

Appendix 1

Good Relations Grants – January 2024 (Maximum £1,500)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
	Kilnaslee Community Development Group	Community	Christmas at Kilnaslee	4	£910.00	£637.00
				Total		£637.00

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%
2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%

Appendix 2



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GRANT AID POLICY 2024

Previous Rolling Grants process will now change to 3 timebound windows with opening and closing deadlines as below (**all subject to available budgets**):

First round call will be for all grants with following 2nd and 3rd rounds for Community Local Festivals, Good Relations and

Round 1: We will be open for Call 1 2024/25 from Thursday 1st February 2024 at 9am until Friday 8th March 2024 at 12 noon - The project period will be from 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Round 2: We will open for Call 2 Thursday 6th June 2024 at 9am until Friday 5th July 2024 at 12 noon. Only applicable for Community Local Festivals, Good Relations.

Round 3: We will open for Call 3 Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 9am until Friday 1st November 2024 at 12 noon. Only applicable for Community Local Festivals, Good Relations.

Sports Representative Individual & Teams will remain as a Rolling Grant

Grants Policy 2024– 2025 (details outline individual grant budget provisions subject to the final rates estimates process).

Category 1 One Grant in Category Applications with * can submitted on a 2 year basis subject to outcomes review & Council annual budget	Category 2 One Grant in Category Applications with an * submitted on a 2 year basis subject to outcomes review & Council annual budget	Miscellaneous Grants Contact relevant officers regarding each of the grants
<p>Small Development Grant (Community, Arts, Culture, Heritage, Environment, Sport) Maximum £1,500 Budget proposed £160,000</p> <p>*Community Venue/Facilities Grant Maximum £3,500 Budget £200,000 Greater than 10 hrs weekly activity</p> <p>*Strategic Arts & Culture Grant Maximum £20,000 Budget £85,000 (arts & culture dedicated performance space)</p> <p>*Strategic Sports Development Grant Maximum £15,000, Budget £75,000 (Governing Bodies only)</p> <p>*Strategic Community Development Grant Maximum £8,000 Budget £45,000</p>	<p>*Strategic Events Grant Maximum £8,000 Minimum 1000 people attending Budget £75,000 (£10,000 GR TBC annually)</p> <p>Good Relations Grant Maximum £1500 Budget £35,000 3 Public Calls</p> <p>Community Local Festival Grant Maximum £1500 Budget £90,000 3 Public Calls</p>	<p>Sports Representative Grant Individual & Team Maximum £250-£500 Budget £15,000 Selected by their governing body to participate in a representative team or individual sport at provincial, national, all Ireland or international level (outside of NI) Rolling Programme</p> <p>Capital Discretionary Grant Up to £50,000 as funder of last resort Budget £150,000</p> <p>Festive Lights Allocation as per settlement Budget £105,000</p> <p>Schools Sports Access Grant Maximum £4500 Schools providing sports facilities to minority sports with no facilities Budget £10,000</p>

Groups can only apply to one grant per year to Categories 1 and 2. Miscellaneous Category grants are targeted at specific outcomes.

Grants Process

1. Application and criteria set through Committee and Council.
2. Public Advertisement for all grants.
3. Applications will be online via the Mid Ulster Council website.
4. There will be points of contact for queries on each grant area.
5. All eligible grant applications will be assessed by relevant to officer teams.
6. Grants will be presented to Committee for consideration and approval, all declarations of interest are monitored.
7. Grants will be presented to Council for ratification.
8. Letters of Offer (standard template) will be issued to all groups successful applicants, while unsuccessful application will receive written notification.
9. On receipt of signed Form of Acceptance of the Letter of Offer, payment of 50% of the award will be paid in advance (some grant exclusion may apply on certain awards)
10. The remaining grant balance will be paid on receipt of online claim with supporting invoices, proof of payments and completed monitoring returns that also evidences acknowledgement of Council funding support.
11. Report to Council on investment of grant funding and groups supported.

Grant Eligibility Conditions

1. Groups applying for a grant must be a not for profit constituted community or voluntary organisation with an annual AGM, individuals can apply to the sports representative grant only.
2. Funding cannot be allocated for a project or venue where an existing SLA exists with Council for a project, building or facility.
3. Groups will only be able to apply for a grant as per the categories, this is to maximise the funding allocation to as many groups as possible.
4. The same project cannot be split across different grant categories.
5. Statutory and 'for profit' organisations, activities and recipients (incl. activities that receive statutory core provision are not eligible for grant, note exception schools facilities in the community grant).
6. Regional groups/organisations are not eligible to apply with the exception of Strategic Events Grant.

7. Applications that are not completed accurately and in full will not be considered.
8. Religious or political activity cannot be funded under any grant.
9. All applicants must present a project that will take place within the MUDC area (except Sports Representative Grant as detailed within this section).
10. Applicants must present a project that will be delivered between 1st April - 31st March
11. Evidence of good governance; including annual AGM, Group bank account, financial management practice, insurances, etc. will be required. These must all be in place and uploaded with your application.
12. Registered Charities with a current valid registration number will no longer be required to submit their annual governance documentation with any application submission as assurance is confirmed via annual returns made to the Charities Commission under regulatory compliance.
13. Group recipients should not have a membership charge for its users accessing its community provision greater than £250.
14. Group recipients should have no element of profit gain to any member or individual of its Committee. Community Interest Companies will need to confirm Directors are not in receipt of any remuneration.

