



11 March 2021

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Development Committee to be held in The Chamber, Magherafelt and by virtual means Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, BT45 6EN on Thursday, 11 March 2021 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

In accordance with the spirit of the recent COVID restriction, Members are strongly encouraged to join virtually as the preferred option. Should you need to attend in person then provision will be made at the Council Offices, Magherafelt. Please notify Democratic Services in advance if this is the case.

A link to join the meeting through the Council's remote meeting platform will follow.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

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2. Declarations of Interest
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Report on	Schools Sports Facilities Grant
Date of Meeting	11 th March 2021
Reporting Officer	Kieran Gordon, Head of Leisure
Contact Officer	Leigh Gilmore, Participation Manager

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members on the advertised Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants.
2.0	Background
2.1	Previously in November 2019, Members approved the Community Grants Policy 2020 – 2021. This report refers to category 4:14 within the previously approved policy – Schools Access to Sports Facilities Grant. This grant allows for maximum award of £5,000 for the provision of schools sports facilities to minority sports that do not have their own provision in areas with the overall budget set at £10,000.
2.2	The objectives for the programmes are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to underutilised school sports synthetic pitch facilities. • Contribute to the cost of opening up and maintaining schools' sports facilities, thereby encouraging ongoing usage. • Increase local people's access to training and competitive play opportunities. • Enhance access to team sports activities which are under-resourced or under-represented.
2.3	As in previous years, the maximum amount available is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum of £5,000 per club or school, dependent on level of usage. This is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Up to £4,500 maximum grant. ➢ For use of school sports facilities which have not previously been available for community use, up to an additional £500 grant on a pro rata basis. • The actual amount awarded will be dependent on the score each application achieves under the specified criteria. All grant maximums may be reduced if the fund is heavily oversubscribed by eligible applicants.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The grant was advertised during week commencing 18th January 2021. Closing date was Friday 5 th February 2021. It was open to sports clubs or schools where eligible expenditure can be demonstrated as being incurred between 1 September 2020 and 31 March 2021 and all funds must be spent by 31 March 2021. A total of 3 applications were received and, as with previous years, passed to Williamson Consulting for assessment.
3.2	The assessment of the applications were carried out during the 6 th – 13 th Feb 2021. This involved three steps: review of all information to check completeness; eligibility check; and scoring the application.

3.3	As with previous years, the score was carried out using a formula system which automatically produced an indicated grant level.
3.4	The outcome of the scoring is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 applications passed the eligibility check and provided sufficient information and were therefore eligible for funding.
3.5	Williamson Consulting commented that, these 3 application meet all the requirements for eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cookstown Hockey Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendation - Project should be funded at £4,500.00 Dungannon Rugby Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendation - Project should be funded at £500.00 St Johns Primary School Swatragh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendation - Project should be funded at £1,864.00
3.6	These grants will support hire of school pitch facilities. This will allow for club use of school owned sports facilities for women and girls.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<u>Financial</u> Budget available within the 2020/2021 for maximum of £10,000.
	Human: Officer time to facilitate the process.
	Risk Management Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to agree to the recommendation for successful grant applications as detailed in section 3.5.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A – Grant Criteria
6.2	Appendix B – Mid Ulster District Council Schools’ Sports Facilities Access Grant Assessment February 2021.

Appendix A – Grant Criteria

Overview of Programme

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. The Northern Ireland Framework for Sports Facility Development (2016 - 2026) provides a guide for development of regional sports facilities across the province.

Locally, Council Sports Facilities Strategies identify shortfalls in provision and will recommend general geographic locations for development or refurbishment of sports facilities which address identified need. Council recognises that a few underrepresented sports may be constrained by lack of access to suitable facilities, yet these may exist in local schools.

The Mid Ulster District Council Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants Programme was launched in mid-December 2016 and has been open for funding annually or twice yearly.

Eligibility

The first stage of the assessment process will involve an eligibility check. Applicants must pass all the criteria to progress to stage two.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a club using, or planning to use, school owned, synthetic pitch, sports facilities; or, be a school which plans to provide access to such sports facilities by external clubs (*see note 'b' below*).
- Be a constituted and not for profit sports club (*although see Note b, below*) or school.
- Be located in the Mid Ulster District Council area.
- For sports clubs:
 - Be participating in a sport recognised by Sport NI.
 - A minimum of 80% of members must be resident in the MUDC area.
 - Not have received any capital funding from Council in the 2020/21 year.
 - Be able to demonstrate difficulty in accessing other suitable sports facilities.
- Not have benefited in the 2020/21 year from Council's:
 - Sports Strategic Development Grant.
 - Sports Capital Grant.
- Be able to demonstrate difficulty in accessing other suitable sports facilities.
- Incur actual documented costs in utilising/providing a schools' sports facility, or, able to provide documentary evidence of voluntary work or maintenance costs involved in maintaining the facility. (*In such circumstances, Council will treat voluntary maintenance work in kind as valued at £10 per hour*).

Note

- a) The programme is primarily aimed at team sports.
- b) Council may consider applications by schools on behalf of, and supported by evidence of agreement with, a constituted sports club.

Application Process & Scoring

Scoring to be carried out using a formula system which automatically produces an indicated grant level.

Appendix B – Mid Ulster District Council Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grant Assessment February 2021.

GRANT TYPE	Organisation Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Score	Amount Awarded
Eligible					
Facility costs	Cookstown Hockey Club	Hire of water based synthetic hockey pitch at Cookstown High School for hockey	£13,500	50	£4,500 (school used before so no 10% premium)
Facility costs	Dungannon Rugby Club	Hire of synthetic pitch facilities at Integrated College Dungannon for training for women and boys for rugby	£500	50	£500
Facility costs	St. John's Primary School, Swatragh	Hire of synthetic pitch to be used by Michael Davitt Camogie Club Swatragh for Under 6 - Under 14 girls training	£1,864	33.5	£1,864 (school used before so no 10% premium)

Report on	The provision of access for outdoor recreation in Northern Ireland – Key Stakeholder Consultation
Date of Meeting	Thursday 11 March 2021
Reporting Officer	N Hill Head of Parks
Contact Officer	A Reid Parks & Countryside Development Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek members approval in responding to The provision for access for outdoor recreation in Northern Ireland, Key stakeholder Consultation, prepared by DAERA. Copy of Consultation document in Appendix 1.
2.0	Background
2.1	Northern Ireland has a mixture of extremely varied and beautiful lands and seascapes within a very small geographical area. Mountains, moorlands, forests, extensive inland waterways and a spectacular coastline all make up our local environment. Our towns and cities tend to be relatively small and therefore greenspace, such as hills, forests and parks are in close proximity to most of the people who live and work here. However, access to the natural environment is often restricted and the provision varies from area to area.
2.2	Public access to land in Northern Ireland is more restricted than other parts of the United Kingdom. Land ownership in Northern Ireland is significantly different from the rest of the United Kingdom as most farms are of a much smaller scale, with a proportionately higher number of the population with land owning interests.
2.3	Although some areas of the countryside may have been used freely for recreation for many years, the public have no general rights to wander over open land, mountains, moorland, woodlands, the foreshore, etc. However, many landowners tolerate access to their land without a formalised agreement.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Council has received the attached consultation, App 1, in relation to the access provision in Northern Ireland. The aim of this consultation is to seek the views of key stakeholders on the current provision members of the public have to Northern Irelands natural environment for outdoor recreation, and investigate how provision can be improved, while protecting the environment and recognising the needs of

landowners. **This consultation is not considering an overall “Right to Roam”, or the development of National Parks in Northern Ireland**

The current provision for access to land in NI is outlined below:

Public Accessible land

Forestry Act (NI) 2010 – public has a statutory access on foot to all forests
Water and Sewerage Service (NI) Order 2006 – NI Water (NIW) obliged to have regard to the desirability of public access to its land’.

Conservation and Amenity Lands (NI) Order 1985 – allows DAERA to:

- Designate lands as a National Park or Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty including promotion of public enjoyment of the area and the provision and maintenance of public access
- Create Nature Reserves – many open for public access
- Acquire land for access provision

Current Legislation governing access to private land

Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983

- The Order designates the Councils as the guarantors and facilitators of access

Legislation gives Council’s power to:

- Enter into public path creation agreements with landowners to create public rights along linear routes (discretionary)
- Designate new open access in areas of open country for open air recreation by Order of Agreement (discretionary)
- Acquire areas of open country for the provision of recreational access
- For both Agreement and Orders – compensation can be made to the landowners concerned , eg if the value of their land depreciates as a result of the Access Order

Councils shall

- Assert, protect and keep open and free from obstruction any public rights of way (prow)

What is a public right of way?

- A highway which any member of the public may use as a right – not as a privilege granted by the landowner
- May be created specifically by the landowner (express dedication) or through ‘deemed dedication’ – the landowner knows that a path has been used by walkers over a period of time (often approx 20yrs)
- May be limited to certain users – 3 types of PROW
 - o Walkers only
 - o Walkers and horse riders
 - o Carriageway

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is a legal entity and will remain unless the path is extinguished or diverted by due legal process - Must be respected by the occupier and landowner <p>Most access in NI is created through Education and Youth Service (NI) Order 1986</p> <p>This Order allows Councils to secure Permissive Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is the most common way of increasing access in NI on private land, through permission with landowners - Permissive Path is not a PROW - Permissive Path – can allow access for pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riding - Permissive Path Agreement (PPA) is the creation of a linear access on any terms agreed by the Council and the landowner - Usually exist for a limited period of time, eg 10 or 15 or 25 years - Can be closed at certain times of the year eg to protect nesting birds - All is agreed between the landowner and Council at time of creating PPA - Under PPA the Council usually takes on the maintenance, management and liability for the path <p>Current access legislation within Great Britain:</p> <p>Scotland</p> <p>The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 Creates a right of <i>responsible access</i> to most undeveloped and uncultivated land for recreation, education and some commercial purposes.</p> <p>England and Wales Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) (CROW) enacted which give public access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land mapped as open country by Natural England (mountain, moor, heath or down) - Any land more than 600m above sea level where no map exists - Registered common land (under the Commons Registration Act 1965) - Land designated by the owner as access land <p>England has c.1million hectares of open access land – two-thirds of this was opened under the CROW Act</p> <p>The Marine Coastal Access Act – opened coastal route around England and Wales.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial:</p> <p>There are no financial implications.</p>

	Human: There are no implications.
	Risk Management: No implications.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: In line with Council's procedures
	Rural Needs Implications: In line with Council's procedures
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are requested to approve the response to The provision for access for outdoor recreation in Northern Ireland, Key stakeholder Consultation, prepared by DAERA.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1, The provision of access for outdoor recreation in NI, Key stakeholder consultation

The provision of access for outdoor recreation in Northern Ireland

Key Stakeholder Consultation

27th January – 29th March 2021

NI Local Council Version



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and Rural Affairs**
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Sustainability at the heart of a
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valued by everyone.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The value of our outdoors

Northern Ireland has a mixture of extremely varied and beautiful lands and seascapes within a very small geographical area. Mountains, moorlands, forests, extensive inland waterways and a spectacular coastline all make up our local environment. Our towns and cities tend to be relatively small and therefore greenspace, such as hills, forests and parks are in close proximity to most of the people who live and work here. However, access to the natural environment is often restricted and the provision varies from area to area.

A recent survey* identified that the benefits of spending time outdoors during the COVID-19 lockdown were significant. 84% of participants reported feeling physical health benefits and 90% reported benefits related to mental health and wellbeing. Benefits were strongest amongst people who visited the outdoors most often during lockdown and people with quality trails and greenspaces close to home. 51% of respondents expected to spend more of their free time outdoors than they did pre-lockdown. People would most like to be able to visit local parks, the countryside and coast, to walk on off-road trails and to spend time with family and friends. There was significant support for the development and improvements of walking and cycling trails.

* Survey carried out by Outdoor Recreation NI in May 2020. The full report is available at <http://www.outdoorrecreationni.com/news/new-survey-highlights-importance-of-accessing-outdoors-safely-during-covid-19/>

Apart from health and well-being benefits, outdoor recreation contributes to Northern Ireland society in a wide range of areas, including social inclusion, community cohesion, environmental awareness, rural development and economic opportunities.

However, our natural environment is also a living, working and active environment with the majority of the land farmed and producing our food, drinking water and supporting livelihoods.

The development of the Outdoor Recreation Action Plan for Northern Ireland ([Our-Great-Outdoors-The-Outdoor-Recreation-Action-Plan-for-Northern-Ireland_SportNI-2014.pdf](#) ([outdoorrecreationni.com](http://www.outdoorrecreationni.com))) identified a need to review and initiate the development and consolidation of appropriate outdoor recreation legislation.

It is important that a suitable balance is struck between enabling public access to our natural environment, while protecting that environment and ensuring landowners rights.

1.2 Accessibility

Public access to land in Northern Ireland is more restricted than other parts of the United Kingdom. Land ownership in Northern Ireland is significantly different from the rest of the United Kingdom as most farms are of a much smaller scale, with a proportionately higher number of the population with land owning interests.

Although some areas of the countryside may have been used freely for recreation for many years, the public have no general rights to wander over open land, mountains, moorland, woodlands,

the foreshore, etc. However, many landowners tolerate access to their land without a formalised agreement.

Generally speaking, in Northern Ireland, **public access is restricted to:**

a) Public Rights of Way;

A Public Right of Way is “a highway which any member of the public may use as a right - not a privilege granted by the landowner”. It is a permanent legal entity and remains in existence until it is extinguished, or diverted, by due legal process. Detail on Public Rights of Way is available on NI Direct at <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/public-rights-way>

b) where the public have the landowner’s permission to visit;

Local councils may make Permissive Path Agreements with landowners for people to use an agreed portion of their land, under agreed conditions, as a means to secure quality recreational access.

c) areas of land which are in public ownership and to which the public are invited to use; Northern Ireland’s public land comprises of just over 6% of the total land area. This includes public land managed by:

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), including;
 - Forest Service
 - NI Environment Agency (country parks, nature reserves etc.)
- Department for Communities (DfC)
- District Councils
- Loughs Agency
- Northern Ireland Water
- Waterways Ireland

Note: Permitted access to public land does not necessarily create a Public Right of Way.

2.0 Aim of this consultation

The aim of this consultation is to seek the views of key stakeholders on the current provision members of the public have to Northern Ireland’s natural environment for outdoor recreation, and investigate how provision can be improved, while protecting the environment and recognising the needs of landowners. **This consultation is not considering an overall “Right to Roam”, or the development of National Parks in Northern Ireland.**

Stakeholders identified for initial consultation include:

- Representative groups of those who use the outdoors for recreational purposes
- Representative groups of landowners / land managers
- Environmental groups

- Those who enforce related legislation

A list of Key Stakeholders who have been invited to provide their views is provided at Annex A. If you feel we have omitted any significant group please contact us at the e-mail / address below.

A broader public consultation is expected following the consideration of responses from key stakeholders.

Submissions should be:

e-mailed (preferable) to: AccessforOutdoorRecreation@daera-ni.gov.uk

or

hard copies sent to: Stephen Emerson
RNRPD: Natural Heritage Policy Branch
Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs
Klondyke Building
Cromac Avenue
Belfast BT7 2JA

The closing date for submissions is **29th March 2021**

3.0 Alternative Formats

On request, we can arrange to provide other formats of the documents above, such as -

- Paper Copy
- Large Print
- Braille
- Other languages

To request an alternative format, please contact us by one of the following methods:

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Telephone: 028 9056 9432

Text Relay: If you have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via:

- Text Relay using the Next Generation Text Service (NGTS).
- Making a call from a textphone dial 18001 + number.
- Making a call from a telephone dial 18002 + number.

4.0 Your details:

We use this information in order to communicate with you if we need to clarify your response or for further communications.

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Surname	<u>Reid</u>
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Are you responding as an:

a) Individual YES / NO

If "YES", do you:

☐ Participate in outdoor recreational activities? YES / NO

Please identify which _____

☐ Own, or manage, land which the public may wish to use to facilitate outdoor recreation? YES / NO

Provide details (if relevant) _____

☐ Other (please state) _____

b) Organisation / Group YES / NO

If "YES", does your organisation / group:

☐ Participate in, or organise, outdoor recreational activities? YES / NO

Please identify which activities _____

- Own, or manage, land which the public may wish to use for outdoor recreation? YES / NO

Please identify the type of
land (e.g. mountain, lowland
farmland, woodland etc.) _____

- Other (please state) _____

Organisation / Group Details:

- Organisation/Group name Mid Ulster District Council
- Full postal address Dungannon Park, Ballynorthland Demesne,
Dungannon
- Postcode BT71 6DY
- Contact name Anne Reid
- Contact email Anne.reid@midulstercouncil.org
- Which category best describes your organisation (select one item)
 - Community organisation ☐
 - Third sector / equality organisation ☐
 - Landowner / land manager ☐
 - Private sector organisation ☐
 - Representative body for professionals ☐
 - Local government ☒
 - Community Planning Partnership ☐
 - Public Body, including Executive Agencies, NDPBs, NHS etc. ☐
 - Academic or Research Institute ☐
 - Other (please state) _____

Publication of responses - your permissions:

We may wish to publish responses to this consultation, in summary and where possible in detail.

We would like your permission to publish your response:

Please select one item (Required)

- Publish this response with your name ☐
- Publish this response without your name ☒
- Do not publish this response ☐

Note that when we publish reports on a consultation, we do not publish your email or postal address or other information about you.

We may share your response internally with other Northern Ireland Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you. Are you content for Northern Ireland Government to contact you in relation to this consultation exercise?

Please select (Required)

Yes ☒ No ☐

5.0 Consultation:

You are invited to respond to whichever of the following questions are relevant to you, or those who you represent. However, you should not feel obliged to respond to questions which are not.

Do not feel limited to the space provided. Please feel free to expand the comments boxes or attach additional pages if required.

PLEASE NOTE: This consultation is not reviewing specific sports in Northern Ireland, it is specifically looking at the provision of access to the countryside to partake in outdoor activities.

5.1 Current Provision

Q1: Do you believe there is sufficient public access to the natural environment for outdoor recreation in Northern Ireland?

~~YES~~/ NO

Please feel free to comment below

With only 6% of land available for public use within NI, Council considers that this is insufficient for public use. Within Mid Ulster District Council area there are vast expanses of open space, eg Sperrins with limited access for public recreation through this resource.

Engaging with the Outdoors – Trends in Outdoor Recreation, May 2020 research carried out by Outdoor Recreation NI shows a 35% increase in people getting outdoors. The effect that being outdoors has on our mental health has been well documented. Council feels that there needs to be a greater provision for access to the outdoors to enable more people to get out.

Q2: Do you feel that Public Rights of Way are adequately identified to the public?

YES /~~NO~~

Please feel free to comment below

All information on asserted public rights of way within Mid Ulster District Council are available from Spatial NI. This accessible to public and adequately identifies Public Rights of Way in the District.

However Council does not hold information of any other Public Rights of Way that may exist beyond those that have been asserted.

Primarily for land owners/managers (however views are welcome from all participants):

Q3: What difficulties have you encountered, or do you foresee, in establishing or managing public access through your land, or the land you manage?

Council considers that land opened and managed for public use requires this use to be well-publicised. Patrons using the land must abide with the rules set out therein eg, restricted opening hours, dogs on leads etc.

The increased use and access to land creates additional demands on Council resources in terms of maintenance and day-to-day management. Increased expectations of users also leads to increased demands in terms of facility provision e.g. ablution, lighting.

There can also be instances of littering and anti-social behaviour which have to be managed and controlled on a site by site basis. This places additional pressure on limited Council resources.

Primarily for land owners/managers (however views are welcome from all participants):

Q4: What would encourage you to agree to public access through your land, or the land you manage, for recreational purposes?

Council land is open for public recreation where it is safe and suitable to do so. However, further public access could be provided. This is often restricted due to the lack of capital and revenue funding to open up e.g. greenways, blueways, walking, horseriding trails etc.

Greater support would also need to be provided in terms of legal advice around PROWs and other legislation. This would support Council in developing further access to our and connecting lands to create and sustain a quality outdoor experience.

Public Land

Northern Ireland's public land comprises of just over 6% of the total land area. This includes public land managed by:

- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), including;
 - Forest Service
 - NI Environment Agency (country parks, nature reserves etc.)
- Department for Communities (DfC)
- District Councils
- Loughs Agency
- Northern Ireland Water
- Waterways Ireland

Q5: Do you believe that an adequate amount of public land is available for outdoor recreational purposes?

~~YES~~ / NO

Please feel free to comment below

COVID has resulted in the increased use of out door spaces. During this time the Council has seen significant demands on the current available outdoor spaces. This has resulted in issues with car parking, littering, maintenance requirements etc. due to the high numbers of people using available public land.

However Council considers that with more and more people are seeking to get outdoors but there is inadequate provision of accessible public land available for outdoor recreation. Much of the public land is inaccessible from safety perspective or have the necessary additional ancillary facilities to support the demand that currently exists.

Mid Ulster Council has developed strong relationships with various other public organisations e.g. Forest Service. The Council has been proactive in developing its outdoor recreation

product. The current high level of demand means that the amount of public land available currently is insufficient.

Q6: How could existing public land be better used in relation to outdoor recreation?

There are many opportunities that exist with the current portfolio of public land that could be developed to meet current and future demand. It will require a partnership approach to develop further.

- Developing access to forests and existing natural environments e.g. Sperrins
- Council feels that if there was a better provision of path networks within public land then this would encourage greater use of these sites.
- If land available to be used for outdoor recreation was publicised on a central database/source detailing where people could get outdoors.
- Council considers the possibility of linking public land to villages and communities with the use of safe footpaths or path networks.

Primarily for public land managers (however views are welcome from all participants):

Q7: What difficulties have you encountered, or do you foresee, permitting public access to the land you manage where access does not currently exist or where increased access is sought?

There may be significant investment required at the outset to ensure that public land is made accessible were suitable. The ability to increase access will depend on availability of capital funding to progress new projects or extend existing.

Council considers that managing public expectation to accessing land is perhaps one of the biggest challenges. Council feels that if all information with regards to public land could be accessed from a central database/source outlining the requirements of each site then this would be a valuable asset. Patrons using the land must abide with the rules set out therein eg, restricted opening hours, dogs on leads etc.

The increased use and access to land creates additional demands on Council resources in terms of maintenance and day-to-day management. Increased expectations of users also leads to increased demands in terms of facility provision e.g. ablution, lighting.

There can also be instances of littering and anti-social behaviour which have to be managed and controlled on a site by site basis. This places additional pressure on limited Council resources.

Managing anti-social behaviour on sites can be a difficulty. However, it is felt that an increased public presence, eg members of the public, staff, PSNI etc can assist in easing this.

Primarily for public land managers (however views are welcome from all participants):

Q8: How could any difficulties identified in Q7 be reduced or negated?

Greater support would need to be provided in terms of legal advice around PROWs and other legislation. This would support Council in developing further access to our and connecting lands to create and sustain a quality outdoor experience.

Additional financial support in terms of capital and revenue costs would allow Council to continue to provide additional accessible public space.

Council feels that if all information with regards to public land could be accessed from a central database/source outlining –

- Where public access is available.
- The requirements of each site.

This could also outline the site managing body, opening hours, rules etc of each site, information such as parking, toilet facilities, where to report a problem etc

5.2 Current Legislation

The **Guide to Public Rights of Way and Access to the Countryside: Guidance Notes on the Law, Practices and Procedures in Northern Ireland** is a practical manual, produced by the Environment & Heritage Service (now the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs), which aims to clarify the legal position in Northern Ireland, and the practice and procedures that should be followed.

The principle legislation relating to access to the countryside in Northern Ireland is **The Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983** (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1983/1895/data.pdf>) which deals with public rights of way and access to open country. It also identifies responsibilities on local councils and landowners.

The Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1985/170>) gives the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs powers to undertake a variety of roles for the enjoyment and conservation of the countryside and amenity lands.

The Recreation and Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986

(<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1986/2232>) has been used by local councils to make Permissive Path Agreements with landowners for people to use an agreed portion of their land as a means to secure quality recreational access. A permissive path agreement can operate under limitations and can endure for whatever period of time the council and landowner are willing to agree. It does not create a new public right of way (where one did not already exist), but a route which the landowner has given permission for people to use.

Questions 9 - 11 are aimed that those who have had cause to refer to legislation in relation to access issues, however views are welcome from all participants.

Q9: How often would you refer to legislation in relation to access issues?

- ☒ Daily / Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Yearly
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

Please feel free to comment below

Q10: Please identify any difficulties you have with current legislation and/or Guidance in relation to public access.

Please be as specific as you can and identify which legislation and section you are referring to.

Council considers the following:

The Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983 - It is unclear as to who has responsibility of maintenance and liability over an asserted public right of way.

There are no powers within the Order to differentiate between a public right of way that could be for the greater public good and have the potential to provide a quality outdoor recreation experience against those that Council investigate for personal gain/neighbour dispute.

The lack of specialist assistance and guidance from central Government Departments with regards to the Order is a risk to Councils.

Q11: How could the issues raised in Q10 be resolved?

Please be as specific as you can and identify which legislation and section you are referring to.

The issues could be resolved by:

Further guidance/clarification in the order re: maintenance and differentiation between public and private benefit.

The Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983 - A dedicated government resource to assist Council's with public right of way enquiries, legal assistance and advice. This may help to mitigate against high legal costs and unnecessary Court action.

5.3 Opportunities

Q12: How could the provision of access to the outdoors for recreational purposes be improved?

There are many opportunities that exist with the current portfolio of public land that could be developed to improve provision of access to the outdoors as well as meet growing demand. It will require a partnership approach to develop further.

- Strengthen the legislation so that Councils and other public bodies have more power to easily acquire land or access to land.
- Greater emphasis on community trails or core path networks linking villages and communities to green spaces/forests. Then communities would feel that they have a valuable resource on their doorstep.
- Access to the outdoors must consider and be implemented to adequately accommodate the needs of people with disabilities.
- Developing access to more forests and existing natural environments e.g. Sperrins
- Council feels that if there was a better provision of path networks within public land then this would encourage greater use of these sites.
- If land available to be used for outdoor recreation was publicised on a central database/source detailing where people could get outdoors.
- Council considers the possibility of linking public land to villages and communities with the use of safe footpaths or path networks.
- Making sure that sufficient resources are available to maintain and service outdoor spaces that are accessible for recreation.

What have other jurisdictions done to improve access for outdoor recreation?

Legislative changes in Great Britain over the past 20 years have increased the availability of access to the natural environment significantly. Under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000, especially since 2005 people across England and Wales have the freedom to access land, without having to stay on designated paths. Approximately 8% of England and 20% of Wales is classed as 'access land'. In Scotland the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 established a right of non- motorised access over most land and inland water.

The provision of a "Right to Roam", and the development of National Parks has previously been considered in Northern Ireland and **is not being considered as part of this consultation.** However some aspects of Scotland's Land Reform Act 2003 may provide the basis for improvement in Northern Ireland.

As a requirement of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, core path plans are drawn up by local authorities after consultation with communities, land managers and path users. **Core path networks** are interlinking routes that normally join, or are close to, communities. They are normally part of the wider path network of long distance walking and cycling routes, and local and community paths. Many Northern Ireland local councils have included the development of path networks in their current Community Plans.

Q13: Do you believe that a Core Path Network would be a possible solution to improving access for outdoor recreation?

YES /~~NO~~

Please feel free to comment below

A priority within Mid Ulster's Outdoor Recreation Strategy is the development of community trails. Council therefore would be supportive of a Core Path NETwrok that with a greater emphasis on community trails or core path networks linking villages and communities to green spaces, forests, or heritage sites. Communities would feel that they have a valuable resource on their doorstep. This would also include the provision of better footpath network linking these resources.

Q14: What would be the potential opportunities, benefits, or uses, of a Core Path Network in Northern Ireland?

Potential benefits include:

- A Core path network would act as a central thread connecting communities to sites or heritage/green space etc.
- It would provide a safe quality outdoor resource for members of the public.
- It would assist in providing an interest in local resources/heritage.
- The health and well-being benefits of being outdoors are well documented. A path network connecting communities will aid the health and well-being of all users.

Q15: What difficulties do you foresee in establishing a Core Path Network in Northern Ireland?

Core path networks are interlinking routes that normally join, or are close to, communities. They are normally part of the wider path network of long distance walking and cycling routes, and local and community paths.

One of the main difficulties for Council would be the acquisition of the land. Most of the land in NI is in private ownership with no incentives on the landowner to set it aside for outdoor recreation.

Acquisition of land can be costly. Coupled with the insurance, liability and ongoing maintenance costs, the establishment and operation of a Core Path Network may be unaffordable for local government.

