

<b>Report on</b>	1) Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2.9.19 2) Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019 3) Manufacturing & Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature 4) NI Business Start Programme 2017-21 Update 5) ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit: Interim Findings 6) Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 Nov 2019) 7) Cookstown Market Rights
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14 November 2019
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development

<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	<p><b>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2.9.19</b>  Coalisland Town Centre Forum was established in March 2019 along similar lines to the Forums / Partnerships already operating in Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt and Maghera. The Forum acts as a strategic body providing advice and guidance to town centre stakeholders on the development of Coalisland town centre.</p>
2.2	<p><b>Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019</b>  Heels on the Hill fashion show was held Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019, in the event Space, Hill of The O'Neill, Dungannon. The fashion show was delivered in association with Style Academy and featured local fashion retailers in Dungannon.</p>
2.3	<p><b>Manufacturing &amp; Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature</b>  The new Manufacturing &amp; Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) programme originated from within the Mid Ulster Skills Forum. The MEGA Programme is funded by Invest NI and Mid Ulster Council and primarily focuses on skills shortages within the region's manufacturing and engineering sectors. The 2½ year industry led programme is supported by a collaborative network of businesses representative of the sector.</p>

<p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p> <p>2.6</p> <p>2.7</p>	<p><b>NI Business Start Programme 2017-21 Update</b> This current NI Business Start Programme is led by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (L&amp;CCC) on behalf of the 11 Councils. Following the successful 11 Council collaborative application to the EU Growth and Jobs Programme in 2016 and subsequent procurement exercise, this Programme was awarded to Enterprise NI and is being delivered through a range of their enterprise partners. The Programme has been operational since 1 September 2017 and is delivered in Mid Ulster by Cookstown Enterprise Centre, Marketing (NI) in Dungannon and Workspace Enterprises Ltd.</p> <p><b>ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit Interim Findings</b> This Report outlines the results from the first part of 'The Border into Brexit' project run by Queen's University Belfast in conjunction with the Irish Central Border Area Network of 8 local authorities in the Central Border Region of Ireland / Northern Ireland.</p> <p><b>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 Nov 2019)</b> Mid Ulster has consistently been named as Northern Ireland's most entrepreneurial region. The district has more than 9,000 VAT-registered companies and is the largest business base outside of Belfast. Mid Ulster's first ever Enterprise Week will take place from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. Spearheaded by the Council with support from other key stakeholders, the week long programme will see a wide range of events taking place across the district.</p> <p><b>Cookstown Market Rights</b> Cookstown Market Rights are owned by Mr &amp; Mrs P Orr. Each Saturday in Cookstown market stalls are located in the parking bays from Loy Hill in the town to Oldtown.</p>
<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<p><b>Main Report</b></p>
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p><b>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2.9.19</b> Minutes of the meeting of Coalisland Town Centre Forum held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 are attached at <b>Appendix 1</b>.</p> <p><b>Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019</b> An Evaluation Report on the Heels on the Hill Fashion Event held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Event Space, Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon is attached on <b>Appendix 2</b>.</p> <p><b>Manufacturing &amp; Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature</b> Maria Curran has been appointed as the Project Director and work is progressing at pace. The MEGA Network has held two monthly meetings in which governance structures have been agreed and plans are in place for a launch and engagement event involving schools and businesses as part of Council's first ever Enterprise Week in November 2019. A MEGA representative has been invited to join DfE's Sectoral Skills Partnership. A feature to showcase the work of the MEGA Programme was published by Council in the Agenda NI Magazine in October 2019. A copy is attached for information on <b>Appendix 3</b>.</p>

3.4	<p><b>NI Business Start Programme 2017-21 Update</b></p> <p>Programme performance in Mid Ulster for the period 1 April – 30 September 2019 is good. To achieve the year’s statutory target of 210 jobs promoted by 31 March 2019, 342 Plans are required and by 30 September 2019, 158 had been delivered (46%), promoting 97 jobs.</p> <p>In terms of the ERDF Programme Year 2, (September 2018-August 2019) the Mid Ulster delivery agents exceeded their target of 287 Plans, delivering 359 Plans promoting 220 jobs.</p>
3.5	<p><b>ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit Interim Findings</b></p> <p>The Report offers preliminary analysis and a summary interim findings of a large online survey of residents across the region, from both sides of the border. The survey asked people living and working in the region about their experiences of Brexit already, their anticipation of a hard border and their views on a No Deal Brexit, as well as the unique nature of the border region. A copy of the report is attached on <b>Appendix 4</b>.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 Nov 2019)</b></p> <p>Mid Ulster’s first ever Enterprise Week will take place from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. An extensive series of free events to support local businesses will take place right across Mid Ulster, focusing businesses from start-up activity through to growth. More than 25 events will be staged across the week, from drop-in business advice clinics and workshops focused on everything from financial fitness to developing a compelling sales pitch, with several large scale events also on the agenda, including a major Mid Ulster Job Fair, a New Business Showcase and a Business Funding and Support event.</p> <p>Organised by the Council, with support from partners which include Mid Ulster Enterprise Partnership, Mid Ulster Skills Forum, Invest NI, Business in the Community, Department for Communities, Network Personnel and a number of other business leaders, the week’s focus is on allowing people to explore their enterprising potential, whether they’re at pre-start, start or growth stage.</p> <p>A full programme of events taking place during Mid Ulster Enterprise Week is attached on <b>Appendix 5</b> and we would encourage Members to raise awareness of these events with any business you come into contact with and come along yourselves to witness what is expected to be a very exciting week of activity for businesses in Mid Ulster.</p>
3.7	<p><b>Cookstown Market Rights</b></p> <p>Members requested an update on Cookstown Market Rights following a delegation from Cookstown Town Centre Forum to meet Mr P Orr in November 2017 to determine his intentions regarding the sale of the market rights in Cookstown. At that juncture, Mr Orr indicated that a decision would be taken relatively soon on whether he wished to sell the market rights after he had fully discussed the matter with his family. Cookstown Regeneration Manager has subsequently been in liaison with Mr Orr regarding the sale of the market rights and Mr Orr indicated that whilst the market rights are not for sale at present, he notes Council’s expression of interest</p>

	in any future sale of the market rights and will not overlook such interest should he decide to sell the rights in the future.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial:  <b>MEGA Feature</b> in Agenda NI Magazine (Oct 2019) £3,196 + vat. <i>(The price included a longer promotional piece to showcase Mid Ulster co-ordinated by Council's Comms Section).</i>
	Human: Officer Time
	Risk Management:
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
	It is recommended that Members:
5.1	<b>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes – 2.9.19</b> Note minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum held on 2.9.19.
5.2	<b>Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019</b> Note Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019.
5.3	<b>Manufacturing &amp; Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature</b> Note MEGA feature in Agenda NI magazine (October 2019).
5.4	<b>NI Business Start Programme 2017-21 Update</b> Note update on the NI Business Start Programme year to date performance.
5.5	<b>ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit Interim Findings</b> Note interim findings of ICBAN's Report - The Border into Brexit.
5.6	<b>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week (18-22 Nov 2019)</b> Note details of events taking place during Mid Ulster's first ever Enterprise Week from 18-22 November 2019.
5.7	<b>Cookstown Market Rights</b> Note update

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 - Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum – 2.9.19</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Heels on the Hill - Evaluation Report 2019</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Manufacturing &amp; Engineering Growth and Advancement (MEGA) Feature</p> <p>Appendix 4 – ICBAN Report: The Border into Brexit (Oct 2019)</p> <p>Appendix 5 – Mid Ulster Enterprise Week Programme of Events (18-22 Nov 2019)</p>