

<b>Report on</b>	Report of Civic Recognition Working Group January 2024
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
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	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	The report provides the outworking's of the most recent Civic Recognition Working Group meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Civic Recognition Working Group met on 9 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 to consider and approve a consideration paper highlighting the approach for Mid Ulster District Council Awards type evenings to include Business & Environment Awards, Sports Awards and Art, Culture & Civic Achievement Awards.
2.2	It was agreed that in this financial year we will run one Pilot Sports Awards. We will in turn take the learning from this in advance of roll out of the other Awards nights the following year.
2.3	This received full Council approval on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2024.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Staff Officer Working Group had met on numerous occasions to pull together a full plan for the Mid Ulster Sports Awards following subsequent approval at Council.
3.2	The most recent meeting of the Civic Recognition Working Group was held on 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024. (Report of this meeting is attached as Appendix 1)
3.3	Working Group Members were provided with an Update paper on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 following the CRWG meeting. (attached as Appendix 2)
3.4	Members in attendance were provided with a full update paper on the Mid Ulster Sports Awards.  The following items were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date &amp; Venue – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Burnavon Arts Centre, Theatre Style to allow larger numbers to attend event.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catering – It was agreed to provide high end buffet style food e.g canapes on arrival to the event in advance of taking your seat in auditorium. A drinks reception was also discussed but the importance of ensuring this was well supervised by Burnavon staff team.</li> <li>• Design &amp; Branding – Design &amp; Branding has been worked up by the Marketing &amp; Communications team with a star theme rolling throughout all the event. Members complimented the design and branding.</li> <li>• Awards – 8 Cups would be provided to the 8 award winners on the night, and these would be specially engraved and held onsite in some of our Leisure facilities. We have looked at several local suppliers regarding designing a specific unique award linked to Mid Ulster Council area but this has proven quite difficult. We have sourced a Star Crystal Award which fits with branding around the Mid Ulster Sports Awards and discussed the Mid Ulster Business Card as an additional option for the Nominees/Winner. It was agreed that we would explore further local suppliers within Mid Ulster area with a view to create an award which could be designed and considered moving forward for all the MUDC Award ceremonies.</li> <li>• MC - Thomas Niblock (BBC Sports Commentator) would be MC for the event. Thomas resides in the Mid Ulster District Council area and has a great knowledge of all sports. He is also very familiar with a lot of our local sporting talent within Mid Ulster Council area.</li> <li>• Production – High end production including photographs of nominees, some videography on night and interviews with various nominees and overall winners on night. This will provide us with good footage to publicise the success of the event after the night.</li> <li>• Mid Ulster Sports Awards Criteria – was discussed and was agreed to include to either participate and/or reside within Mid Ulster Council area to be all inclusive. Clarity also to be provided around allowing individuals/clubs to nominate to each of the eight award categories.</li> <li>• Mid Ulster Sports Awards Nomination Form was discussed and agreed.</li> <li>• Assessment Panel - All nominations will be assessed by MUDC Sports Awards Selection Committee within Council which will consist of an independent representative from Sport Northern Ireland along with 2 Senior Council Officers. The nominations will be assessed against a scoring matrix which has been developed for each of the sports awards criteria.</li> <li>• Launch of the Mid Ulster Sports Awards 2024 - It was agreed to launch on the 22nd January 2024 with a Photograph with Chair of Council and Thomas Niblock. The nomination process will run for 2 weeks with a view to extending the process for an additional 3rd week.</li> <li>• Support Chairs Chosen Charities - It was agreed that we would accept charitable donations on the evening for the Chairpersons chosen charity at Mid Ulster Sports Awards.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial: N/A</p> <p>Human: Officer time</p> <p>Risk Management: N/A</p>

<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	It is recommended that Members note the contents of the Civic Recognition Working Group on the Mid Ulster Sports Awards.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	Appendix 1: Report of Civic Recognition Working Group 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 Appendix 2: Update Paper for Civic Recognition Working Group 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024