

Report on	The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULP) – Update on Community Consultations
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update the council on the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme. (THoAULP) and to provide an update on The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme up to the end January 2018.
2.0	Background
2.1	Mid Ulster District Council in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council have been granted a £2,002,300 grant for The Heart Of Ancient Ulster Landscape Scheme that has been given approval by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) through its Landscape Partnership (LP) programme
2.2	The project aims to help protect one of the most significant areas of archaeological interest in the middle of Northern Ireland, stretching from Broughderg to Carrickmore down to Pomeroy. The Scheme also intends to help protect and restore unique natural upland blanket and raised bog. There will be strong community involvement focus, together with large educational and conservation skills development. The landscape is also is unique within the United Kingdom in having very low levels of light pollution and provides a great opportunity to create the first Dark Sky Heritage Park in Northern Ireland.
2.3	A development grant of £85,000 has been awarded by HLF to enable <i>Mid Ulster District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council</i> , to develop its plans and seek final approval for the full grant amount of £2,002,300 at a later date.
2.4	The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (THoAULP) is currently developing a Landscape Character Area Plan: a fully-budgeted five year programme which forms the core of the Round 2 application to be submitted to Heritage Lottery in November 2018.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Consultations with the community groups were advertised via press release, both councils' websites, social media, community websites and the Rural Support Networks. The dates and venues for the consultations were as follows and all meetings have taken place between 7-9pm (to date approximately 120 people have attended);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowntree Centre, Pomeroy Thursday 11th Jan 2018 • Broughderg Community Centre Monday 15th Jan 2018 • Sixmilecross, WF Marshall Centre Thursday 18th Jan 2018 (cancelled due to adverse weather will be rescheduled at a later date) • An Creagan Visitor Centre Monday 22nd Jan 2018 • Galbally Community Centre Thursday 25th Jan 2018 • The Patrician, Carrickmore Tuesday 30th Jan 2018 • Greencastle Community Centre Thursday 1st Feb 2018
3.2	<p>In addition to the above community consultations, the Introductory Meeting of the Landscape Partnership Board was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 16th January, unfortunately following a car accident, which involved Moira O'Rourke the HLF Development Officer, this meeting was postponed until Tuesday 23rd January 2018. Sixteen representatives from community / voluntary sector attended along with three Council observers.</p>
3.3	<p>The Introductory Meeting held on the 23rd January with potential members of the Landscape Partnership Board were shown a presentation outlining the objectives of the project and timescales. It was agreed after the community consultations have been carried out those who expressed an interest to sit on the LPS Board will be formally invited. The LPS Board would take place every 3rd Tuesday bi-monthly. It is anticipated that the first meeting will be scheduled for 20th February 2018. Good Governance training is currently being sourced for members of the LPS Board were office bearers will be appointed. It was also agreed that future Grantee Board and Landscape Board meetings be scheduled so as not to conflict with existing councils meetings.</p>
Other Considerations	
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial support from Fermanagh and Omagh Council and Mid Ulster Council has also been factored into the 2018/19 estimates.</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	For Information.
	Documents Attached & References
	N/A