

Report on	1) Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund 2) Magherafelt Revitalisation Project 3) Cookstown Revitalisation Project 4) Village Renewal Project 5) Coalisland Public Realm 6) Heathrow Supply Chain Opportunity Group (SCOG)
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed above.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund This project will see a fibre link capable of delivering gigabit (1,000 <u>mbs</u> per second) connections running between Council buildings which will act as anchor tenants in Dungannon, Cookstown and Maghera. The fibre links will have chambers every 400m approximately that allow commercial providers to access so they can provide FTTP to adjacent premises. Projects must demonstrate that Telecom providers can maximise what has been created which will benefit adjoining areas. Therefore urban and semi urban areas will be the main beneficiaries as opposed to rural areas. The LFFN must be completed by 2021.</p>
2.2	<p>Magherafelt Revitalisation Project An application was submitted to Department for Communities for funding to deliver a Revitalisation Project in Magherafelt Town Centre.</p>
2.3	<p>Cookstown Revitalisation Project The preferred project that Cookstown would require assistance with during the 2018/2019 financial year is the A29 roundabout project, located on a key gateway to Cookstown.</p>
2.4	<p>Village Renewal Project Council is leading on the Village Renewal Scheme included within the Rural Development programme 2014 -2020. Council will make an application to the Local Action Group for the village renewal programme and will lead on development and delivery. The LAG has allocated a budget of £2.15m in grant aid to the Village Renewal Scheme for the implementation of strategic and minor</p>

<p>2.5</p>	<p>works within agreed villages. Council will contribute match funding of 25%, to compliment the funding from RDP.</p> <p>Coalisland Public Realm A design team has been appointed for the £2.75M redevelopment of Coalisland town centre. The scheme will include works to The Square, Main Street, Lineside, Dungannon Road, Stewartstown Road, Barrack Street, Barrack Square, Station Rd and Washingbay Road. The overarching aim of the project is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a safe, high-quality pedestrian-friendly environment; • Revitalise and reinvigorate the town to help encourage more visitors and shoppers into the town centre; • Be accessible to pedestrians and vehicles; • Have free flowing traffic and retain most on-street car parking. <p>The works will include the provision of new high quality natural stone paving, street furniture, tree planting, signage, lighting and drainage and will be developed in compliance and co-operation with the Department for Infrastructure and to current DDA standards.</p>
<p>2.6</p>	<p>Heathrow Supply Chain Opportunity Group (SCOG) The new expansion plan for Heathrow airport is currently biggest infrastructure project in the UK. Heathrow airport will rely on businesses from across the UK and Northern Ireland to undertake this project. The cost of the expansion is estimated at £15billion. It is expected to create 5,000 new jobs. Specifically there are contracts to be tendered and Northern Ireland businesses need to be made aware of them and assisted with securing contracts.</p>
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<p>3.1</p>	<p>Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund Full Fibre Northern Ireland is the working name for this Council proposed consortiums application to the Local Full Fibre Network Challenge fund. This joint effort has reduced competition between local Councils. Councils involved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newry, Mourne & Down 2. Antrim & Newtownabbey 3. Causeway Coast & Glens 4. Derry City & Strabane 5. Fermanagh & Omagh 6. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council 7. Mid Ulster 8. Mid & East Antrim <p>The overall regional plan is to deliver FTTP gigabit (1,000 <u>mbs</u> per second) connections valued at approximately £30million. The value of MUDC's project as part of this is around £3million.</p> <p>Every two weeks the members have a conference call to discuss progress and provide relevant information to a lead consultant employed by Newry, Mourne & Down Council to work on this project. Jointly work is ongoing to develop a strategic case, financial case, commercial case, economic case and the management case.</p>

On Thursday 8 November all consortium members came together to review and critique our FFNI presentation in advance of a key presentation to DCMS in London on 12 November. This presentation is required to satisfy DCMS that an actual plan is in place and everyone is working together to deliver it. If successful and the funding objectives are met there will be a final presentation to DCMS Investment panel on 27 November.

3.2 **Magherafelt Revitalisation Project**

Department for Communities have issued a Letter of Offer for £160,707 towards the project. The project is part of the Seamus Heaney HomePlace Project which aims to develop the visitor experience for people visiting Seamus Heaney HomePlace. The project will involve upgrading the two pedestrian walkways on Broad Street leading from Central and Union Road Car Parks including the surfaces on the alleyways, removing graffiti on the walls and installing a piece of public art to reflect the connection with Seamus Heaney HomePlace.