Q16: How could landowners be encouraged to provide access, through their land, to develop a Core Path Network?

Council considers that if incentives such as subsidies from Central Government paid on land were given the same value for outdoor recreation as they are for the food-agri industry then this may assist in persuading landowners to set aside land for outdoor recreation.

Strengthening the legislation to support Council and other public bodies when they require access to private land to develop the Core Path Network.

Q17: What features would you like to see in a Core Path Network? (e.g. cycle lanes, circular routes etc.)

Council feels that a core path network should be open, where possible, to all types of no-motorised activity, eg pedestrian, cycling, canoeing and horse-riding.

The nature of the route may be circular if possible or linear, this will vary on a site-by-site basis. The network should be interconnecting and provide options for users to vary route, distance and difficulty.

Q18: What other opportunities, in relation to the provision access for outdoor recreation, should be considered?

5.4 Miscellaneous

Q19: Please feel free to provide further views on any aspect of the provision of access for outdoor recreation in Northern Ireland

N/A

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The closing date for submissions is **29th March 2021**

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE SPECIFICALLY FOR LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICERS
AND HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL KEY STAKEHOLDER VERSION**

Q20: How many Public Rights of Way are in your council area?

The number of public rights of way is unknown. However there are 16 asserted public rights of way, under The Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983 within Mid Ulster District Council.

Comments:

N/A

What barriers are there to providing/maintaining this information?

Council considers a lack of a records and resources to be the barrier in providing information regarding PROWs.

Q21: How many of these Rights of Way are currently being asserted?

There are 16 asserted public rights of way, under The Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983 within Mid Ulster District Council.

Comments:

N/A

What barriers are there to asserting Rights of Way?

Lack of assistance and guidance from Central Government Departments if there is a dispute/unclear following the collection of evidence.

Lack of specialist advisors that could assist Council in assessing complex cases of asserting Rights of Way.

Q22: (a) Is there an up to date map which identifies Public Rights of Way are in your council area?

YES /~~NO~~

(b) Is it publically accessible?

YES /~~NO~~

Comments:

All asserted public right of way are recorded and help on Spatial NI.

What barriers are there to providing/maintaining this information?

None currently.

Q23: How many Public Rights of Way have been developed in your council area in the past 5 years?

Comments:

There have been 2 assertions in the past 5 years.

What barriers are there to developing Rights of Way?

Council has developed an Outdoor Recreation Strategy which outlines its actions for the next 5 years. As part of this community trails feature heavily. It is felt that community trails will be located in an area where there is a community and can be a well-used resource. Its is considered that this is a better use of council assets than developing rights of way that may serve little or no quality public resource.

List of Groups invited to participate in “The provision of access for outdoor recreation in Northern Ireland - Key Stakeholder Consultation”

If you feel we have omitted any significant group please contact us at
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Angling NI
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council (Countryside Officers)
Ards and North Down Borough Council (Countryside Officers)
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council (Countryside Officers)
Belfast City Council (Countryside Officers)
Belfast Hills Partnership Recreation Group
British Horse Society
Canoeing Association of Northern Ireland
Causeway Coast Adventure Racing (CCAR)
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (Countryside Officers)
Causeway Coast and Glens Outdoor Recreation Forum
Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside
Cycling Ulster
Derry City & Strabane District Council (Countryside Officers)
Disability Action NI
Disability Sport NI
Fermanagh & Omagh District Council (Countryside Officers)
Horse Sport Ireland
Irish Kite Surfing Association
Irish Water Ski Federation
Leave No Trace Ireland
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (Countryside Officers)
Local Rural Support Networks
LVRP recreation forum
Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark
MENCAP
Mid and East Antrim Council (Countryside Officers)
Mid Ulster District Council (Countryside Officers)
Mountaineering Ireland
Mourne Outdoor Recreation Forum
National Outdoor Recreation Forum (NORF)
National Trust Northern Ireland
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (Countryside Officers)

NI Agricultural Producers Association (NIAPA)
NI Association for Mental Health (Niamh)
NI Environment Link
NI Greenways
NI Heritage Fund
NI Mountain Bike Alliance
NI Protected Area Network
NI Rural Women's Network
Northern Ireland Archery Society
Northern Ireland Federation of Sub Aqua Clubs
Northern Ireland Orienteering Association
Northern Ireland Sports Forum
Northern Ireland Surfing Association
Outdoor Industry Association (NI)
Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI)
Ring of Gullion Outdoor Recreation Forum
Royal Yachting Association (NIC)
Rural Action
Rural Community Network
Speleological Union of Ireland
Sperrins Outdoor Recreation Forum
Sport Northern Ireland
Strangford Lough and Lecale Outdoor Recreation Forum
Sustrans
Triathlon Ulster
Ulster Branch, Irish Amateur Rowing Union
Ulster Farmers Union (UFU)
Ulster Federation of Rambling Clubs
Ulster Gliding Club
Ulster Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club
Young Farmers' Clubs of Ulster

Report on	Cooperative Partnership Marketing Fund and Digital Technology Refresh for Visitor Information Centres
Date of Meeting	11 March 2021
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary McKeown

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek approval from the members to apply to Tourism NI for Cooperative Marketing funding and avail of the Digital Technology Refresh Scheme.
2.0	Background
2.1	Tourism NI has confirmed the cooperative partnership marketing fund for Councils and Destination Marketing Organisations is now open for applications. The maximum amount for each council is £25,000.
2.2	TNI are investing in a digital technology refresh across NI – TNI confirmed that they can offer Mid Ulster District Council up to £10,000 worth of new digital technologies to upgrade the Mid Ulster region's visitor information provision.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Tourism NI Co-operative partnership marketing fund for Councils and Destination Marketing Organisations is now open for applications. The fund is designed to support marketing activity that will assist Northern Ireland's Tourism Industry through recovery. The maximum amount of funding available for Council or Destination Marketing Organisation is £25k. All NI local Councils and Destination Marketing Organisations can apply. All applications will be administered by a Service Level Agreement between the successful Council and TNI.
3.2	Tourism Northern Ireland are providing 75% match Marketing and Communications funding to Councils. The upper limit of funding that can be applied for is £25,000 and the lower limit £7,500. To qualify for the funding councils must fund the first 25%.
3.3	The Mid Ulster Council Tourism Department have applied to this fund for marketing collateral which will include video and photography content for three of our new experiences, these include the Stars and Stone experience around OM Dark Sky Park and Observatory, the Three Sister tour which includes Lissan House, Springhill and Killymoon Castle and finally the Fed and Watered tour that takes in

	the village of Moy including, Wee Buns, Symphonia Gin, Tomney's and Spice Cottage.
3.4	A letter of offer was received from Tourism NI for £21,750 to be matched with £7,250 by Council showing a total committed spend of £29,000.
3.5	In addition to the co-operative marketing funding scheme, Tourism NI has launched a Digital Technology refresh scheme for Visitor Information Centres in NI and high footfall attractions. This scheme will create a better visitor experience and enable Tourism NI to capture visitor movements and behaviours.
3.6	The available equipment includes touchscreens, iPads and VR stations. All Costs include site visit and installation by Tourism NI supplier, Stuart Bates at Corporate AV (CC).
3.7	<p>The suggested location include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnavon, Cookstown • Hill of the O'Neill and Ranfurly House, Dungannon • Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Bellaghy • OM Dark Sky Park and Observatory • Bridewell, Magherafelt <p>Total amount available per council is £10,000.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% match funding required for TNI Cooperative Partnership Marketing (£7,250, total project cost £29,000 can be met within the 2020/21 budget) • No cost to council 100% funded for the Digital Technology Refresh. <p>Human: Current staff structure sufficient to manage the project.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>The project will be managed in accordance with MUDC policies and procedures.</p>

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Recommend that the Council agree to avail of the funding opportunity for both Cooperative Partnership Marketing Fund and Digital Technology Refresh for Visitor Information Centres from Tourism Northern Ireland.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	Corporate Events
Date of Meeting	11 March 2021
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Sharon Arbuthnot

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide an update to Council on the Corporate Events Calendar 2021.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Covid-19 pandemic has prompted Council to re-assess the delivery of the corporate events programme for 2021.
2.2	Covid-19 crept into Northern Ireland in March 2020. Since then life has dramatically changed; social distancing, face masks and hand sanitiser has become the new 'norm' with no major events taking place from mid-March 2020 onwards.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Planning for large corporate events is extremely challenging in this ever-changing environment. Event planning is on-going with consultation between vital stakeholders; development of unique event concepts; procurement and the gathering of valid Health and Safety documentation, all of which is a lengthy process. Alongside these a marketing plan which must be developed, designed and implemented.
3.2	It is predicted that relaxations from the current lockdown will be gradual and at a slower pace than previously, to continue to relieve the pressures on our NHS alongside reducing the 'R' rate.
3.3	Over the last twelve months the corporate events teams have had regular discussions with other councils' events teams. The outcome from these meetings is a collective approach in the delivery of safe corporate events throughout Northern Ireland.
3.4	Safety is paramount in addition to rebuilding the confidence and health and wellbeing of our local residents within the district at the same time as protecting the reputational and financial interests of the Council.

3.5	The succession and speed of vaccination programme continues to bring hope that life will return in normal in the year ahead.
3.6	In the meantime, we must continue to follow the legislation. In the absence of a recovery plan it is difficult to predict what relaxations will be place regarding mass gatherings in the months ahead.
3.7	With this in mind, we recommend no planning of any events that would encourage people to come together in single location until such times as the restrictions will facilitate.
3.8	Once the recovery plan has been published the events teams will investigate possible options for the Halloween and Christmas Events based on the revised guidance.
4.0	Other Considerations
	N/A
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial:
	Human: n/a
	Risk Management: Adhering to the Executive guidance and advice from our Health and Safety team is paramount.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	The Council do not organise any formal or planned events that would attract mass gatherings until the restrictions will facilitate such events.
5.2	The events team will submit a further report in the months ahead to agree plans to celebrate Halloween and Christmas.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	Council support for Mid Ulster (Heaney) Cluster
Date of Meeting	11 March 2021
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Mary McGee

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
	To seek support from Mid Ulster Council for the Mid Ulster (Heaney) cluster of businesses in their application for Phase 2 Collaborative Growth Programme funding.
2.0	Background
2.1	This cluster of 15 tourism and hospitality businesses based in and around Bellaghy have developed as part of the delivery of our Mid Ulster Council Tourism Strategy. One of the key strands of our Tourism Strategy is the development of our Tourism Development Group and associated clusters – Seamus Heaney being one of them. This cluster group supported by Council Officers is very strong and one of the leading clusters both locally and across Northern Ireland.
2.2	The group have successfully completed their Phase 1 Collaborative Growth scoping study. Invest NI supported this Phase 1 study. The group are now preparing to submit an application for Phase 2 of this process and seeking funding of £170,000 from Invest NI to deliver on the actions outlined in their scoping study. They are working closely with their Invest NI Programme Executive to deliver this programme and the support that goes with it.
2.3	In May 2018 the cluster commenced working on the delivery of their Phase 1 Scoping Study, throughout this work they have achieved many positive outcomes and impacts including:
2.4	New Business Development – the group reported growth in terms of tourism engagement and working with tour operators, buyers, and partners. A sample of the progress reported from members during Phase 1 is as detailed below: There is a significant level of new business underway within a number of the cluster members businesses. A number of Tour Operators are programming the region and member businesses already including CIE Tours, Brack Tours, Royal Irish tours (Canada), Custom Ireland, Contiki, EF (Education First Tours USA).

2.5	<p>Other outputs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 86 cluster meetings have been held with excellent attendance. • 2 businesses are in the process of applying for Invest NI Innovation Vouchers to further develop their business. • Over 60 follow up appointments have been created with Tour Operators. • From World Travel Market 2019 over £300k worth of new business has been negotiated across cluster businesses. • One Cluster member reported that 48 tour groups x 18 people were booked for 2019/20. This group series has welcomed visitors from US, Canada, Australia and NZ into Mid Ulster and this contract is currently on hold due to pandemic. This contract will recommence with reopening. • A number of collaborations are underway within the cluster and engagement has commenced with the Taste Causeway cluster, the National Trust at The Giants Causeway plus members have established a positive working relationship with Dalriada Kingdom Tours and others. • They have worked to deliver key events including hosting the Tourism Ireland GB Team Expo in Seamus Heaney HomePlace, as part of Tourism Ireland designating Seamus Heaney HomePlace a key theme in 2018. • The group have made significant national and international contacts and have hosted renowned chef Darina Allen on a two-day showcase in the region supported through the Enterprise European Network, plus Study Visits to Hay on Wye and Cork City and County and hosted reciprocal visits. • They have accepted in two new members who bring added depth to the group including Glenshane Country Farm, an Embrace a Giant Spirit brand demonstrator and new business River Bann Boat Tours. Two of their members are Embrace a Giant Spirit brand demonstrators namely Glenshane Country Farm and Seamus Heaney HomePlace with potentially two further in the pipeline for 2021. This is indicative of the quality of experiences offered through the cluster, this quality aspect will continue to be front and centre in the work being delivered throughout Phase 2. • Members have demonstrated strong commitment to the cluster through investing time and finances in participation in events and exhibitions including World Travel Market in London, study visits in Wales and Cork and Seamus Heaney celebration event in Dublin. • Active participation of this cluster group in the Mid Ulster Whats app group and webinars. <p>This work must all be considered going forward in the context of the Covid pandemic and the worldwide slump in international travel. The picture going forward may be markedly different, however this group are keen to take on this challenge and continue to push on, grow and develop their businesses both individually and as a collective.</p>
3.0	<p>Main Report</p>
	<p>This Phase 2 application will cover 5 proposed workstreams outlined below and will run over two and a half years. It is envisaged the programme will commence on 1st April 2021 and complete on 1st October 2024.</p> <p>The five workstreams will cover the following:</p>

3.1	<p>1. Recruitment of Facilitator, Governance & Initial Project Planning</p> <p>Following the recruitment of a facilitator, the cluster would like to commence activities by revisiting the Governance and membership of the group to ensure that a robust structure is in place to bolster its future sustainability.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the facilitator will work with the members to resolve issues around criteria for membership / recruitment of future members and quality standards.</p> <p>The members would like to explore the potential of developing an associate membership status, as this would give them flexibility to work with businesses that in the first instance may not necessarily meet membership criteria but could contribute to future growth and development.</p> <p>The facilitator will also undertake a training needs analysis amongst members to identify the most appropriate training and map the specification for the training programme.</p> <p>The facilitator would then work to lever additional support from identified stakeholders to deliver the training.</p> <p>The group has identified Responsible Tourism as a key element, which must be integrated across each work stream and will be incorporated across activities. Tourism NI as a key strategic issue is highlighting this for the future of tourism in NI.</p>
3.2	<p>2. Branding & Marketing</p> <p>The facilitator will deliver the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a specification for a brand identity exercise. They want to create a brand or identity that enables members to proactively promote, sell and reflect their product offering. This will dovetail with the Tourism NI Embrace a Giant Spirit brand and the Council's destination branding (currently in development). • The new identity will be developed as a commercial brand for the members, rather than a destination brand. It will be fully representative of the cluster's product offering, the heritage and the richness of culture within the area. • The facilitator will work with the group to develop marketing collateral including a website, a portfolio / directory of products and a bank of digital materials (imagery, hashtags, video content etc.) that can be accessed and used by cluster members. • The facilitator will develop a communications plan that will include an ongoing PR campaign. • Establish a digital presence for the cluster to include a LinkedIn page for B2B purposes, Facebook and Instagram presence for B2C content marketing. The facilitator will be responsible for the development and implementation of the content plan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify where members product offering has pivoted or evolved as part of their COVID recovery plan. • Innovation and planning exercise with the group to identify potential new areas of collaboration and review these against market trends, leveraging in support from stakeholders where possible. • Development of an internal digital directory and marketing portfolio that each member can access. • The facilitator will conduct a quality assurance review in relation to marketing and digital activities and assist the individual members, where necessary, to enhance their activities through signposting to relevant stakeholder support. <p>It is envisaged that Council support if approved will support this marketing workstream and the development of collateral in particular</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>3. Commercialisation & Business Development</p> <p>This will be a key area for the cluster as they move to a stage of commercialisation. The group has a number of key events that they plan to attend including key Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland platforms such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Britain & Ireland Marketplace London January 2021, January 2022,, January 2023 • Meet the Buyer Belfast April 2021, January 2022, January 2023 • Milwaukee Irish Fest Milwaukee August 2022 • World Travel Market London November 2021, November 2022 • Flavours of Ireland London November 2021, 2022 • Irish Tour Operators Association, Belfast November 2021, 2022 • European Tour Operators Association Workshop, London, November 2021, November 2022 <p>As part of the commercialisation process and building on the development of the website, the facilitator will work with the cluster to explore potential options for itinerary development, centralised bookings and payment options plus other commercial opportunities that present themselves.</p>
<p>3.4</p>	<p>4. Internationalisation</p> <p>An important element of Phase 2 will be to build on the links that were established as part of the Phase 1 project.</p> <p>During the course of the Phase 2 the group would like to explore the links with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Clusters in Ireland, e.g., the Cork food cluster and its connections with Ballymaloe; and • Other culture festivals in GB and ROI, e.g., Hay Festival, Galway Arts Festival. • This will manifest in the delivery of a cultural festival. As part of the best practice learning from the Phase 1 project, the group are keen to progress the potential to develop a festival that would have a similar audience to the Hay

3.5	<p>Festival. The group would anticipate developing the programme for the festival in 2021 with the aim to launch the festival in Spring 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facilitator will explore funding opportunities and seek to lever additional funding from, eg, the Tourism NI Events Fund and Mid Ulster Council's Events funding. • This element will include exploring commercial links with other clusters with a view to creating food and cultural experiences on an all island basis. <p>5. Upskilling</p> <p>Upskilling is an area that the group places significant importance on, highlighted through the successful participation on the TNI Kate Taylor Skills Development Programme in 2019. The cluster is keen to engage with a number of stakeholders to develop a quarterly training programme for the duration of the programme. The members anticipate that this will include key areas of digitalisation and sustainability.</p> <p>In addition, the cluster has been in contact with tour operators they regularly work with to ascertain if they would deliver an annual Market Update session.</p> <p>Following the update the members would undertake a series of product development sessions to create innovative new packages that can be developed and brought to market. The group will also follow up with other public and private sector stakeholders to explore opportunities to develop this further.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the skills development programme will include 4 workshops per annum, 10 over the duration of the project.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial: This cluster of businesses are seeking support of £12,500 from Mid Ulster Council to help support this application to Invest NI and to deliver elements of this programme. This would translate as :</p> <p>2021 - £5,000 2022 - £5,000 2023 - £2,500</p> <p>If this application Invest NI will provide £170,000 of support to help deliver this programme over the next two and a half years. The bulk of this support will cover facilitation costs.</p>
	<p>Human:</p> <p>Council officers will continue to support the management and development of this cluster.</p>
	<p>Risk Management: The current Covid pandemic is a clear risk to the programme however the tourism industry both locally and nationally at the behest of TNI and TI continue to keep the shop window open and to network with key stakeholders. Businesses are continuing to develop their business plans and promotions in the background and will be ready to relaunch when current restrictions are lifted.</p>

	<p>The members of this cluster have attended Britain & Ireland MarketPlace, Virtual Meet the Industry, Irish Tour Operators Workshop in the last three weeks and are planning to attend Meet the Buyer this spring.</p> <p>They have shown amazing resilience during this pandemic and have taken time out to reinvent and pivot their businesses rather than giving up.</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications: The group has identified Responsible and Sustainable Tourism as a key element, which must be integrated across each work stream and will be incorporated across activities. Tourism NI as a key strategic issue is highlighting this for the future of tourism in NI.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Council to support this cluster in their request for financial support of £12,500 over the next three years.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	N/A

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	11 th March 2021
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Head of Community Development
Contact Officers	Philip Clarke - Community Services Manager, Oliver Morgan – Good Relations Manager, Michael McCrory - PCSP Manager, Martina Totten Community Planning Coordinator

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Community Grants; to agree the rolling grants for Good Relations.
1.2	Derrynoid Forest and future strategic use – to agree Council support.
1.3	Paupers' Grave (South Tyrone Hospital site) Dungannon Memorial – to update members and agree way forward.
1.4	Good Relations Plan – for Members' consideration and approval.
1.5	Community Development – to note the community development update.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – the Good Relations Grant remains a rolling programme for delivery.
2.2	Derrynoid Forest – Council has been approached by the Workspace Group Draperstown to provide some lobbying and networking support to identify potential usages for the Derrynoid Forest Rural Centre.
2.3	Paupers' Grave (South Tyrone Hospital site) Dungannon Memorial – Members have previously sought Council officials to engage with the Trust to seek to partner in the development of the memorial of the site.
2.4	Good Relations Plan – As part of Council delivery of the Good Relations annual plan, in partnership with the NI Executive Office under the Together Building a United Community, an update action plan is required within the parameters of the 3 year plan submitted in 2019.
2.5	Community Development includes the following areas: Community Support, Good Relations, PCSP, Connecting Pomeroy and facilitation of Community Planning.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	Community Grants – A recommendation for 2 grants is proposed for approval at a total value of £2040. Please refer to Appendix 1.
3.2.	Derrynoid Forest – The Derrynoid Forest Rural Centre houses a large conference and training room supported by residential chalet accommodation. It does still remain in a good state of repair, although it has not been used for over 8 years. Workspace Drapertstown, who have the lease for the site and developed the facility, has been exploring a number of uses with a range of stakeholders. A number of obstacles do exist for the site; the partnership with DAERA and Forest Service regarding the use of the site and flexibility for private sector use, and the need for support for the promotion of the site as a regional facility for public service delivery. Council has been asked to support Workspace in their negotiations with Forest Service regarding flexibility for sub-let provision, and to promote the site as a strategic location for potential public sector delivery e.g. decentralised offices/hub for government delivery. It is proposed that Council would seek to support Workspace as above.
3.3	<p>Paupers' Grave (South Tyrone Hospital site) Dungannon Memorial – An update has been sought from the Southern Health and Social Care Trust with regard to plans for the memorial site for the Paupers' Grave Dungannon (located at South Tyrone Hospital). Council has shared images with the Trust of the Cookstown site which was developed sensitively by the legacy Cookstown District Council; these have also been welcomed by the local History Group that has been campaigning for the memorial site to be recognised.</p> <p>Council has asked the Trust to partner in the development of the site alongside the local history group. We are waiting confirmation of this request; to date the Trust has stated they have a draft design for the garden element of the site but not for the memorial. Council has asked to see the design as a stakeholder. Council would ask permission for use of funding from the Good Relations underspend up to a value of £10,000 from the Decade of Anniversaries fund to support the recognition of the memorial site and development of an exhibition with the History Group to be displayed later 2021.</p>
3.4	<p>Good Relations Plan – Mid Ulster District Council submitted a 3 year plan to the NI Executive Office in 2019 for delivery under Together Building a United Community. As part of this process an annual update is undertaken of the plan to take account of programme delivery learning whilst still adhering to the 3 year plan objectives. Given the Covid 19 restrictions on delivery a substantial amount of the action plan in 2020 was transferred online. This was successful in keeping groups engaged and in sustaining the programmes. A number of the cultural events were cancelled and did not take place and the uptake of grants was lower than in previous years. The underspend that could not be delivered in an alternative format under the agreed objectives and outcomes of the 2020 – 2021 Action Plan is £20,000 (£15,000 NI Executive funding and £5,000 Council).</p> <p>It is proposed to retain the 2021- 2022 Action Plan similar to the 3 year plan with minor amendments. Please see attached the Good Relations Action Plan 2021 – 2022 in Appendix 2.</p>

3.5	<p>Community Development Update</p> <p>Community Support The Community Support team continues to work with groups regarding the delivery of grants to respond to their communities. The DEA meetings are still being progressed with members and community groups.</p> <p>Grants Update It is proposed to open the grants at the start of April and close at the end of April – early May to allow groups to plan for community activity next year with some direction on social distancing.</p> <p>It is proposed that flexibility would remain for the strategic grants, including venues, in relation to sustaining groups and activity.</p> <p>The small grants will be assessed based on activity programmes to be delivered.</p> <p>The events and festivals will remain to be guided by NI Executive Office guidelines on allowing large groups of people to come together.</p> <p>Emergency Support Funding The Fuel stamps are currently being allocated in partnership with the schools. All post primary schools received their stamps on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February. The primary schools are receiving their allocation week commencing 29th February, with follow up with a small number still to engage or to confirm numbers.</p> <p>The original budget was exceeded by £10,000 due to increasing numbers of free school meals being registered during the Covid19 period which are not yet registered on the annual DE FSM. The budget was found within the existing Emergency Support funding.</p> <p>Good Relations Good Relations is currently finalising the current plan and as per above is developing the new Plan for 2021 – 2022, in line with the 3 year plan submission previously to the Northern Ireland Executive Office.</p> <p>Peace IV Local Action Plan – The request for the extension to the programme and the Towns Shared Space project (awnings and equipment to support outdoor events) is with SEUPB for decision.</p> <p>The PCSP team is currently finalising their plan and has commenced development of their new plan under DOJ and NIPB. A copy of this will come to Committee for information.</p> <p>Please see attached PCSP minutes for information in Appendix 3.</p> <p>All of the partnership meetings are continuing via Zoom to accommodate members and external partners.</p>
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4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Community Grants – Budget £2040.00</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To agree the Good Relations Grants
5.2	To agree to support Workspace in seeking potential usage for the Derrynoid Rural Centre.
5.3	To agree to support the provision of a memorial site at the Paupers Grave site Dungannon and to continue to seek to partner the Trust on this.
5.4	To agree the annual Good Relations Action Plan 2021 - 2022.
5.5	To note the Community Development update.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	<p>Appendix 1 Community Grants</p> <p>Appendix 2 Good Relations Plan</p> <p>Appendix 3 PCSP Minutes</p>

Appendix 1

Good Relations March 2021 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Rock – St Patrick's	Community	Community Hub – community engagement	3	£1,200.00	£840.00
2	Desertcreatives	Community	Cross Community expression of music/ choir	1	£1,200.00	£1,200.00
Total					£2,040.00	

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%



DISTRICT COUNCIL GOOD RELATIONS PROGRAMME

2021/22 ACTION PLAN

District Council: Mid Ulster District Council

Chief Executive Officer: Mr Adrian McCreesh



Please read the guidance notes provided before completing the action plan.

