

Report on	Development Report
Date of Meeting	6 th July 2022
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If ‘Yes’, confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Seek approval for the rolling community grant recommendations. (ii) Seek approval for the Irish Language Support Fund awards. (iii) Seek approval to award funding for provision of the social supermarket concept, via the DFC Emergency Fund. (iv) Seek approval for Council involvement in the Peace Heroines Art Project, subject to further information. (v) Seek approval to apply for the grant of a licence for a place of public entertainment (i.e., a theatre liquor licence) for the Seamus Heaney Home Place; to extend the current area of licence to include an outdoor section at the café entrance. (vi) Seek approval to engage in discussions regarding the potential for a Shared Island Art and Literary Residency Initiative, as part of the Shared Island fund. (vii) Seek consideration and approval for support for Shopmobility Mid Ulster. (viii) Update members on the progress within the Development Department.

2	Key Issues																
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2.2	<p data-bbox="225 600 687 638">Irish Language Support Fund</p> <p data-bbox="225 672 1414 779">The Irish Language Activity Funding scheme and RML Bursary scheme were advertised in local press on Monday 14th March 2022 with a closing date identified for all returned submissions of Friday 29th April 2022.</p> <p data-bbox="225 817 1374 925">Under Regional Minority Language Bursary scheme, 101 complete applications were received and one was deemed ineligible due to receipt of a LÍOFA bursary from DfC</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 958 1404 1066"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="225 958 751 1028">Grant</th> <th data-bbox="756 958 1094 1028">No. of Individuals awarded</th> <th data-bbox="1099 958 1404 1028">Value of Grant Awards</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1028 751 1066">Regional Minority Language Bursary</td> <td data-bbox="756 1028 1094 1066">100</td> <td data-bbox="1099 1028 1404 1066">£30,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="225 1104 1393 1288">Under the Irish Language Support Fund, a total of 28 applications were received from a wide range of groups with diverse programmes proposed. One application was deemed ineligible and the applicant redirected to other funding support, 10 applications were deemed more suitable for assistance from other Irish language programmes such as the education programme.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 1321 1404 1429"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="225 1321 719 1391">Grant</th> <th data-bbox="724 1321 1023 1391">No. of groups awarded</th> <th data-bbox="1027 1321 1404 1391">Value of Grant Awards</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1391 719 1429">Irish Language Support Fund</td> <td data-bbox="724 1391 1023 1429">17</td> <td data-bbox="1027 1391 1404 1429">£50,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p data-bbox="225 1435 1177 1469"><i>Please see attached in Appendix 2 grant award recommendations</i></p>	Grant	No. of Individuals awarded	Value of Grant Awards	Regional Minority Language Bursary	100	£30,000	Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Grant Awards	Irish Language Support Fund	17	£50,000				
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2.3	<p data-bbox="225 1525 754 1576">DFC Emergency Support Funding</p> <p data-bbox="225 1615 1445 1722">A further contribution of £73,877.42 has been provided to Council for the provision of social supermarket(s). It is proposed that the allocation go to the main foodbanks/SVP, pro rata as per previous model based on area size, deprivation and demand.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 1756 1150 2031"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="225 1756 719 1792">Foodbank</th> <th data-bbox="724 1756 1150 1792">Recommended Allocation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1798 719 1830">Magherafelt</td> <td data-bbox="724 1798 1150 1830">£14,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1836 719 1868">Cookstown</td> <td data-bbox="724 1836 1150 1868">£16,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1874 719 1906">Dungannon</td> <td data-bbox="724 1874 1150 1906">£18,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1912 719 1944">Coalisland</td> <td data-bbox="724 1912 1150 1944">£8,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1951 719 1982">Maghera</td> <td data-bbox="724 1951 1150 1982">£8,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 1989 719 2020">Clogher Valley</td> <td data-bbox="724 1989 1150 2020">£8,600</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="225 2027 719 2031">TOTAL</td> <td data-bbox="724 2027 1150 2031">£73,800</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Foodbank	Recommended Allocation	Magherafelt	£14,000	Cookstown	£16,000	Dungannon	£18,000	Coalisland	£8,600	Maghera	£8,600	Clogher Valley	£8,600	TOTAL	£73,800
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2.4 **Peace Heroines Art Project**

Peace Heroines is a new exhibition and education programme that is being led by the Herstory Project (community organisation whose aim is to tell the stories of female pioneers in the fields of business, politics, science, the arts, aviation and technology).

The Peace Heroines programme explores the role women played in the Peace Process and how they collaborated across borders, political and religious divides, and is designed to honour local peace activists along with the other NI Councils as we approach the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. The exhibition will be supported with a programme of intergenerational and cross-community school workshops.

The Belfast based mural artist FRIZ has been commissioned to create new portraits of the peace heroines and the aim is to commission street murals celebrating local peace heroines in local council areas across Northern Ireland, presenting murals that will educate, celebrate and inspire. The project is currently seeking funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and requires the support and participation from the councils within Northern Ireland for the application.

In addition to local councils, other partners in this project will be the National Museums Northern Ireland who are providing expertise on research and curation.

Should the application be successful, The National Lottery Heritage Fund will be providing 70% of the funding to commission a local mural in each council area, with 30% funding required from the participating Council's and other project key partners.

To date the following Councils have agreed to participate in the project: Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council; Derry City and Strabane District Council; Newry, Mourne & Down District Council; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

Confirmation is required from Mid Ulster District Council to participate, in principle, in the Peace Heroines project, subject to agreement of financial contribution required, further detail on a potential Mural Piece and detail on the Peace Heroines.

