

Report on	Live Here Love Here, Small Grants Scheme, Information Session-Mid Ulster District Council Area
Date of Meeting	14 th January 2020
Reporting Officer	Fiona McClements

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 inform Members of the Live Here Love Here, Small Grants Scheme Information Session for Mid Ulster District Council area on Thursday 5 th March 2020, 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Burnavon Arts and Cultural Centre, Cookstown.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>The Small Grants Scheme (SGS) launches each year in April by local Councils, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, McDonalds UK, Coca-Cola and Keep NI Beautiful (KNIB). It provides support to volunteer projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the health and well-being of communities whilst helping to improve and/or maintain public spaces. • Use innovative ways to reduce littering and dog fouling in the local area. • Improve the way the local environment is looked after, whether urban, rural. • Contribute to the development of civic pride within a community with a focus on environmental improvement. <p>Grants are available from £500 to £5,000 and are open to volunteer and community groups, all school and third level education organisations, youth groups and sports clubs undertaking civic pride projects throughout Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Further information can be found at the Live Here Love Here (LHLH) website https://www.liveherelovehere.org</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The LHLH team will be delivering an information session in each of the partnering Council areas to advise those attending about the SGS and the approach it takes to improving our local environment and building a sense of pride in our local community. Invites will be circulated to elected Members, volunteers and community groups.
3.2	There will be a particular focus on how to apply in April 2020 and how to write a grant winning application, taking account the key criteria that apply to submitting an application.

3.3	With particular reference to Mid Ulster, there have been 140 applications received from 2014 -2019. Upon assessment against the SGS criteria being met, 55 projects were funded equating to £38,700 awarded.
3.4	Each year there is a Community Awards Ceremony which is a celebration of the environmental heroes who have demonstrated consistent hard work, instilling civic pride and tackling environmental issues within their local community. At these awards volunteers are celebrated through a number of categories including a bespoke Council Litter Heroes Award. Since 2017 there have been 5 award winners from Mid Ulster.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management: None.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None
	Rural Needs Implications: None.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Note the Mid Ulster District Council Live Here Love Here, Small Grants Scheme, Information Session attached at Appendix 1.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Mid Ulster District Council Live Here Love Here, Small Grants Scheme, Information Session Invite.