Appendix 1

1.1 Programme information

Number of programmes	12
Name/role/contact details of all staff responsible for programme management	Oliver Morgan GRM Oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605
Officer 1	Sean McElhatton GRO (4 days) Sean.mcelhatton@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 22507
Officer 2	Sean Henry GRO (3 days) Sean.henry@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 23703
Officer 3	Paula Kelly GRO Paula.kelly@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605
Officer 4	Good Relations Assistant (2.5 days) TBC Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24608

1.2 Financial information

Name/contact details for staff responsible for financial management of programme	(Principal Contact) Oliver Morgan GRM management Oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605
(Alternative Contact)	Albert Hogg Finance Manager Albert.hogg@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 23306

	100%	75%
Total cost	£413,864	£310,398
Total programme costs	£227,864	£170,898
Total staff costs	£186,000	£139,500
Staff cost breakdown		
Officer 1 (4 days)	£32,750.00	£24,562.50
Officer 2 (3 days)	£24,562.80	£18,422.10
Officer 3 (5 days)	£40,938.00	£30,703.50
GR Manager (5 days)	£48,330.00	£36,247.50
Assistant Admin assist (tbc 2-3 days scale 5)	£34,719.20	£26,039.40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage £3000 • Learning and development – provided by Council corporate • Printing, Stationary, photocopying, postage £700 • Advertising £1000 (public advertisement grants) Total 75% £3525		

Section 2

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE			
Children & Young People Diversity Programme	MUC01			
2.02 KEY WORDS	DIVERSE CULTURE TRADITION YOUTH			
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Paula Kelly E: paula.kelly@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24604			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£12,000			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	150	Indirect	150
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£80			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT71 6LJ/6LS/4AA/4NW
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT80 8PQ/8QB
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT45 6AX/5DB/6HQ
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Children & Young People			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the number of participants who have a greater understanding of diversity. An increase in the number of wider school community who have a greater understanding of diversity.			
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)				

<p>2.15 Link to good relations audit</p> <p>*Page reference on GR Audit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for young people from different traditions to interact outside of school. Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage. • Good practice exists to date on the positive role of schools based activity in facilitating diverse discussions in schools on cultural diversity partnership between schools and relationship building between young people. • The need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures was the most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 84% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. • 78% of respondents reported a need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds. Schools based work was acknowledged in the survey findings as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates such engagement. • Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other young people from a different community was identified as a high priority. • School resources are not available to fund GR activity within school budgets.
<p>2.16 Complementarity</p>	<p>Delivering Social Change (DSC) Shared Education Signature Projects.</p>
<p>2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22</p>	<p>The following outcomes have been delivered upon within this programme in the year 2020/21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The percentage of children who believe they have a greater understanding of diversity • The percentage of young people who have or would not have experienced other traditional cultures • The percentage of wider school community who have a greater understanding of diversity. <p>GR officers have been working with schools across the District for a number of years and in 2020/21 it is planned to deliver programmes specific for each of the school sectors post primary and primary.</p>
<p>Project 1</p>	<p>The aim will be to engage small primary schools to provide an insight into cultural diversity of the region. Target focus will be the year 10/11 looking at the transfer from individual primary schools to large post primary and the magnitude of diversity on range at large campuses.</p> <p>Facilitators will deliver workshops based on different cultures and complete with a showcase event engaging the smaller primary school participants to jointly engage in these celebration of culture events at larger diverse post primary venues.</p>

	<p>Up to 3 large scale programmes will be delivered with schools across our main towns, focusing on primary and post primary schools that have diverse migrant and ethnic cultures of students and then linking primary schools where possible. Schools will be mainly in the urban towns Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt. Other schools with growing number of migrant children will also be linked to the programme. A total of 6-8 schools to promote and support diversity, including:</p> <p>A number of sessions across the schools with a targeted number of children and young people including migrant children. A number of workshops delivered across the programmes (different number of workshops per programme depending upon need re numbers engaging).</p> <p>Activities delivered will include diversity around us, diversity of culture and expression, our changing environment. – engaging cultural artists e.g - ArtsEkta, IGAGU, Gathering Drum, Beyond Skin.</p>
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2.01 PROGRAMME NAME			2.02 CODE	
Children and Young People - Youth Diversity and Engagement Programme			MUC02	
2.02 KEY WORDS	DIVERSE YOUTH			
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Sean Henry E: sean.henry@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 23703			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£8,000			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	250	Indirect	416
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£32			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT70/79/80

2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location Magherafelt	Postcode BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?		
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Children & Young People	
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Young people engaged in bringing the community together.	
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the percentage of young people who regularly socialise or play sport with people from a different religious community	
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)		
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for children and young people from different traditions to interact. • Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage. • The need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures was the most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 84% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. • The need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was the second most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 78% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. Arts, sports based activities, intervention work with disengaged young people and the engagement of young people in community based activities was identified in the survey as examples of good practice that facilitate positive cross community youth engagement. • Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority. 	
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MUDC Peace IV programme Engaging youth, Shared Space Youth Sports Engagement Programme, Engaging through the Arts programme, Rural Communities programme. • DSC Shared Education Signature Projects. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV Collaboration through Sharing in Education Project (CASE). • Mid Ulster District Council Arts & Culture and sports programmes.
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>Original programmes in 2019/20 delivered outcomes as noted below through programmes of activity that were developed as new initiatives:</p> <p>An increase in a number of people in our areas engaged in shared activity through arts, drama or sport.</p> <p>GR officers will work in communities to engage young people and bring them together through arts, drama, music, sports and civic leadership focused activities.</p>
Project 1	<p>Project –Engage the bespoke sports cross community engagement programme</p> <p>Budget £8,000 (Peace Players Executive Office tailored cross community programme). A project that will deliver across the region target 16 young people aged 16 – 24 yrs to participate in a training leadership course based on utilising sport to target segregation and sectarianism in detached and unattached youth across Mid Ulster.</p> <p>The programme will involve upskilling 16 young people to return to their areas and through voluntary sport sessions to reduce feelings of isolation and segregation. The programme will include a teacher training and capacity building component. The sessions will be designed to closely align with the academic curriculum for Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (PDMU) and aim to support the schools in exploration of these themes.</p> <p>The young people will then delivery to 4 partnerships (5 week programme on integrated good relations through sport games, conversations and team building activities) between 8 classes (primary 6 & 7) in 8 primary schools (3/4 controlled and 3/4 maintained), 2 in each of the 3 main regional towns in the Mid-Ulster Council area: Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt plus 2 more. Based on an average class size of 25, this will mean the project will work with at least 200 Catholic and Protestant children. In addition the project will seek to build the capacity of 8 teachers, two from each of the partner schools/classes. Based on the assumption that each direct project beneficiary will have a positive influence on 2 other people, the project will have a positive impact on an additional 416 indirect beneficiaries</p>

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME			2.02 CODE	
Children and Young People - MU Post Primary Schools Cross Community Programme			MUC03	
2.02 KEY WORDS	DIVERSE SHARED YOUTH			
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Sean Henry E: sean.henry@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 23703			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£20,000			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	150	Indirect	300
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£133			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT71 4AA, BT70 2LY, BT71 6LJ, BT71 4NW, BT70 3HE, BT71 6EG, BT71 6DS, BT69 6DX, BT75 0SB, BT71 6LS
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT80 8PQ, BT80 8QB
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT45 6AF, BT45 7AF, BT45 6HQ, BT46 5BN, BT45 6NR, BT45 6AX
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Children and Young People			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from the Catholic community.			
	An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from the Protestant Community.			

2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from a different background.
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for children and young people from different traditions to interact outside of school. *Pg 6 • Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage. *Pg 6 • Teachers are uncomfortable / lack the skills to facilitate discussion on contentious issues. • Good practice exists to date on the positive role of schools based activity in facilitating partnership between schools and relationship building between children and young people. *Pg 7 • The need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was the second most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 78% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. Schools based work was acknowledged in the survey findings as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates such engagement. *Pg 3 • Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority. • There are a number of post primary schools (16) across the District that are mainly segregated (exception of 2 integrated schools and 2 special needs schools). • A pilot peace programme identified the need for such a programme in post primary schools.
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV Primary School Good Relations Programme • DSC Shared Education Signature Projects • Peace IV Collaboration through Sharing in Education Project (CASE)
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>Outcomes to improve upon:</p> <p>Increase in number of participants who feel more comfortable socialising or working with people from another community background</p>
Project	<p>Project - £20, 000 School/Youth Resilience Development - A project with a targeted approach to issues impacting young people in terms of resilience and overall wellbeing and mental health. The project will bring young people from across diverse schools together to explore some of the issues impacting on young people and approaches that can be used to address these; particularly as a legacy of the Troubles.</p> <p>All post primary across the District - 150 young people participating through school partnerships</p>

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME			2.02 CODE	
Children and Young People - MU Cross Community Youth Programme PARTNER PROJECT PROMOTER EA YOUTH			MUC04	
2.02 KEY WORDS	DIVERSE YOUTH SHARED			
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Sean McElhatton E: sean.mcelhatton@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 22507			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£30,000			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	250 children aged 7-11yrs 24 young people aged 16-24yrs	Indirect	400
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£109			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT70/79/80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Children and Young People			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Improved attitudes between children and young people from different backgrounds			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from the Catholic community. An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from the Protestant Community.			

2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	An increase in the number of participants who are more favourable towards people from an ethnic minority background.
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for children and young people from different traditions to interact outside of school. • Misconceptions, stereotyping and misunderstanding of others from different backgrounds forms at an early stage. • Teachers are uncomfortable / lack the skills to facilitate discussion on contentious issues • Good practice exists to date on the positive role of schools based activity in facilitating partnership between schools and relationship building between children and young people. • Parental influence can be a barrier to sustaining the learning from schools based programmes and there is a need to involve and engage with parents and the wider community to reinforce the good work delivered through schools. • The need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was the second most frequently identified in the online GR survey, with 78% of respondents reporting that this was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. Schools based work was acknowledged in the survey findings as an excellent example of good practice that facilitates such engagement. • Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority. • There are 103 primary schools across the District and a need for sustained activity to target new schools. • School resources are not available to fund GR activity within school budgets. • A primary schools survey in 2016 showed 98% of schools were keen to engage in GR / Peace IV.
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV Primary School Good Relations Programme • DSC Shared Education Signature Projects • Peace IV Collaboration through Sharing in Education Project (CASE)
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	
Project 1	Project - £18,000 - The Program aims to support primary schools to come together on cross community basis to explore key topics of diversity and good relations. Also to allow teachers to meet exchange ideas and

knowledge. This Programme will also look at developing a network between schools to deliver joint collaboration between teachers allowing sustainable future joint development. Programme will explore identities of the two main communities but also explore commonalities that can develop real and continuing relationships for the wider school perspective.

Process

There are 105 primary schools in the Mid Ulster District, 80 plus of these schools have been involved in various EA and Council run projects, the programme will endeavour to attract schools *that have not* been involved in previous programs.

The process will take the form of an Expression of Interest (EOI), where we will gauge the interest of the schools and feed into our overall delivery, selection will have an agreed criteria.

The major outcome achieved to date within this programme which has been successful for a number of years is as follows:

Programme

Phase 1	Recruit the schools through an EOI process linking with GRO's to target list of urban and rural PS that have not been involved in programs before. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 primary schools will participate, working in pairs (partnerships of 1 controlled / 1 maintained) 20 – 30 pupils on average per school (P6 & P7 together)
Phase 2	Partner/cluster PS and commence workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial planning workshop will be facilitated with schools
Phase 3	Continue delivery of workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will come together for up to 4 joint workshops (delivery in a shared space) looking at – understanding identity, understanding each other, prejudice, stereotyping, flags, emblems & symbols, relationship building Board of Governors and parent engagement initiatives will be facilitated, Teacher engagement and capacity building 40 teachers and resource
Phase 4	Post Evaluation *Celebratory events involving the wider school community
List of Schools	The schools will be identified with the council's Good Relations Officers.

	<p>The aim of this project will be to see the following percentage responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % Increase in school partnering diversity in schools – through joint activity programs • % Increase awareness of integration of young people.
Project 2	<p>Project - £12, 000 - The Youth voice Forum works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives by representing and advocating their needs and interests and those of their organisations. In the current uncertain political and social context that affects young people, they can be powerful catalysts for positive change and contributors of innovative solutions.</p> <p>To overcome the challenges faced by young people, the project will create-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greater youth participation 2. Stronger youth organisations 3. Increased youth autonomy and inclusion. <p>This specific project will create a Mid Ulster based regional youth forum. The forum will consist of a minimum 24 young persons aged 16 years to 21 years. The project will reflect the Mid Ulster region with youth representatives from across the Mid Ulster region. The project level outcome being an ‘improvement in attitudes between children & young people from different backgrounds.’</p>

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE		
Shared Community - Good Relations Small Grant Programme	MUC05		
2.02 KEY WORDS	DIVERSE SHARED		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Louise Hall and Officers		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£44,864 (up to £1200 per group with 30 approx. per group participating x 40-50 groups)		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	1,500	Indirect 3,000

2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£30			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT70/79/80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT41/44/45/46/51
	Location		Postcode	
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Increased use of shared space & services			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in percentage of people who consider the area they live as welcoming to all communities.			
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)				
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for people from different traditions to interact. The online survey generated the following findings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 78% of respondents reported that the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area 47% of respondents reported that shared space was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area Communities continue to operate single identity activities rather than reach out to wider and neighbouring communities and there is a need to develop a greater number of shared spaces within areas / local communities where people can come together. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to further develop and sustain existing shared spaces through the resourcing of activities / events that will encourage increased and sustained use of existing shared spaces. • Resourcing for shared community based activities and events is important for engaging grass roots organisations in the development and delivery of good relations projects. • There is a need to overcome perceptions of shared space and ensure that spaces are welcoming, accessible and visited by all sections of the community. • Demand for small grants is high and in 2017/18 76 small grants applications were received. • Community organisations value the opportunity to apply for small level funding to run events / activities that enable shared activities between all members of the community.
2.16 Complementarity	Peace IV programmes – e.g. shared Space Youth Sports Engagement programme, Shared Space Arts and Events Programme, Shared Space Small Capital Grants Programme and Shared Space Capital Programme in 12 areas.
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>The grant programme has been running consistently for a number of years and was redeveloped in 18/19 to increase the use of programmes that could further enhance more shared space within Mid Ulster District Council area through activities and outcomes as noted below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % increase in community attitudes and perception of using and accessing shared activities in spaces. • % increase in communities seeking funding and participation in good relations. <p>A small grants programme will be managed by Mid Ulster District Council Programme will encourage community groups to come together to deliver good relations activities and shared space development.</p> <p>Approx. 40 - 50 small grants will be awarded to community organisations for shared space activity delivered between April 2020 and March 2021 A maximum grant up to £1,200 will be available Contribution towards strategic events grants programme to support range of good relations criteria re. Outreach for diversity and engagement of communities across the District see cultural expression.</p> <p>GR officers to continually engage with strategic partner projects and in partnership with the strategic community events grant with groups seeking to deliver events in partnership with good relations to develop diversity in cross community outreach and or migrant and new communities.</p>

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME			2.02 CODE	
Shared Community - Shared History and Decade of Anniversaries Programme			MUC06	
2.02 KEY WORDS	SHARED CULTURE DIVERSE			
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Paula Kelly E: paula.kelly@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24604			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£30,000			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	360	Indirect	1000
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£83			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Mid Ulster Wide	Postcode	
	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT70/79/80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Increased use of shared space and services			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in percentage of people who consider the area they live as welcoming to all communities.			

2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for people from different traditions to interact. • The online survey generated the following findings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 84% of respondents reported a need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures. ○ 78% of respondents reported that the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. ○ 47% of respondents reported that shared space was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. • The decade of Anniversaries activity to date has helped to educate and raise understanding of our shared history. This activity has also raised interest in the decade of anniversaries. • It is reported that increased awareness and understanding has contributed to a 'softening of attitudes' towards people and organisations from different community backgrounds.
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV programmes – e.g. Cross Border Shared Heritage Prog. Decade of Anniversaries Prog. • Mid Ulster District Council Arts & Culture programmes •
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>The Decade of Anniversaries grant programme and series of lectures has been delivered for a number of years. The grant programme increased understanding of our shared history within Mid Ulster District Council area through activities and outcomes as noted below:</p> <p>% increase in the number of participants engaging in ethical commemorations around Decade of Anniversaries</p> <p>% increase in communities seeking funding and participation in good relations.</p> <p>GR Officers will work with local communities interested in acknowledging the Decade of Anniversaries through the Community Relations Council / Heritage Lottery Fund principles of shared understanding of our history in shared locations.</p>

	<p>A budget of £2,000 grant support will be available for programmes of activity up to £20,000 to be matched 50% by the delivery group. The 50/50 funding model works well and builds capacity within community groups</p> <p>A Decade of Anniversaries lecture series will be delivered across the District – 4-5 lectures across the District linking historians £5,000</p> <p>15 community based activities delivered 4-5 lectures delivered across the District</p> <p>£5000 to An Education programme to be delivered in partnership, led by Arts and Culture on the decade of commemoration 2021.</p>
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2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE			
Shared Community - Shared Spaces	MUC07			
2.02 KEY WORDS	RURAL SHARED			
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Sean Henry E: sean.henry@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 23703			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£3,000			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	100	Indirect	200
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£30			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Mid Ulster Wide	Postcode	
	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT70/79/80

	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Increased use of shared space and services			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in percentage of people who consider the area they live in as welcoming to all communities.			
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)				
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for people from different traditions to interact • The online survey generated the following findings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 84% of respondents reported a need for greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures. ○ 78% of respondents reported that the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area. ○ 47% of respondents reported that shared space was a top priority for the Mid Ulster area • There is a recognition of the good practice work that has been developed in creating shared spaces across the district, in Mid Ulster. • There is a need to further develop and sustain existing shared spaces through the resourcing of activities / events that will encourage increased and sustained use of existing shared spaces. • There is significant strategic shared space work proposed in Pomeroy, through a Peace IV Regional Shared Space Project. 			
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV programmes – e.g. Shared Space Small Capital Grants Programme and Shared Space Capital Programme in 6 areas (Draperstown, Moneymore, Aughnacloy, Castledawson, Donaghmore, Moy) and Towns project shared space (awnings/covering for outside spaces for events) 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBUC Shared Education Campuses Programme - Moy Regional Controlled Primary School and St John's Primary School, Moy are one of 5 campuses which have been selected to proceed. • Peace IV Shared Space Project Pomeroy – strategic regional shared space project in Pomeroy engaging wide number of facilities and community.
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>Outcomes to improve upon:</p> <p>An increase in the number of participants who feel more comfortable using shared spaces and services traditionally associated with people from another community background.</p> <p>GR officers will work with projects that have developed over recent years as strategic shared spaces to continue to encourage shared civic spaces across Mid Ulster.</p> <p>Shared space project – a pilot project to increase access to all members of the community to participate in programmes that will open up venues and areas of MU historically known as single identity or areas of conflict between communities. Utilisation of promotional items raising the awareness of Together Building a United Community and therefore engaging hard to reach communities</p> <p>GR Officers will work with Council Arts and Culture venues to seek to ensure they are open and shared for all the community, cultural expression theme</p> <p>This complements the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increased number of shared spaces ○ Engagement in shared space programme of activity at key facilities.

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE
Shared Community - Clergy and Churches Leadership and Engagement	MUC08
2.02 KEY WORDS	SHARED DIVERSE
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	<p>Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605</p> <p>Sean McElhatton E: sean.mcelhatton@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 22507</p>

2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£5,000			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	200	Indirect	300
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£25			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Mid Ulster Wide	Postcode	
	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT70/79/80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Shared Community			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Increased use of shared space and services			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in percentage of people who consider the area they live as welcoming to all communities.			
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)				
2.15 Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Segregation in terms of education, housing and sport across the district results in limited opportunities for people from different traditions to interact. 			

<p>*Page reference on GR Audit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation highlighted the very positive impact that cross community engagement amongst Church leaders has in the District. The leadership shown by Church leaders was reported to be essential in promoting good practice in terms of showing respect for diversity. • Good relations funding has facilitated Church leaders to build working relationships which would not have happened without GR funding. The work of the Clergy has focused upon social issues and brought the clergy in closer contact with organisations addressing social needs cross the District. Clergy have also engaged in researching good practice in other areas with respect to the role of the Church in meeting social needs. • Church Forums in Cookstown and Dungannon have demonstrated good practice in terms of bringing lay people from different Churches together for an annual programme of activities. Representatives from the Church Forums report that opportunities for shared Church activities would not occur without GR funding. • Church Forum activity has helped to facilitate better understanding between different faiths. Joint working has helped to build relationships.
<p>2.16 Complementarity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV programmes – e.g. Shared Space Small Capital Grants Programme and Shared Space Capital Programme in 6 areas & Mid Ulster District Council Arts & Culture programmes
<p>2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22</p>	<p>The engagement of the Clergy and Churches fora to deliver faith based activities and events across Mid Ulster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater level of church leadership and lay participation across the district on difficult issues for people in our society. <p>The Groups include: Churches Forum Cookstown and Dungannon and Mid Ulster Clergy Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Ulster Clergy Together Forum – in the development of a programme of activities addressing diversity, respect for culture, social inclusion and anti-poverty. Activities will involve Forum focused activities, engagement activities with local schools and engagement in wider community GR activities / events. • Cookstown Churches Forum – in the development of an annual programme of talks, visits and events that address enhanced understanding and collective awareness of local issues, between lay people from different Church traditions. • Dungannon Churches Area Forum - in the development of an annual programme of talks, visits and events that address enhanced understanding and collective awareness of local issues, between lay people from different Church traditions.

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME			2.02 CODE	
Our Safe Community - Responding to Local Community Issues			MUC09	
2.02 KEY WORDS	YOUTH SAFE			
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Sean Henry E: sean.henry@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 23703			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	Zero – work with PCSP			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	50	Indirect	100
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£0			
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male			
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode	BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Dungannon	Postcode	BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode	BT70/79/80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Safe Community			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	A community where places and spaces are safe for all.			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the percentage of participants who see town centres as safe and welcoming places for people from all walks of life.			

2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The online survey generated the following findings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - silent sectarianism / racism was the third most reported issue, with 60% of respondents reporting that this was a priority issue for Mid Ulster - safe communities was the fourth most reported issue with 59% of respondents reporting that this was a priority issue for Mid Ulster - territorial markings were reported as an issue by 43% of respondents - hate related incidents was reported by 38% of respondents as an important issue for the area • Segregation within communities was reported as having a negative impact on the promotion of safe communities within Mid Ulster. • Other contributing factors that were reported in the survey and during consultation were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lack of shared spaces /a lack of trust and respect between communities /crime and anti-social behaviour in communities /flags, emblems and bonfires /drug and alcohol misuse - poverty and deprivation • The work of the PCSP is pivotal to the creation of safe communities. It is considered that GR and PCSP potentially compete for the delivery of safe communities' initiatives.
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV programmes • Shared Education • Neighbourhood Renewal • Police and Community Safety
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>Outcomes to improve upon:</p> <p>Increase in the number of people who feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood and the wider area</p> <p>GR officers will support PCSP regarding issues identified in local communities along with our partners (recorded instances, members, PCSP, PSNI, NIHE, Probation Board, and Youth justice Agency etc.) to provide a multi-agency approach to keep spaces and communities safe and accessible and open to all.</p>

	<p>The activities will be both proactive and reactive in nature. Where there are known yearly issues arising then a proactive approach will be taken with local people to seek to avoid issues reoccurring. .</p> <p>GR officers will work alongside Council's sports development staff to support young people particularly during summer months and link diversionary programmes into areas and communities with Council sports development e.g. MUSA Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt, Maghera, Coalisland.</p> <p>6 reactionary support activities working in a multi-agency approach.</p> <p>6 proactive initiatives working within a multi-agency approach.</p>
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2.01 PROGRAMME NAME	2.02 CODE		
Our Safe Community -Enabling Good Relations and Safe Communities	MUC10		
2.02 KEY WORDS	POVERTY SOCIAL INCLUSION		
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Sean McElhatton E: sean.mcelhatton@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 22507		
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£20,000		
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	600	Indirect 1000
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£33		
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme	Location	MUDC	Postcode BT71 6DT
	Location	Dungannon	Postcode BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode BT70/79/80

2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode	BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?				
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Safe Community			
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	A community where places and spaces are safe for all.			
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the percentage of participants who see town centres as safe and welcoming places for people from all walks of life.			
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)				
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The online survey generated the following findings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - silent sectarianism / racism was the third most reported issue, with 60% of respondents reporting that this was a priority issue for Mid Ulster - safe communities was the fourth most reported issue with 59% of respondents reporting that this was a priority issue for Mid Ulster - territorial markings were reported as an issue by 43% of respondents - hate related incidents was reported by 38% of respondents as an important issue for the area • Segregation within communities was reported as having a negative impact on the promotion of safe communities within Mid Ulster. • Other contributing factors that were reported in the survey and during consultation were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lack of shared spaces /a lack of trust and respect between communities /crime and anti-social behaviour in communities - poverty and deprivation • GR work in respect to shared spaces, children and young people and cultural expression all contribute to the promotion of safe communities. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty and areas of poverty have been impacted due to the Troubles. There are studies and evidence to highlight the greater need of areas of poverty to engage in good relations.
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV programmes • Neighbourhood Renewal • Police and Community Safety
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>Outcomes to improve upon: Increase in the number of people who feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood and the wider area Increase the number of people who can access anti-poverty charities across Mid Ulster through a partnership approach</p> <p>GR Officers will work collectively with local foodbanks and food charities in our main towns to work together to support communities suffering from poverty and impact of the Troubles. Work with up to 10 foodbanks and food charities across the District in our main towns.</p> <p>Reconnecting communities together after impact of Covid and Brexit and support these to engage together – up to 6 groups/ estates engaged</p>

2.01 PROGRAMME NAME			2.02 CODE	
Our Cultural Expression - Celebrating Cultural Diversity of Ulster Scots & Irish			MUC11	
2.02 KEY WORDS	CULTURE DIVERSE MUSIC			
2.03 Contact details for programme staff	Oliver Morgan E: oliver.morgan@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24605 Paula Kelly E: paula.kelly@midulstercouncil.org Tel: 03000 132 132 Ext: 24604			
2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£30,000			
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	3,000	Indirect	2,000
2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£10			

2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Dungannon	Postcode BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode BT70/79/80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?			
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Cultural Expression		
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Cultural diversity is celebrated		
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the percentage who think that the culture and traditions of the Catholic Community add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland.		
	An increase in the percentage who think that the culture and traditions of the Protestant Community add to the richness and diversity of Northern Ireland.		
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)			
2.15 Link to good relations audit *Page reference on GR Audit	<p>Respondents to the online survey referenced the following good practice in respect to promoting / celebrating diversity, cultural expression and inclusion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools programmes • Cultural celebration events across the District e.g. pipe band events, St. Patrick celebrations, 12th July celebration, Hub Summer carnival that seek to bring people together and share cultural expression • Council workshops - exploring diversity, cultural heritage • Multi-cultural events and celebrations that bring the community together • Council run events / festivals • Local community based activities • Culture nights • Arts based social activities – music, song, dance 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of Mid Ulster Clergy Forum <p>Online survey results within the local Good Relations Audit show that respondents rated the need for a greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures and the need for greater engagement between people of different backgrounds as the most important Good Relations priorities in Mid Ulster.</p> <p>Indicative activities respondents would like to see included in a new Good Relations Plan include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural events / activities that celebrate tradition and culture, and bring all people together • Cultural diversity workshops • Cultural integration support • Arts and sports activities • Schools based activity <p>Throughout the community planning and Peace IV consultation the importance of children and young people from different communities coming together to share and learn about other children and young people from a different community was identified as a high priority.</p>
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV programmes • Mid Ulster District Council Arts & Culture programmes
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>Outcomes to improve upon:</p> <p>Increase in the number of people who believe they have a greater appreciation and increased understanding or their own culture and our shared traditions.</p> <p>Increased belief that culture can play a vital part in continuing to support communities in collaborating together.</p> <p>Reaching out to the wider community through engagement in cultural activities / events including the following (match and partner culture & arts in all activities below)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £8,000 - budget and linking with cross border Heritage and cross border literary programme.. Linking Clans of O'Neill and SHHP respectively engaging 100 people. 2. £5,000 - Ulster Scots cultural promotion (Andy McGreggor piping music programme). 3. £3,000 - Irish (TUS, Seachtain Na Gaeilge) – engaging diversity in Irish language and links with diversity including Presbyterian Church and its origins -.