The following items are not eligible for funding:

Hospitality greater than 20% of the grant threshold	Bad debt, loans, bank charges, deficits or arrears in payments of any organisation, reclaimable VAT	Flags or bunting Alcohol	Groups or activities that discriminate against any section of the community
Celebrity appearances Or gifts and donations	Salaries are eligible only for a contribution to strategic grants (not more than 50%)	Retrospective or duplicate funding applications	Residential courses or training greater than 20% of funding sought

**Grant Criteria: Category 1
Strategic Arts & Culture Grant**

To support strategic arts and culture organisations that play a key role across the Mid Ulster District Council area in the development and delivery of arts & culture activity through the delivery of their own programmes utilising their own dedicated arts & culture performance spaces. The service must:

1. Provide the structured delivery of an annual arts and culture programme within the organisations own performance space/theatre.
2. Provide accessible arts and culture development opportunities of a strategic nature that is providing for a large number of people across Mid Ulster.
3. Provide 100% dedicated arts & culture activity & be delivered by a dedicated arts & culture group.
4. Provide at least bi weekly arts and culture activities.

Strategic Sports Development Grant

To support Governing Bodies that play a key strategic role across the MUDC area in developing their affiliated Clubs. It aims to provide Grant Aid to those Governing Bodies that provide direct support to Clubs across the area in increasing participation rates and improving playing standards through the employment of a Sports Coach. The service must:

1. Provide the structured delivery of an annual sports development programme of a main sport.
2. Be delivered through a recognised NI Sports organisation; through or in partnership with a sporting governing body; with no duplication of coverage within the same area or targeting of the same groups.
3. Provide accessible sports development opportunities of a strategic nature that is providing for a large number of people across Mid Ulster.
4. Provide the programme through a partnership approach with local clubs and groups.
5. Provide a minimum of 50% dedicated sports officer to the area of coverage in Mid Ulster. Funding for salary development only.
6. Provide match funding of a minimum 50% to the sports development programme targeted within the Mid Ulster District.

Liaison with Mid Ulster District Council Leisure Department will be required.

Strategic Community Development Grant

To support strategic community development organisations that provide for the Mid Ulster area. Groups delivering to the same area should submit a partner application to avoid duplication.

1. Level of Community Support Activity
2. Level of benefit – number of beneficiaries
3. Targeting of deprivation and social need
4. Quality and level of provision
5. Level of geographic coverage
6. Value for Money

Small Development Grant

(Arts, Culture, Heritage, Community, Sport, Environment)

To support local communities deliver a range of local community, arts, culture, heritage, environment, sports projects for their local area.

1. Community, Arts, Cultural, Heritage, Environment, Sports activity and participation
2. Contribution to community, arts, culture, heritage, environment, sports development in the area
3. Increase and widen participation, addressing social inclusion and diversity
4. Contribution to volunteering and volunteer development

Community/Sport Venue & Facilities Grant

To support local communities with community venues, sports community facilities etc. Venues & facilities must be located and provide for the community of Mid Ulster District Council. The facilities must be in community ownership and used for community development activity including community sports.

1. Beneficiaries (number of beneficiaries and groups)
2. Level of usage per week at venue/facility/ and programme activity
3. Level of provision – number of rooms and size etc.
4. Social Need/Social Inclusion – targeting those most vulnerable & targeting those not currently active in sports & to support lifelong participation in sport.
5. Sustainability – supporting the long term sustainability of facilities & groups.

The venue / facility must be open greater than 10 hours per week and the grant is flexible for use.

Grant Criteria: Category 2

Strategic Events Grant

To support a number of strategic events that are providing for the whole of Mid Ulster District and are of a significant nature to bring people to the area and to promote the area at a regional level.

1. Social, Regeneration and Economic Return
2. Event Development
3. Promotion of Mid Ulster & Council
4. Event Management Experience
5. Level of promotion of good relations and Inclusion
6. Value for Money

Note events with a target audience under 1000 people or events that are not receiving regional tourism attendance and coverage would be a local community festival.

Community Local Festival Grant

To support local communities deliver a local festival in their area bringing people from across the area together.

1. Level of Community Benefit and Participation (number of days, activities)
2. Number of beneficiaries (local and neighbouring areas)
3. Promotion of Good Relations and Social Inclusion
4. Festival Development

Good Relations Grant

To support local communities deliver on good relations in line with the Government Together Building United Communities Strategy.

1. Contribution to the Good Relations TBUC themes : Our Shared Community, Safe Community, Cultural Expression through increased use of shared spaces and services
2. Contribution to Core Good Relations, addressing sectarianism, racism and prejudice through provision of increased shared space
3. Level of Community Benefit and Participation in existing shared space through increased activity
4. Targeting of Social Inclusion and deprivation through access to shared space and improved access to activities/events.
- 5.