2.5 **Seamus Heaney Homeplace License**

The Seamus Heaney Homeplace building is over 2,000m² in area and key elements include; a theatre and performance space; an interactive exhibition using the latest touch screen, video and audio technology; learning zones for children and adults; community space and a library (controlled access space) containing artefacts and items from Seamus Heaney's personal collection of literature.

A key success factor in the sustainability of the centre is the quality of the visitor experience. The Council delivers a multi-arts and cultural programme centred in the building's performance space. This allows visitors to experience everything from poetry and painting to drama and dance in the theatre and performance space.

Seamus Heaney Homeplace already have in place a license for a place of public entertainment (more commonly known as a theatre liquor license) and are seeking to apply to the Court to have this license extended to include the addition of an outdoor area to allow adjacent to the entrance of the café.

This licensing application would be in the joint names of the Council and 3 Elements Catering Ltd.

2.6 **Shared Island Art and Literary Resident Initiative**

The Arts Council for Northern Ireland and Arts Council for Ireland have been working together to seek to develop arts partnership and infrastructure development on a cross border basis.

Emanating from this work and engagement with other stakeholders, a proposal has emerged to explore the development of cross border arts and literary residential retreats, linking the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig with a potential new literary residential centre at Bellaghy Bawn, with potential links to Seamus Heaney Homeplace.

The Arts Councils have been advised of the opportunity to potentially secure investment in a project of this nature via the Shared Island Fund and are now seeking to engage with a range of partners to further work up the proposal and explore the wider opportunities.

The development of this project could result in real opportunities to complement and enhance the current offering at the Seamus Heaney Homeplace and realise significant benefits for facility, Bellaghy and the wider Mid Ulster area.

A range of partners are currently being engaged, including the Seamus Heaney Estate, DFC (HED), and it is proposed that the Council officers engage as part of this stakeholder group and report back to Council with further information as the project develops.

2.7 **Shopmobility Mid Ulster**

The Shopmobility scheme in Cookstown have been based at the Burnavon Art & Cultural Centre for the last 12 years.

During this time, operating space has been afforded to Shopmobility Cookstown as part of an in kind contribution from Council to the scheme (£15,000 in kind), specifically the area underneath the stairwell on the ground floor foyer.

Fire risk inspections have highlighted issues of facilitating Shopmobility within their current location at the Burnavon (*as storage area should be separated from the main means of fire escape by fire-resisting construction of not less than 30 mins*) and a more suitable location within the building is not available. As a result the Shopmobility scheme is required to seek alternative premises.

The Head of Culture and Arts and Manager of Shopmobility scheme have looked at alternative locations, however rental is identified as circa £15,000 per annum.

As the schemes main funder, discussions have taken place with the Department for Infrastructure who have agreed to contribute £10,350 per annum towards relocation of the scheme and to ensure that the scheme continues to operate within the Cookstown area and on the basis that the remainder of funding required can be met from other sources.

Given the requirement to relocate the scheme, it is proposed that Mid Ulster District Council consider a financial contribution of £5,000 per annum for an initial 3 year period, to contribute towards the rental costs incurred as a result of relocating the scheme to more appropriate and suitable premises

2.8 **Development Update**

Community Support

Support is continuing to groups re community development activity and officers are working to maximise community investment to the Mid Ulster area. An update on the proposal for the Clogher Valley Childcare Centre of Excellence is attached for information at Appendix 3. The project is still being progressed with regard to the funding package required. Officers continue to provide support where possible.

Good Relations

The Good Relations Plan continues to be delivered across the District.

Peace

Peace IV is now completing. As per previous update to Committee, a Partnership (advisory working group) is being established as part of the SEUPB criteria to assist with the development and delivery of the Peace Plus Local Action Plan.

PCSP

Ongoing as guided by the PCSP Partnership. An update on the engagement with DEA members and members of the RBL Dungannon and Moy regarding the recent issues at the two war memorials is – Technical Services is hosting a meeting with the above to finalise a design for railings at the sites to help protect them, project engagement is taking place with the RBL group, and CCTV provision for the town is being reviewed for retender which will give consideration to how it can be maximised.

	<p><u>Burnavon Arts Centre, Seamus Heaney Homeplace, and Hill of O'Neill & Ranfurly House</u></p> <p>Continuing to deliver a range of activities, events and performances, as per brochures and marketing</p> <p><u>Irish language</u></p> <p>Development is ongoing with support to community groups taking place. The allocation of community funding is provided within the report. The team has also supported young people with bursary awards. Please see attached the Irish Language Working Group minute in Appendix 3.</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Community Grants £5520</p> <p>Irish Language Support Fund £50,000</p> <p>DFC Emergency Funding £73,877.42</p> <p>Seamus Heaney Homeplace License - associated Court fees; advertising costs; plus architect fees (indicative costs of between £3k-£5k)</p> <p>Shopmobility relocation rental contribution of £5,000 per annum for an initial 3 year period, to be met from within existing resources for 2022/2023 and included as part of the estimates process for 23/24 & 24/25.</p> <p>Human: NA</p> <p>Risk Management: NA</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: NA</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Members are recommend to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Agree to the allocation of the Community Grants as recommended in appendix 1. (ii) Agree to the allocation of the Irish Language Support Fund as recommended in appendix 2.

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5	List of Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 Community Rolling Grant Awards</p> <p>Appendix 2 Irish Language Fund Awards</p> <p>Appendix 3 Clogher Valley Childcare Centre of Excellence Presentation</p>