	<p>4. £5,000 - Pipe Band Championships (Cookstown) – engaging people from diverse communities and promoting piping tradition</p> <p>5. £6000 – Cultural Music in Schools programme. Partnering Canavan School of Music has been working with primary schools in the Cookstown area since 2007 and more recently has extended into the Magherafelt and a smaller number of schools in the Dungannon area, teaching children traditional music skills (guitar, tin whistle, banjo, mandolin and flute). Irish and folk in schools programme (including the International Day of Peace & youth Initiative)</p> <p>Multiple organisations linked to cultural events to work together. Delivery of the following projects;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. O'Neill projects x 2 linked to heritage weekends 2. Ulster Scots Cultural expression programme, using piping 3. Irish (TUS/Seachtain Na Gaeilge) outreach programme across Mid Ulster and activities to engage more diverse groups 4. Annual Pipe Band Championships event in Cookstown, in partnership with RPBANI - 2,000 people attending 5. Traditional Music in Schools, this programme will work with 30 schools teaching traditional music skills <p>Good Relations officers to engage with the Arts and Culture regarding delivery of the arts and culture strategy to seek to support cultural expression and diversity across the District.</p>
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2.01 PROGRAMME NAME			Postcode		
Our Cultural Expression - Supporting BME Communities			MUC12		
2.02 KEY WORDS	DIVERSE SOCIAL INCLUSION CULTURE				
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2.04 Total budgeted cost of programme (100%)	£25,000				
2.05 Total target no. of participants	Direct	500		Indirect	2000

2.06 Budgeted unit cost of programme	£50.00		
2.07 Targeted participant background analysis	As per population estimate 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, 10% BME/Other 50% Female 50% Male		
2.08 Name and post code of Programme HQ	Location	MUDC	Postcode BT71 6DT
2.09 Names and post codes for main areas of programme impact	Location	Dungannon	Postcode BT68/69/70/71/75/76/77/78
	Location	Cookstown	Postcode BT70/79/80
	Location	Magherafelt	Postcode BT41/44/45/46/51
2.1 Programme plan – what difference do we want to make?			
2.11 T:BUC Key Priority	Our Cultural Expression		
2.12 T:BUC Outcome	Increased sense of community belonging		
2.13 Project Level Outcome – This should relate to the Survey Question on the TEO outcomes spreadsheet.	An increase in the percentage of participants who feel a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood.		
2.14 Additional Project level Outcomes (optional)	An increase in the percentage of participants who feel a sense of belonging to Northern Ireland as a whole.		
2.15 Link to good relations audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 84% of respondents to the online survey reported a need for greater understanding between people from different traditions and cultures. This was the top priority identified by most respondents to the survey. Survey respondents identified the following good practice initiatives that have facilitated cultural expression; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools programmes Council workshops - exploring diversity, cultural heritage Multi-cultural events and celebrations that bring the community together Culture expression of all communities Arts based social activities – music, song, dance There is evidence of good practice working in respect to engagement of the ethnic minority community in Mid Ulster 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Relations funding has facilitated the development and enhancement of cultural events and activities.
2.16 Complementarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace IV programmes • Mid Ulster District Council Arts & Culture programmes
2.17 Programme summary information 2021/22	<p>Outcomes to improve upon:</p> <p>% increase in targeted work within Section 75 groupings allowing further engagement of marginalised groups within Mid Ulster</p> <p>Good relations Officers will build on the good work delivered to date through STEP, an Tearmann (Traveller Support Group) and the local migrant community groups (East Timorese Community Association, Lithuanian Folk Group, and The Polish Association), working in partnership to support inclusion and integration of migrants, BME communities and travellers across Mid Ulster. Good Relations Officers continue to liaise with honorary consuls to develop actions and projects that can contribute to good integration at a local level.</p>
Project 1	<p>Project £10,000 BME support</p> <p>The Good Relations Officer will work with partners (STEP and An Tearmann) in the development of programmes and activities to assist in the support for migrants, BME communities and travellers across Mid Ulster to promote and encourage respect for diversity, culture and integration.</p>
Project 2	<p>Project £15,000 Engaging diverse and new communities</p> <p>Develop a series of support programmes that will provide direct support to a number of migrant groups and refugees and asylum seekers now situated within Mid Ulster. Engagement with Honorary Consuls and agencies to engage diverse communities.</p> <p>GR work with the Intercultural Education Service (EA) with pupils from our target communities: Traveller; Newcomer; Asylum-Seekers; Refugees and Roma.</p> <p>Support Section 75 groups to participate in an active life within Mid Ulster</p> <p>GR officers will work with a series of marginalised groups including LGBT+, disability groups and Women's groups to encourage more inclusion and equality. Engage partner organisations within these sectors to deliver meaningful programmes that can change attitudes toward the more marginalised within our society.</p>

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership held
in Training Room, Council Offices, Magherafelt on
Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 2.30pm**

- Present:** Councillor Derek McKinney (Chair), Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Dominic Molloy, Councillor Brian McGuigan, Councillor Seán McPeake
- Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall, Martina Watson
- Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Michael Dallat (NIHE),
Inspector Joanne Gibson (PSNI), Michelle Grant (PBNI),
Sergeant Beverley Knipe (PSNI), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI),
Constable Peter Waugh (PSNI),
- Apologies:** Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Anne Forde, Councillor Christine McFlynn, Councillor John McNamee, Liam Duggan (Vice Chair), Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Fiona Crawford, Sinead Dolan (YJA), Orla Murtagh (SH&SCT), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI), Diane Spence (NH&SCT),
- In Attendance:** Michael McCrory (PCSP Manager) Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer) Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer), Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting commenced at 2.30pm.

PCSP136/20 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Stephen Savage, New Driver Safety Ambassador Community Interest Company who provided a presentation in relation to an expression of interest submitted for their 'New Driver Safe Motoring Presentations' Project.

Mr Savage advised Members that the Safe Motoring Presentations target audience are students aged between 17 and 20 and will be delivered by way of interactive presentations in 16 Post Primary schools across Mid Ulster District Council area. The presentation takes 1 hour approximately, feedback forms are completed by pupils via their teachers.

The Safe Motoring presentation follows a format which every young person will find interest in as it discusses the pros and cons of the following;

- Picking the right driving instructor
- The theory
- The practical test
- Buying a car
- Insurance
- Penalty points & prosecutions
- Car maintenance
- Collisions
- Staying Safe on the road
- Discussing the Share the Road to Zero pledge

The Chair thanked Mr Savage for providing the presentation and advised that Members will give the project their consideration.

Presentation ended at 3.10pm, Mr Savage left the meeting.

The Chair apologised for the slight delay in starting due to photographs being taken of the awards won by Mid Ulster PCSP at the inaugural Community Safety Awards ceremony earlier this year.

The Chair also commented that he had been at PCSP training earlier that day and it was recommended that PCSP Members address each other by first names during meetings and not use titles. Mid Ulster PCSP would adopt this approach going forward.

PCSP137/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

Martina Watson – Mid Ulster Women's Aid.

PCSP138/20 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2019 were approved and signed.

Proposed: Councillor Brian McGuigan
Seconded: Councillor Sean McPeake

PCSP139/20 MATTERS ARISING

1. New Driver Expression of Interest

The PCSP Manager referred to the presentation provided by Mr Savage and the Expression of Interest Form and sought approval from Members. This Project would include presentations to 16 Post Primary School across Mid Ulster District and the provision of magazines to each participant at a total cost of £3,800.

It was noted by Mark Farquhar that section *1.2 why is there a need for the project / event*, was omitted from the Expression of Interest form submitted.

A number of Members raised some areas of concern, therefore, following a discussion it was agreed that the New Driver Safety Ambassador Community Interest Company be asked to fully complete the Expression of Interest form and re-submit. This will then be brought back for discussion at the next PCSP meeting on the 11 March 2020.

Proposed: Councillor Clement Cuthbertson
Seconded: Councillor Dominic Molloy

2. Start360

The PCSP Manager referred to the Expression of Interest form for a programme submitted by Start360 called 'Live and Learn 360' and sought approval from Members.

This programme will focus on anti-social behaviour, often fuelled by substance misuse. This referral programme, offered as an alternative to prosecution, is an opportunity to avoid a criminal record. 'Live and Learn 360' aims to prevent re-offending by encouraging participants to think about and address their behaviour. The target audience are offenders over the age of 18 issued with a Community Resolution Notice (CRN) who present with little or no previous offending history in order to provide a proportionate disposal for less serious offences. The total cost is £4,500.

Inspector Gibson said they are very keen to get this programme up and running and a further meeting with Kathleen Grego, Start360, Councillor McGinley and PSNI is scheduled to take place on Thursday 30 January 2020 to discuss the administration of the programme.

Mark Farquhar highlighted a number of areas within the Expression of Interest Form as incomplete or unsupported with evidence of need for the programme.

Following a discussion, Members agreed that Inspector Gibson would provide an update on the outcome of the meeting with Start360 at the next PCSP meeting on the 11 March 2020.

3. Additional Speed Impact Devices (SIDs) Procurement

The PCSP Manager sought approval from Members for the procurement of additional Speed Impact Devices, advising that the Northern Ireland Policing Board has provided an additional £10,000 funding. This amount added to £15,000 from PCSP budget would allow the procurement of 10 additional Speed Impact Devices. PCSP currently have 4 devices, with a demand in 44 different locations for a device to be installed.

Members were very supportive of this initiative and agreed to the procurement of additional Speed Impact Devices.

PCSP140/20 DRAFT ACTION PLAN 2020-20

The PCSP Manager provided Members with a presentation of the Draft Action Plan for 2020/21.

The following points were noted.

Members were in agreement with actions detailed in Strategic Priority 2 under Anti-Social Behaviour, Night-Time Economy and Vulnerable Victims of Crime, also actions detailed in Strategic Priority 3 relating to 'Support Community Confidence in Policing'.

As the budget for 2020/21 has not yet been agreed, the figures shown in the Draft Action Plan 2020/21 relate to the current year. The Joint Committee is meeting in March to discuss and finalise budgets for 2020/21.

Members made the following comments;

Councillor McGuigan stressed the importance of awareness raising in relation to 'scams' and 'bogus callers' to be incorporated into the Action Plan. He also referred to continuing anti-social behaviour issues in the Maghera area.

In response, the PCSP Manager hoped that Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers meeting up with the local community would help in this regard and also the plan for a Youth Engagement Programme (YEP) in the Maghera area would improve the situation.

In response to a question from Martina Watson, Inspector Gibson advised that she would request Inspector Johnston, who is the lead in domestic violence incidents, to make contact in order to discuss the provision of assistance to victims who have not been referred through MARAC. Inspector Gibson advised that (CPOs) Crime Prevention Officers can arrange to visit individuals outside the MARAC referral system.

A brief discussion took place surrounding NIHE and the placement of tenants, and the constraints they have to work within when tenants are causing problems, (GDPR) General Data Protection Regulations is one of those constraints.

Michael Dallat stated that legislation and mechanisms which NIHE are bound by need to be reviewed.

Councillor McGuigan said in instances when issues arise, agencies must work within the system in place, but if the system is not working, the legislation would need to be reviewed.

PCSP141/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) – Community Service

Michelle Grant advised Members that Community Service is one of the most successful court sentences in terms of preventing re-offending. PBNI has responsibility for securing local placements for individuals who are subject to Community Service / Supervised Activity Orders imposed by the Courts.

To fulfil the obligations of these Orders many of the people to which they are subject complete unpaid work placements within their local communities. PBNI invites applications from organisations in the Community and Voluntary Sector to provide placements in the community, advising that there is a grant available.

There is one full time supervisor in Mid Ulster area, who can supervise a maximum of up to four people. Public Liability insurance was a reason why community groups did not avail of this service provision. Currently, pending an adequate risk assessment, public liability insurance is not always required for community service.

She said community service placements are available and would appreciate if Members could pass the information on to community groups in their local area.

Railway Park, Dungannon

Councillor Cuthbertson raised continued concern in relation to on-going issues in Railway Park, Dungannon.

In response to Councillor Cuthbertson's previous request for Council Officer/s to attend an Anti-Social Behaviour meeting, the PCSP Manager advised that an officer would be in attendance at next week's ASB meeting on the 5 February 2020.

PCSP142/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 in the Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 4.10pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held on Wednesday 1 July 2020 at 2.30pm via Microsoft Teams**

Present: Councillor Christine McFlynn (Chair), Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Anne Forde, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Meta Graham, Councillor Cathal Mallaghan, Councillor Brian McGuigan, Councillor John McNamee, Councillor Seán McPeake

Alexandra Black, Sue Chada, Fiona Crawford, Ciaran McElhone, Paul McErlean, Seán MacGoilla Cheara, Pearse McFlynn, Grace Meerbeck, Hayley Wilson

Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Inspector Joanne Gibson (PSNI), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Sergeant Beverley Knipe (PSNI), Orla Murtagh (SH&SCT), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI)

Apologies: Councillor Donal McPeake, Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer)

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

The Meeting commenced at 2.33pm.

PCSP143/20 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, with a special welcome to Councillor Meta Graham, who replaced Councillor Derek McKinney, also congratulations to the 7 new Independent Members on their recent appointment and to the 2 existing Independent Members. Thanks were extended to the outgoing Partnership Members for all their hard work and dedication to the community over the previous 4 years. The Chair also thanked the PCSP Manager and team for all their work.

PCSP144/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

**PCSP145/20 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2020**

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2020 were approved by Members.

PCSP146/20 PCSP139/20 - MATTERS ARISING

1. New Driver Safety Ambassador - Expression of Interest

The PCSP Manager advised Members that due to Covid19, the New Driver Safety Ambassador Community Interest Company decided not to submit a new Expression of Interest. They advised that the booklet would be available at a cost, but due to the pandemic dealing with hard copies would not be recommended.

2. Additional Speed Impact Devices (SIDs) Procurement

The PCSP Manager advised Members that the new Speed Impact Devices have arrived, and it is hoped that Technical Services will be in a position to install them by late July, firstly in residential areas and in the vicinity of schools by September. He proposed that further purchases of SIDs could be undertaken later in the year.

PCSP147/20 MID ULSTER DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

The Chair referred Members to the Mid Ulster Draft Annual Report 2019/20. No issues were raised and Members approved the Annual Report 2019/20.

PCSP148/20 ACTION PLAN 2020/21 FOR REVIEW

The PCSP Manager referred Members to the Action Plan for 2020/21 which was approved in January 2020. Members were advised that some projects will require amendments, as direct engagement is not possible at present due to Covid19. The PCSP Manager asked Members to consider the following proposals with the understanding that further development may be required.

Strategic Priority 1 – *To form and successfully deliver the functions of Mid Ulster PCSP*

Meetings will be conducted in the most suitable format to ensure the safety of all.

Strategic Priority 2 – *To improve community safety by tackling actual and perceived crime and anti-social behaviour*

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-Social Driving

Anti-Social Driving Awareness raising events

Due to Covid19, unable to participate in this Project, therefore, it is proposed to develop on-line delivery during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4.

Emergency Services Road Traffic Collision Reconstructions

The Emergency Services Road Traffic Collision Reconstruction was thankfully filmed prior to lockdown. It is proposed that the video be edited and utilised as a resource in schools, youth clubs and promoted on-line during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4.

Crash Car Simulator

The Crash Car Simulator provides the opportunity for four people at one time to experience a simulated car crash, and would under normal circumstances be delivered to schools throughout the District. This Project will be greatly impacted upon by Covid19, and it may not be possible to roll-out during Quarter 3 or Quarter 4. It is proposed to review this in Quarter 4 with the hope of delivering this Project, circumstances permitting.

Youth Diversionary / Engagement Programmes (YEPs)

Youth Engagement Programmes (YEPs) are delivered by PSNI, EA Youth Service, and Youth Justice Agency to targeted areas across Mid Ulster. This project is aimed at young people who are on the cusp of the judicial system, and has proven very successful. This Project will prove difficult to deliver especially with social distancing restrictions. It is hope that we will be in a position to deliver a smaller scaled version of this Programme, commencing in September.

Ryan McGee, EA, advised Members that they are in a position to deliver this programme to a group of up to 10 in an outdoor space, this would include 2 staff members. This would include the delivery of diversionary activities and day trips. The day trips would be limited to 3 or 4 young people who are deemed 'highly at risk' and is limited to this size due to the transport available. The feedback received from EA Youth Service staff and the young people themselves is that they do not want to continue to engage through 'zoom'.

He added that an agreement has been developed with PSNI with necessary procedures and guidelines in place which will enable engagement with young people at risk, referrals will be provided by PSNI or EA Youth Service.

Ryan McGee, EA will link with PCSP Manager and PSNI across the district.

NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY

Alcohol Youth Engagement – Alcohol Awareness Programme

The PCSP Manager advised Members that the 'Alcohol Awareness Programme' which is run by the PSNI and 'Club Angels' in Cookstown is unlikely to commence prior to Quarter 3 or possibly Quarter 4 due to the need for social distancing. This Project will only commence under the guidelines provided by the PSNI.

Night-Time Economy Training

The PCSP Manager advised Members that a number of training courses are provided to bar staff, which include training in the use of a defibrillator, 'First Aid Training' and 'Responsible Alcohol Trading Programmes'. It is hoped, circumstances permitting that these courses will be delivered as usual in Quarter 4.

Safe Night Out

The PCSP Manager advised Members that it is proposed to roll out the 'Fixed Penalty Notice' campaign as usual during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4.

Club Angels

The PCSP Manager advised Members that 'Club Angels', based in Cookstown is given support in the form of equipment and the provision of training to their volunteers. The excellent work carried out by 'Club Angels' is greatly appreciated and highly rated by PSNI. PCSP Officers will keep in touch with 'Club Angels' and support will be offered when they are in a position to re-commence their work, which will be dependent on volunteers and feasibility of working within Covid19 guidelines.

VULNERABLE PERSONS

Internet Safety

The PCSP Manager advised Members that the 'Teen Safe Programme' which was developed by EA Youth Service was to be rolled out across the district until to the on-set of Covid19. It is proposed to put this programme back to Quarter 4 with the hope that it can then commence. PCSP have a number of school based Internet programmes which have been impacted upon by the current situation, alternatives will be discussed later in the meeting.

Domestic Violence

The PCSP Manager referred Members to the Domestic Violence campaign 'Behind Closed Doors' which raises awareness of the 'Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline'. This campaign is usually rolled out over the Christmas period, as it is deemed to be the peak time for this type of crime. The campaign also highlights that male and female can be both offender and victim. Due to the current lockdown situation with the offender and victim often living in the same house, it was agreed to commence this campaign earlier.

Councillor Burton joined the meeting at 3.00pm.

Positive Relationships Domestic Violence Schools Programme

The PCSP Manager informed Members that the 'Positive Relationships Domestic Violence Schools Programme' is normally delivered to 16 Post Primary schools, approximately 1400 pupils. It teaches pupils about what a 'healthy relationship' should be and provides advice and information on support agencies. This programme won a Department of Justice & Northern Ireland Policing Board Community Safety Award last year. It may prove difficult to deliver given the current situation, but PCSP will proceed with implantation and will keep Members updated regarding progress.

High Risk Domestic Violence Victims Security Installations

The PCSP Manager advised Members that there is presently 32 Hi-Risk victims of domestic violence across the district. These individuals have been referred to Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), which is a meeting where agencies talk about the risk of future harm to people experiencing domestic abuse and draw up an action plan to help manage that risk. Members were advised that PCSP arrange security installations to the victim's property, this work is carried out by Agewell's 'Handy Man' service, but due to Covid19, no internal installations have been possible during Quarter 1. Only external or packaged equipment, such as door bars, have been provided to Hi-Risk victims. All referrals for this scheme come

from the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer, hoping to be able to deliver this service during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 depending on lockdown guidelines.

Vulnerable Persons Initiative

The PCSP Manager advised Members that under normal circumstances we would hold community safety awareness events for older people and people with disabilities, PCSP information stands in shopping centres, rural crime and hate crime events, but are presently unable to do. As an alternative the proposal is to highlight these issues through increased advertising and through social media as well as promoting with partner agencies.

It is hoped to hold closed virtual meetings with groups such as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators hosting a question and answer session.

Alcohol and Drugs Schools Programme

The PCSP Manager advised Members that this programme involves working with schools, Start360 and the PSNI, it could possibly be delivered in Quarter 4, dependent on how schools are working and Covid19 restrictions at this time.

Ageing Well – Older Persons Security

The PCSP Manager advised that the installation of security equipment to help make older people feel safer in their homes will continue and hopefully increase in line with Covid19 restrictions. All installations are carried out by Agewell's 'Handy Man' service.

Strategic Priority 3 – To support community confidence in policing

Policing Committee Monitoring

The PCSP Manager advised Members that meetings will continue to be held virtually until such time that physical meetings can resume.

Community and Police Engagement

The PCSP Manager advised that specific Community and Police Engagements e.g. themed meetings, will have to be conducted via social media if an appropriate sized venue is not available, advertising mediums will also be utilised.

Policing Committee Communications – Fresh Start Initiatives

The PCSP Manager advised Members that we had previously concentrated on a Gambling, as this appeared to be a lead into organised crime for individuals in Mid Ulster. A Gambling Programme was developed in conjunction with PSNI and Cuan Mhuire Rehabilitation. This is now being developed into an on-line course to allow referrals to continue to receive support from the various agencies, with the hope in Quarter 4 it may return to normal delivery.

Crime Prevention Awareness Raising

The PCSP Manager advised Members that some Awareness raising campaigns will have to be delivered virtually given the current situation. He stated that text alerts system can continue uninterrupted, the SaferU App is being re-developed to include Cyber Crime information. PCSP manager stated that he was meeting with other PCSP Managers regarding developing

support resources for the BEE Safe Programme. Members will be updated in due course.

There will be the need for an increase in advertising due to the impact of restrictions on the delivery of programmes.

The Chair stated that it is a very extensive Action Plan and thanked the PCSP Manager and the team for their work to date. The Chair asked if Members had any questions or areas they wanted to discuss, Members made the following comments;

Responding to a question from Councillor McGuigan regarding the level of success in relation to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, the PCSP Manager stated that each Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is different. At a local level each scheme has a Neighbourhood Policing Team Officer assigned to it, this Officer is main point of contact, which helps improve relationships between communities and PSNI.

The PCSP Manager advised that due to the current situation the Neighbourhood Watch event for Co-ordinators which is normally held will have to be reviewed and possibly held virtually. This event allows information to be shared in relation to scams/bogus callers, rural crime and gives Co-ordinators the platform to discuss issues they are experiencing in their area. It also provides them with the opportunity to meet their local Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers.

Councillor Frances Burton referred to the importance of the local community knowing their local Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers in order to build a rapport and asked if a list of all NPT's could be shared with PCSP Members.

Chief Superintendent Baird advised Members that when Covid19 started all NPT were disbanded, the majority of them are up and running again, it is hoped that all teams will be back to full strength by the end of July 2020. He stated that 3 new Officers have just started in Clogher area and overall there will be 48 NPT Officers across the district. He also advised that details of the new staff will be highlighted on PSNI Facebook page as soon as all teams are re-established.

Chief Superintendent Baird said he was very keen to arrange a Neighbourhood Watch Event which had been discussed prior to Covid19, but is aware it will be more difficult to hold in light of the current situation.

The Chair thanked Chief Superintendent Baird for the update and agreed that it would be good to have details of the Local Neighbourhood Team Officers across the district.

Responding to a question from Grace Meerbeck in relation to Gambling businesses and the rules and regulations they have to adhere to, the PCSP Manager advised that they require a licence to operate their business. The rules and regulations governing this type of business to be sought and feedback provided to Members.

Sue Chada commented on the number of acronyms in the Action Plan document, which she is not familiar with, this may also be an issue for the other new Independent Members.

In response to a question from Sue Chada in relation to how statistics in the Action Plan document were gathered, the PCSP Manager advised that they are taken from both Community Audit Statistics and PSNI statistics. The PCSP Manager also advised that the statistics shown on page 11 under the heading Mid Ulster Area Profile as at 30 June 2017 are provided by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), these are the most up to date confirmed statistics available.

Responding to a question from Sue Chada in relation to any training available to new Members, the PCSP Manager advised that the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) are arranging induction training which is open to all PCSP Members. A PCSP Members handbook is also available, this has been e-mailed to all Members.

The amendments to the Mid Ulster PCSP Action Plan for 2020/21 were approved by Members.

In response to a question from Sean Kerr in relation to problems being encountered by the visually impaired, such as repair work on footpaths and overgrown hedges, the PCSP Manager advised that this can be raised with the Disability Forum.

PCSP149/20 CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from Bernadette McAliskey regarding Posters in Moygashel

The PCSP Manager referred Members to an e-mail received from Bernadette McAliskey regarding posters displayed in Moygashel, and was asked to raise this for discussion.

Chief Superintendent Baird advised that he has read the e-mail and wished to clarify the legal advice PSNI received, as detailed below. He also stated that this information has been communicated to Bernadette McAliskey in relation to this issue,

'There is nothing fundamentally unlawful about the posters, while it is very distasteful to sections of the community, they would still fall within freedom of expression, despite how unpalatable they are to some'

Councillor Cuthbertson said that individual posters should not be singled out for discussion, as there are posters displayed on Newell Road, Dungannon which sections of the community find offensive.

PCSP150/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to the alleged breach of lockdown guidelines by at least one political representative from South Tyrone area while attending a funeral yesterday in Belfast.

The Chair advised that PCSP is not the forum to discuss this issue and advised the Member to speak directly with the PSNI.

Superintendent Baird advised that there are a number of funerals which took place in Mid Ulster being looked at to determine possible breaches of social distancing restrictions.

Inspections of Licensed Premises

Councillor Cuthbertson asked if the PSNI would be conducting inspections of licenced premises to ensure they are not in breach of lockdown restrictions.

Superintendent Baird advised that they are responsible for licensed premises, the serving of food falls within the remit of Environmental Health. He said they are meeting with the Vintners Association to discuss these issues and that they will carry out inspections of licensed premises if breaches are reported and will encourage and education rather than simply enforce. The PSNI have requested guidance from The Executive Office in relation to extensions, opening hours and serving food, and hope to receive this as soon as possible.

Windmill Woods – Anti-Social Behaviour

Councillor Cuthbertson raised concern about ongoing anti-social behaviour in Windmill Woods, Dungannon. He expressed his appreciation for all the good work that has taken place to date in this area. He also advised that it has been brought to his attention that there are youths gathering and possibly using drugs around the old Drumglass Hospital site and would appreciate feedback from the PSNI.

Superintendent Baird advised that there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour since the end of lockdown and hotspots have been identified, these areas are being patrolled.

Inspector Gibson advised there has been extensive patrolling of Windmill Woods recently which included bike patrols. The presence of Park Officers for a period of time has made a positive difference. They are aware of issues in Drumglass and the usual problems along 'the lines' in Dungannon. There are operations planned for this weekend, but there will be no TSG support due to the lead up to the twelfth of July, therefore, resources will be limited to the Neighbourhood Team and dog section. It is planned to work with EA Youth Service to get a co-ordinated approach to working with the young people.

Protest on Newell Road, Dungannon

Councillor Cuthbertson referred to a Republican protest which took place recently along Newell Road in Dungannon.

In response Superintendent Baird advised that a small number of people took part, and a 'Freedom of Assembly' was completed to allow the protest take place and social distancing was observed.

Councillor McNamee said given the recent increase in anti-social behaviour, it is very important to link communities with their local Neighbourhood Team even if it is on a smaller scale at present. He advised that St Jean's area in Cookstown was raised at the Development Committee meeting last week. He also raised concern about the traffic congestion in Cookstown on market day every Saturday and asked if anything could be done to alleviate this problem.

In response Superintendent Baird advised that the Neighbourhood Teams should all be back in post by the end of July, 2020 and will make contact with local representatives.

With regards to traffic congestion in Cookstown, Superintendent Baird advised that the 'Red Coats' are now back enforcing and will be asked to make specific patrols of the area on market day.

Councillor McGuigan raised the following anti-social behaviour issues which have been happening in Maghera during lockdown restrictions. The consumption of alcohol around the area known as 'the old rec', the alleyway between Crawford's car park and Main Street and around the chapel area. He has received numerous complaints and given the public toilets have been closed during restrictions this has added to the problem. PSNI and Council have been made aware of these issues.

Councillor McGuigan also referred to ongoing drug dealing which is taking place in Maghera. He acknowledged that the PSNI have had some success in this regard, but it continues to blight the Maghera area.

Councillor McGuigan raised serious concerns about Walsh's Hotel apartments and a premises in Upperlands village being used as temporary emergency accommodation for people who are classified as 'homeless'. These individuals are suffering from drug and alcohol addiction come from across the Province. A number of these individuals have been consuming alcohol on the streets, begging on the streets, causing a nuisance and have stolen alcohol from off-licences. Councillor McGuigan advised that he has spoken with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team who are continuously dealing with problems within the accommodation building. He advised that he and Emma Sheerin, MLA have met with the proprietor of the accommodation and advised them that no support services are in place for the individuals living there. This emergency accommodation is used by Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

Councillor McGuigan wished to highlight what is happening in Maghera and stated that housing people suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and mental health issues in a small rural town without support services is not acceptable.

The PCSP Manager advised that he has been liaising with Councillor McGuigan and Sergeant Mark Robinson with regards to the issues surrounding this accommodation and Sgt Robinson had advised that young people from the Children's Home will no longer be referred there.

Superintendent Baird advised that he shares Councillor McGuigan's concerns and advised that a meeting is scheduled to take place next week to discuss a way forward. He said he can give re-assurance that there will be no new referrals to this accommodation and it is planned to re-house the present occupants and hopefully return the hotel back to normal.

Michael Dallat, NIHE advised that this is his last PCSP meeting as he is due to retire shortly. He informed Members that his successor will be Sharon Crooks, currently the Area Manager in Antrim and Newtownabbey.

He agreed entirely with Councillor McGuigan in relation to the lack of support services provided to accommodation settings outside of the Belfast area. He stated that NIHE have been working very closely with Sergeant Mark Robinson and it is hoped with further discussions the situation in Maghera will be satisfactorily resolved in the near future.

He took the opportunity to say that he has enjoyed his time in Mid Ulster and wished the PCSP Members all the best for the future and continued success to the work being done by Mid Ulster Policing & Community Safety Partnership.

The Chair thanked Michael Dallat for his years of service, commitment and dedication to the work of the PCSP and wished him a happy and healthy retirement.

Councillor McPeake agreed with all that has been said in relation to the ongoing issues in Maghera and said that PCSP has been working hard in the Maghera area over the last few years and glad to hear that steps are being taken to resolve the situation.

Councillor McPeake expressed his thanks and those of his colleagues to Michael Dallat for his approachable manner and can-do attitude over the years. He wished him a very happy retirement. Councillor McPeake also expressed his sincere condolences on the recent passing of Michael's brother John Dallat.