Grant Criteria: Miscellaneous Category

Sports Representative Individual and Team Competitive Grant

To support Individuals who have been selected by their governing body to participate in a representative team or individual sport at provincial, national, all Ireland or international level, with eligible costs (accommodation, travel, food), to a maximum of a £250 grant may be available. Applicants must be resident within the Mid Ulster District Council area for a period of 6 months prior to the period of the grant application.

To assist recognised Sports NI sports clubs (affiliated to their governing body of sport) who are travelling to compete in a recognised (by Governing body) representative (of District/County) sporting competition. A grant for eligible costs (travel, accommodation, food) to a maximum of £500 may be available. The team must have qualified in a recognised competition by the governing body of this sport, and must be representing the District / County. For both grants the event/competition must take place outside of NI.

Capital Discretionary Grant

To recognise that there are times when a modest amount of capital investment in our community can create the potential for a much larger project to happen. In such circumstances Council could potentially be a discretionary funder of last resort to allow projects to happen and maximise investment to our areas and communities. Any contribution would be a percentage towards a much larger project.

Criteria:

Capital funding – Council will consider providing financial support for capital projects, which are defined as projects which will provide benefit to the community for a period in excess of five years, examples of which may include a new building or refurbishment/renovation of an existing building. It will not provide support for acquisition of land, buildings or other assets such as equipment other than fixed plant for example permanently installed elevators/lifts.

- a. The project funded must be in community ownership (satisfactory evidence of legal title or an appropriate long term lease will be required).
- b. Not for Profit - Funding will only be considered for not for profit constituted community and voluntary groups which are involved in progressing a major community capital project which will provide significant benefit to the community within the Mid Ulster District Council area -Groups/organisations must be able to demonstrate that the majority of project beneficiaries (>80%) live within the Mid Ulster District Council area.
- c. Community Benefit – A Project Plan must be in place to show community need and benefit and to avoid any potential issues of duplication.
- d. Funder of Last Resort - The majority of funding at least 60%+ should be in place and that all funding avenues have been exhausted. Evidence of this will be required.
- e. Statutory Requirements - The project must be at a state of readiness 6 months after letter of offer; with planning permission, land acquisition or lease agreement (if required), and other statutory permissions in place along with accurate costings.
- f. Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Aims – The project must clearly demonstrate how it is achieving on Council corporate aims and objectives.
- g. The project is a minimum value of £150,000, with Council funding to a maximum contribution of £50,000.
- h. The Project must complete within 18 months of letter of offer; phased delivery and invoicing of expenditure can be accommodated.

A Group can only submit one call per project for this Capital Discretionary funding Support and a submission will only be considered by a Group once every 3 years. Groups/Organisations would be required to formally present to a Special Development Committee of Council.

Festive Lights Fund (award as per village settlement population - Area Plan)

Direct provision of festive lighting will be provided in the main towns of Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt, Coalisland and Maghera.

A grant programme (revenue and capital funding) will be delivered across the remaining settlements under the following criteria -

- I. The grant will be revenue (small items of capital applicable) and will support the supply, installations, maintenance, running cost of providing festive lights and any associated switch-on/launch event. The lights will be in a predominant village location visible to the wider community.
- II. The village settlements and populations will be as per the Mid Ulster Development Plan 2020 - 2030. The grant allocation will be based on village settlement size and range from £1,250 - £3,000:
Up to £3,000 settlements greater than 1000
Up to £2,000 settlements greater than 500
Up to £1,500 all other listed village settlements
Up to £1,250 all other listed smaller settlements
- III. Technical support will be available to groups and communities from Council Technical Unit.
- IV. The grant can only be issued to one group per area and the main overall development/regeneration/Chamber group will be given priority.
- V. All grant aid will be paid retrospectively to those successful applicants who submit appropriate paid invoices to Council as vouched expenditure.
- VI. Provision, installation and insurance, liability of lighting and any activity will be the responsibility of the Group applying.
- VII. Small settlements listed in the Area Plan that are not classified as villages will be considered for inclusion within the fund; if they have previously provided festive lights in their area.
- VII. Letters will be issued to the main Development Group within the designated settlement with an offer of funding.

School Sports Access Grant (Threshold £5,000.00)

Mid Ulster District Council recognises the importance of participation in physical activity and sport and the need to maximise access to facilities which encourage and support this. Council recognises that a few underrepresented sports may be constrained due to lack of access to suitable facilities, yet these may exist in local schools.

Specifically targeted at clubs using / planning to use a schools synthetic pitch or schools wanting to offer access to their synthetic pitch outside curriculum times. To increase access for sports clubs to an under-utilized school synthetic pitch.

To contribute to the cost to schools of opening up and maintaining schools synthetic pitch.

To enhance access to team sports activities which are under-resourced or underrepresented.

