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>Cookstown Revitalisation Project</p> <p>The project would involve refreshing the 'Cookstown' brand, and associated works related to upgrading lighting and hard stand area at the A29 roundabout. It is proposed that an application is submitted to DfC for funding to deliver this initiative. The estimated cost is approximately £40,000 (DfC £32,000, Council £8,000).</p> |
| 3.3 | <p>Village Renewal Project</p> <p>A number of Village projects are currently being delivered as outlined below -</p> <p>Ballygawley – Works completed</p> <p>Playparks – Caledon, Granville, Augher and Tobermore – Works completed.</p> <p>Upperlands –Works completed on MUGA. An application has been submitted to the LAG for Playpark element at the Community Centre.</p> <p>Maghera – Walkway from Walled Garden to Tobermore Road. Application has been submitted to the LAG.</p> <p>Newmills (Car Park upgrade), Castlecaulfield (conservation area and additional play equipment), Benburb (Car Park at recreational fields) & Gulladuff (EI Scheme at Bus Shelter) –Construction works have been completed in Benburb and Newmills. Gulladuff and Castlecaulfield works have commenced onsite.</p> <p>Ardboe – A letter of Offer has been received for development at the Community Building with the provision of a new lift. Works to commence mid-November.</p> <p>Fivemiletown – Market Yard and Playpark upgrade – Application will be made to the LAG in November following the procurement process to appoint Contractor.</p> <p>Clady/Glenone (play equipment), Swatragh (play equipment), Killyman (play equipment), The Loup (Informal Play area) and Ballynakelly (play equipment) have been submitted to LAG on 19th October.</p> <p>The next schedule of Villages includes Pomeroy, Ballyronan, Ballinderry & Ballylifford, Clogher, Desertmartin & Longfield, Broughderg and Galbally.</p> <p>Legal agreements are being processed through the legal team. ED staff are currently compiling all the leases and completing the application forms and business cases to be submitted to the LAG.</p> |
| 3.4 | <p>Coalisland Public Realm</p> <p>A preferred option has been identified with work ongoing with all key stakeholders including utilities. An Economic Appraisal is currently being assessed by the Dept. for Communities economist and the planning application has been formally submitted. Public consultation meetings have been ongoing with both Members (11th October 2018) and the Public (16th October 2018).</p> |

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| 4.0 | Other Considerations |
| 4.1 | Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications |
| | Financial: |
| | <p>Magherafelt Revitalisation Project Magherafelt revitalisation project has been awarded 80% funding from DfC, provision of 20% match funding is required from Council's Capital budget as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magherafelt Project - £44,000 <p>Cookstown Revitalisation Project If this revitalisation project is successful in being awarded 80% funding from DfC, provision of 20% match funding is required from Council's Capital budget as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookstown Revitalisation Project - £8,000 |
| | Human: Officer time. |
| | Risk Management: |
| 4.2 | Screening & Impact Assessments |
| | Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A |
| | Rural Needs Implications: N/A |
| 5.0 | Recommendation(s) |
| 5.1 | <p>Magherafelt Revitalisation Project To accept the DfC Letter of Offer of £160,706. Approval is sought to provide 20% match funding from Council's capital budget, of approximately £40,000</p> |
| 5.2 | <p>Cookstown Revitalisation Project To approve recommendation to prepare and submit 'shelf ready' application to DfC for Cookstown revitalisation project during 2018/19. Approval is sought to provide 20% match funding from Council's capital budget, of approximately £8,000</p> |
| 5.3 | <p>Village Renewal Project Members to note progress</p> |
| 5.4 | <p>Coalisland Public Realm Members to note progress</p> |
| 6.0 | Documents Attached & References |
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