The Chair also expressed her condolences on the passing of John Dallat, saying he will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Councillor Burton agreed entirely with previous speakers in relation to moving people into rural towns and villages, causing havoc for the local residents. Similar issues are happening in Augher and Fivemiletown, the local PSNI officers are being very helpful to residents. There are a number of individuals in the Aughnacloy area, begging on the streets and causing disruption.

Councillor Burton expressed her thanks to the PSNI officers who attended the Brantry Lough over the lockdown, resolving the anti-social behaviour issues and the re-assurance provided to the local community by the police patrols.

Councillor Burton also raised concern about Domestic Violence incidents over the lockdown period.

Councillor Burton took the opportunity to thank Michael Dallat and wished him a long and happy retirement.

PCSP151/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting, advising that virtual meetings will have to continue for the foreseeable future.

The PCSP Manager advised that meetings will continue in accordance with the meeting schedule issued to Members, start time has been revised to 2.30pm.

The next meeting will be a Policing Committee Meeting which will take place on Wednesday 2 September 2020 at 2.30pm

The next PCSP meeting will take place on Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 2.30pm.

The meeting ended at 3.55pm.

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Councillor Burton who joined the meeting at 3.00pm.

Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership held on Wednesday 14 October 2020 at 2.30pm via Microsoft Teams

Present: Councillor Christine McFlynn (Chair), Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Anne Forde, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Meta Graham, Councillor Cathal Mallaghan, Councillor Brian McGuigan, Councillor John McNamee, Councillor Seán McPeake

Alexandra Black, Sue Chada, Ciaran McElhone, Paul McErlean, Seán MacGoilla Cheara, Pearse McFlynn, Hayley Wilson

Sharon Crooks (NIHE), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Orla Murtagh (SH&SCT), Ryan McGee (EA), John Oprey (NIFRS), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI), Sergeant Jeffrey Young (PSNI)

Apologies: Diane Spence (NH&SCT), Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer)

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

The Meeting commenced at 2.33pm.

PCSP152/20 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and advised Members that Claire Linney, Head of Community Development is attended the meeting today to provide an update on PCSP Staffing. This item has been moved to the top of the agenda. The two PCSP Officers present left the meeting while discussions took place.

PCSP153/20 PCSP STAFFING

Claire Linney. Head of Community Development advised that she attended the meeting today to provide PCSP Members with an update into proposed changes to resources within Community Development, including PCSP team to address resourcing issues within the Department.

It is proposed to transfer one PCSP officer that are not currently contained within the delivery of the PCSP Action Plan who are not funded. The resource reallocation is to support with the additional pressures that are presenting as part of the roll out of Mid Ulster Community Plan.

The DoJ and NIPB allocate funding based on a submitted plan for delivery for a manager, 2 officers and an assistant. A third officer has been with the PCSP team since the amalgamation of the three Councils as a legacy arrangement and is funded by Mid Ulster District Council. It is proposed the third officer would transfer to the Council Community Development to support a number of pressures that are upcoming for delivery by Council of Mid Ulster Community Plan. These include a Mid Ulster Poverty Plan, Social Housing and Health and Wellbeing.

Claire Linney stated as PCSP is statutory body, independent of Council this will be respected. A review of support to the PCSP will continue to be undertaken to ensure no impact to delivery. The officer would remain flexible to support the PCSP on an adhoc basis if required.

The Chair thanked Claire Linney for the update and asked Members if they had any questions or concerns in relation to the proposal.

Ryan McGee (EA) raised concerns about the detrimental effect that the reduction in the level of PCSP resources would have on the joint delivery of projects with Youth Services and the impact on links built up with young people, especially given the current increase in anti-social behaviour across the district.

In response, Claire Linney advised that it is anticipated that the officer would not move completely and would continue to engage in these types of projects which are additional within the Community Plan and partly delivered within PCSP Action Plan. Also there are community safety issues which are in the Community Plan and not yet linked into PCSP, which this officer will also be responsible for.

Ryan McGee (EA) stated that they have an excellent working relationship with PCSP officers and the continuity of partnership work with PCSP is a key component to the delivery of Youth Service projects and would not want to see this impacted negatively by this proposal.

Chief Inspector Seffen raised concern about the re-location of a PCSP Officer and the impact it will have on joint project working. He said PSNI highly value the work of the PCSP and this was reflected last year when Mid Ulster PCSP received the majority of Community Safety Awards presented by the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Chief Inspector Seffen referred to tackling Anti-Social Behaviour and the need to divert young people away from these activities, particularly given the recent arrests around operation 'Arbacia'. He stated that Covid-19 has certainly restricted the number of events and activities that can take place, but as soon as restrictions are eased there is real drive to work with partner agencies with regards to Youth Engagement Programmes and Youth Schemes. He stated that the work carried out by Mid Ulster PCSP in relation to facilitating and management of these programmes is phenomenal and would be very concerned that a reduction in the level of staff would result in PCSP being unable to support them.

Chief Inspector Seffen said that he understands the importance of the role and projects of Community Planning. He expressed concern that any detriment to the performance of the PCSP in assisting PSNI would have a negative impact, particularly to children and the most vulnerable in our community.

In response, Claire Linney advised that this situation will be continually monitored and if any gaps in delivery of the PCSP Action Plan develop this will be addressed with resources being provided.

Councillor McPeake said that he understands the concerns that this proposal may have a negative impact on the delivery of the PCSP Action Plan, but stated that both Council and PCSP may have to adapt to changes given the current situation with Covid-19. He regrets that PCSP at present due to Covid-19 is unable to deliver the normal level of public engagements and events which they do so very successfully.

Councillor McPeake also stated that the Community Plan is vital for the delivery of services across Mid Ulster district and is in agreement with the proposal with the caveat that the situation is monitored and can be reversed at any time if there is a detrimental impact on the delivery of the PCSP Action Plan.

The Chair referred to the increase in anti-social behaviour of 55% across the district since March, 2020 and welcomed the reassurance that this reallocation of resources will be regularly reviewed and reversed if need be.

Sean Kerr said the reallocation of resources should be a permanent item on the agenda to ensure a continual review of the situation in order to address any issues promptly.

Councillor McNamee welcomed the reassurance that the situation will be regularly reviewed and should any gaps in the delivery of the PCSP Action Plan appear this will be addressed.

The Chair thanked Claire Linney for attending the meeting and providing the update on the proposal to reallocate PCSP resources.

Claire Linney advised Members that she would be available when required to attend future meetings.

Claire Linney left the meeting at 2.53pm.

Members agreed with the proposal to transfer one PCSP Officer to support with the additional pressures in the roll out of Mid Ulster Community Plan with the understanding that the situation is continually monitored and if any negative impact or gaps in the delivery of the PCSP Action Plan develop this decision will be reversed.

Proposed: Councillor Sean McPeake

Seconded: Councillor John McNamee

The PCSP Manager advised that the technical issues experienced by a few Members joining today's meeting will be checked with the ICT Department.

PCSP154/20 RESIGNATION OF PCSP INDEPENDENT MEMBER – Fiona Crawford

The Chair informed Members that Fiona Crawford, PCSP Independent Member has resigned from Mid Ulster PCSP. The Chair advised that a letter of thanks will be sent to the outgoing Member for their many years of commitment and support to Mid Ulster PCSP.

Councillor Burton stated that Fiona Crawford was very passionate about her role as a PCSP Independent Member and will be greatly missed.

PCSP155/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

PCSP156/20 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2020

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 2020 were approved by Members.

PCSP157/20 MATTERS ARISING

1. Anti-Social Behaviour

Councillor Burton referred to several reports received of continual 'house parties' and asked if there is sufficient PSNI resources to deal with this issue. The business proprietors are adhering to Covid-19 rules and regulations, but individuals in their homes are not abiding by the rules.

In response, Chief Inspector Seffen advised that a number of 'house parties' have been reported and the appropriate Code 1 and Code 2 enforcement notices have been issued to residents. PSNI have not received excessive numbers of reported 'house parties', which may mean they are not being reported and advised that resources are not an issue in relation to Covid-19. If reports are received, PSNI will take the appropriate course of action.

Councillor Burton also referred to anti-social behaviour issues on Main Street in Fivemiletown where lighter fuel was sprayed and set alight, McCreedy Mill in Aughnacloy where young people are congregating and Clogher, where some people are feeling vulnerable in their homes due to incidents with the traveller community and asked if these areas could be kept on the PSNI radar.

2. Windmill Woods – Anti-Social Behaviour

Councillor Graham referred to reports she received in relation to a number of young people congregating at an area known as the 'Stump' consuming alcohol, lighting fires and breaking bottles and asked if this area could have increased PSNI patrols around dusk.

Chief Inspector Seffen advised there are a number of areas in Dungannon highlighted as ASB hotspots, Windmill Woods being one of them. He advised that he would pass this information on to the Neighbourhood Sergeant to ensure this area is included in the routine PSNI patrols.

The Chair suggested the use of re-deployable cameras in this area.

The PCSP Manager advised, given the layout and the number of trees in Windmill Woods, re-deployable cameras would not be very effective but alternative options can be investigated.

3. Anti-Social Behaviour in Cookstown

Councillor McNamee referred to a number of anti-social behaviour incidents which have occurred in Cookstown recently and advised that he has been liaising with Sergeant Downey and Constable McGee. He asked for reassurance that there would be sufficient PSNI resources in Cookstown over the Halloween period to avoid a repeat of the serious incident which happened previously on Westland Road.

Councillor McNamee also requested an update on the situation in relation to traffic issues on Market Day in Cookstown.

Chief Inspector Seffen thanked Councillor McNamee and all the Councillors who have been working with the PSNI to curtail incidents over the Halloween period. He advised that the same level of resources will be in place again this year in the Cookstown area and also stated that a meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 16 October, 2020 to discuss operations across Mid Ulster over the Halloween period.

In relation to traffic issues in Cookstown on Market day, Chief Inspector Seffen advised that if vehicles are causing an obstruction, PSNI will ask them to move on, but as far as he is aware the enforcement responsibility lies with the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) and the Charter holder Mr Orr.

The Chair suggested writing a letter to the relevant Minister advising of the traffic congestion problems in Cookstown on Market day and what action can be taken to alleviate this. The PCSP Manager to follow up on this.

PCSP158/20 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair referred to a letter received regarding policing of ongoing anti-social behaviour at Newbridge Picnic Area.

The PCSP Manager advised that the letter was sent to PCSP, it is not anonymous but the sender did request that their name and address is withheld for fear of any repercussions. The letter has been circulated to all Members and it relates to ongoing issues which started when members of the travelling community moved into this area.

Chief Inspector Seffen advised that this issue has been looked at extensively and can only be solved by finding suitable accommodation for the travelling community living at this site, the responsibility would lie with the NIHE, DfI and MUDC who partly own this land. The PSNI have limited powers in this area, they can action 'unlawful encampment' Act, but it would be up to the land owners to apply for an 'injunction' in this case.

The Chair stated there were further questions contained in the letter which required a response. Chief Inspector Seffen advised that he would look at the letter and respond accordingly.

PCSP159/20 VICE CHAIR ELECTION

The PCSP Manager advised that in normal circumstances PCSP Independent Members would have had the opportunity to meet each other at meetings, but due to Covid-19 this has not been possible. He advised that the position of Vice Chair carries out the duties of the Chair in their absence. The position is held by an Independent Member and appointed by the Independent Members.

It is proposed to ask Independent Members who are interested in the position of Vice Chair to submit a brief outline of why they are interested in holding the position. The submissions received will then be circulated to all Independent Members and they can then cast their vote on-line for the Member they want to appoint to the position.

The Chair gave the Independent Members the opportunity to comment on the proposal and advised that the PCSP Manager would be in touch in due course to commence the process of appointing a Vice Chair.

PCSP160/20 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – BEAM CREATIVE NETWORK

The Chair referred Members to the 'Expression of Interest' submitted by Beam Creative Network for Members approval.

The PCSP Manager advised Members that PCSP has worked with Beam Creative Network in previous years delivering this Project and excellent feedback has been received from both pupils and teachers through an evaluation process. This is an 'Internet Safety' Project aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils, P5 – P7 to help them to become more aware of the dangers and how to keep safe while on-line. Beam Creative Network will provide 15 workshops at a cost of £180 per workshop plus mileage costs. They will liaise with PCSP and the schools involved to decide on how best to deliver the workshops safely during Covid-19.

Members agreed to proceed with the Project.

Proposed: Councillor Dominic Molloy
Seconded: Councillor Brian McGuigan

PCSP161/20 SIDs REPORT

The PCSP Manager referred Members to the SIDs Report detailing where the Speed Indicator Devices are currently located, where they have been previously located and that they have proven to be a very successful method of reducing speed on our roads. There is currently 46 further locations on a waiting list for a Speed Indicator Device.

Councillor Burton advised that the SID which was positioned along the road close to Aughnacloy High School, the Playgroup and Primary school was very helpful while it was there, but that speeding at this location continues to be a problem. Councillor Burton reported that a 20mph sign is soon to be installed at this location, the issue was first highlighted at a PCSP meeting.

Councillor Burton also referred to a section along the Monaghan / Aughnacloy Road which would benefit from the installation of a Speed Indicator Device and asked if there are plans to purchase further SIDs.

The PCSP Manager advised that PCSP currently have 13 SIDs and the purchase of further devices can be undertaken if Members are in agreement.

Councillor Graham agreed with Councillor Burton and stated that any interventions in this area to reduce the speed of vehicles would be a great benefit.

Councillor McGuigan advised that he agrees entirely with the use of SIDs, they are extremely effective and he has received excellent feedback from areas where they have been installed.

Councillor Molloy stated that Speed Indicator Devices are invaluable and that he had encouraged community groups to avail of recent 'Road Management Improvement' grants to purchase a SID for their area, which they can then move to various locations as and when required.

The Chair agreed that Speed Indicator Devices are a proven method to reduce speed on our road and hoped that communities across the district would avail of any grants for this purpose.

PCSP162/20 ACTION PLANNING UPDATE

The PCSP Manager referred Members to the current Action Plan for 2020/21 and advised that a schedule of Acronyms is attached to the back of the document which was requested by a Member at a previous meeting.

He advised Members that PCSP must now create an Action Plan for next year and referred to the 'PCSP Planning Guidance' document which was issued by the DoJ and NIPB on how to undertake the process of action planning. The PCSP Manager provided a brief overview that the Joint Committee require PCSP to review the current Action Plan and update it accordingly using the Outcome Based Accountability (OBA) method.

The PCSP Manager proposed utilising the next PCSP meeting on 9 December 2020 to review and update next year's Action Plan which must be submitted in February 2021. He stated if the Action Plan could be compiled in December and reviewed in January in order to incorporate any amendments that the review of the Local Policing Plan may highlight. All relevant information will be circulated to Members well in advance of the meeting to allow time to review.

Members agreed that the next PCSP meeting on the 9 December 2020 will be used to review the Action Plan for 2021/22.

PCSP163/20 DRAFT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SURVEY

The PCSP Manager referred to the Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Survey and advised that it will be promoted through Facebook and Partner agencies to garner local opinion and statistics and will be circulated electronically given Covid-19.

The Chair asked Members if they had any comments on the content or any additional questions which should be included in the survey.

Councillor Burton requested a question relating to 'rural crime' be included, the survey will be amended accordingly.

The Chair congratulated the PSNI on the recent drug seizures and arrests in Mid Ulster.

Chief Inspector Seffen advised that overall drug detections are slightly down which is due to Covid-19 restrictions, however, he referred to a very notable success recently against an organised crime gang (OCG), the PSNI are confident that the arrests have dismantled this gang.

Chief Inspector Seffen referred to a new project called 'Silent Guardian' which will be launched in the near future. He advised that the Neighbourhood Inspectors will be engaging with local elected members and community groups to raise the profile of this project. 'Silent Guardian' is a means of reporting information in relation to drugs and encouraging the use of the 'RAPID' bins installed across Mid Ulster by the PCSP.

The Chair commended the PSNI on the forthcoming launch of the 'Silent Guardian' Project which will help combat the scourge of drugs in our communities.

Update on PCSP Project provided Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer)

Celene O'Neill, PCSP Officer referred Members to a section of ground located in Union Place, Dungannon which is surrounded by a number of businesses including St Vincent DePaul, Menarys and the Ulster Bank. There is an entrance leading down a very sheltered walkway where drug dealing, anti-social behaviour and damage to property is taking place. Clanmill Housing Association own the bottom section of this ground, which they have fenced off, the young people gather at the top section.

Dungannon Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and the Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) have looked at this area and met with the businesses concerned and have suggested installing a gate across the entry, each of the businesses would hold a key. This would stop anyone gaining access to this area and end the anti-social behaviour which is taking place there.

PCSP approval was sought for the procurement and fitting of the gate. If approved the businesses concerned will be asked if they are willing to make a contribution towards the cost.

The Chair asked Members for their comments on this proposal. Councillor Burton stated that she presumes that this would not set a precedent for PCSP, and if the businesses are on board and willing to contribute to the cost she was supportive of the project.

Proposed: Councillor Frances Burton
Seconded: Councillor Meta Graham

Update on PCSP Project provided Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer)

Annette McGahan, PCSP Officer updated on the following advertising Campaigns which are taking place during the month of October, appearing on 'adshels' at bus shelters and also on PCSP Facebook page.

- Domestic Violence 'Behind Closed Doors' campaign, which highlights the domestic violence helpline number.
- 'Where Is Your Child Tonight' campaign which encourages parents to be aware where their child is and who they are with, especially over the Halloween period.

PCSP164/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business to discuss.

PCSP165/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will take place on Wednesday 9 December 2020 which will be devoted to review of the PCSP Action Plan for 2021/2022.

The meeting ended at 3.50pm

Report on	<p>Economic Development - OBFD</p> <p>1. Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) Funding Request (2021/22)</p> <p>2. Coalisland Great Places Project</p>
Date of Meeting	11 March 2021
Reporting Officer	Head of Economic Development

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

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>ICBAN Funding Request (2021/22)</p> <p>Over the past number of years, a group of 8 Councils from north and south (as listed below) have provided a financial contribution towards ICBAN to support their work; these are Mid Ulster District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh Council, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and Monaghan, Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim and Cavan County Councils.</p>
2.2	<p>Coalisland Great Places Project.</p> <p>This project is jointly supported by the Heritage Lottery and Mid Ulster Council. The project explores the rich manufacturing legacy of the people of Coalisland and East Tyrone through a series of initiatives delivered in the local community by Lough Neagh Partnership.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>ICBAN Funding Request (2020/21)</p> <p>ICBAN submitted a request to Mid Ulster District Council for a contribution of £15,000 for the financial year 2021/22, outlining priorities going forward, with the focus now on the 'Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region' and also work continuing on some of the initiatives detailed in their Report on activities undertaken in 2020/21. The delivery focus continues to be on areas to benefit member Councils.</p> <p>Further information is available for members review in Appendices 1A & 1B.</p>

3.2	<p>Coalisland Great Places Project</p> <p>This project focuses on creating opportunities for local people to build skills capacity, revive lost artisan and manufacturing skills and celebrate the area's industrial manufacturing heritage through the medium of arts and culture.</p> <p>Lough Neagh Partnership has responsibility for delivering the project, which is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to the value of £312,000 and Mid Ulster Council previously agreed to provide gap funding of £30,000 over a 3 year period (2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21) for specific elements of the project. The ongoing pandemic throughout the 2020/21, has caused delays to some aspects of the final year of the project. Lough Neagh Partnership has attained authorisation from the main funder, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, to permit the project to be completed at no extra cost or additional expenditure in the next financial year (2021/22). See correspondence on Appendix 2A attached.</p> <p>In most cases, the remaining events and activities will now be delivered in a 'digital' format, which means that talks, performances, meetings and training will be delivered as online broadcasts or as digital resources on a website. The project has also been extended to allow enough time to complete the revised programme and the new date for completion is 30 September 2021.</p> <p>Lough Neagh Partnership will have drawn down £27,000 of their £30,000 contribution from Council by 31 March 2021, and have requested that Council's final contribution to the group, which amounts to £3,000 is paid in the new financial year (2021/22). Due to the unique set of circumstances caused by the pandemic, Council officers would recommend that Members approve this request as referred to in Appendix 2B.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>ICBAN Funding Request (2021/22) – Provision has been made in the 2021/22 economic development budget for £15,000 for ICBAN.</p> <p>Coalisland Great Places Project Provision of £3,000 has been made in the 2021/22 economic development budget for the final payment to Lough Neagh Partnership relating to the Coalisland Great Places Project.</p> <p>Human: Officer Time</p> <p>Risk Management: N/A</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications:</p>

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>It is recommended that Members:-</p> <p>ICBAN Funding Request (2021/22)</p> <p>Approve funding request from ICBAN for up to £15,000 from Council's Economic Development Budget (2021/22), to be paid in two equal instalments twice yearly, subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances, financial report and progress updates).</p>
5.2	<p>Coalisland Great Places Project</p> <p>Approve reallocation of funds for year 3 of Coalisland Great Places Project, and make provision for Council's final contribution of £3,000 to Lough Neagh Partnership in the new financial year (2021/22). This flexibility will allow final works on the project to be completed, having been delayed as a result of the pandemic, with no additional costs to Council.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1A – ICBAN letter to MUDC - 14.10.20</p> <p>Appendix 1B – ICBAN Report April 2020 - March 2021</p> <p>Appendix 2A - Coalisland Great Places Report - 8.2.21</p> <p>Appendix 2B - Coalisland Great Places Change of Funding Request - 3.2.21</p>

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14th October 2020

Dear Chief Executive,

ICBAN Member Councils' Annual Contribution (2021/22)

Each October, ICBAN contacts member Councils regarding the Annual Contribution to the cross-border partnership. Member Council contributions are a very important contributor towards our core administration resources and for which we are always most appreciative. The amount to be levied has been agreed by the Management Board to be £15,000 for the 2021 financial year for County Councils, and 2021/2022 financial year for NI Councils. This is the same level as last year.

Our delivery focus continues to be on areas which will benefit our member Councils and through engagement with the Councils Senior Officers' Forum we have worked to complete a new **'Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region' strategic document**. The Framework will be made available to you in the next few days. It is intended that the implementation of this will be driven by ICBAN in promoting key regional priorities to the highest levels of governments, with the ultimate aim of gaining national recognition for the designation of the Central Border Region, as an area of national importance, on both sides of the border. The Framework includes regional priorities and key emerging catalyst projects to help the area respond to the challenges of the **public health pandemic, Brexit, and climate change**.

The attached Update provides more information on our current work programme and project delivery. This includes the promotion of creative industries through the [Spot-lit](#) Project, the development of innovative digital marketing and sales software for regional SMEs through the [Digi-2-Market](#) project, the continued advocacy on the need for **adequate broadband**, and representing the communities of Central Border Region on the impacts of **Brexit**, in citing the findings of our engagement research with communities.

With the impending commencement of the second stage of the **Peace Plus consultation**, we will liaise with all member Councils to develop a regional response, to help lever maximum benefits from the programme to the border region's communities.

On behalf of the ICBAN Management Board I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Council for the continued support and assistance. Should you have any queries or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Shane Campbell

Appendix 1b

ICBAN Progress against Action Plan (01 April 2020 - 31 December 2020) PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 - 31 MARCH 2021

ICBAN TARGETS/OUTPUTS 2019/20	ACTIVITIES	PROGRESS
Platform for Cross Border Cooperation in the ICBAN Region.	<p>Facilitate and service Board Meetings, CEO/CM Meetings, other Sector Specific / Thematic Meetings</p> <p>Facilitate and service meetings with key stakeholders and assist in establishing better cross border working relationships and arrangements.</p>	<p>ICBAN Management Board Meetings were held on: 22nd April 2020, 20th May 2020, 17th June 2020, 16th September 2020, 28th October 2020, 18th November 2020, 16th December 2020, 20th January 2021, 17th February 2021 and 16th March 2021.</p> <p>ICBAN Annual General Meeting was held on: - 18th November 2020</p> <p>Officer Group Meetings were held on: - 15th April 2020, 09th June 2020, 21st July 2020, 26th August 2020, 08th September 2020, 13th October 2020, 10th November 2020, 08th December 2020, 12th January 2021, 02nd February 2021, 09th February 2021, March 2021 (date to be confirmed).</p> <p>Meetings/Events from 01 April 2020 - 31 March 2021. - Delivery of the Border Animator capacity-building programme - online weekly sessions held from 28th May to 02nd July 2020 - Council Senior Officers' Forum facilitated online on 24th June 2020 - BLITZ Project Meetings: 20th April, 29th May, 22nd June, 19th August, 10th September, 08th October, 04th November, 10th December, 14th January 2021, 18th February 2021, March 2021 (date to be confirmed). BLITZ Covid-19 Working Group convened 08th April 2020. Steering Committee Meeting held on 05th November 2020. - Digi-2-Market Project Meetings: 07th April; 7th May; 2nd June; 16th June; 18th August; 8th September; 06th October, 10th November, 8th December, 12th January 2021, 9th February 2021, March 2021 (date to be confirmed).</p>
Contribute to the effective and efficient running of ICBAN.	<p>Ongoing operation of Internal Control System. Annual Financial Statement / Accounts.</p> <p>Supporting the employment of an Administrator.</p>	<p>Internal Control System: The agreed Internal Control System is fully operational. The Accounts and Audit Statement for 2018/19 were ratified at the Board Meeting held on 16th October 2019. The Accounts and Audit Statement for 2019/20 were approved at the Management Board Meeting held on 28th October 2020.</p> <p>Executive Assistant employed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the development and implementation of ICBAN's corporate aims and objectives, through the provision of administration and secretarial services.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing competent, reliable and efficient secretarial, administrative and support services for ICBAN. • Corporate Administration: arranging appointments and service meetings for the ICBAN Management Board and Sub-Committees, Working Groups and others as required. • Financial & Company Administration: including banking, payroll, Assets Register, procurement etc. • Project Administration: maintaining a management information system for all project related documentation.
Support the employment of the ICBAN CEO to lead the organisation moving forward.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership, management & development of ICBAN. • Develop strategic focus of ICBAN in partnership with Member Councils. • Maintain and grow ICBAN's position in cross border development and promote cross border cooperation. • Communicating the benefits, successes and awareness of ICBAN within the region and beyond. • Establish, develop & maintain robust structures and systems to ensure effective and efficient delivery of agreed outcomes. • Report to the ICBAN Management Board. 	<p>CEO Principal Accountabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acting as a figurehead for ICBAN. ▪ Developing and managing new relationships with Councils (elected representatives & officials). ▪ Working with Partner Council Chief Executives and County Managers. ▪ Maintaining ICBAN's position in cross border development through effective influencing at community, local and central government level. ▪ Providing leadership, managing and developing the ICBAN operational team. ▪ Contributing to the development, implementation of strategic, operational, project plans, in partnership with ICBAN member Councils, and other stakeholders as appropriate. ▪ Overseeing systems and procedures to ensure effective and efficient delivery of agreed outcomes. ▪ Facilitating collaboration between stakeholders in the field of strategic regional development in the cross-border area. Reporting to the Management Board. ▪ Managing public relations and maximising exposure to and awareness of ICBAN's work throughout the central border region. <p>Promoting cross border cooperation through - activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance at the Centre for Cross-Border Studies Annual George Quigley Lecture (online) on 'Re-imagining the island economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis and the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol' - 04th June 2020 - Presentation to Fermanagh & Omagh District Council on ICBAN's Future Work Programme - 21st September 2020 - Attendance and participation at 'Shaping Our Rural Future - Online Engagement Event' with Minister Heather Humphreys on 24th September 2020 - Attendance at the 21st Centre for Cross-Border Studies Annual Conference held online on 25th September 2020. - Meeting with the North South Ministerial Council Joint Secretaries for Ireland and Northern Ireland on 20th November 2020 and 8th February 2021 on advancing the Framework of Regional Priorities within the two governments - Meeting with the CEO of East Border Region on 20th November 2020 on development strategies and Peace Plus consultation responses. - Attendance at the CCBS North South Co-operation webinar on 'The island of Ireland: Challenges Past & Future' on 03rd December 2020.