The maximum amount available to access a school synthetic pitch is £5,00.00 – 1 application per school / club and where 2 or more clubs apply to use the same school synthetic pitch the grant offered will be on a pro rata basis ie 2 clubs up to 50%, 3 clubs up to 33.3% and 4 clubs up to 25%, etc

Eligibility

Be a sports club using or planning to use a school owned synthetic pitch or be a school which plans to provide access to a school owned synthetic pitch by sports clubs.

Incur actual documented costs in accessing / providing a schools synthetic pitch or provide documentary evidence of voluntary work or maintenance costs involved in maintaining a school synthetic pitch.

Not have benefited from Council's: Sports Strategic Development Grant or Sports Capital Grant.

The programme is primarily aimed at team sports.

Council may consider applications by schools on behalf of, and supported by evidence of agreement with, a constituted sports club.

In addition for sports clubs:

Be a constituted and not for profit sports club participating in a sport recognised by Sport NI, located in the Mid Ulster District Council area or a minimum of 80% of members must be resident in the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Sports club should evidence a letter of support/commitment from School Principal that includes agreed hire charges.

In addition for schools: Be located in the Mid Ulster District Council area.

Appeals Process

An appeals process will be available for unsuccessful applicants. There will be no right of appeal in relation to the level of funding granted however appeals can be made on the basis of:

- That the stated process has not been followed.

- That the application has been rejected on the basis of eligibility criteria which had been applied incorrectly.
- That the scoring against the criteria for the programme has not been undertaken correctly.

Appeals can be undertaken in two stages if required:

Stage 1—an appeal must be lodged in writing within 10 working days of the date of receipt of a rejection letter. In the first instance the appeal should be submitted to the Grants Unit who will take responsibility for allocating this to the relevant senior officer. In all cases the appeal will be reviewed by the senior officer and a determination reached within one week of receipt of the appeal. If the appeal is upheld the project will be reassessed and an appropriate letter of offer issued. If the appeal is not successful the applicant will be informed and given the right to take the appeal to Stage 2 if required.

Stage 2 – if the applicant is still not satisfied he or she can request a review by the Chief Executive who will review the process and application and present their recommendation.

Grant Evaluation

Monitoring and evaluation seek to ensure that funding delivers the required outcomes, that it is used as agreed and to provide a feedback mechanism to improve decision making.

Monitoring should seek to ensure that;

Value for money is achieved.

The predicted outcomes are delivered.

Council has received adequate communication/promotion

Procurement has been met

Where instances arise where outcomes are not being met, the officer will support the Group to address any issues.

Monitoring will include completion of an evaluation and monitoring form. A visit by an officer will be undertaken to 10% of projects that receive funding over £1,500 threshold. This will complement the verification visit and will include the same random selection of groups.

Grants applicable – Strategic grants: Culture, Arts and Sports, Strategic Community Development, Strategic Events, and Venues.

10% of small grants will have a project evaluation upon random sample. This will be undertaken by an officer of the Community Development Team, led by the Grants & Capacity Manager.

Capital projects; up to £5,000 will have to issue evidence (e.g. photographs) of the capital and equipment investment alongside their expenditure return. A 20% monitoring visit will be undertaken on site to view expenditure items.

Discretionary Capital Grants will all be vouched on site for delivery of the capital development.

Grant Verification

Reference DFP Guidance on Grants and Reducing Bureaucracy in funding the community and voluntary sector - The Code applies to revenue grant funding only. A 50% advance will be issued to groups with final verification of all invoices before the balance of the grant is paid.

Small grants £1,500 - £10,000 financial verification will take place based on valid receipts being checked against agreed project expenditure.

Verification will include completion of a claim form, signed by relevant people within the organisation, along with valid receipts/invoices and corresponding bank statements.

Cash payments will not be considered in any grant claim returns.

All grant claims must now be claimed within 3mths of the end of the financial year it was awarded (by the 30th June deadline) claims received after this time will not be considered for payment.

Appendix 3

Foodbank/Hardship Resource Allocation Process 2024

AIMS

The Foodbank/Hardship Fund has been established in response to the cost of living crisis and evidence that many foodbanks/hardship support organisations are facing the combined challenges of increasing need, escalating running costs, and food donations failing to keep up with demand.

To ensure that these are able to support people through this crisis, the Department for Communities (DfC), through Mid Ulster District Council, have made funds available through a Hardship Fund.

Funding is intended to cover costs such as purchase of food items/food vouchers and/or the purchase of home heating oil/vouchers, for distribution to people in need.

The definition of a foodbank/hardship support organisations for the purposes of this Fund is a venue/location/organisation which gives out emergency food parcels/vouchers and/or home heating oil support on a weekly basis and has been running for six months or more.

STEP 1 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Interested foodbanks/hardship support organisations are invited to complete an Expression of Interest form confirming eligibility of the following criteria:

1. A legally constituted not-for-profit organisation, including registered charities, exempted charities, or other forms such as a company with social purpose (if not a charity, you must be able to provide evidence of your not-for-profit status, e.g. constitution with a relevant clause).
2. The organisation is based in and operates in Mid Ulster.
3. The organisation runs a regular foodbank/hardship support (as defined above)
4. The organisation is an established service which has been running for at least 6 months.
5. The organisation is open to all Section 75 groups, based on need.
6. The organisation running the service has a current set of accounts available to submit with EoI.

