

Report on	1) Proposal from Princes Trust 2020/21 2) Proposal from Orchardville 2020/21 3) Irish Central Border Area Network
Date of Meeting	16 January 2020
Reporting Officer	Head of Economic Development

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 provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Princes Trust Proposal 2020/21 The Prince's Trust is a youth charity that works with young people aged 13-30 helping them develop skills and motivation and supports them into jobs, education and training through a range of personal development and employability programmes. The Trust have submitted a Proposal (Appendix 1 attached) seeking funding from Council to deliver two initiatives totalling £10,000 to provide small grants to young people to gain employment and test trade, prior to starting a business.</p>
2.2	<p>Orchardville Proposal 2020/21 Orchardville was established in Belfast in 1982 and works as a social enterprise, providing specialist learning disability and/or autism supported employment services. Orchardville has submitted a Proposal (Appendix 2 attached) seeking funding from the Council to deliver a specialist disability employment programme in Mid Ulster.</p>
2.3	<p>Irish Central Border Area Network In July 2019 the Council recommended the provision of an annual contribution towards ICBAN of up to £12,500 for the financial year 2019/20.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Prince's Trust Proposal 2020/21 While Council is supportive of the proposal's objectives on Appendix 1, the Council's economic development budget is fully committed for 2020/21 with priority being placed on funding Council's five new business programmes and the district wide Town and Village Business Spruce Up Scheme.</p>

3.2	<p>Orchardville Proposal 2020/21</p> <p>While the proposal from Orchardville on Appendix 2 is for a worthy cause, it does however seek 100% funding from Mid Ulster District Council of £28,323 during 2020/21 to employ two Specialist Disability Employment Officers to be based in Mid Ulster to work with people who have a learning disability and/or autism. It is recommended that Council declines Orchardville funding proposal at this time, as Council's '<i>match funding budget</i>' to co-finance projects of this nature is already committed to supporting a number of other local 'European Social Fund' (ESF) projects until 2022, which assists many disadvantaged individuals to re-engage with the labour market.</p> <p>It is also recommended that Orchardville be directed to Council's new Social Enterprise Programme, opening Spring 2020 for development support and additionally, be referred to the Lead Officer responsible for the Mid Ulster Community Planning Health & Wellbeing Group with a view to making representation to this Group about their work.</p>
3.3	<p>Irish Central Border Area Network</p> <p>ICBAN has submitted their report on work completed during the period April – December 2019 and this is enclosed on Appendix 3 attached. Approval is requested to release the second (and final) 50% instalment of their contribution. A Final Report will be submitted for the year in April 2020.</p>
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial: ICBAN – Provision had been made in the 2019/20 economic development budget for £6,250 (second and final payment this year).</p> <p>Human: Officer time</p> <p>Risk Management:</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: N/A</p>
5.0	<p>Recommendation(s)</p>
5.1	<p>It is recommended that Members:</p> <p>Princes Trust Proposal 2020/21</p> <p>Decline the request from the Prince's Trust, as the economic development budget</p>

	<p>is already committed for next year 2020/21, with priority being placed on funding Council's five new business programmes and the district wide Town & Village Business Spruce Up Scheme.</p>
5.2	<p>Orchardville Proposal 2020/21</p> <p>Decline Orchardville funding request as Council's budget to fund projects of this nature is already committed to supporting a number of other local ESF projects until 2022, which assist individuals to re-engage with the labour market.</p> <p>It is further recommended that Orchardville be directed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Make an application to Council's new Social Enterprise Programme when it opens to applications in spring 2020 to seek assistance to help their organisation investigate other avenues of funding and methods whereby the company could become more self-sustaining. Liaise with the Project Lead on Mid Ulster's Community Planning Health & Wellbeing Group with a view to making representation to this Group about their work.
5.3	<p>Irish Central Border Area Network</p> <p>Members to approve release of 2nd (and final) 50% payment of £6,250 for 2019/20 to ICBAN.</p>
6.0	<p>Documents Attached & References</p>
6.1	Appendix 1 - Prince's Trust Proposal 2020/21
6.2	Appendix 2 – Orchardville Proposal 2020/21
6.3	Appendix 3 – ICBAN Report (April-December 2019)