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		<p>consultations and uses such opportunities to make representations on behalf of the Central Border Region.</p> <p>On 25th November 2020, ICBAN received a Letter of Offer from the DFAT Reconciliation Fund for €11,250 for delivery of a new community engagement initiative on Brexit in 2021, and in particular dealing with the latest impacts as the UK and NI leaves the EU. This will be delivered with QUB and will include a formal published report, which will be made available to the governments, EU and other key stakeholders in September 2021. Delivery on the project commenced in January 2021, with a weekly review of Brexit related information in the media.</p> <p>The EU INTERREG NPA funded BLITZ/ Spot-Lit Project is focused on the opportunities that local SMEs can derive from literary tourism. Monthly updates are provided to the ICBAN Management Board.</p> <p>ICBAN is committed through the strategic objectives of the RSF (Regional Strategic Framework, 2014) to work in partnership with Councils to promote and develop the attractiveness and economic benefit provided by tourism destinations across the Region. The development of Literary Tourism as a niche, yet strategically significant aspect of the tourism offering in the Region, encompasses the support and added value we can bring to Mid Ulster over and above its already well-developed product in the form of the Seamus Heaney Home Place.</p> <p>The Literary Tourism SME support element of the BLITZ project commenced in the Central Border Region (including Mid Ulster) in January 2020. This has led to a more extensive Product Incubation Programme of business mentoring and support, which commenced on 19th June 2020. Seven SMEs are participating in the programme and are beneficiaries of monetary supports. Todd's Leap Activity Centre in Mid Ulster is one of the seven participants. The total innovation support to the SMEs totals €40,000. Payments to the SMEs is based on satisfactory progress against agreed project milestones.</p> <p>The other main focus of the project is the development of a mobile phone digital app for NI and counties Cavan and Monaghan. Development work coordinated by the app developer, Kajaani University in Finland, continues. A number of apps will be developed for the project. In our region these will include the following app amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Northern Literary Lands - developed by ICBAN and Arts over Borders and featuring literary assets within the council areas of Cavan, Monaghan, Fermanagh and Omagh, Mid Ulster and Armagh Banbridge Craigavon. This app also covers the rest of the NPA programme territory - Northern Ireland excluding Belfast. <p>The content of the apps is currently being finalised with a view to a launch in spring 2021, including to businesses, facilities, amenities and stakeholders involved in the promotion of LT services across Mid Ulster, and who can promote free content to help attract business and visitors.</p> <p>The overall project will run until 31 March 2022.</p> <p>Continued lobbying and representations, including participation in consultations, on the need for progress in delivering the complete planned A5 and A29 arterial routes.</p>
	Creative Industries & Tourism	
	Roads Infrastructure	

	<p>Urban & Rural Development Cross-Border Linkages</p>	<p>EU Consultation Response ICBAN submitted a regional response to the ‘EU Consultation - long term vision for rural areas’ on 30th November 2020.</p> <p>Council Senior Officers’ Forum - A meeting of member Council Directors on strategic cooperation was facilitated by ICBAN on 24th June 2020 through the Council Senior Officers forum; with seven Member Councils represented, including Mid Ulster. The focus of the meeting was on high-level strategic factors in each jurisdiction; including an update on the Mid South West Growth Strategy and discussion on finalising the ‘Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region’ strategic document.</p> <p>‘Border Animator’ Project With an award of €12k from DFAT Reconciliation Fund, ICBAN, together with project partners, the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICRLD), delivered a modular programme of capacity building and animation for Management Board members and Senior Council Officers between 28th May and 2nd July, including those from MUDC. The objective was to develop skills and capacity in how to address challenges of sustainability, Brexit, the public health pandemic and other impacts on the Region, in strategic and collaborative ways.</p> <p>‘The Framework of Regional Priorities for the Central Border Region, 2021-2027’ The Framework of Regional Priorities (FRP) strategy document provides a timely and important refresh of the Regional Strategic Framework (RSF) (2013 - 2027). This strategic initiative recognises the geopolitical, economic and social changes that have occurred since the publication of the RSF, initially due to Brexit, and subsequently due to climate change and COVID-19. In early 2020, ICBAN completed a consultative and research process. Working in collaboration with the International Centre for Local and Regional Development (ICLRD), ICBAN sought to take stock of regional assets, challenges, and opportunities, and, at the mid-way point in the timeframe of the RSF, to identify new and emerging strategic priorities for the area. The resultant FRP has been informed by consultations with the Council Senior Officers (CSO) Forum, a survey of the ICBAN Board members and of the Senior Officers in the eight affiliated local authorities, and secondary research undertaken by ICBAN and ICLRd.</p> <p>This FRP is motivated by, and seeks to give effect to, ICBAN’s vision of a region with a thriving and diversified economy that will be strengthened and sustained through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging investment in value-added industries and promoting innovation; • embracing new technologies and enhancing connectivity; • expanding knowledge capital; • enhancing quality of life; and • utilising the environment respectfully and responsibly. <p>The Framework reports (synopsis and full report) have been issued to the Chief Executives and Directors of Member Councils. Support has been received from all eight Member Councils.</p>
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	<p>Other EU Projects</p> <p>Collective Advocacy on behalf of the Region</p>	<p>ICBAN is currently researching the potential of developing the five emergent regional catalyst projects identified in the FRP. Desk research is underway, and contact has been made with Councils' Officers and other relevant stakeholders on potential project developments. It is envisaged that thematic working groups will be convened in April/May 2021.</p> <p>Two post-graduate students from Queen's University Belfast commenced their internships with ICBAN on 01st February 2021. One intern will be focussing on the potential of food trails/clusters within the Central Border Region. The other will be completing work on the impact of Brexit on identified priorities with the FRP, initially this will be on water quality and biodiversity.</p> <p>Graphic design of the reports is complete, with an online launch planned for March 2021.</p> <p>Progress implementation of 'Digi-2-Market' Project</p> <p>Digital City: The online gated business community</p> <p>Ulster University has now set a timing of spring 2021 for launch of the project's web-based resource for SMEs, known as the Digital City. The website is currently being populated with information and resources. A test version can be viewed: https://projects.invisionapp.com/share/C5YDR92SK4P#/screens/428026689</p> <p>The Digital City will be a gated business community where companies sign up to use the site's resources and to interact internationally on solutions. Businesses will be able to download resources as well as upload their own product stories and details in the form of case studies. This should lead to further opportunities for product collaboration and the potential access to new overseas markets.</p> <p>In 2021, ICBAN will provide SMEs from the area with opportunities to develop digital marketing tools for their products and services. This will be provided through webinars for interested local businesses from Mid Ulster and across the Central Border Region on the resources available through the Digital City.</p> <p>The ICBAN Board is currently finalising elements of the implementation programme for the FRP strategy document. The proposals recognise that to be effective, implementation of the Framework strategy will require a multi-sectoral partnership approach, drawing on a range of expertise, experience, and capacities. It is incumbent on ICBAN to bring Councils and stakeholders together to address these challenges and to harness regional/cross-border assets. Through such a 'mixed economy' approach, there is a need to involve local authorities, government agencies, third level education, community and voluntary sectors and private sector etc.</p> <p>Funding opportunities are being followed up to assist with the implementation programme.</p> <p>ICBAN continues to actively engage in consultations relating to the key regional strategic priorities. This has included with SOLACE NI into successor funding for the EU funding programmes.</p>
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Events / Promotion / Materials		<p>Updating Facebook, Twitter and the ICBAN website on project developments and promotion of project activities. A dedicated website and social media accounts have been created for the Spot-lit and Digi-2-Market project.</p> <p>A promotional programme has been devised to promote and disseminate the Framework of Regional Priorities. An online launch of the Framework is planned for March 2021.</p>
Cross Border Linkages - provide opportunities for shared learning and ensure a coherent impact of investment throughout the eligible area.	Continue to strengthen the working relationships with the East Border Region, and North West Region, to share learning and good practice	<p>ICBAN has continued to build effective working relationships with the other Cross Border Groups in North West and East Border regions.</p> <p>ICBAN works very closely with the other Cross Border Groups, sharing information on a range of topical issues relating to cross-border working and recently attended the Centre for Cross-Border Studies 21st Annual Conference. A meeting with the CEO of East Border Region was held on 20th November 2020 to discuss both organisations' strategy documents and inputting into the next stage of the Peace Plus consultation.</p> <p>ICBAN attended a number of events at the European Week of Cities and Regions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross-Border Cooperation and Covid-19 (14 October 2020) ▪ Time to measure impact in border regions: Covid-19 crossing borders (15 October 2020) ▪ Literary Tourism: Untapped Potential (15 October 2020) which was delivered by the ICBAN-led BLITZ Partnership. <p>The referenced 'Border Animator' programme was a key capacity development investment for the cross-Councils ICBAN Board and for all the Council Officers who had attended, including officers from the MSW Growth Deal secretariat. Through this, international examples of best practice in border regions were engaged with on a range of project developments, including, Scotland / England, Canada / USA, and Romania / Hungary, as well as river catchments projects in Counties Limerick and Tipperary.</p>
Role in wider EU Context.		<p>ICBAN has continued to be a member of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) and avails of the networking opportunities provided by Membership.</p> <p>ICBAN participates in 2 EU partnerships for the Region - BLITZ and Digi2Market.</p> <p>The Brexit reports completed between 2017-2020 with QUB have been shared with key EU stakeholders, and member governments, including with the UK and EU Brexit negotiating teams.</p> <p>In October 2020, ICBAN moderated an EU Regions virtual session on 'The untapped potential of literary tourism in the EU'. The session was attended by more than 30 organisations from various parts of the EU. The event helped to promote the work of the Spot-Lit project in promoting literary tourism in our Region and those of partners, as well as the role of ICBAN as a cross border organisation.</p>



COALISLAND & EAST TYRONE Historical Manufacturing Base of Mid Ulster

PROGRESS REPORT

10 February 2021

Report by Keith Beattie
Heritage Officer, Lough Neagh Partnership Limited



1 CURRENT STATUS

As a result of the ongoing situation caused by Covid-19, it has been necessary to revise the original activity programme which was planned for Coalisland & East Tyrone – Historic Manufacturing Base of Mid Ulster. With the authorisation of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, an alternative format has been agreed and each of the project components have been adapted in order to minimise risk to the public, our staff, facilitators and supporters.

The project has been extended until 30 September 2021 and everything will be completed at no extra cost or additional expenditure. If the vaccination programme proves successful and public meetings are possible by the summer, we may be able to bring small, socially distanced groups together in exceptional circumstances e.g. to take part in archaeological excavations or guided walks. However, in most cases, the events and activities will now be in a 'digital' format, which means that talks, performances, meetings and training will be delivered as online broadcasts or as digital resources on a website.

2 PROJECT WEBSITE <https://www.coalisland-lnp.com>

Following a tendering process, our new website has been designed by [2b Creative](#) and is now ready. Publicity will be circulated to various media outlets in the coming days and this will hopefully generate fresh local interest in the project and our activities.

The website will provide free access to information about every aspect of the project. It will also direct visitors to other useful web links which focus on industrial heritage in East Tyrone. On completion of the project in September 2021, www.coalisland-lnp.com will be a legacy resource that will be maintained by Lough Neagh Partnership.

Following a tendering process, technical services for the creation of digital content for the website is being provided by Corr Digital Media. A wide range of material has already been produced for the website. The content will be expanded between February-September 2021 as more resources are generated and new information is uploaded. In addition, it will be an interface through which Lough Neagh Partnership can keep the local community up to date with the project in the months ahead.

3 WEBSITE CONTENT

The following documents, videos & podcasts are available to watch, listen to, download or view on-screen:

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A series of brief publications on historical topics such as:

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Graphics from the exhibition “Digging Deep – A history of East Tyrone coalfields”.

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The full report into the excavation at the former Derrybuoy pottery site in June 2019 by Sarah Gormley of the Centre for Community Archaeology at Queen’s University, Belfast.

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You can enjoy an audio recording of the play “[Coalisland Tales: Grafted, Crafted, Woven & Spun](#)” by the Craic Players.

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Photographs from events and venues:

- [“Coalisland Experience” heritage centre](#)
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The ceramic workshops are proceeding as remote tutorials. [Diane McCormick](#) has recorded a video giving instructions on how to make a clay art piece ([see this link](#)) which participants can follow from the safety and comfort of their own homes. Each participant is provided with a sterilised Home Craft Kit which includes clay and any equipment and tools they may need to make their own clay creation.

It is intended to deliver Home Craft Kits to 50 homes in the coming weeks. Any art pieces which the participants create will be considered for a major public artwork which will be displayed in the Craic Theatre.

4.2 History talks and podcasts

A series of history talks and more podcasts are planned for the coming months. These will be recorded and made available online through the website.

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The playwright Mark Shields has been commissioned to write four short plays for the Craic Players. The working titles are:

- The Lock-keeper's Wife's Tale
- The Stableboy's Tale
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Each play will be 15-20 minutes and recorded on video on location with a small crew and no more than two actors. The video of each play will then be made available through the website.

5 AFTER LOCKDOWN

In the event that the lockdown restrictions are eased and public meetings are possible by the summer, we may be able to deliver the following programme of activities:

- Craft workshops in blacksmithing, jewellery making and crocheting.
- An archaeological excavation is planned for June 2021 in association with the students and staff of the Centre for Community Archaeology, Queen's University, Belfast.
- Community education will resume with socially distanced walks and talks which would be open to a limited number of participants.

6 BURSARY

The proposed apprenticeship scheme has been re-structured as a bursary. It is available for residents in the project area who wish to undertake further or higher education/training to help move towards starting their own business or beginning a career in the heritage sector. The bursary provides 75% of the course fees, up to a maximum total of £3,000.

[Please see this link.](#)

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In April, we will be inviting consultants to tender for the development of a detailed sustainable three year plan for the future of the industrial heritage sector in the East Tyrone area. This will involve engaging with local stakeholders and will be delivered by utilising social media, the new website and, if possible, face to face consultation.

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Appendix 2B - Coalisland Great Places Change of Funding Request 3.2.21



**Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council
held on Thursday 11 February 2021 in the Council Offices, Circular Road,
Dungannon and by Virtual Means**

Members Present

Councillor McNamee

Councillors Ashton*, Black, Burton*, Clarke*, Corry*,
Cuddy*, Doris*, Elattar*, Kearney*, Kerr*, Milne*, Molloy*,
Monteith*, Wilson*

**Officers in
Attendance**

Mr McCreesh**, Chief Executive
Ms Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation
Mr Browne**, Head of Tourism
Mr Gordon**, Head of Leisure
Mr Hill**, Head of Parks
Ms Linney**, Head of Community Development
Mr McCance**, Head of Culture and Arts
Ms McKeown**, Head of Economic Development
Ms Grogan, Democratic Services Officer

**Others in
Attendance**

Councillor S McGuigan***

Agenda Item 4 – Deputation – Parkanaur College

Mr Bernard Cullen, Chair
Ms Maureen Crawford, Vice Chair
Mr Patrick Graham

* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Cllr McNamee in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee wished everyone a Happy New Year, he stated that last year was difficult but that there was now a vaccine and the infection rate was coming down and that he hoped the situation would improve in the coming months.

D020/21 Apologies

Councillor Hughes.

D021/21 Declarations of Interest

The Chair Councillor McNamee reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest.

D022/21 Chair's Business

The Chair said that he was saddened to hear of the passing of former Councillor Bob Mulligan yesterday. He stated that Bob had served in the first term of this Council and was also a Councillor with the former Dungannon Council from 1993 and wanted to pass on condolences to Bob's immediate family on behalf of this committee.

Councillor Cuddy said that he had worked with Bob for most of his Council employment up until the last term and found him a gentlemen who treated everyone the same with a great knowledge and he had certainly missed him the last four years and was a pleasure to work with him especially in Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council. He said that Bob was an asset to the former Council and they were very lucky to have him and passed on his condolences to his family.

Councillor Ashton passed on her sympathy to Mrs Mulligan and his family and stated that she had worked with Bob during the former DSTBC and also in Mid Ulster Council and was saddened to hear the announcement of his passing today and also passed on her condolences to his former colleagues within the Ulster Unionist Party.

Councillor Kearney said that on behalf of his party they were sad to hear of the death of Bob. He recalled that Bob give his working life to public service and for 20 years a hard working Councillor. He said that he had last met him at the Clogher Valley Show in 2019 and was still his jovial self and passed his condolences to his family and to the Unionist party.

Councillor S McGuigan concurred with all previous members' sentiments regarding former Councillor Bob Mulligan and passed on his condolences on behalf himself and his party to Mrs Mulligan, his family and the Ulster Unionist Party.

Councillor Kerr passed on his condolences to Councillor Mulligan's family.

Councillor Monteith concurred with previous comments regarding Councillor Mulligan and said that although they both had very different perspectives on life, they always got on well and remembered him carrying out a lot of work for the Clogher Valley area and passed his condolences to Councillor Mulligan's family.

Councillor Burton passed on her deepest sympathy to Bob's family at this difficult time. She said that she had first worked with him from when she was first elected in 2005 to Dungannon & South Tyrone Borough Council and had always found him to be very passionate about the area he represented and no matter what they were pushing for he was very supportive and treated her with total respect, as she did towards him. She was saddened to hear that he had been ill for a little time and passed on her condolences to Councillor Mulligan's wife and family.

The Chair advised that item 23 Gearing for Growth would now be taken under item 21 under Confidential Matters for Decision.

Councillor Kerr advised that he wished to raise an issue which was raising some concern within his area. He said that some local residents have had major problems over ambulance response times due to new houses/housing developments not being on the ambulance navigation system. He said that recently within Coalisland, two neighbours had experienced this with their newborns waiting close to an hour before the ambulance had responded to their 999 call. Thankfully, in both cases after receiving medical treatment both newborns made a good recovery.

He stressed that importance of ambulance response times to emergency calls being critical as any delay could mean the difference between life and death. He said that the navigation system problem could not continue and must be resolved with immediate effect with all new housing/housing developments being added routinely to the Ambulance Service navigation system. He asked that Council liaise with Ambulance Service as closely as possible to ensure this takes place.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Kerr

Seconded by Councillor Monteith

Resolved That instead of waiting to full Council, that the Senior Management Team contact the local Trust or Ambulance Service to lobby to resolve this. Building Control Department to also contact the Trust or Ambulance Service and update them on newly developed housing developments or houses and make sure they appear on the navigation system.

Councillor Clarke said that there was a slow response and an inability to reach people in a serious situation cross the Ambulance Service at the minute with the pandemic possibly being blamed for a certain extent, but it needed to be resourced properly. He said that within his part of the country, residents were on the edge of Northern Trust, Southern Trust and Western Trust and about 40 miles from the nearest acute hospitals, so it would be vital that there was proper resources put into the Ambulance Service. As the public witnessed a few weeks ago, a fleet of ambulances were all parked in a line outside hospitals because they could not take any more admissions inside to deal with the casualties and whilst those ambulances were all parked outside that hospital, they couldn't be utilised where there was a general need. He felt that it was incumbent on the authorities to make sure that the Ambulance Service was properly resourced to reach all needs in all parts of the constituency and all parts of the Council area.

The Chair said that he had also seen issues within his own area regarding the Ambulance Service with delays up to 2 and 3 hours and witnessed patients laying outside that length of time. He said that sadly it was a case of not being ill enough but in Councillor Kerr's case it was locating the actual address where they have been called too and this was a serious issue. He felt there was a need to connect the breakdown and make sure that when the Ambulance Service was going out to an address they know exactly where they were going.

Councillor Wilson said that he had received a number of complaints from delivery drivers and numerous other people about locating an address and was previously aware of the Council encouraging townlands but we should also be encouraging people to put a house number on their properties or at the end of their lanes in the instance of an ambulance being required. He said that there was a need to take into consideration Councillor Kerr's comments as people were living in unprecedented times, with the National Health Services being at full stretch and in some cases overstretched, and it was imperative to help those we can who were most in need. He stated that there was a meeting some time before Covid where it was discussed about the Ambulance Service being reformed and a great discussion about updating the service in Cookstown and suggested writing to Ambulance Service to see where they were with that report.

Councillor Doris raised the ongoing issue of land DMAC Engineering and said that she had attended a meeting today which was proposed for a Men's Shed going forward. She said that members would be aware of ongoing historical issues relating to that piece of ground and the current issue doesn't seem to be with the Planners but with Environmental Health.

Proposed by Councillor Doris

Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that an urgent meeting be arranged with Environmental Health Officers and all relevant Stakeholders to get the Men's Shed project (DMAC site) of the ground and explore issues not relevant to Environmental Health like the carpark not being done.

Also that a report be brought forward to the next Development committee regarding land at the Old Railway in Coalisland which has been set aside for community allotments.

Councillor Burton said that she and possibly the rest of the Clogher Valley Councillors had received a letter in relation to issues regarding the roads in, out and around Granville Industrial Estate which were like a patchwork quilt. She said that it was previously agreed that work would be carried out before the end of the financial year and had forwarded on the correspondence from Westland's only to be told that this was now being put back until 2021/22. She said that anyone who had attended the Granville Resident's meeting (unfortunately she had to leave early to join another zoom meeting) could clearly see the frustration of the people living within that vicinity and was nothing short of shocking and felt it would be important for this Council to do something about it before people and businesses start thinking of pulling out of the Industrial Estate as they were struggling at present. She sought guidance from Senior Officers on whether it would be best to go to Transport NI/Infrastructure Minister or for our Senior Officers to meet with Senior Officers of DfI because this work was needed for such a long time but yet it was put back again and the residents have very strong concerns. She enquired whether it would be more beneficial to liaise with the Infrastructure Minister or go to the local Infrastructure top tier.

Councillor Molloy advised members that he works in Granville and was all too aware of the problems regarding access for emergency vehicles, for workers, non-parking for workers and all the issues which has went along with this Estate and its neighbour in

Dungannon Business Park and lack of investment to link the two Industrial Estates together which beggars belief sometimes. He said that he would welcome Councillor Burton's suggestion to seek guidance from Senior Officers on what the best approach was for both the Estate, businesses, residents and workers on the Estate as it needs sorted out as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Clarke advised that he had visited the site and seen firsthand the far end of it from the main road, he understood the amount of traffic which was there, the size of the traffic, the size of the vehicles which use it and felt that the biggest part of the problem was the design of it as it was all turns and the damage those large vehicles with their double and treble wheels in a place like that was enormous. He felt that this was more of a structural problem, with a main road entering into it and branches of it. He agreed with Councillor Molloy's comments regarding link up between the two business parks and felt that there was no reason why this shouldn't be the case which provided access back out onto the main road. He said that he would support any measures that Officers wished to take but felt that responsibility lay with DfI and was up to them to sort it.

Councillor Monteith advised that Dungannon Town Councillors had also received the email the same as the Clogher Valley Councillors. He said that the whole Granville issue was down to an example of terrible planning, total lack of joined up thinking, between planners, housing and Industrial Estate and was just a mitigated disaster which was coming to a head now where residents were up in arms about their rights and their rights to live in a peaceful environment, businesses no room to expand, workers nowhere to park and these issues have been ongoing since he has been a Councillor.

He stressed the need to get on top of this dilemma because sooner or later some businesses were going to pull out and we would all be "could've, should've, would've" and it would be too late. He said that this wasn't the first time businesses in Granville had sought the help of Councillors previously from Dungannon and now Mid Ulster, MLAs and MPs and whatever emerges from this, we cannot leave it just to deal with this particular issue raised by this company as an overall plan was needed on what the future was so that the people who live out there, who reared their families there for generations, have the ability and the self-security knowing that they will be able to do this going forward, but also for businesses having security to know that they were being listened to. He said that there should be a situation where everyone can work together to sustain a better community in Granville because no-one was getting what they need currently and no-one has any long term security and was aware that the issue of roads needed to be dealt with but there was a need for a long term plan for access onto the main road and more security for peace of mind for residents as to what the long term future was. He stated that he would support any efforts to deal with this but felt there was a need to sit down at a more strategic level on an ongoing basis to try and resolve this matter.

Councillor Cuddy said that all Councillors were aware of Granville Industrial Estate being too successful and wasn't designed for the large amount of employees in the first instance. He stated that Granville Estate was on private lands which was another issue with the private company getting their rent regardless and were not interested in joining up with another Industrial Estate. He said that group leaders held a meeting with InvestNI not so long ago on this issue and asked why there wasn't opportunities to get a larger one as businesses can outgrow smaller sizes and hold these large companies

within the area. He agreed with Councillor Monteith's comments around the issue being strategic as this was something this Council needed to get their heads around as we don't want to lose these successful businesses to other Council areas as these businesses started off in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt areas and we want to keep them. He said that this needed to be reinvestigated again to get it resolved.

Councillor Kerr concurred with previous comments and said that there were a lot of workers using this site and said that it was important that roads were in a reasonable condition as a huge initiative for Engineering companies was good roads for large HGVs and this definitely needed to be looked at.

The Chief Executive said that 3000 workers utilise Granville each day and competing forces in a sense that although this complaint was from a business and as much as we wish to grow and develop the business ethic there was also the need to recognise the plight of residents. He advised that Officers had arranged to meet the residents again as there were odour and noise complaints.

He advised that Economic Development Officers and himself had held previous meetings relating to the road issues and with every business in Granville. He said that it was Officers hope that the road was going to be upgraded two years ago with the possible implementation of a roundabout or turn in, but it was reported that no resources were available. He stated that this was not just a DfI problem but also an InvestNI problem as they created the Industrial Estate and the Business Park beside it so perhaps there was a shared responsibility.

It was

Proposed by Councillor Burton

Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to seek an urgent meeting with Nichola Mallon, Minister for Infrastructure regarding issues affecting residents, workers and businesses in Granville.

D023/21 Deputation – Parkanaur College

The Chair welcomed the representatives from Parkanaur College to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Ms Crawford thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak to them tonight and provide update on work carried out by Parkanaur College.

Ms Crawford and Mr Graham provided presentation (appendix 1) and advised that Parkanaur College's ethos was to provide a safe place for learning and living; for students and residents to enjoy learning important life skills that would assist them in their future employment/independency; to provide a 'home away from home' for students and residents; to provide the highest level of care and support for residents and students.

Mr Graham advised Parkanaur Manor House was located in Parkanaur Forest Park for over 50 years which was donated to local population. It's currently managed by Thomas

Doran Parkanaur Trust, a charity which provided training towards employment for young adults with disabilities. Increasingly used by those with multiple disabilities, often including autism and housed a residential care home for 14 residents. He said that Parkanaur was a shared site with Forestry Service and Speedwell Trust and the felt that Mid Ulster Council could help them achieve their vision through:

- Council having significant experience in planning, for example Connecting Pomeroy.
- Co-ordinating potential partners such as Forestry and Speedwell Trust.
- Assisting in accessing funding for improvements to estate.
- Seeing Parkanaur as a delivery partner in achieving objectives of the Community Plan.
- Helping shape our future/providing fresh eyes.
- Greater use of Parkanaur facilities by the local population.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee thanked the representatives for their informative presentation and invited Members to come forward with any questions/comments they may have.

Councillor Molloy thanked the representatives on providing their impressive presentation and advised that he was aware of the work which was carried out by the Thomas Doran Trust and Parkanaur and the sites overall which may be cumbersome regarding the different things which go on at the site. He said that the presentation provided a good insight into future plans on what potential there was for the site and working with different departments and agencies to try and get the best possible outcome for the site and the school and enquired if there was any funding available from the Department of Health.

Ms Crawford advised that the residential site was funded by Health Trusts, with four out of the five Trusts placing residents with them with the fifth Trust about to place another resident. She said that the funding received from Health Trusts was very important as there was very little amounts of income coming from elsewhere at the moment and any which was received had to be developed i.e. social enterprise or a donor left in a will. Approximately 2/3 of funding received came from Health Trusts residential side and 1/3 came from DfC for training side.

Councillor Cuddy said that he knew the area well as his father had grew up within the vicinity of Parkanaur and spent a great deal of his childhood years around the forest. He stated that he had the pleasure of meeting Thomas Doran and found him a real gentleman. Mr Doran had returned from America and purchased the college as he had a disabled child himself and turned it into this magnificent site which had great potential but felt the Trust needed help and expertise to make it into something great and be linked up as it was beside the East/West corridor. He said that going forward outdoor pursuits would be the big thing and hoped that the Council could link up with the staff of Parkanaur to enhance it.

Councillor S McGuigan said that he lived very close to Parkanaur College and knew only too well the great work that takes place and would be very supportive of their plea here tonight. He felt that the group were trying to arrange a cocktail of funding and when it comes to it being assessed they were possibly not meeting the criteria as they were doing things which they may not feel comfortable doing and doing things which

they may not be paid to do. He stated that the group were asking for assistance and guidance to progress their plans to present to Departments and felt that the Council should help them to progress to the next stage.

Councillor Black commended the group for all the great work they were carrying out and felt what they were proposing could be mutually beneficial to the wider community as a whole and proposed that the group meet with Council Officers to have a look at these issues to try and move the project forward.