STEP 2 – APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

Applications that meet the eligibility criteria and have submitted all requested information, will be assessed against the following:

Impact: how many people you help, whether you provide additional support.

Value for money: fundraising costs, how you make use of volunteers (ratio of volunteers to staff) and other income generation/donations that the organisation delivers.

Quality assurance: we will look for some form of independent quality assurance. A letter of endorsement is required from a person independent of your organisation in support of your work. Organisations should be affiliated to the Trussell Trust, FairShare or other overseeing body. (see How to Apply section below).

Location: priority may be given to foodbanks in areas of high deprivation or for other geographic considerations (e.g. to ensure a balance of funding across the district).

Wrap around support: applicants should be in a position to deliver a progressive support wrap around service from crisis intervention (immediate help with food/fuel) to referral programme of support (referral help for support with budgeting, addiction, housing, debt, employment training & skills).

GRANT AMOUNT AND PAYMENT

We ask you within the application to tell us how much funding you think you need for eligible costs (evidence on previous provision and projected demand). The minimum request is £XX and the maximum is £XX

Successful applicants may not receive the full amount requested. The grant amount will be determined by how well the assessment criteria have been met, the relative need identified and what available resources Council may have available at any given time.

Funding decisions will be taken on an ongoing basis once the Resourcing Process has opened.

GRANT CONDITIONS AND REPORTING

Successful applicants will need to sign and return a short grant agreement which sets out the terms of the funding.

Receipt of grant funding will be on the condition that the organisation agrees to join the Mid Ulster Foodbank/Hardship Network in the district. This will involve working with other foodbank/hardship support organisations and the Mid Ulster Advice Services (MIDAS), sharing best practice, sharing referrals to and from other network members where necessary, to meet the individual's needs, and working closely with MIDAS to ensure clients receive full benefits check and other support mechanisms available to them.

Details will also be required how you will deal with requests for support from residents outside of your geographical area that you cover.

A brief report will be required by the end of **XX** 2024, summarising how the funds were used, the difference they made and number of people/households supported over the funding period. A simple reporting template will be provided in order to make reporting as easy as possible.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted via the Online Application Form on the Council's website.

Once you have registered on the system, you will be able to view all the questions that need to be completed in the online form. You can save and return to your application as many times as needed before completing and submitting it.

As part of the application, you will be asked to attach supporting documents as set out below. (Registered Charities with a current valid registration number will not be required to submit their annual governance documentation with any application submission as assurance is confirmed via annual returns, they will have made to the Charities Commission under regulatory compliance.)

All applicants must submit:

Safeguarding policy (PDF or DOC files): You will need to attach your current Safeguarding Policy.

Evidence of bank account (PDF or DOC files): You will need to attach a paying in slip or bank statement from the last three months to evidence your organisation's bank account details. (If a bank statement is provided the account name, number and sort code should be clear, as well as the date. You may redact other sensitive information).

Accounts (PDF or DOC files): If your organisation's accounts are not available via the Charity Commission or Companies House website, you will need to attach your most recent set of accounts.

Constitution (PDF or DOC files): If your organisation is not a charity, you will need to attach your organisation's constitution/founding document showing its not-for-profit status.

Letter of endorsement (max. 1 A4 page; PDF or DOC files): This is an opportunity to provide an independent quality assurance mark. You need only do this if you cannot satisfy this in some other way (see Assessment section, above). The letter should be dated within the last six months from a person independent of your organisation who has some public position or is a member of a relevant professional body, in support of your work. It should be on headed paper where possible. This could also include confirmation from the Trussell Trust, FairShare or other overseeing/governing body.

Appendix 4

Social Supermarket Model for Mid Ulster Council Area

Aim of the Project

To provide a coordinated structured programme in partnership with a range of delivery partners to support households at risk of food poverty by addressing the underlying issues of food insecurity as well as the immediate need.

It is important from the outset to note that not all people in food insecurity are suitable for Social Supermarket model, therefore criteria on who is best is eligible for this support needs to be agreed.

This could include the following.

- Households currently on benefits but want to move into employment
- Households requiring support to sustain tenancies and homes.
- Households moving to Universal Credit where there is no other income and they will have either 5/3 week wait for payment.
- Households with change of circumstances – job loss, loss of benefit, sanction, sickness, bereavement, new baby.
- Households impacted by two-child limit and on limited benefits (no disability benefits)
- Households requiring debt advice and engaging with Debt Advisor for debt solution.

Delivery Model

Delivery Options based on Service Users Needs and Circumstances.

1. Service User receives support by the form of food and toiletries
2. Service User receives support by form of vouchers
3. Service User receives initial support by form of food and toiletries progressing to vouchers.

The delivery option will be decided after full assessment of service user. All service users will receive a benefit check and money guidance one to one session.

