

<b>Report on</b>	The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 – Road Closure Applications
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To request that Members make a determination on four road closure applications in connection with special events that are being held in October and November 2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Further to previous reports, Members will be aware that The Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 introduced by The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) permits the closure of roads for the holding of special events.
2.2	<p>The above legislation enables Council to deal with requests to close public roads for special events in its area. Special Events are defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any sporting event, social event or entertainment which is held on a public road; or</li> <li>The making of a film on a public road (including making TV programmes, films or advertisements).</li> </ul>
2.3	<p>Special Events do not include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public processions;</li> <li>Motor road races;</li> <li>Cycle races or trials; or</li> <li>Road works</li> </ul>
2.4	<p>The underlying principle in relation to special events on roads is that it would not be reasonably practicable to hold the event elsewhere. The restriction or prohibition of traffic using the public road will only be permitted for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitating the holding of a special event, or</li> <li>Enabling members of the public to watch a special event, or</li> <li>Reducing traffic disruption in adjacent streets</li> </ul>
2.5	Although the legislation provides the Council with the power to prohibit or restrict the use of a public road, an Order cannot be made that would at any time prevent pedestrian access to any premises situated on or adjacent to the road, or to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from and only from the road.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Environmental Health Service has received four in house applications for road closure orders to facilitate the holding of the following Mid Ulster District Council special events:
3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>‘Dungannon Halloween Event’– Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b></li> </ul> <p>The applicant seeks to temporarily restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 between the hours of 17:00 and 20:30 for the purposes of holding a family event that includes a fireworks display:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market Square, Dungannon; and</li> <li>• Thomas Street, Dungannon from its junction with Greers Road to Market Square.</li> </ul> <p>Diversion routes will be signposted via Scotch Street, Georges Street, William Street, Greers Road and Irish Street Dungannon.</p>
3.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>‘Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On’– Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019</b></li> </ul> <p>The applicant seeks to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 between the hours of 17:00 and 21.15 for the purposes of holding the ‘Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William Street, Cookstown from its junction with Orritor Street / Old Coagh Road to the Burn Road / James Street junction</li> </ul> <p>Diversion routes will be signposted via, Westland Road, Coagh Street, Union Street, Molesworth Street, Molesworth Road, Clare Lane, Sweep Road, A505, Morgan’s Hill Road, Cemetery Road, Fairhill Road, East Circular Road, Orritor Street, Orritor Road, Fountain Road, Chapel Street, Church Street, Milburn Street, Old Coagh Road, Loy Street, Moneymore Road, and Killymoon Street.</p>
3.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Magherafelt Christmas Event</b></li> </ul> <p>The Magherafelt Christmas event comprises of the following two elements as set out below:</p> <p><u>Magherafelt Christmas Market</u></p> <p>The applicant seeks to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following road between the hours of <b>18:00 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 and 22:00 on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019</b> for the purposes of holding a speciality food market:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market Street, Magherafelt from its junction with Broad Street to the entrance of the Diamond Centre Car Park</li> </ul> <p>Diversion routes will be signposted via Ballyronan Road, Fairhill, Aughrim Road, King Street, Church Street and Broad Street, Magherafelt</p>

	<p>And</p> <p><u>Magherafelt Christmas Lights Switch On</u></p> <p>The applicant seeks to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads between the hours of <b>16:00 and 21:30 on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019</b> for the purposes of holding the Christmas lights switch on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad Street, Magherafelt</li> </ul> <p>Diversion routes will be signposted via Rainey Street, Tobermore Road, Hospital Road, Union Street, Church Street, King Street, Aughrim Road and Fairhill.</p>
3.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dungannon Christmas Event</b></li> </ul> <p>The applicant seeks to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads between the hours of <b>17:30 and 20:00 on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019</b> for the purposes of holding the Christmas lights switch on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market Square, Dungannon</li> </ul> <p>There will be no diversionary routes will be in operation.</p>
3.6	<p>All four applications are in the latter stages of being processed by the Environmental Health Service after receipt of a completed application form, payment of the appropriate fee, and submission of a range of supporting information which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic Management Plan / Traffic Signing Schedule prepared by one of the DfI authorised Traffic Management Companies.</li> <li>• Evidence of Public Liability Insurance</li> <li>• Details of consultees and feedback received</li> <li>• Evidence of consultation with emergency services</li> </ul>
3.7	<p>All the MUDC events are deemed 'large events' and a fee of £415 has been receipted in respect each application.</p>
3.8	<p>The necessary consultation has been undertaken with the various statutory bodies (PSNI, NIFRS, NIAS) and DfI in relation to each application and a public notice of consultation has been placed in the local press.</p>
3.9	<p>Although feedback has been sought in connection the application, some statutory consultee responses remain outstanding at the time of report. The Environmental Health service will, however, be in a position to update Members of any particular concerns or representations raised by the consultation process at the time of committee.</p>
3.10	<p>It is therefore recommended that Members note the content of this report and subject to no objections being received during the consultation process and DfI</p>

	consent being granted, agree the issue of four Road Closure Orders as specified under the Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	It is recommended that Members note the content of this report and subject to no objections being received during the consultation process and DfI consent being granted, agree the issue of the four Road Closure Orders as specified under the Roads Miscellaneous Provisions Act (NI) 2010 for:
5.2	<p><b>‘Dungannon Halloween Event’– Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b></p> <p>The Order to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 between the hours of 17:00 and 20:30:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market Square, Dungannon; and</li> <li>• Thomas Street, Dungannon from its junction with Greers Road to Market Square.</li> </ul>
5.3	<p><b>‘Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On’– Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019</b></p> <p>The Order to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 between the hours of 17:00 and 21.15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William Street, Cookstown from its junction with Orritor Street / Old Coagh Road to the Burn Road / James Street junction</li> </ul>
5.4	<p><b>Magherafelt Christmas Event</b></p> <p>The Order to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following roads as set out:</p>

5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Magherafelt Christmas Market</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Market Street, Magherafelt from its junction with Broad Street to the entrance of the Diamond Centre Car Park between the hours of 18:00 on Friday 22nd November 2019 and 22:00 on Sunday 24th November 2019</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Magherafelt Christmas Lights Switch On</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Broad Street, Magherafelt between the hours of 16:00 and 21:30 on Saturday 23rd November 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Dungannon Christmas Event</b></p> <p>The Order to temporarily prohibit or restrict all vehicular traffic using the following road on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 between the hours of 17:00 and 20:00:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market Square, Dungannon</li> </ul>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Redacted road closure application – ‘Dungannon Halloween Event’
6.2	Appendix 2 – Traffic Management Plan – ‘Dungannon Halloween Event’
6.3	Appendix 3 – Redacted road closure application - ‘Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On’
6.4	Appendix 4 – Traffic Management Plan – ‘Cookstown Christmas Lights Switch On’
6.5	Appendix 5 – Redacted road closure application – ‘Magherafelt Christmas Event’
6.6	Appendix 6 – Traffic Management Plan – ‘Magherafelt Christmas Event’
6.7	Appendix 7 – Redacted road closure application – ‘Dungannon Christmas Event’
6.8	Appendix 8 –Traffic Management Plan – ‘Dungannon Christmas Event’