3.3 **Cookstown Revitalisation Project**

The project would involve refreshing the 'Cookstown' brand, and associated works related to upgrading lighting and hard stand area at the A29 roundabout. It is proposed that an application is submitted to DfC for funding to deliver this initiative. The estimated cost is approximately £40,000 (DfC £32,000, Council £8,000).

3.4 **Village Renewal Project**

A number of Village projects are currently being delivered as outlined below -
Ballygawley – Works completed
Playparks – Caledon, Granville, Augher and Tobermore – Works completed.

Upperlands –Works completed on MUGA. An application has been submitted to the LAG for Playpark element at the Community Centre.

Maghera – Walkway from Walled Garden to Tobermore Road. Application has been submitted to the LAG.

Newmills (Car Park upgrade), Castlecaulfield (conservation area and additional play equipment), Benburb (Car Park at recreational fields) & Gulladuff (EI Scheme at Bus Shelter) –Construction works have been completed in Benburb and Newmills. Gulladuff and Castlecaulfield works have commenced onsite.

Ardboe – A letter of Offer has been received for development at the Community Building with the provision of a new lift. Works to commence mid-November.

Fivemiletown – Market Yard and Playpark upgrade – Application will be made to the LAG in November following the procurement process to appoint Contractor.

Clady/Glenone (play equipment), Swatragh (play equipment), Killyman (play equipment), The Loup (Informal Play area) and Ballynakelly (play equipment) have been submitted to LAG on 19th October.

The next schedule of Villages includes Pomeroy, Ballyronan, Ballinderry & Ballylifford, Clogher, Desertmartin & Longfield, Broughderg and Galbally.

	<p>Legal agreements are being processed through the legal team. ED staff are currently compiling all the leases and completing the application forms and business cases to be submitted to the LAG.</p>
3.5	<p>Coalisland Public Realm A preferred option has been identified with work ongoing with all key stakeholders including utilities. An Economic Appraisal is currently being assessed by the Dept. for Communities economist and the planning application has been formally submitted. Public consultation meetings have been ongoing with both Members (11th October 2018) and the Public (16th October 2018).</p>
3.6	<p>Heathrow Supply Chain Opportunity Group (SCOG) The Heathrow Supply Chain Opportunity Group (SCOG) has been set up in an attempt to connect local businesses with Heathrow procurement companies and assist them to be fit for purpose. The membership of the group involves All 11 Councils, Invest NI, NI Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Manufacturing NI, the Construction Federation and other relevant groups.</p> <p>The Supply Chain process is live now with 40 NI companies on board. Opportunities will ultimately be driven through Heathrow’s Expansion Procurement Portal. Getting our businesses registered gives them a platform for suppliers.</p> <p>Heathrow are committed to establishing 4 Logistics Hubs across the UK to support logistics and the politics of off-site construction. More importantly it is to spread the economic benefits across the UK. 60% of procurement spend is to be outside London.</p> <p>Logistics Hubs will be used to deliver efficient & affordable expansion with the intention of enabling quicker delivery of the Heathrow expansion project.</p> <p>80% of £15bn spend forecast for the Heathrow Expansion will go through the Supply Chain. There is £12bn in total and it is estimated that £400m for NI.</p> <p>SCOG ‘s objective is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Set up a regional logistic HUB in NI for all Council areas. (This is not a competition between Councils) • Raise awareness of this opportunity to all NI companies so they can be part of the Heathrow supply chain to connect with the airports major suppliers. Awareness will be through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 awareness raising workshops, <i>Local press articles, Case Studies, Heathrow Expansion Procurement Workshops, Demonstration of the Heathrow Procurement Portal, Council website, mail shots, etc.</i>
4.0	<p>Other Considerations</p>
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p>
	<p>Financial: Magherafelt Revitalisation Project</p>

	<p>Magherafelt revitalisation project has been awarded 80% funding from DfC, provision of 20% match funding is required from Council's Capital budget as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magherafelt Project - £44,000 <p>Cookstown Revitalisation Project If this revitalisation project is successful in being awarded 80% funding from DfC, provision of 20% match funding is required from Council's Capital budget as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cookstown Revitalisation Project - £8,000
	Human: Officer time.
	Risk Management:
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) Challenge Fund Members to note progress
5.2	Magherafelt Revitalisation Project Members to note progress
5.3	Cookstown Revitalisation Project Members to note progress
5.4	Village Renewal Project Members to note progress
5.5	Coalisland Public Realm Members to note progress
5.6	Heathrow Supply Chain Opportunity Group (SCOG) Members to note progress
6.0	Documents Attached & References