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| Report on | Conferences, Seminars & Training |
| Date of Meeting | 22 November 2018 |
| Reporting Officer | Philip Moffett, Head of Democratic Services |
| Contact Officer | Eileen Forde, Member Support Officer |

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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 | Provide an update on seminars and conferences received. To seek approval for (i) elected member attendance and the payment of registration/ attendance fees and associated costs, as incurred and, (ii) council officer approvals. |
| 2.0 | Background |
| 2.1 | Costs associated will be set against 2018-19 member Conference, Seminar and Training allocations. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | The following are seminar/ conference sessions and member training requests presented for consideration of representation from Mid Ulster District Council. |
| 3.1 | Approval for Consideration of Attendance by Elected Members |
| 3.1.1 | Conferences & Seminars <i>ICBAN: The Future of Cross-Border Cooperation - 'Border Compass'</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slieve Russell Hotel in Ballyconnell, County Cavan • Friday 30 November 2018, 9.45 am - 1.00 pm • Conference fee: nil, travel & subsistence • Cllr S McGuigan, Cllr McAleer to attend <i>Co-operation Ireland All Island Local Authority Forum, Study Visit to Seamus Heaney HomePlace</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy • Wednesday, 28 November 2018 9.30am concludes with Homeplace tour at 13.45pm • Conference fee: nil, travel & subsistence |
| 3.1.2 | Member Training Requests Irish Classes (Beginners) |

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| 3.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnavon Arts & Culture Centre • Commencing 22 January 2019 10am – 11.30am • Fee £30, travel & subsistence • Cllr N Doris to attend <p>Officer Approvals</p> <p>There are occasions when it is beneficial to the council for Officers to attend conferences and seminars. Approval for attendance as detailed in Appendix B to this report is sought.</p> |
| 4.0 | Other Considerations |
| 4.1 | <p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: Costs to be set against Members 2018/2019 conference/seminar/training allocation. Any costs incurred above annual allocation to be incurred by Member</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p> <p>Risk Management: not applicable</p> |
| 4.2 | <p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: not applicable</p> |
| 5.0 | Recommendation(s) |
| 5.1 | <p>Approval for attendance at the conferences, seminars and training by members and council officers as required.</p> |
| 6.0 | Documents Attached & References |
| | <p>Appendix A Member Conferences, Seminars & Training</p> <p>Appendix B Officers Approvals</p> |



Future of Cross-Border Cooperation

Friday 30th November 2018

Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, County Cavan

DRAFT CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 09.45am Registration & refreshments**
- 10.00am Welcome**
- Dr Breandán Ó Caoimh, International Centre for Local & Regional Development (ICLRD) & Conference Facilitator
 - ICBAN Chairperson
- 10.10am The Border Compass Project - Outcomes & New Opportunities for Cross-Border Cooperation**
Mr Andy Hallewell, ICBAN
- “Youthful Voices: Their Tomorrows” - a digital film**
- 10.20am Address on behalf of the Irish Government**
Speaker to be confirmed
- 10.30am Address on behalf of the Northern Ireland Devolved Administration**
Speaker to be confirmed
- 10.40am Setting the Context: Setting the Compass**
Dr Breandán Ó Caoimh, International Centre for Local & Regional Development (ICLRD)
- 10.55am Case Studies in Cross-Border Cooperation**
- **‘UNESCO Cross-Border Global Geopark’ - Fermanagh & Omagh District Council & Cavan County Council**
Mr Robert Gibson, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
Mr Brendan Jennings, Cavan County Council
 - **‘Developing a Statement of Cooperation on Planning & Other Common Areas of Interest’**

Dr Chris Boomer, Mid Ulster District Council
Mr Adrian Hughes, Monaghan County Council

- 11.25am **Tea/coffee break**
- 11.45am **‘Looking Beyond our Borders’**
Martín Guillermo-Ramírez, Secretary General of the Association of
Border Regions (AEBR) - *via Video Link*
- 12.00pm **‘Revitalising Border Regions in the 21st Century’**
Dr Caroline Creamer, International Centre for Local & Regional
Development (ICLRD)
- 12.15pm **Stakeholder Panel & Question & Answer Session**
Local Authorities and Regional Stakeholders
- 12.45pm **Concluding remarks**
Mr Shane Campbell, CEO, ICBAN
Dr Breandán Ó Caoimh, International Centre for Local & Regional
Development (ICLRD)
- 1.00pm **Close & lunch**

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agus Trádála
Department of Foreign Affairs
and Trade

This ICBAN initiative is part of the Border Compass Project, enabled through funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Reconciliation Fund



9th October 2018

Dear Tommy

**All Island Local Authority Forum
Study Visit to Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy (Mid Ulster District Council)
Wednesday 28th November 2018**

Following on from our very successful recent ***Rural Society in Transition*** Conference earlier this year, the All-Island Local Authority Forum is facilitating a Study Visit for the Local Government sector on Wednesday 28th November in the Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy.

