

Report on	Request to Illuminate Council Property – Sept 2019
Date of Meeting	Thursday 5 th September 2019
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
Contact Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services

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 consider requests to (i) illuminate/light-up the Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre on Tuesday 15 th October in support of Baby Loss Awareness Week and (ii) illuminate/light-up all designated properties on 6 th October in support of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) to mark 40 years since the Association was established.
2.0	Background
	<u>Baby Loss Awareness Week</u>
2.1	Representatives from the Dungannon Sands Support Group have corresponded with the Council requesting that Ranfurly House be lit up pink and blue in support of Baby Loss Awareness Week, which takes place during 9 th to 15 th October. Sands stands for - stillbirth and neonatal death. Sands is an abbreviation for Stillbirth and Neonatal Death.
2.2	The requesting organisation has confirmed that Baby Loss Awareness Week is an alliance of more than 60 charities organised to raise awareness and break the taboo of baby loss. Throughout the week, bereaved parents, their families and friends unite to commemorate the lives of babies who died during pregnancy, at or soon after birth and in infancy. The week is also a platform to call for tangible improvements in policy, research, bereavement care and support.
	<u>Motor Neurone Disease Association</u>
2.3	The Chairman of the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association Northern Ireland has corresponded with the Council requesting that its buildings be lit-up/illuminated in blue and orange colours of the MND Association on 6 th October to raise awareness on MND and 40 years from when the Association was established.

2.4	The requesting organisation (Motor Neurone Disease Association Northern Ireland) has confirmed that MND is a rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. It kills a third of people within a year and more than half within 2 years of diagnosis. It affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time, killing six people every day for which there is no cure.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Requests:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To light up/illuminate Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre pink and blue on 15th October for Baby Loss Awareness Week To light up/illuminate all designated properties (Ranfurly, Burnavon and the Bridewell) blue and orange on 6th October to raise awareness on MND and 40 years from when the Association was established.
3.2	No other requests have been approved for the specified dates.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Not applicable
	Human: Not applicable
	Risk Management: Not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: Not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Committee approves requests to illuminate Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre pink and blue on 15 th October for Baby Loss Awareness Week and all designated properties blue and orange on 6 th October to raise awareness on MND.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None