The Chair agreed that he would be happy to second the proposal as it had the potential of being tremendous and this may be achieved by Officers linking in their expertise with the group.

Ms Crawford thanked the committee and said that the group couldn't be anymore delighted or any more grateful to members tonight as this was exactly what they needed.

Proposed by Councillor Black
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That Officers liaise with representatives from Parkanaur College to provide expertise on funding streams for future plans of the College.

The representatives from Parkanaur College left the meeting at 7.56 pm.

Matters for Decision

D024/21 Sports Representative Grants

The Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to present to members the proposed community grant allocations for the range of:

- Sports Representative Grant – Team and Individuals (February 2020 – March 2020 and also April 2020 to January 2021)

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Wilson and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the recommendation for sports grant allocations that have been awarded but could not be claimed due to Covid-19 to transfer to 2021/22.

D025/21 Leisure Pricing 2021/22

The Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to provide information to Members on the proposed April 2021 – March 2022 Leisure pricing and sought approval to implement from 1st April 2021.

Councillor Molloy said that he would be happy to propose the recommendation but sought clarity on reduced Corporate all-inclusive membership for employees for more than 10 people enrolled and enquired how many local businesses would sign up to the programme and what kind of PR was carried out.

The Head of Leisure advised that this was a new pricing point which commenced in December 2019 and so far the uptake had been quite poor with the Covid pandemic possibly having an impact but when Officers looked at the previous price point of £27 per month compared to standard adult rate of £29.95 and household membership of £31.67 per month, this may not have seemed good value. He said that this new pricing point was benchmarked against other Councils and was brought to committee tonight to reduce the cost down from £27 to £22.50. It was the intention to go out with a new membership package with increased PR and marketing with this reduced pricing and engagement with businesses throughout the district which may upsell the benefits of the discounted package to encourage people to use the facilities.

Councillor Corry thanked the Officer for the report but referred to the matter of match bookings for the 3G/4G pitches. She referred to Rugby and Soccer match cost per adult was £51.50 and for Gaelic match for adult was £72.10 and enquired what the difference was which also included the Training Bookings. She also sought clarity on Adult Gym Induction with Greenvale being £50 and the rest of the other facilities being £25.

The Head of Leisure advised that back in 2018 members gave approval for increment price increases or decreases as there was differences between the three legacy Councils and previously Greenvale Leisure Centre under Pulse would have charged £50 for casual gym inductions where Cookstown and Dungannon would have charged £25 and under that approval it was felt appropriate to adopt the legacy Cookstown and Dungannon price point therefore reducing that. He said that the uptake of £50 gym induction at Greenvale had been historically very low but hoped that this would now stimulate business moving forward.

The Head of Leisure referred to query regarding price points for pitches and said that in terms of Soccer/Rugby and GAA, this was consistent on what was adopted in 2018, but felt that the costs reflected more to do with timing and size in terms of pitch requirements but would certainly investigate the issue if need be.

Councillor Black referred to percentages on 3.4 of the report 'Commercial Rates' *where it stated that currently there is an inconsistent approach to the percentage pricing uplift for commercial rates for certain pricing products and this can vary between 42% to 328% additional compared to non-commercial rates* – and sought clarification where these percentages came from. He also referred to the grid and whilst very good in appendix felt it may be more beneficial to have the old price added to it to see comparisons with the old prices.

The Head of Leisure in response to query regarding the grid advised that prices hadn't deviated from where they originally were in the 2018 report, except for those with approved incremental increases or decreases and these were noted within the Notes column, but after this meeting he could circulate the report if members' so wish.

He referred to query on Commercial Rates and said that this was an outworking of the three legacy Councils coming together with Pulse coming back in-house a few years ago and focused mainly on issues like room hire and hall hire. These were areas where it may take a lot for a group to be considered 'commercial' if they were profit making and this was a more consistent and considered approach across all the centres with a proposal to uplift a 50% on the standard adult rate. He said the criteria on how a group would be considered as 'non-commercial' was included within the appendix also.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve:

- (i) Appendix A: Leisure Pricing April 2021 – March 2022
- (ii) The adoption of the proposals outlined in section 3.4 for commercial rates, birthday parties, swim lessons, pool hire, additional child discounts and corporate memberships
- (iii) Discretionary pricing flexibility to continue to be considered as and when required under the Scheme of Delegation to allow scope for sales promotions, official Council supported events, member service issues, site specific usage trends, etc.

D026/21 Cahore Playing Fields, Draperstown

The Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to provide information to Members on correspondence from Draperstown Celtic Football Club and sought approval for Officers to investigate options for Members future consideration.

Councillor Elattar referred to Draperstown Celtic which are a community based club, who were helping to promote both good physical and mental health across all age groups, working along with local group Steps. The club has been flourishing in recent years, but it needed the pitches upgraded in order to progress on in the league and they would like to be able to lease the land so that they could apply for funding to make the necessary changes. There is some work that needed done before they could lease, and this needs to be explored and costed by Council as they hope to join with the GAA to develop this proposal and turn it into a more user friendly sports facility for local residents. She said that the Council would benefit from it being leased as they currently have to maintain the facilities and pay rent to the landowner and proposed that Officers proceed to explore all options available.

Councillor Corry said that she would be happy to support the proposal going forward and concurred with Councillor Elattar as the club were an integral part of the community as they cover all age groups, abilities, male and female and were very much involved in Covid support and mental health matters.

Councillor Kearney declared an interest in the above item as he had a playing family member there.

He felt that the scheme was well worth supporting as it was an excellent idea with the Council working towards the development of a Leisure policy in other areas at other times and felt that this was very good work to go along side this.

Proposed by Councillor Elattar
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the report and approve that:

- (i) Officers carry out a survey of Cahore Playing Fields and ascertain costs for potential works to the grass pitches.
- (ii) Officers engage with Council legal services and the landlord of Cahore Playing Fields to ascertain conditions associated with leasing and if permissible, engage with Land and Property Services to ascertain market value for rental/leasing options.
- (iii) The above be presented to a future Development Committee for consideration when available.
- (iv) Officers proceed to explore all options available.

D027/21 Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Programme 2020/21 Additional Leisure Projects

The Head of Leisure presented previously circulated report to:

- Provide members with an update on the 2020/21 Department for Communities Access and Inclusion Funding Programme
- Provide members with a list of additional projects approved for funding by Department for Communities
- Seek approval from Council to accept the letter of offer from Department of Communities for projects identified under section 3 of the report.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Corry and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that approval be given:

- (i) To accept the additional funding allocation (£16,828) from Department of Communities to deliver the additional project (as detailed under section 3 of the report).
- (ii) As with previous applications taken to Council in November and December 2020, set up specific finance codes to incur expenditure for the project and to utilise the approved Council framework contractors, where required to deliver the project identified.

D028/21 Update on Forest Schools within Council area for 2020/21

The Head of Parks presented previously circulated report to update Members on the current position of Forest Schools for 2020-2021 within the Council area and to seek approval for the reallocation and distribution of project resources for the current programme.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Doris and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that approval be given to:

- (i) Note the postponement of the Forest School Programme for 2020/21 year due to the Covid pandemic.
- (ii) Funding received from NHLP being distributed across nine registered schools, who expressed an interest in the 2020-21 Forest School Programme to enable them to deliver the Forest School programme on their own sites/virtually, with support and guidance from Council staff.

D029/21 Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021

The Head of Culture and Arts presented previously circulated report and sought Members approval to issue a call for Expressions of Interest from interested groups and individuals seeking to deliver activities and projects designed to encourage and promote use of the Irish Language as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the call for Expressions of Interest to be issued inviting submissions from interested groups and individuals seeking to deliver online/virtual activities and projects designed to encourage and promote use of the Irish Language as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021.

Councillor Cuddy felt that this was very short notice, with most festivals being postponed until next year in response to Covid and was interesting to see that this festival was still going ahead, but would have no issue as long as Covid regulations were covered. He said that this international festival was anticipated to run from 1st to 17th March and asked if there was ample time to get it into the papers as this was very short notice.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that although Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021 runs from the 1st to 17th March, however doesn't necessarily mean that activities would commence on the 1st March and could well commence in the second week. The reality of the situation is that all activities would be delivered online and virtually, as has been the case with the activities currently being within Culture and Arts. He advised that the fact that it is under the umbrella of Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021 festival does not mean that there was actual activities being delivered in person in the form of a festival but more the case of buying into a virtual online offering of celebration of the Irish language in the lead up to St. Patrick's Day.

D030/21 Sperrins Sculpture Trail Update

The Head of Tourism presented previously circulated report to provide Members with an update on progress in relation to the Sperrins Sculpture Trail project. Approval is sought to accept the Letter of Offer from DAERA through its Rural Tourism Scheme for funding towards Phase 2 of the Sculpture Trail project, i.e. capital delivery, together with approval of the Council's financial contribution.

Councillor Clarke said that he was delighted to see the project moving ahead and within Mid Ulster part of AONB, Davagh was an appropriate site and enquired if there were any details and drawings to see what the project was.

The Head of Tourism stated that once the Artist was appointed after being considered by all Councils, there would be consultation with details and graphics on what the project would look thereafter.

Councillor Cuddy said that it was good to see the funding being received and working with other Council but asked why other areas within the Sperrins were not being considered as the sculpture was a considerable size. He felt that the gateway into the Sperrins should have been considered as an alternative site as it was on the edge of a busy road to encourage people into the Sperrins and may not have been an appropriate site to put a sculpture right in the middle of it like the site in Davagh. He advised that he had no issue with the initiative as it was good to see funding coming through for an area of outstanding beauty.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

- Resolved** That it be recommended to Council to:
- (i) Authorise the match funding required, being £142,234.34 (25% of the tender costs of the Mid Ulster District Council element of the project) to be expended between the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years in accordance with the progression of the project works, the funds having been previously included within the Council's Capital Programme.
 - (ii) Authorise the Officers to fund the relevant professional fees amounting to £13,050 from the Tourism & Culture and Arts 2020/21 budgets.
 - (iii) Instructs its Officers to review the current Capital budget and implement such steps as are necessary to ensure that all capital costs associated with Capital Projects, including legal and other associated costs, are properly incurred and funded from the relevant Capital Project budget.

D031/21 Economic Development Report - OBFD

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report to provide an update on key activities and sought approval for the following:

(a) ATCM Membership Renewal

Councillor Molloy raised the issue around Town Centre Management especially around Dungannon and the existence of DRP. He said that the high street in the last 8 to 10 weeks had resulted in major changes in how business was done and how business will be done going forward and proposed that the Head of Economic Development and the

Chief Executive carry out some exploratory negotiations around the Town Centre Forum for Dungannon, to re-engage and relook at how as a deliverable Forum proceeds in the future as it wasn't currently working and not viable as there was no interest to pursue it. He concluded by saying that a fresh look was needed going forward.

Councillor Monteith said that he would be happy to second Councillor Molloy's proposal. He concurred with Councillor Molloy's comments 100% as there was different general interests around the town and there was a need to focus thoughts and minds to come up with a solution for a way forward for traders, people and users of the town, customers and the general public so everyone can move forward with some sort of positivity. He said that he would whole-heartedly support Councillor Molloy in asking the Head of Economic Development and Chief Executive to re-engage to start discussions with previous people involved and ideally new people on their thoughts also.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that the Head of Economic Development and Chief Executive carrying out some exploratory negotiations around the Town Centre Forum for Dungannon, to re-engage and relook at how as a deliverable Forum it proceeds in the future.

The Head of Economic Development said that she would be happy to pursue this. She added that historically Dungannon had used DRP as the vehicle to progress town centre initiatives. She noted this was a different approach to the structures used in Cookstown, Magherafelt, Coalisland and Maghera, who have adopted the Town Centre Forum partnership model to progress the development of their retrospective towns which have worked very well.

Councillor Burton stated that she had been approached by Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce regarding a number of businesses closing down and felt that it would be important to try and help the Chamber of Commerce in trying to promote the area and work with businesses on the different issues. She said that Click & Collect was causing problems in rural towns and villages and was aware that there wasn't a lot the Council could do about that but felt that it would be very important to keep the communications line open and asked that the smaller rural towns be kept updated.

The Head of Economic Development advised that the Economic Development team had recently met with representatives from Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce to update them on all the current Council initiatives available to assist the business community. The Chamber appreciated the update provided and officers encouraged them to avail of the free business support, which included Council's large suite of business programmes. She added that one of these programmes, 'Digital First', could assist businesses by providing bespoke mentoring support to implement 'Click & Collect' services, and hoped to see some applications coming through from them.

Councillor Cuddy referred to a perfect example relating to the Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House being utilised by the First Minister and Deputy First Minister from the two main parties nearly every night on Castlehill. He said that we all knew where they were but very few outside Dungannon probably knew where they were and felt that this should be an opportunity to show one of the Council's main sites in Mid Ulster. He said that it would be beneficial for SMT to place a sign somewhere in the background to get the Hill of The O'Neill recognised for the fantastic site it was and felt that the Council were missing a trick.

He also referred to Economic Industry in Northern Ireland and stated that Mid Ulster was within the centre of it and felt it would be useful for a report to be circulated to see how Northern Ireland protocol was affecting businesses in Mid Ulster.

The Head of Economic Development advised if a comprehensive report was needed on how the NI Protocol was affecting businesses in Mid Ulster, then external support would be needed, as it is a large piece of work and currently the economic team is working at full capacity. She added that Council keeps in weekly contact with businesses across Mid Ulster advising and updating them on a variety of support measures, including EU exit.

The Chief Executive concurred with the Head of Economic Development's comments that the Council didn't have any direct data as there was no resources to carry out the collation of data but Officers were working closely with Manufacturing NI and many of their members came from Mid Ulster. He said that Manufacturing NI had recently released data on surveys they had carried out and advised that our Officers would tap in and go back to them to re-engage and try and determine the element of Mid Ulster companies which was made up with their data, with an update being brought back to members.

In response to query regarding advertising behind the First and Deputy First Ministers, the Chief Executive advised that Officers would try again to see if there was an opportunity for brand identity.

The Head of Culture and Arts advised that anytime the site was used for the announcements, it was highlighted that they were doing so from Dungannon and most people would know that it was the Hill of The O'Neill.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Monteith and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that approval be granted to:

ATCM Membership Renewal

Renewal of membership with the Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM) for the calendar year, 1 January to 31 December 2021 at a costs of £545 (excluding Vat).

(b) Labour Market Partnership (LMP)

Councillor Monteith advised that he would agree in principle but sought clarity on some issues regarding a baseline for workers as the reality was that there was too much

work, badly paid jobs and bad working conditions. He said that although he had no particular issue with organisations like the Mid Ulster Skills Forum, they are what they are, industry led with no involvement with trade unions and felt that moving forward this organisation needs to have a more strategic link with trade unions in relation to workers' rights and moving forward on that and would be of the opinion that if the Council was setting up any labour market partnership that trade unions and workers needs to be an integral part of that. He stated that too often economic strategies were taken forward by employers and workers which were a secondary thought at best, with reality being that there wouldn't be a quality labour market when there were people in very badly paid jobs and poor working conditions. Although he accepted people learning new skills and trying to get jobs with better wages which was natural, the reality was that there was a system here where people accepted that there were jobs that needed done and also accepted the fact that people would have to live in poverty to do these jobs which was not acceptable any longer and should never be unacceptable. He said that if there was going to be any sort of labour market in the Mid Ulster area, then there was a need to make it to reflect the needs of our community which was one of many areas sadly with very bad pay and poor working conditions. He stated that he had no difficulty with this recommendation and proposed going forward as long as it was an integral issue within Mid Ulster as other Councils would do what they seen fit, but if a new partnership was to be set up it needed a very strong worker focus and a strategic input from the trade union movement.

Councillor Kerr concurred with Councillor Monteith's comments and said he also had no problem agreeing to the report as it was a good initiative but said it was vital that trade unions and workers be involved in the process. He advised that trade unions uptake was particular low across employment sectors, especially engineering sectors and in some cases employees being treated very unfairly during these unprecedented times during Covid. He said that he was aware of some employees being told that their jobs were on the line on a Monday and then being laid off the next day and felt that lessons needed to be learnt from this and make this initiative a focus for the working person and trade unions along with voluntary bodies and employers.

The Head of Economic Development advised that a further report would be brought back in due course.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that approval be given to:

(i) Labour Market Partnership (LMP)

Mid Ulster Council participates as a key stakeholder in the planning and development of Labour Market Partnerships, which will coordinate activities relating to skills development, training and employability programmes in Mid Ulster. Going forward that an integral part of the proposal be that when the new partnership is set up that a very strong worker focus be included with a strategic input from the trade union movement.

D032/21 Community Development

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report to provide an update on key activities and sought approval for the following:

(i) Community Grants – To agree the rolling grants for Good Relations

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve Good Relations Grant (£3,480.00) as appendix 1.

(lii) Mid Ulster Community Planning Poverty Plan

Councillor Doris wanted to recognise the invaluable work carried out by Neighbourhood Renewal team in relation to poverty as it was really important to have that mix of stakeholders and a great example of a Council led initiative which had made a huge difference within her area of Coalisland being able to fund a number of huge projects like the Fianna Club, Brackaville Pitch and going forward plans for Gortgonis Leisure Centre which was an important thing going forward. In working with a number of groups, it has been indicated within the report that there was a real issue with long term funding cycles as a lot of the funding cycles was on an annual basis and asked if it would be possible for the Council to lobby DfC to look at this differently.

Councillor Monteith said that it was good to see the strategy getting to this stage and paid tribute to Officers for their collaboration and to all Councillors for their contribution in taking part as this was a living plan and it wasn't essential that it covered every aspect, but it needed to cover the important issues. He said that he was very content with the beginning of the plan where it states categorically that poverty was not a natural thing, it was not inevitable which has to be recognised and for far too long there was a general acceptance that this was the case and the bottom line was we were living in a system where people were running out of money for the basics like food, shelter and heat on a regular basis, with any system like that being wrong and being dismantled. He said that he had a few issues as this was going to be Mid Ulster District Council's Strategy with a lot of lobbying and liaising with other organisations and building partnerships but there were issues that our Council has to do as well as an organisation also, we need to look at our procedures and on page 25 it talked about social clauses and things like that and procedures, but the reality was that this Council had the authority to look at the legalities and how we would do it. He stated that the Council had the authority to write into tenders that any firm getting businesses from us should be paying the livable wage, no zero hours contract and all those type of issues, but we need to start with our own house as well as trying to encourage outside bodies and this needed strengthening up. He advised that one of the issues in our town centres was the lack of childcare provision for people working in the town centre and this would be a perfect opportunity to encourage enterprise for implementing childcare in the middle of the town. He said that enhancing the livable wage and strengthening workers' rights has to be at the very core of this plan as we have to make work pay, a situation where people can provide for their families which were core issues and must take legislative change, but said that this wouldn't be solved with the best will of the world with partnerships and working within the current framework as we need

enforceable legislation especially around housing which was highlighted on page 26. Issues around housing needed to be mandatory, controlled and enforced rigorously as housing was one of the biggest factors to poverty within Dungannon town if not further afield and heard consistently on a daily basis about the cost of housing. Another issue was the fitness of housing and was aware that Environment Health were working on matters in trying to get the fitness standards and legislation enhanced as the current legislation and guidelines were for houses which were 60 – 70 years old and not fit for purpose in the 21st century.

He referred to page 27 and highlighted his dismay at this being industry led and felt that this needed to change as it has been industry led for far too long and if talking about poverty, workers needed to be to the forefront in bringing this forward, workers needed to be at the forefront on any initiative with trade union membership being promoted and trade union consultations being strategic as there was no reason why our Procurement department could not insist that any company which secures a tender from the Council must recognise the trade union within it, as there was too much trade union bursting and discouraging people from being involved.

In conclusion Councillor Monteith stated that there were things within this plan which needed beefed up, but was a decent starting point but that was all that it was a starting point as there was a need for legislative change which needed to be lobbied heavily. He said that the pandemic took to the fore the inadequacy of statutory sick pay within the private sector, with the reality being that there was absolutely no excuse for statutory sick pay being wholly inadequate within the private sector in relation to the public sector and this needs equalised and made equivalent of a person's normal wage.

Councillor Milne enquired if the Council was tying in with Department for Communities within all of this.

The Head of Community Development confirmed that the Council was tying in with the Department for Communities and hoping to get to meeting with them quite soon in relation to this. She advised that DfC had set up a working group at the moment and had identified four specialist advisors and allowed them the time to identify the key concepts which would be shared out, but currently the working group does not have council representation, but this has been brought to the attention of NILGA who were going to put it forward to make sure that they are going to represent Council as there was an issue of having every council rep on. She stated that Council were working directly with DfC officials directly and sharing our plan. She did not it was important to stress that the plan was under the 'community planning' and is still in draft form at this stage, until all the community planning partners agree it as this will be important in successful delivery, as many areas are delivery for other partners and there are lobbying issues which are an ongoing process, but would keep members updated going forward.

Councillor Milne said that he was happy with response as legislation had to go through DfC committee.

Councillor Molloy concurred with Councillor Monteith's comment about the document being a start, but as people had to live by it, it needed to be expanded, developed and acted upon and not left sitting on the shelf like some other government documents. He said that a lot of Councillors through the pandemic were proactive in helping people

with food banks, fuel etc., which was soul destroying when you see the effects of poverty on young families and elderly people and didn't only effect their physical health but also their mental health and there was an onus on the Council to make poverty a thing of the past in this district and beyond otherwise this Council has failed. He concluded by saying that if Council continued to provide foodbanks and fuel banks then society had also failed and this must change.

Councillor Kerr thanked Officers for bring forward the comprehensive report and wanted to highlight some issues within it. He said that Mid Ulster had generated some of the most poverty in the North of Ireland which also featured children, high rental costs, cost of living, pupils from deprived backgrounds not succeeding as well as others, free school meals and academics, university enrolment, better qualifications, better wages, mental health issues, people coming from deprived areas, life expectancy etc. with much more, indicating the large scope of reasons behind poverty in Mid Ulster. He said that the report also referred to one of the most deprived towns within Mid Ulster which was his own home town of Coalisland which was a daunting fact and was very important that the Council do everything they can to lobby the associated agencies to try and get as much support as possible.

He said that he was glad to see Councillor Monteith referencing the regulating of rent. He also referred to wages within different regions with different settings and felt that people needed to live in a comfortable lifestyle with bills being paid and families not having to choose between heating their home and feeding their family.

He referred to homeless and said although it wasn't as widespread within Mid Ulster compared to other areas within the North of Ireland, homeless can take on many forms because of different reasons. He recalled after the Grenfell Tower fire in London there was a great deal of homelessness, with one of the Council's deciding to take over derelict buildings in the region and provide housing for the affected residents and said that it would be beneficial for this Council to identify similar measures relating to derelict buildings which could be utilised for temporary accommodation for homeless people within Mid Ulster district.

Councillor Kerr referred to provision of free provision of ATM's which was a difficult subject, especially in rural areas and within Coalisland town there were no machines which were free and charged a fee and felt that this was the most basic example of capitalism asking people to withdraw their own money and be charged for it. He said that free access to cash in rural towns and areas would be very beneficial.

He stated that mental health was a major issue within Mid Ulster area and had been discussed at length at previous meetings. He stressed the need for greater access to Psychiatrists, services and trained Counselors in Mid Ulster as this was a major issue and would only get worse after the Covid pandemic.

The Head of Community Development took all comments on board and said that she would share the final document with members and would be engaging with DfC, but document still very much in draft form until it was sent to all partners in relation to sign off and buy in, but would update members accordingly.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the Mid Ulster Community Planning Poverty Plan.

(iii) Timorese Association Inclusive Group Engagement

Councillor Monteith suggested that it would be beneficial to have another engagement with the East Timorese to see how they were progressing due to a lot of fear around concerns they had entering the New Year. He asked that the engagement be set up to include East Timorese groups and elected representatives.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Kerr and

Resolved That it be recommend to Council that a follow up engagement be held with East Timorese group, elected members and officers.

(iv) Community Development Report

Note update.

Matters for Information

D033/21 Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 January 2021

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on 14 January 2021.

Councillor Doris asked if there was any update from the last meeting on the Council taking over the land from ABC at the Ferry Bridge on the Derrylaughan side so that it could be better maintained.

The Chief Executive advised that a request has been made but this would be a long process transferring land from one Council area to another with significant cost implications. He said that when calculations were known, they would be brought to Environment Committee for consideration.

Councillor Clarke referred to item D005/21 - Mobile Catering Concessions and referred to a previous discussion around tender for providing food service in Council areas and various recreational points. He advised that last weekend there was a catering van operating at Davagh Forest selling refreshments which wasn't on the circulated list provided at a previous meeting.

The Head of Parks advised that the tendering exercise hadn't been released yet to the public for services but would be going out by the end of this month and advised that there was a similar situation at another Council site where a catering vendor was operating without permission and this would be the same in this instance. He said that this incident would be investigated and if the vendor was in-situ this week, then staff would have a word with them to make them aware of the pending tender exercise and provide them with any information they need as trading shouldn't be taken place at Davagh without Council authority.

Councillor Monteith referred to D006/21 – food stamp scheme which was agreed at last month's Council meeting. He advised that a few parents had been in contact with him regarding a number of schools not passing information on to parents on the availability of the scheme which was previously agreed by Council. He said that there was an onus on this Council to get this scheme correct and it shouldn't be the case of parents ringing schools and begging and asked Officers how communications could be enhanced so parents are treated with respect and provided with the appropriate communication. He felt if schools were not going to provide adequate communication to parents, the Council must set a mechanism and publicity in place to do so but would agree that it was a good initiative if it was managed properly, but must be an initiative to treat with respect and dignity.

The Head of Community Development advised that a generic email could be issued and liaise with the member in terms of the school. She advised that nearly all the primary schools were engaged, with still 30 out of hundred schools still being engaged by email and telephone as there is difficulties finding a link, which was still be worked though and now being done through the Department of Education and could potentially be one of those schools, but she would check it out. She advised that currently all schools have been engaged with at the minute and providing details on their families but understandably the schools haven't sent on any communications as yet until they have the full vouchers in their hand, but this is being worked through as it was difficult to provide some schools without the full allocation at the moment. She agreed that a generic email be issued to schools to share with all families.

Councillor Burton referred to D005/21- Mobile Catering Concessions trading at Forestry Parks and advised that she had been approached by a number of traders at Edfield carpark, Fivemiletown and asked if Officers could liaise with the Chamber of Commerce in relation to that either virtually or face-to-face meetings with social distancing being adhered to.

Councillor Burton also referred to page 165 regarding issues relating to closure of National Insurance Office from last March. She said that this was raised at NILGA with the Chief Executive doing everything in his power to try and get a response without any success and found it torturous for people living outside this country to reside here and pay their taxes. She felt that this was ridiculous and unprofessional for the office to be closed for almost a year and asked that the Chief Executive revisit this as there had been no response back from Officers to the previous request.

The Chief Executive advised that unfortunately he had no further update as he was under the impression that progress had been made this would be chased up as a matter of priority and come back to member. He stated that he was unaware that the Chief Executive of NILGA was having the same difficulties in trying to make contact.

D034/21 Master Plans/Scoping Studies for Altmore/Cappagh, Drumcairne and Dunmoyle Forests

Members noted update on the recently appointed consultancy team in respect of developing scoping studies for the potential development of Altmore/Cappagh Drumcairn, and Dunmoyle Forests as multi-activity hubs.

Councillor Elattar enquired if there was any progress with setting up a meeting the Forestry Service regarding carparking at Iniscarn.

The Head of Parks advised that officers had met representatives from Forestry Service out on site at their request to identify locations for the actual proposal and have asked the Council to work those proposals up into a formal request which Officers were currently doing. He said that the options currently would be to extend the roadside parking which was the most popular option that Forest Service would be keen to progress on. He stated that there had been movement of this issue, with site meetings and discussions with both Roads Service and Forest Service and hoped that this could be progressed as quickly as possible, pending funding being secured to carry out the works which was currently being investigated.

Councillor Burton referred to anticipated upgrading at Lumford's Glen and felt that this needed to be kept on the radar.

The Head of Parks advised that this was still on the agenda with Forest Service but they advised that a clear filing had to take place before upgrading of the pathways takes place. He said that Officers would be happy to assist in any way they possibly could and would keep members updated on progress.

Councillor Burton said that this was a long slow process, especially for the people of the area as forests were now a lifeline in these difficult times around mental health issues. She felt that Lumford's Glen was continuously being overlooked as it was now sitting untouched for this last couple of years and needed progressed.