The Seamus Heaney HomePlace Interpretive Centre is an exhibition and valuable portal into Heaney's world, forcing the visitor "to view the poet's words through different prisms and from alternate angles", leading into the quiet and profound spaces and intimacies of the man. The Centre bursts with energy generating an experience that makes the Poet, his past, his work, his *place* and *time* seem real. If only every Interpretive Centre could be like this – perhaps they could be.

This study visit will examine the central role that Local Government has to play in keeping genius alive for and through all ages, by creating a Centre, a space that ultimately will define and shape Bellaghy, the Home Place, whilst at the same time reaching out and connecting to local communities.

The Seamus Heaney HomePlace in Bellaghy, commissioned and developed by Mid Ulster District Council, is recognised as playing a key role in rejuvenating and regenerating its local area. It is an example of how an innovative and modern visitor/information centre can harvest energy and vibrancy within the rural community and leave a lasting impact on its visitors. The study visit will provide an opportunity for local authorities to access valuable learning that can be transferred to revitalise visitor/information centres within their own local authority areas with a view to remoulding their own rural communities / areas.



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The audience for this event will be a mix of Officers and Elected Members from Local Authorities across ROI. We would strongly encourage you to promote this event throughout your membership, encouraging them to attend this event which will undoubtedly provide a valuable learning experience for many of them.

The programme for the seminar is attached and speakers include members of the team responsible for the resounding success of the HomePlace. To register your simply email Aisling O'Callaghan at Co-operation Ireland on aisling.ocallaghan@cooperationireland.org with names, Local Authority name, positions within your Local Authority and contact email address for each participant.

We look forward to welcoming some of your members to this event.

Best regards

Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive, Roscommon County Council

Anthony Tohill, Chief Executive, Mid Ulster District Council



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAPACITY BUILDING STUDY VISIT

Wednesday, 28th November 2018 –
Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy
(Mid Ulster District Council)



SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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| 9.30 – 10.00am | Registration & Refreshments |
| 10.00-10.10am | Welcome & Opening Remarks Cllr. Sean McPeake, Chairperson, Mid Ulster District Council |
| 10.10am-10.30am | Mid Ulster & The HomePlace: What Makes the HomePlace special? Anthony Tohill, Chief Executive, Mid Ulster District Council |
| 10.30am-11.00am | Can one man define a Place? Can a community be the Place? : The Power of Interpretation Tom Dowling, Chairperson, Pride of Place & former County Manager, Meath County Council |
| 11.00am-11.15am | Q&A |
| 11.15-11.45pm | The Role of Local Government: Do we need to give life back to our Centres? Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive, Roscommon County Council |
| 11.45-12.15pm | How to bring life and energy into your Centre : Realising The HomePlace Vision Brian McCormick, Manager, Seamus Heaney HomePlace |
| 12.15-12.45pm | Q&A |
| 12.45-13.45pm | Lunch |
| 13.45pm | Visit to the Seamus Heaney HomePlace |

BIOGRAPHIES:


Cllr Sean McPeake,
Chair of Mid Ulster District Council 2018/19

Cllr McPeake is the current Chair of Mid Ulster District Council and has previously served on Magherafelt District Council and was elected on to the new Mid Ulster District Council in May 2014. Cllr McPeake represents Mid Ulster District Council on ICBAN, Rural Development Programme Local Action Group (LAG) and Policing and Community Safety Partnership. A previous member of his party's ruling Ard Comhairle Executive and leader of the Sinn Féin Councillor grouping, Cllr McPeake has also served as vice-chair of the Review of Public Administration's Strategic Leadership Board and Policy Development Panels. Cllr McPeake is NILGA's Vice President. A strong advocate of NILGA, he has been an Office Bearer for 10 years, previously serving as NILGA President on two occasions.



Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive,
Mid Ulster District Council

Anthony Tohill was appointed as the first Chief Executive of Mid Ulster District Council in April 2014. He has over 20 years public sector experience having worked in a diverse range of positions both in Central and Local Government. He joined the Civil Service as a graduate engineer in 1995 holding positions in road design and traffic management. Anthony worked for Derry City Council from 2005 to March 2014, initially as Head of Design & Project Management before moving on to the post of Chief Building Control Officer. Prior to taking up his current position Anthony was employed as Strategic Director of Corporate Services in Derry City Council.