Alongside the practical support of food/vouchers will be several planned supports from a range of services designed to meet their needs.

Social Supermarket will provide families with up 8 weeks of support, this will include a range of services based on household needs.

- Full Benefit Check
- Budgeting and Money Management
- Debt Advice
- Family Support
- Housing Support

- Employability and Training
- Mental Health and Well Being

Each participant will be provided with a tailored programme of support, that they need to attend and complete to be provided with vouchers/food.

Once the programme has been completed the participant will be signed off the programme and be provided with information pack on all the help and support available in Mid Ulster.

Given the number of programmes delivered across the Mid Ulster area, the co-ordinator's role will be to identify and discuss with the participant the programmes available, the need for attending and completing, the benefits of the programme and the positive outcomes for participant in addressing food insecurity and providing long term solutions to poverty.

Lead Partner

The lead partner will provide a coordination of referrals both inbound and outbound.

Inbound – receive referrals from a range of agencies identifying households as requiring support, meet with the client, provide a tailored programme of support.

The coordinator will assess each household and identify the best course to action, this may include one off advice, referral to other services or placed on the social supermarket project.

Outbound – the coordinator will refer the client to range of services, this includes other social supermarket partners providing food insecurity support, as well as other crisis interventions support that people can have access to such as Save the Children, Children in Need, etc.

Social Supermarket Partners

Given the geographical spread of Mid Ulster it is proposed to use a number of delivery partners to provide support with the food insecurity element of the project.

This will include organisations within the existing Mid Ulster Network.

Collaboration and Partnerships

The lead partner will host monthly meetings for all social supermarkets partners to ensure the smooth and efficient working of the programme, monitor progress and outcomes, agree referrals process and guidance.

Aim of the Project

- To help individuals and families escape food insecurity/poverty.

- To build service users awareness and confidence in accessing a range of support services and resources.
- To provide all service users with income maximisation and with budgeting/money management skills.
- To embed long term solutions to financial insecurity such as savings and embedding cost saving measures.
- To build trusted relationships with service users that build confidence and improves health and wellbeing.
- To establish effective referral pathways and partnership working with range of support services that can provide long-term solutions out of hardship/poverty.

Impact Measures with Service Users

- Service Users more confident in themselves
- Service Users more confident in managing money/income
- Service Users have access to tools and skills the need to achieve their life goals
- Service Users have improved health and wellbeing

Other Indicators

- Referrals/Engagement with other Services
- Income Maximisation

Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on 6 September 2023 in Council Chamber, Dungannon and via MS Teams at 3.30pm

Present: Councillor Sean McPeake (Chair), Councillor Eva Cahoon, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Anne Forde, Councillor Cathal Mallaghan, Councillor Brian McGuigan, Councillor John McNamee, Councillor Deirdre Varsani

Alexandra Black (Vice Chair), Sue Chada, Grace Meerbeek, Ciaran McElhone, Pearse McFlynn, Julie McKeown, Hayley Wilson

Sharon Crooks (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Ryan McGee (EA), Chief Inspector Daniel McPhillips (PSNI)

Apologies: Michelle Grant (PBNI), Councillor Denise Johnston, Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer)

In Attendance: Michael McCrory (PCSP Manager), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting commenced at 3.30pm.

PCSP276/23 WELCOME

The Chair, Councillor McPeake welcomed all to the meeting.

PCSP277/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligation in relation to declarations of interest.

PCSP278/23 MINUTES OF MID ULSTER POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Monday 26 June 2023 were approved by Members.

Proposed by: Councillor Eimear Carney

Seconded by: Councillor Brian McGuigan

PCSP279/23 MATTERS ARISING

Meeting Attendance

Ryan McGee requested that the attendance of Leo Quinn at the PCSP meeting held on the 26 June 2023 be checked and amended if necessary.

Councillor Mallaghan requested that all Meetings are sent as invites for Members calendar for ease of access and reference purposes.

PCSP/27023 - MATTERS ARISING – Public Spaces CCTV Report

In response to a question from Councillor Cuthbertson in relation to the procurement of CCTV cameras for Moy, the PCSP Manager advised that Council has temporarily paused the CCTV Tender process to carry out a 'scoping' exercise of existing CCTV provision to include areas, venues and facilities across the district which do not currently have CCTV provision but may

require the introduction of CCTV cameras. A specification has been completed and the process to recruit suitably qualified people to conduct the 'scoping' exercise will close on the 13 September 2023 and will be completed by December 2023, allowing a new tender process to commence in January 2024. The funding provided by PSNI for cameras in Moy is secure and will be included in the new process, PSNI have been kept informed regarding the delay.

PCSP271/23 - FUNDING

In response to a question from Sue Chada seeking clarification on the payment of Members Meeting Allowances, the PCSP Manager reminded Members that this budget has been reduced by £5,500 for 2023/2024 and to allow Members the opportunity to attend PCSP events, both PCSP and Policing Committee meetings are being held on the same afternoon back-to-back. Members will receive one meeting attendance allowance for attending these meetings.