Councillor Doris welcomed the report and particularly welcomed the work done at Drumcairne Forest as she had been contacted by many residents complimenting the work carried out especially now as forests were seen as a lifeline during this pandemic. She said she was aware of complications around Cappagh/Altmore Forest but would like Officers to explore the best steps forward in getting the tiny islands removed in Cappagh Village which were causing a nuisance. She also asked that Officers address the bus shelter at Cappagh as a matter of urgency as it was hazardous.

The Chair said that Officers would investigate this and provide members with an update.

Councillor Clarke referred to Iniscarn Forest and asked that he be involved in any discussions taking place with the landowners.

Councillor Kerr wished to reflect Councillor Doris' comments and said that this was a step in the right direction as Cappagh was waiting a long time. He felt that Roads Service had responsibility for the islands within the village and thanked the Council for getting the streets cleaned but asked that immediate attention be given to the bus shelter as it was an eyesore. He said that after the bus shelter was acquired for Beechline and Kildrum and wanted to thanked the Council for progressing this and said that it would be important to also get Cappagh Bus Shelter addressed as it reflected badly on Mid Ulster District Council.

Councillor Kearney referred to concerns around land ownership at Portglenone Forest where there were two incidents of people breaking limbs. He said that there was a

need for Forestry Service identifying their grounds as this happened on their lands but could be seen as happening on Council owned lands by the people who fell.

The Chair advised member that in the past when he had issues relating to Drum Manor Forest and asked that a DEA meeting be held regarding a way forward and suggested that this may be a better way forward.

The Head of Parks said that he was aware of the two incidents and agreed that although that part of the forest wasn't in the Council's remit it may be difficult for the public to see that. He said that there was a need for discussion with the Forestry Service and if Council were agreeable, the issue of signage on Forestry owned land be implemented and that Council would be happy to proceed this way regarding Portglenone Forest or any other place which doesn't fall into the Council remit.

The Chair advised that there were many forests which could fall into this criteria and suggested that if any member had a concern regarding a particular forest similar to Portglenone then they should consider having a DEA meeting as a way forward.

D035/21 Interim Update on Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan

Members noted Interim update in relation to Parks and Play Five Year Strategic Plan.

Councillor Doris thanked Council Officers on their great work and said that she had been approached by representatives from the Disability Forum and people from Brackaville GAA club enquiring if there was any possibility of implementing a ramp at Brackaville Park as it was completely inaccessible for prams etc.

The Head of Parks said that he was aware of the location of Brackaville Playpark and would be something that Officers would wish to discuss further with the neighbouring sports club as to a possible relocation or at least an improved public access as he appreciated that the current access was less than perfect and may be more beneficial to investigate an alternative route via the club grounds if that was possible. He said that this would be something that would be taken forward and would keep members informed of any progress.

D036/21 Interim Update Ballysaggart Lough Development Project

Members noted Interim update on Ballysaggart Lough Development Project.

Councillor Molloy welcomed the update and said that he was aware of ongoing discussions around developments at Railway Park and was good to see that this was still on the agenda. He said that a proposal was made at the last Neighbourhood Renewal meeting to do a presentation on the projects and hoped to get an update and look at extra funding measures around helping out.

D037/21 Outdoor Recreation Strategy Update

Members noted Interim update in relation to Outdoor Recreation Five Year Strategic Plan.

Councillor Kerr advised that Ballyronan Bluetits Chill Swimmers had been in contact with him who were a group of swimmers for physical and mental health well-being all year round based in Ballyronan. He said that Council had contacted the group advising them that they were not permitted to be swimming in a certain area due to health & safety issues. This group was very proactive in their work in supporting people with mental, physical and limited mobilities in the area. He asked if Officers could engage and formulate dialogue with the group to try and identify a different location.

He also referred to Washingbay Walkway close to shoreline of the Lough which was a problem along the path as eastern winds and strong current escaping onto the grass verge and walkway resulted in major flooding and erosion damage. He said that Council had spent a lot of money on the area and would be useful for Officers to organise a Torrent DEA meeting on-site, with social distancing being adhered. Due to the current restrictions it may be more beneficial to do this virtually to discuss with Technical Analysts from Council, Officers, representatives from the community group in more detail and develop a strategy to deal with the problem, look at costs and help elevate the problems.

The Head of Parks referred to Ballyronan Bluetits Chill Swimmers and said that the Council was certainly aware the group's needs and had engaged with them and was currently looking at safe alternatives for the club in relation to resolving any of their issues. He assured the Councillor that dialogue had already commenced with the group with the reason for their activities being brought to a halt was due to health & safety as swimming was not permitted within the walls of the Marina and that was the only reason, but advised that alternative locations was being sourced to provide safe access to the Lough and would keep the member updated on any progress.

The Chair advised that Officers would follow up both issues raised by Councillor Kerr.

The Chief Executive advised that a lot of members had made reference to DEA meetings and wanted to remind them that at the last meeting a discussion ensued regarding the concept of reinvigorating meetings which was currently in progress. He stated that there would be a roundall of all the DEA meetings with the Director of Public Health & Infrastructure, Director of Leisure & Outdoor Recreation and himself. He would be asking members for agenda items in advance to make meetings as productive as possible. He said that Officers found DEA meetings as useful as members did.

Councillor Molloy wanted to acknowledge projects outlined in the Outdoor Recreation report and commended Officers on some fantastic projects with some already being delivered as it greatly improved the facilities worked on.

D038/21 Lower Bann Blueway

Members noted update on the Blueway Feasibility Study carried out for the proposed development of a Blueway along the Lower Bann from Newferry (West) to Toomebridge.

D039/21 Economic Development Report – OBFI

Members noted update on key activities as detailed below:

- Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 09.11.20
- Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2020 Evaluation Report
- Pilot Covid Recovery Start Up Payment

Live broadcast ended at 9.20 pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst Members consider items D040/21 to D042/21.

Matters for Decision

D040/21 Facility Management and Internal Directional Signage and District Road Name Signage Tender Report
D041/21 Gearing for Growth Programme

Matters for Information

D042/21 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 January 2021

D043/21 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 9.30 pm.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	<p>Economic Development - OBFi</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BT Openreach: Delivering the Broadband Universal Service in Mid Ulster 2. Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 7.12.20 3. Virtual NI Apprenticeship Week (NIAW 2021)
Date of Meeting	11 March 2021
Reporting Officer	Head of Economic Development

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
	To receive updates on the matters detailed above.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>BT Openreach: Delivering the Broadband Universal Service in Mid Ulster It was agreed at a previous meeting of the Broadband Working Group to provide a short briefing note to Members on implications between the Broadband Universal Service Obligation and Project Stratum.</p>
2.2	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes - 7.12.20 Coalisland Town Centre Forum was established in March 2019. It is a partnership of public, private, community and voluntary sector organisations working together to deliver a range of strategic economic actions to develop Coalisland town.</p>
2.3	<p>Virtual NI Apprenticeship Week (NIAW 2021) The Department for the Economy is facilitating the second annual Northern Ireland Apprenticeship Week, which will take place from 26th to 30th April 2021. This week will offer an opportunity through a dedicated week of virtual events and online promotional activity to demonstrate how apprenticeships work for individuals, businesses, communities and the wider economy.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Update from BT: Delivering the Broadband Universal Service Obligation (USO) in Mid Ulster</p>

	<p>BT Openreach had issued correspondence to Council (Appendix 1A) to raise awareness that since 20th March 2020, every home and business in Mid Ulster has had a legal right to request that BT delivers a 'decent' broadband service to them. A "decent broadband service" is defined as one that supports a 10 Mbps download speeds and 1 Mbps upload.</p> <p>BT Openreach has indicated that within Mid Ulster up to 94.8% of premises already have access to 'decent' broadband. They believe that there are approximately up to 2,873 premises, which may be eligible to request a decent broadband connection under the USO. Therefore, BT Openreach is currently in the process of writing out to all these premises the Mid Ulster Council area that may be eligible.</p> <p>In the letter to residents and business owners BT Openreach advise if they are likely to meet the cost threshold beyond £3,400 per premise. If the cost is below this threshold, BT will arrange for an upgrade to happen at no cost to the resident or business owner within 12 months. If the upgrade work costs more than this, BT Openreach will give the owner the option of paying the difference.</p> <p>The USO is not designed to meet the challenges of connecting very remote places, which are more expensive to do so.</p> <p>It is important to note at the same time, the Department for the Economy is currently working with Fibrus to roll out a fibre to the premises solution via Project Stratum to households and businesses in Mid Ulster, included on their "White Postcode List" (ie, premises which do not receive a 30mpbs broadband service). This provides a future proofed fibre solution.</p> <p>Mid Ulster households and businesses should consider carefully whether to choose the short term gain of availing of the "Wireless Option" under the Broadband USO, as described in the Briefing Note in Appendix 1B, as doing so may result in them being removed from Project Stratum's White post code list (if they are deemed eligible to receive a long term future proofed fibre solution under this).</p>
3.2	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes - 7.12.20</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting of Coalisland Town Centre Forum held on the 7 December 2020 are attached on Appendix 2.</p>
3.3	<p>Virtual NI Apprenticeship Week (NIAW 2021)</p> <p>There will be a programme of virtual events taking place right across NI as part of the second annual Apprenticeship Week NI from Monday 26th to Friday 30th April 2021. The theme of NIAW 2021 is <i>"Strengthen and Grow Your Team with an Apprentice"</i>.</p> <p>One of the main priorities of the industry-led MEGA Network is to increase the number of apprenticeships within the manufacturing and engineering sector in Mid Ulster. MEGA Network companies are still recruiting apprentices to fill skills and</p>

	labour shortages in the current economic environment. As part of this year's NIAW 2021 programme, it is planned to support MEGA to implement a five-day social media campaign to promote the benefits of apprenticeships and the existing opportunities within local industry. MEGA also plan to develop a creative animation to promote the MEGA Degree Apprenticeship in Manufacturing Engineering with specialism in Industrial Digitalisation, Robotics and Automation, in partnership with Ulster University. This will be the first ever Manufacturing & Engineering Degree Apprenticeship and supports DfE's OECD Skills Strategy NI Report 2020.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Virtual NI Apprenticeship Week Event 2021 – Support MEGA Network with costs of up to £950 associated with delivering activities throughout NIEW 2021.
	Human: Officer Time
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	It is recommended that Members: -
5.1	BT Openreach: Delivering the Broadband Universal Service in Mid Ulster Note update and documents from BT Openreach and Briefing Note on Appendices 1A and 1B.
5.2	Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes - 7.12.20 Note minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum held on 7 December 2020 on Appendix 2.
5.3	Virtual NI Apprenticeship Week (NIEW 2021) Note details of Mid Ulster Apprenticeship Week virtual events and online promotional activity planned to take place from 26-30 April 2021. Virtual events to be organised by the MEGA Network with funding from Council's economic development budget of up to a value of £950.

6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1A – Correspondence from BT Openreach re Universal Service Obligation</p> <p>Appendix 1B – Briefing Note - Broadband Universal Service Obligation in Mid Ulster</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes - 7.12.20</p>

Appendix 1A – Correspondence from BT Openreach

LETTER 1 - BT 4G HUB



What is BT 4G Hub?

BT owns EE, which is the UK's biggest and fastest 4G mobile operator. We now offer a product called BT 4G Hub which uses the EE network rather than a 'fixed line' into a building. It delivers Wi-Fi coverage inside a house or business, with typical speeds at around 30 Mbps, which is equivalent to 'super-fast' broadband as described by Ofcom. Because BT 4G Hub uses the EE mobile network, there is no need to subscribe to a BT fixed line broadband service from BT (or any other provider) in order to use it. When a customer orders the service, we provide a network router, which essentially converts the 4G signal in the area into a Wi-Fi one that a Wi-Fi compatible device can connect to. You receive the equipment in the post, and activate it yourself. No other engineering work or visits to a property are needed.

We know that some customers, particularly in rural areas, can find it difficult to receive 4G inside their house (where they will want to have the router) even if there is good coverage outside. In these cases, we can attach an aerial to the side of the house or building and run a cable to the Wi-Fi router we supply with the product inside the home. We do this free of charge and work with the customer to check and test the installation. Because we do it for free, a customer will need to order the service, and if they think they need the aerial, they will need to call us first to do some diagnostic checks before we send an engineer to do the work.

Where can you receive BT 4G Hub?

BT 4G Hub needs access to a specific EE frequency range (1800 MHz) to deliver the best possible quality of service. The EE 4G network currently covers 85% of the UK landmass. This is more than any other mobile network operator. However, in some areas the EE 4G signal that is available may not be the optimal one to deliver BT 4G Hub at the best possible download speed. This can mean that a customer may be able to use an ordinary mobile phone on the EE network in and around their home or business, but they may not be able to use BT 4G Hub. Customers can call us on 0800 783 0226 to check.

What does it cost?

BT 4G Hub Packages begin at £45 per month and have no data caps. You can use broadband just as much as you were before. To make the service economic, a customer might want to consider cancelling their BT fixed broadband service and line rental when they start to use the product. BT 4G Hub does not require them to have this, and if they retain it, they could end up paying for two different services, one of which they do not need. The main issue for a customer to consider is whether they want to retain a landline phone number from either BT or another provider. To do that, they will have to continue to pay their line rental. There is however, no need for them to retain any existing fixed broadband service from either BT or another provider.

How can I order it or get further information?

You can currently only order BT 4G Hub over the phone by calling 0800 783 0226. Customers can find out more information, including what packages are available to them at www.bt.com/broadband/4g-hub.



What is the Broadband Universal Service Obligation (USO)?

- Households and businesses now have a legal right to request a decent, affordable broadband connection. BT is the Universal Service Provider for the UK (except Hull).
- This is defined in law¹ as a service with a download speed of at least 10Mbps and an upload speed of at least 1Mbps. This enables a good quality experience when accessing all common internet applications including multiple TV streams, access to digital public services and online shopping. Ofcom has determined a USO-compliant service must cost customers no more than £46.10 pcm.
- BT is currently in the process of writing directly to all eligible premises to inform them of their right to request. Anyone can check their eligibility and get further information at www.bt.com/uso or by contacting us on 0800 783 0223. Customers are eligible if no commercial service is available (from BT or any other provider) that meets the USO specification.
- BT has worked closely with Ofcom to demonstrate that our 4G mobile broadband product, where signal strength is sufficient, provides a readily available service that meets, and often exceeds, the USO specification. This is available now, with unlimited data use.²
- Ofcom estimates that only around 0.5% of all premises in the UK (c.167, 000) cannot access decent broadband, given the widespread availability of super-fast broadband and wireless solutions. It is these remaining premises that are eligible for the USO.
- BT is required to provide the most efficient solution to customers that request a broadband upgrade. Typically, this will be via 'full fibre' provided by Openreach (part of BT Group) – a gigabit-capable connection running all the way to a customer's home. This will deliver speeds that are significantly greater than the 'decent' broadband that has been defined under the USO.

Why are my constituents being asked to pay?

- For USO-eligible premises, BT is required to upgrade their connectivity, on request, at no cost to the customer if the necessary works cost £3,400 or less (funded by BT and the wider industry).
- The infrastructure we build to serve a USO customer will often serve others nearby who may not have yet exercised their USO rights. These 'clusters' typically range from 1 to 30 premises, although can be larger. When costs are calculated, we take this into account and contribute a further £3,400 each for 70% of the households in the cluster.³ Together with building a solution to a cluster rather than just an individual, we can reduce per premise costs and maximise the number of premises connected.

- If costs per premise remain above £3,400, the customer has the choice of paying the full excess above this to initiate the necessary work. The law states that end users must pay this excess. We are also putting in place a simple process for customers to share costs with neighbours who also benefit.
- We write to every premises that might be eligible. If we expect (based on desk-based modelling) that significant excess costs will be involved, we make this clear. A customer can then get in touch with us to get further details. If they want a final quote, we ask Openreach to provide this within 60 days.

Why are some of these ‘excess cost’ quotes so high?

- Openreach is committed to the highest standards of design and build quality so its network stands the test of time, providing a reliable service. It continues to innovate to increase the speed and reduce costs of rollout and is currently passing over 40,000 premises each week, with extensive experience in connecting hard-to-reach areas.
- Openreach is as transparent as possible in how it calculates quotes that we, as BT Group, provide to customers. We break down the key components so that they can see what is driving these costs.
- **Delivering upgraded connectivity to hard-to-reach locations is often a major civil engineering challenge** – a typical fibre build to serve a USO-eligible premise includes the following activities:

- Design and planning to ensure efficient connection to the rest of Openreach’s network.

Laying new fibre from the nearest suitable point to an Openreach ‘green cabinet’ near customers’ premises – for distances typically of 5-10km. This is likely to be from the BT exchange, using ducting that usually runs past the cabinet and then onwards to the customers. Fibre will be routed through existing ducts and alongside roads where possible to minimise costs. Blockages in ducts will need to be removed. New ducts to house fibre may need to be dug and installed where there is insufficient capacity or no ducting (typically, 10-15% of a route). Existing or new telegraph poles will often be used in rural areas to carry fibre as an alternative if they allow more efficient and less disruptive deployment.

Multiple ‘distribution points’ near to the customers’ homes – typically installed on telegraph poles in rural locations – are then connected to this ‘spine’.

All this work requires road closures, traffic management and council permits. Tree trimming/ removal is often needed, plus wayleave agreements with landowners for permission to deploy on their property – often expensive and time-consuming to negotiate.⁴

- Connecting the customer – and any other USO-eligible premises nearby – directly from nearby ‘distribution points’. For remote premises, these final runs may themselves be quite long – often hundreds of metres and sometimes even kilometres – and require multiple new poles.

- All these elements can drive high costs, particularly for more remote, isolated premises. Finally, **VAT is applied to the charges for network build ‘excess’ costs at the standard rate of 20%.**
- **Attached is an anonymised, real example of a typical ‘excess cost’ quote showing where costs arise.**

How can we help those constituents that the USO may not support?

- We fully understand that customers have limited desire or ability to foot a bill, which can reach into five or six figures – and that they are frustrated they have been asked. We ensure they are aware of other possible options, such as Community Fibre Partnerships or Government’s Gigabit Vouchers.⁵
- We estimate that to connect the final ‘above-threshold’ premises would cost more than £1bn under the USO – the fact is that the USO was not designed to meet the challenges of connecting these very remote places. This needs urgent focus from industry, Government and Ofcom to find alternative, cost-effective solutions where existing approaches are unable to provide adequate support.
- We welcome the Government’s £5bn commitment to support gigabit-capable connectivity – public funding will be a necessary part of the solution to deliver better connectivity to these premises.

1 The Electronic Communications (Universal Service) (Broadband) Order 2018

2 More information can be found at www.bt.com/broadband/4g-hub

3 A rate set by Ofcom based on expected take-up of the service

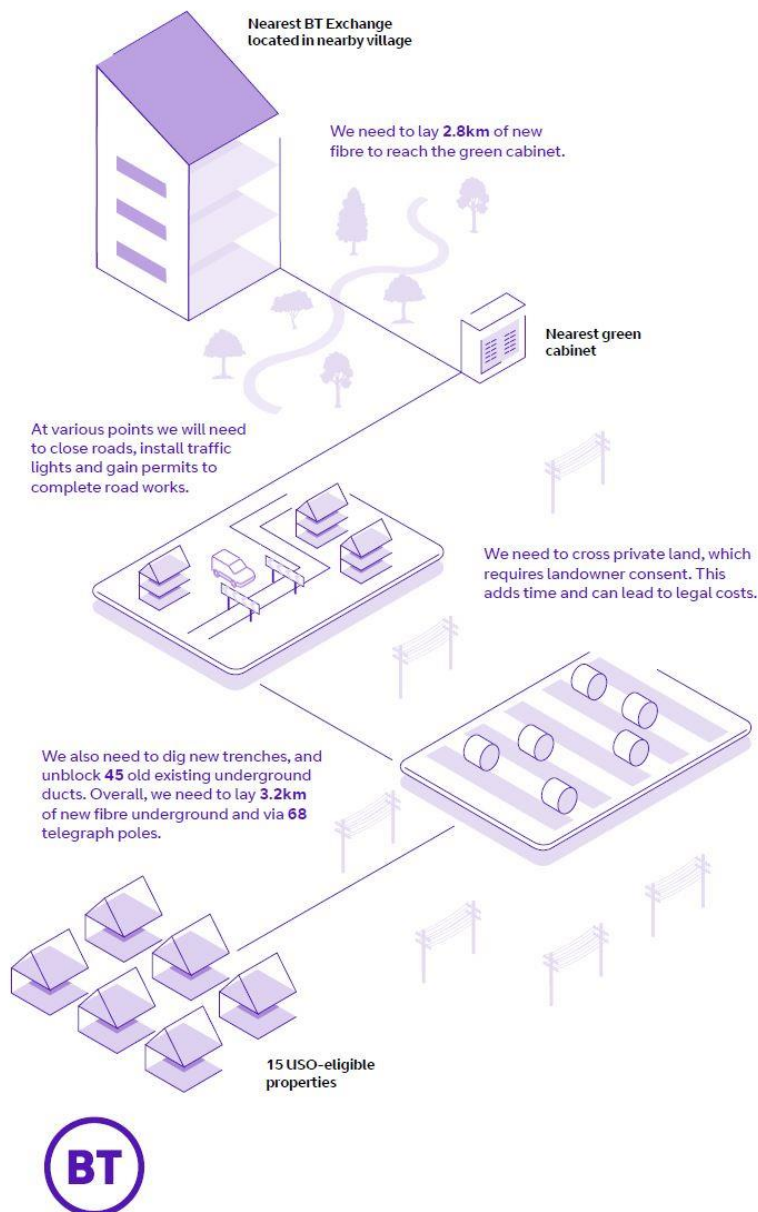
4 Openreach works closely with rural bodies, such as NFU and CLA, to streamline this process as far as possible

5 www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/community-fibre-partnerships, www.gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk

Connecting hard-to-reach premises: what drives the costs?

Delivering new broadband infrastructure to remote and rural premises is often a major engineering project. Here, we outline a real life example, so you can see exactly what meeting a request under the Broadband Universal Service Obligation involves, as well as the costs of delivering it, and how they're calculated.

Serving 15 homes in a remote village in rural Essex



What does it cost?

£9,600

Network design: The preliminary work for the project.

£57,400

Cables and jointing: New fibre and labour cost for laying it.

£67,600

Civil Engineering: Digging up roads, skimming trees and hanging overhead cables as well as gaining permits from councils and landowners.

Total project cost before USO industry funding

£134,600*

Minus USO industry funding

-£37,400

Final end user cost

£97,200

These costs include:

-  Design/planning staff
-  Engineers to deliver the infrastructure
-  Traffic management
-  All equipment and materials

*This amount is calculated on the basis of 70% of premises connected under the project opting for faster broadband. On this basis, the USO funding for 11 of 15 eligible premises is available, allowing for a USO contribution of £37,400. For more information on the USO scheme, head to bt.com/USO

APPENDIX 1B
Briefing Note
Delivering the Broadband Universal Service Obligation (USO) in Mid Ulster

(1) Overview of the Broadband USO

Since 20th March 2020, every home and business has had a legal right to request that BT (the supplier) deliver a 'decent' broadband service to him or her. 'Decent' broadband service is defined as one that supports a 10 Mbps download speeds and 1 Mbps upload. This can be via either 'fixed-line' broadband into your home, or via a 4G Mobile network.

BT state that in Mid Ulster there are up to 2,873 homes or businesses, that may be eligible to get a faster broadband connection under the USO. BT are currently in the process of writing to all these homes and businesses who may be eligible. In most cases BT Openreach are offering 'full fibre' to the home connection capable of delivering speeds of up to 1 Gb/s. Whilst in other cases BT are offering a free to install wireless solution called BT 4G Hub that uses the EE network into a building where signal strength is sufficient.

Residents and business owners will be advised of whether they are likely to meet the cost threshold of this upgrade. This limit is set out in law as £3,400 per premises. If the upgrade work would cost more than this, people will be given the option of paying the difference between their USO entitlements. The law requires that end-users pay this cost difference for any upgrade to happen.

The costs depend on where the premises is located and what broadband infrastructure is already nearby. There is a cost-sharing system to make paying these costs more manageable allowing neighbours who are USO-eligible to share the overall 'excess' costs to all be connected at once. It is known that there will be very remote and rural premises for which the costs of getting better broadband under the USO are just too high. The USO was not designed to meet the challenges of connecting very remote locations.

USO post code checker is available at: <https://www.bt.com/broadband/USO> and if eligible, anyone can call helpdesk on 0800 783 0223

(2) Implications for Customers Availing of the Broadband USO who are also on Project Stratum's "White List"

It is important to note that the Department for the Economy is currently working with Fibrus to roll out a fibre to the premises solution via Project Stratum to households and businesses in Mid Ulster, included on their "White Postcode List" (ie, premises which do not receive a 30mpbs broadband service). This provides a future proofed fibre solution.

Mid Ulster households and businesses should consider carefully whether to choose the short term gain of availing of the "Wireless Option" under the Broadband USO, as described at (1) above, as doing so may result in them being removed from Project Stratum's White post code list (if they are deemed eligible to receive a long term future proofed fibre solution under this).

Appendix 2

Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum Meeting **Monday 7 December 2020 at 12.30pm** **Microsoft Teams**

Present

Cllr Niamh Doris	Mid Ulster District Council (Vice Chair)
Francie Molloy	Coalisland Residents & Community Forum
Ursula Marshall	Mid Ulster Disability Forum

In Attendance

Mark Leavey	Mid Ulster District Council
Catherine Fox	Mid Ulster District Council
Oliver Donnelly	Mid Ulster District Council
Celene O'Neill	Mid Ulster District Council

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2.	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Cllr Doris Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the role of Chair, as Raymond O'Neill was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies.</p>																										
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting - Monday 9 November 2020</p> <p>Proposed by F Molloy Seconded by Cllr Doris and agreed: -</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 November 2020 were a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p>																										

4.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – Monday 9 November 2020</p> <p>There were no matters arising from previous meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Coalisland Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Coalisland Public Realm Scheme</p> <p>M Leavey updated that Fox Contracts are currently working on Lineside and hope to be finished by Friday 11 December. The contractor will then move up to Barrack Street Car Park and work on Events Space adjacent to Donnelly & McAleer Pharmacy. Work will also continue on a build-out at McGlinchey's Cafe and Washingbay Road with street furniture and signage also being completed.</p> <p>Contractors are expected to take holidays from 18th December until 4th January 2021.</p> <p>BT also have responded with regard to the consultation stating that there is no requirement for the BT kiosk to be kept in place so it will be removed.</p> <p>It is proposed to have the area in front of Lineside – Dorman's Pharmacy etc., lined out to include a disabled parking bay.</p> <p>F Molloy asked what was happening to the area adjacent to Toals Bookmakers. M Leavey updated that the area will be paved with F Molloy asking if there could be an art piece installed – possibly something depicting the coalmining heritage of the town.</p> <p>U Marshall enquired about the accessible space outside the Sinn Fein office as to its length. M Leavey confirmed that it is the required length and that there are 2 further accessible spaces on Main Street, one outside O'Neill's Pharmacy and one further down along Main Street. M Leavey confirmed there was a walkabout on Thursday 10 December to review parking arrangements and a meeting the same day with Mark Farquhar from the Disability Forum.</p> <p>Gortgonis</p> <p>M Leavey updated that the design of the scheme is 95% complete with a focus on finalising this, with a view to submit to planning. F Molloy asked as to the timescales of the project to which M Leavey updated that a Planning Application will be submitted January/ February 2021, followed by the release of Tender documents in March 2021 leaving a construction phase starting early Summer 2021.</p> <p>Coalisland Events – Christmas 2020</p> <p>C Fox updated that there was a virtual switch on with a video released on 25 November 2020. Small Business Saturday was moved from 5 December 2020 to 12 December 2020 due to the current lockdown restrictions. A '12 Day of Christmas' campaign is scheduled for launch soon with the Shop Local theme where members of the public can win vouchers from businesses within the town.</p> <p>C Fox updated that under the Revitalisation programme next year there may be potential to purchase a real Christmas tree for the town to be placed in the events space.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre Recovery Plan <p>C Fox updated that the second tranche of the COVID-19 Business Grant has closed with the Letters of Offer being issued over the next few weeks.</p> <p>An application for the Revitalisation programme for the town will need to be submitted and will most likely include a request for a new Christmas tree, lights, business programmes and possibly a shop front / window scheme. Further consultation will be required before all is submitted to DfC.</p>
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>O Donnelly updated that he still has not received an email from Declan Dorrity regarding his membership of the Forum. It was agreed to review the membership at the AGM in March 2021.</p>
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>
8.	<p>Meeting Duration</p> <p>Meeting ended at 13.10pm</p>

