

Report on	Development Report
Date of Meeting	April 2024
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Assistant Director of Development
Contact Officers	Philip Clarke – Neighbourhood Development Manager, Catherine Fox – Arts Development Manager, Brian McCormick – Seamus Heaney HomePlace Manager, Martina Totten – Social Inclusion Manager

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1	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to update members and seek approval for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Language Plan 2024 – 2025 • D Day 80 • Development Department -Update
2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>Irish Language Plan 2024 – 2025</p> <p>Council annually delivers an Irish Language plan, in line with the agreed strategy and policy. The previous plan 23 - 24 was fully delivered, further detail can be provided by the staff team upon request.</p> <p>Please see a copy of the Irish Language Plan 24 – 25 at Appendix 1.</p> <p>D- Day 80 Recognition</p> <p>Members will recall an agreement of Council to in relation to D-Day as set out below. The original correspondence to Council has also been provided.</p> <p>Minute from the meeting - C171/23 Correspondence Members noted update on correspondence received for attention of Council. Councillor Cahoon drew attention to correspondence from Pageant Master 80 D Day 2024 and said she would encourage Council to participate in the event.</p> <p>The Chair, Councillor Molloy said it would be referred to the relevant Committee.</p> <p>Resolved That Pageant Master 80 D Day 2024 be referred to Development Committee regarding Council's participation in a planned event to mark 80 D Day 2024. Refer to https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/</p>

**Correspondence received by Council –
10th August 2023**

Dear Councillor Mollory,

RE: NORTHERN IRELAND & D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024

Further to my email to you dated 13th July regarding your Councils possible involvement in the lighting of a Beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June next year as part of D-Day 80, I have pleasure in attaching the up to date Guide To Taking Part, and can confirm that the Guide, Logo and Certificate of Grateful Recognition being given to those taking part, is also available to download from - www.d-day80beacons.co.uk too. As you are aware, brave men from Northern Ireland played an important role in the D-Day landing eighty years ago on 6th June 2023, so we do hope that the fine District of Mid Ulster will take part, using this occasion to pay 'tribute' to those from Northern Ireland that gave so much to ensure the freedom we all enjoy today, especially as the beacons represent the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war.

If you do wish to participate, would you be kind enough to ask your office to confirm the following please. NAME OF COUNTRY: NORTHERN IRELAND Name of Council: Name of Contact: Tel: Email: Beacon Location Public or Private occasion: We look forward to receiving your decision.

Further information on the guidance that is provided for the D – Day 80 has been included below.

Guidance on D-Day 80

Consideration of a beacon or light/lantern to be lit at 9.15pm on Thursday, 6th June 2024. If using the D Day 80 Beacons -

Beacons to be purchased before 30th April 2024 for delivery by end of May 24.

Lanterns to be purchased before 23rd May 2024.

In light of previous requests, it is proposed that Council would partner with the community in the D Day 80. This would involve the Council purchasing a number of the lanterns (25 lanterns initially pending demand) and make these available to community groups across the District for the D Day 80, alongside the guidance received. Further lanterns can be purchased pending demand. The cost of the initial lanterns is £1350, with a budget up to £2000. This will be promoted through the Community Development newsletter.

Development Update

2.2 Neighbourhood/Community Development

The grants closed on 8th March and officers have completed a full assessment of all grants, as per previous.

Covid Small Settlement projects – Coalisland Canal – engagement is continuing on the final design, Moy PAN public consultation was held and the results of this are being prepared.

Railway Park – Update consultations are being held on the current designs and phased approach. Any member that would like detail please contact the officer team. The final designs will be progressed through the Committee process.

Connecting Pomeroy – The Forest building works are ongoing due to complete April 2024. A new Development officer has been appointed and will commence April with a move to the new building when complete.

2.3 Social Inclusion

The delivery of the Test and Learn model for Community Wealth Building is continuing. The most recent meeting took place on Wednesday 28th February, with the next meeting planned for April. A workshop with Credit Unions is also planned to take place in May.

The delivery of the Anti-Poverty Plan is continuing with a Family Fayre and Market being developed for June, in partnership with the Waste and Sustainability team, to sell pre-loved baby and children's items such as prams, car seats, clothes, toys etc, as well as information stands and demos, focused on families.

2.4 Good Relations & Peace

The new plan for 2024 – 25 has been submitted to TEO for funding, no further update at this time.

The final detail to support the agreed Peace Plus plan has been developed and is being submitted to SEUPB at the end of March.

2.5 Burnavon Arts Centre

The Spring programme as previously noted was sold out. The development of the summer programme is ongoing. The arts showcase was a great success and the strategic arts partners all participated to highlight the diverse level of arts activity across the District.

2.6 Seamus Heaney Homeplace

The Education Programme has had some 42 primary and post primary schools visit during the period from all over NI and beyond. The Key Stage 5 delivery has been rolled out utilising professors and lecturers from QUB, UU, and industry specialists, supported by PhD students from both universities. Open Ground is the platform for two workshops commencing in April, with one in partnership with RSPB. External agencies such as National Trust, HSC, PHA and local business continue to use the facilities at HomePlace for a range of meetings and conferences. In addition, The Helicon has hosted many successful shows over the period.

2.7 Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House

The Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House plan is finalising with the new plan being ready to roll out. The recent St Patrick's Day activity was very busy attracting a large number of people to the town. The next event planned is the Easter event.

	A letter has been received from the Minister acknowledging our correspondence on the Mast and a response to be received in due course. A paper as requested is being prepared for members on this issue.
2.8	<u>Regional and Minority Language</u> The Seachtain Na Gaeilge activity in March was very successful with all events at maximum capacity and partner activity.
2.9	<u>PCSP</u> See minutes attached in Appendix 2.
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Irish Language Plan – as per agreed budget D-Day 80 Recognition – lanterns (Lamp Light of Peace) £1375 (£55 per lantern x 25), up to a maximum of £2000, to be allocated within current Arts budget.
	Human: NA
	Risk Management: NA
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA
	Rural Needs Implications: NA
5	Recommendations
5.1	Members are recommended to; (i) Approve the annual Irish Language Plan (ii) Approve proposal for D-Day 80 (iii) Note the Development update.
6	List of Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 Irish Language Plan 2024 - 2025 Appendix 2 PCSP Minutes