PCSP280/23 RAPID BIN IN COALISLAND

The PCSP Manager sought approval from Members to re-locate a RAPID bin from Spring Island Supermarket in Coalisland to Newell Stores in Coalisland. No drugs have been deposited in the RAPID bin since it was installed, and it is hoped the re-location may improve its usage. Members were advised there would be a minimal cost to re-locate the RAPID bin. Members agreed to re-locate the RAPID bin to Newell Stores in Coalisland.

PCSP281/23 ROAD SAFETY QUIZ

The PCSP Manager sought approval to provide support, approximately £500 to Road Safety NI towards venue and refreshments costs for heats in the Road Safety Quiz for Primary 7 children taking place in Mid Ulster. Members agreed to providing support.

Proposed by: Councillor John McNamee

Seconded by: Councillor Anne Forde

ROADSAFE ROADSHOW

The PCSP Manager informed Members that the Roadsafe Roadshow will take place on Thursday 28 September 2023 in Sperrin Integrated College in Magherafelt, consisting of 2 sessions, 1 at 10.30am and 1 at 1.30pm. Members are welcome to attend, photographs will be taken at 10.15am prior to the first session. A total of 645 6th Form pupils from 8 Post Primary schools across the district will be attending the event.

The PCSP Manager advised that PCSP have contributed annually to this very successful event and sought approval to provide support of £700 towards coach hire costs to transport pupils to and from the venue. Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he had attended the Roadsafe Roadshow held in Dungannon Leisure Centre last year and agreed it was an excellent event. Full details of the event will be circulated to Members for their information.

Members agreed to provide support to assist with the running of the event.

Proposed by: Councillor Clement Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Deirdre Varsani

PCSP282/23 RE-DEPLOYABLE CCTV CAMERAS

The PCSP Manager sought approval from Members to purchase 10 re-deployable CCTV camera kits costing approximately £100 each. The cameras will be utilised in areas where issues arise, and referrals received from the Crime Prevention Officer.

Pearse McFlynn advised that reports have been received that the current CCTV cameras in Moneymore are not working and asked if they could be checked out and repaired or replaced. He also reported that a car windscreen had been broken, and damage caused to a grave in Moneymore at the weekend.

In response, the PCSP Manager stated the 2 cameras in Moneymore are not the same as in other towns across the district and confirmed that Moneymore will be included in the CCTV scoping exercise that is currently being arranged.

Councillor Forde referred to the 'basketball' area in Castledawson and asked if a camera could be re-instated as there has been a few recent anti-social behaviour incidents in this area, and a camera would act as a deterrent. All incidents have been reported to Police.

In response to Councillor Forde, the PCSP Manager advised that the re-deployable camera was taken down for repair and has been re-instated. The camera has a 15 to 20 metre motion sensor range which is currently directed at the MUGA at this location. The Member will check if the camera angle / direction needs to be changed and will inform the PCSP Manager accordingly.

Responding to a question from Councillor Cuthbertson in relation to the procedure and timescale used for re-deployable cameras, the PCSP Manager advised that as they are low-cost items a camera can be handed over to a community organisation or church where asb is happening and they can then deal directly with Police with regards to incidents captured by the camera. If a camera is positioned on Council property PCSP will retain ownership and will liaise with Police regarding any incidents captured by the camera.

Members were happy to approve the purchase of 10 re-deployable cameras which will be utilised by referrals received from the Crime Prevention Officer.

Proposed by: Councillor Clement Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Sean McPeake

PCSP283/23 THEMATIC & PCSP MEETING DATES & TIMES 2023/2024

The Chair referred Members to the schedule of Thematic sub-group meetings for anti-social behaviour; night-time economy and vulnerable victims of crime and advised they are all being held in Dungannon at present as work is not yet complete in Cookstown or Magherafelt offices to facilitate hybrid meetings. If

necessary, meetings can be re-located to Cookstown or Magherafelt when the work is completed.

Members were happy to approve the schedule of Thematic sub-group meetings for 2023/2024.

Proposed by: Councillor Brian McGuigan

Seconded by: Councillor Anne Forde

The Chair referred to the schedule of PCSP and Policing Committee meetings and advised that they are all being held in Dungannon at present as work is not yet complete in Cookstown or Magherafelt to facilitate hybrid meetings. If necessary, meetings can be re-located to Cookstown or Magherafelt when the work is completed.

Members were happy to approve the schedule of PCSP and Policing Committee meetings for 2023/2024.

Proposed by: Councillor Deirdre Varsani

Seconded by: Councillor John McNamee

PCSP284/23 PROJECTS UPDATE

The PCSP Manager provided Members with a brief update on PCSP Projects.

SP1 – PCSP Awareness and Engagements; SP2 – Night-Time Economy Projects; Anti-Social Behaviour Projects; and Vulnerable Victims of Crime Projects; SP3 – Improve Community Confidence in Policing

The PCSP Manager advised Members that facebook is currently used to advertise several PCSP campaigns, approval was sought to broaden the use of facebook to promote PCSP work right across the Action Plan. Members agreed with extending advertising levels with facebook to cover areas of work across the Action Plan.

