

Report on	Ireland's Best Kept Town Awards 2022
Date of Meeting	8 th March 2022
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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 seek approval to enter Castlecaulfield in Ireland's 2022 Best Kept Awards Competition
2.0	Background
2.1	The Northern Ireland Amenity Council Awards promote achievement and excellence in Amenity and Environmental Sustainability and is important in recognising high quality environments to live and work. It encourages towns and villages right across Northern Ireland to look their best, boosting civic pride and helping to keep their areas tidy.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Approval was also granted previously (at January Environment Committee) to enter the following towns and villages in the Northern Ireland Best Kept Awards 2022:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dungannon 2. Cookstown 3. Magherafelt 4. Coalisland 5. Maghera 6. Tobermore 7. Donaghmore 8. Swatragh 9. Caledon 10. Stewartstown 11. Castlecaulfield
3.2	Castlecaulfield won the Northern Ireland Amenity Council (NIAC) Best Kept Small Village Award in 2019 but due to the pandemic there was no Ireland's Best Kept Competition in 2020. However NIAC has advised that all 2019 winners have been selected to represent the region in Ireland's Best Kept this year and have requested confirmation from Council for the nomination.
3.3	Competition judging will take place during the month of May with an awards ceremony for the winners being held in June of this year (date and venue to be confirmed).

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Within existing resources.
	Human: Within existing resources.
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the contents of this report and approve the nomination of Castlecaulfield into Ireland's Best Kept Small Town Awards Competition for 2022.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None