

<b>Report on</b>	Development Report
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
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<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>												
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"> <li>• Rolling Community Grant Awards</li> <li>• Arts Council NI Consultation</li> <li>• Arts Development Plan</li> <li>• Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House Plan</li> <li>• Mid Ulster General Advice Service Annual Review - For Information</li> <li>• Development Department -Update</li> </ul>												
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>												
2.1	<p><b>Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2023 – 2024</b></p> <p>Recommendations to award grants under the Good Relations Grant, Seachtain Na Gaelige and Sports Representative grant awards.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grant</th> <th>No. of groups awarded</th> <th>Value of Grant Awards</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Good Relations Grant</td> <td>1</td> <td>£846</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sport Representative Grant</td> <td>1</td> <td>£200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seachtain Na Gaeilge</td> <td>10</td> <td>£6,995</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please see attached in <b>Appendix 1</b> grant award recommendations</p>	Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Grant Awards	Good Relations Grant	1	£846	Sport Representative Grant	1	£200	Seachtain Na Gaeilge	10	£6,995
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2.2	<p><b>Arts Council NI Consultation</b></p> <p>Arts Council NI is currently consulting on its new ten-year strategy (2024 to 2034). The proposals are geared towards the development of a clearly defined role for the Arts Council of Northern Ireland (ACNI) over the next 10 years.</p>												

Arts Council NI is welcoming feedback on the strategy through an online survey which can be found at the link below. The Public Consultation ends on Friday 5th April 2024 with the final 10-year strategy due for publication in Spring 2024.  
<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/dfc/acni-strategy-consultation/>

Officers have prepared a draft response to the strategy which is attached at **Appendix 2.**

### 2.3 **Arts Development Plan 24 - 25**

Council annually delivers an arts development plan, this includes partnering with the community in the development of arts across the District. The previous plan 23 - 24 was fully delivered, further detail can be provided by the staff team upon request.

Please see a copy of the Arts Development Plan 24 – 25 at **Appendix 3**  
The Burnavon spring brochure for performances, workshops and events is also available at [www.burnavon.com](http://www.burnavon.com)

### 2.4 **Hill of The O’Neill and Ranfurly House Plan 24-25**

As part of the development of Hill of The O’Neill & Ranfurly House Council seeks to deliver a robust plan to support the engagement of people in - the heritage of the site and complementary exhibition, the use of the site as an open park, and provision of community engagement in the facility. The level of activity and the numbers at Hill of The O’Neill & Ranfurly House are continuing to develop. Further detail of any of the activity can be provided by the staff team upon request.

Please see a copy of the Hill of The O’Neill and Ranfurly House Plan 24-25 at **Appendix 4**

### 2.5 **Mid Ulster General Advice Service Annual Review - For Information**

As part of the delivery of the general advice service (part funded by DFC), via Mid Ulster Advice Service (STEP), an annual review is undertaken. This review provides a confirmation on the delivery of the advice service in line with the Department for Communities guidelines. The review has been independently completed by David Williamson Consulting. The review has resulted in confirmation of satisfactory delivery of the advice service contract with primary recommendation to extend this for a further year. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of the current contract requiring a renewal public tender to be undertaken in the Autumn.

### 2.6 **Development Update**

#### Neighbourhood/Community Development

The grants close on 8<sup>th</sup> March and officers commence assessment with a report to the April committee.

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.

	<p>Railway Park – Update consultations are being arranged on the current designs and phased approach</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Social Inclusion</u> The delivery of the Test and Learn model for Community Wealth Building is continuing. The most recent meeting took place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, with the next meeting planned for April.</p> <p>The engagement on social housing for Mid Ulster is continuing, alongside the delivery of the poverty plan. An update meeting with members on the poverty plan will be arranged for March/April.</p> <p><u>Good Relations &amp; Peace</u> The new plan for 2024 – 25 has been submitted to TEO for funding.</p> <p>The final detail to support the agreed Peace Plus plan is being progressed for submission in March.</p> <p><u>Burnavon Arts Centre</u> The Spring programme has had positive response with the majority of all performances and activities sold out. The new programme is being finalised.</p> <p><u>Seamus Heaney Homeplace</u> The Winter/Spring programme sales have received a positive response with many shows at full capacity. The exhibition numbers continue to increase with the Spring Summer, alongside positive school engagement.</p> <p><u>Hill of The O’Neill &amp; Ranfurly House</u> Activities and events on Hill of The O’Neill &amp; Ranfurly House continue to develop and this will be further expanded with the new plan. A letter has been issued to the Minister on the issue of the Mast; pending a response.</p> <p><u>Regional and Minority Language</u> Seachtain Na Gaeilge is taking place in March with a number of events and activities planned across the District with community partners.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> See minutes attached in <b>Appendix 5</b>.</p>
4.1	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Good Relations Grant Awards - £846</p>

	Seachtain Na Gaeilge Grant - £6,995 Sports Representative Grant - £200
	Human: NA
	Risk Management: NA
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA
	Rural Needs Implications: NA
<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Members are recommended to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Approve the assessment panel recommendations under the community grants.</li> <li>(ii) Approve the response to the Arts Council NI Consultation</li> <li>(iii) Approve the annual Arts Development Plan</li> <li>(iv) Approve the annual Hill of The O'Neill &amp; Ranfurly House Development Plan</li> <li>(v) Note the Mid Ulster General Advice Service Annual Review</li> <li>(vi) Note the Development update.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 Community Rolling Grant Awards Appendix 2 Arts Council NI Consultation Appendix 3 Arts Development Plan Appendix 4 Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Development Plan Appendix 5 PCSP Minutes