Ryan McGee provided the following update on EA Youth Service intervention projects.

- Friday Night Project – this project was rolled out across Northern Ireland to engage with hard-to-reach young people who are on the verge of anti-social behaviour or involved in some level of criminal activity. Professionally qualified EA staff arranged a few day trips to Portrush and Newcastle during which engagement and intervention took place. A total of 80 young people participated.
- YEP - 'Engage for Change' Programme is planned for Dungannon and Magherafelt which will run from September 2023 to March 2024 and possibly a further YEP in Cookstown in early 2024.
- Currently planning a programme of engagement work across the district during the Halloween period.
- A new initiative surrounding bonfire engagement called 'Youth Cultural Expressions Programme' a very successful 10-week programme

delivered with the Department of Education in Leckagh Estate, Magherafelt which was identified as a hotspot area.

- A lot of work and intervention has taken place in Moygashel surrounding bonfire engagement. A number of young people who were involved in asb themselves are now qualified Youth Leaders and have delivered a 1-week Junior Summer Scheme themselves. This is a very positive outcome following a programme of engagement and intervention initiatives in the Moygashel area.
- A Programme is currently being developed to take place in Maghera in conjunction with Maghera Cross Community Link involving a number of identified 18 and 19 year old males involved in criminal activity and / or risky behaviour. This programme will commence in September 2023.

Ryan McGee thanked Mid Ulster PCSP for the funding provided for the various programmes and initiatives, stating that the support has been invaluable.

The PCSP Manager advised that all SIDs are being checked as the weather has taken its toll on them, resulting in 7 having to be repaired. It is hoped they will be returned and erected soon. PSNI are currently reviewing which SIDs are showing the highest speeds recorded, times and locations to target these areas with increased Police patrols. All statistics in relation to SIDs can be accessed on the database available on PCSP Facebook page.

In response to a question the PCSP Manager advised that Coagh Primary school is on the waiting list to receive a SID and that Primary and Post Primary schools are areas of priority during term time.

The PCSP Manager advised that the Tender process has commenced for the Domestic Violence 'Healthy Relationship Programme', sexting will form part of this programme.

The PCSP Manager advised that three events for 'older people' will be arranged across the district. Members will be informed when and where these events will take place in due course.

The PCSP Manager stated that the RAPID bin in Coalisland is the only one not receiving deposits of drugs, hence as discussed earlier in the meeting it is being moved to a better location with the hope that it will be used.

The PCSP Manager advised that Neighbourhood Watch events will be organised across the district with the co-ordinators, Members will be notified when dates have been agreed.

The PCSP Manager provided Members with clarification on how data collection for awareness of PCSPs is collated and further information on the statistics contained in the Report Cards.

In response to a question from Sue Chada in relation to Hate Crime incidents, Chief Inspector McPhillips advised that this type of crime is now showing a downward trend, but stated there was a spike due to a spate of criminal damage caused to bi-lingual street signs which are recorded as hate crimes. There have also been bonfires, election posters and parades which accounts for a small uplift in hate crime incidents.

PCSP285/23 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Focus Meeting to discuss flags and offensive posters erected in Town Centres across Mid Ulster District

Councillor McNamee proposed arranging a focus meeting to discuss flags and offensive posters which have been erected in town centres across the district, primarily referring to Cookstown town centre. Council and local Sinn Fein and SDLP MLAs have received numerous complaints alongside business owners emphasising the negative impact this is having on the town. Invites could be extended to representatives from organisations who erect flags and emblems throughout the year all of whom are very responsible, but there is a group of people who are intent on erecting offensive flags and posters and have no accountability. The aim would be if representatives could use their influence to emphasise the need for respect and tolerance of each other's culture which would be to the benefit of all. The initial meeting would be to discuss issues in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Councillor Mallaghan supported the proposal to arrange a focus meeting, stating there are excellent examples of where contentious issues have been resolved by inclusive discussions with all community groups and statutory organisations.

Grace Meerbeek stated it would be best if there was legislation surrounding the flying of flags and emblems.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that the proposed meeting should not be limited to town centres only, all areas should be up for discussion and if not, he would not lend his support to the proposal.

The Chair referred to protocols which were drawn up a number of years ago for Magherafelt, which could possibly be used as a template for proposed discussions. If the outcome proves successful, the same approach could be implemented in other areas across the district.

PCSP Audit 2022/2023

The PCSP Manager advised Members that a satisfactory report was received following the recent PCSP annual audit, 'satisfactory' being the highest attainable level. A recommendation within the report highlighted the importance of Members submitting their completed annual declaration of interest forms to ensure compliance with the PCSP Funding Agreement and Financial Guidelines.

The Chair referred to an e-mail issued on the 5 September 2023 to Members regarding Declaration of Interest forms and asked that they return completed forms at their earliest convenience.

PCSP286/23 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP meeting will take place on Wednesday 13 December 2023 in Council Chamber, Dungannon and via MS Teams at 3.30pm.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending today's meeting.

The meeting ended at 4.30pm.