Tom Dowling
Chairperson,
Pride of Place

Tom retired as Chief Executive of Meath County Council in September 2012, after over 40 years' local government service in various local authorities. Prior to taking up his chief executive position in Meath he worked as Chief Executive with Carlow County Council. Since completing his contract with Meath County Council, he has taken on Non-Executive Director roles including the role of Board Chair of a National Charity. In addition, he is an Associate lecturer in Human Resource Management with the Institute of Public Administration. He also mentors and acts as advisor to some major organisations on public/private sector relationships. He currently leads and chairs for Cooperation Ireland, Irelands Premier Community Awards called Pride of Place which he founded 16 years ago. He also leads and Chairs the search for Irelands National Enterprise Town for the Bank of Ireland, which he designed for the bank. As a result of his previous employments, Pride of Place and Enterprise Towns, he has knowledge of virtually every city, town, village in Ireland.



Eugene Cummins
Chief Executive,
Roscommon County Council

Eugene was appointed Chief Executive of Roscommon County Council on 1st October 2015 having held a similar position with Monaghan County Council for the previous two years. Over the years Eugene has worked in five Local Authorities at different grades and has been in Local Government "for a very long time". He is particularly interested in town centre renewal through energising surrounding communities to nurture and develop their collective strengths by being actively involved in community activity to grow / promote / improve their area / town. Eugene has a BE in Civil Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration from Dublin City University.



Brian McCormick
Manager,
Seamus Heaney HomePlace

Brian McCormick is the Manager of Seamus Heaney HomePlace. Brian was educated at Saint Patrick's College, Maghera. He graduated from Queens University Belfast with a Hons Degree in Modern History and from University of Ulster with an MSc in Sport, Exercise and Leisure. Brian, who is a nephew of Seamus Heaney's, worked in the hospitality industry before taking up his current post, and prior to which worked in the Education sector for 10 years. He is passionate about the arts and wishes to ensure HomePlace is a world class centre where people can fully immerse themselves in the work of Seamus Heaney.

ALL-ISLAND LOCAL AUTHORITY FORUM

“Supporting sustainable co-operation between local government across the island of Ireland”

All-Island Local Authority Forum Sub Groups

Philanthropy Community Planning SOLACE NI/CCMA
Leadership Spatial Planning Housing

FORUM MEMBERSHIP 2018

Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE NI) representatives are:



Liam Hannaway
Chief Executive
Newry, Mourne &
Down District Council



Roger Wilson
Chief Executive
Armagh City,
Banbridge & Craigavon
Borough Council



Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster
District Council



John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City & Strabane
District Council

County & City Management Association (CCMA) representatives are:



Seamus Neely
Chief Executive
Donegal County Council



Philomena Poole
Chief Executive
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
County Council



Frank Curran
Chief Executive
Wicklow County Council



Eugene Cummins
Chief Executive
Roscommon County
Council



Eamonn O'Sullivan
Chief Executive
Monaghan County
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Ranganna Gaeilge | Irish Classes

Ar mhaith leat Gaeilge a fhoghlaim? B'fhéidir go bhfuil Gaeilge agat ach gur mhaith leat snas a chur ar do chuid Gaeilge? Tapaigh an deis seo!
Would you like to learn Irish? Perhaps you have previously studied Irish but would like to improve upon what you have? Here is your opportunity!

Atosóidh Ranganna Gaeilge ar an 22ú Eanáir 2019 a mhairfidh ar feadh 10 seachtain
Irish Classes will recommence on the 22nd of January 2019 and run for 10 weeks.

Bunrang | Beginners
An Mháirt | Tuesdays
10am-11.30am
Costas | Cost: £30

Meánrang | Improvers
An Mháirt | Tuesdays
12pm – 1.30pm
Costas | Cost: £30

Déan teagmháil le 028 8676 9949 chun d'áit a chur in airithe
Contact 028 8676 9949 to book your place

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019

Féile náisiúnta é Seachtain na Gaeilge a mhaireann ó 1ú – 17ú Márta 2019. Beidh réimse mór imeachtaí ar súil le linn na tréimhse seo agus beidh fáilte roimh chách. Déan teagmháil le gaeilge@midulstercouncil.org faoi choinne tuilleadh eolais.

Seachtain na Gaeilge is a national festival which will run from 1st – 17th March 2019. A wide range of activities will take place within this period, for learners, improvers and fluent speakers of Irish. Contact gaeilge@midulstercouncil.org for further information.

| Conference & Seminar | Date | No. of Attendees | Location | Attendance Fee (Yes/ No) |
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| Global Goals Local Action Conference | 23/11/18 | 3 | Bangor | No |
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| Global Goals Local Action Conference | 10/11/18 | 1 | Oxford Island | £25 |
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