

<b>Report on</b>	Development Report
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
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<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>									
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to update members and seek approval for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rolling Community Grant Awards</li> <li>• Hill of The O'Neill Telecommunications Mast – Update</li> <li>• Good Relations Plan 2024 – 2025</li> <li>• Development Department -Update</li> </ul>									
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>									
2.1	<p><b>Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2023 – 2024</b></p> <p>Members are advised that the grants assessment panel are making the following recommendations to award grants under the Good Relations fund and Sports Representative Grant. Two Good Relations applicants did not meet the programme criteria and will receive feedback and support for a potential re-submission.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grant</th> <th>No. of groups awarded</th> <th>Value of Grant Awards</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Good Relations Grant</td> <td>0</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sport Representative Grant</td> <td>5</td> <td>£1120</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please see attached in <b>Appendix 1</b> grant award recommendations</p>	Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Grant Awards	Good Relations Grant	0		Sport Representative Grant	5	£1120
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2.2	<p><b>Hill of The O'Neill Telecommunications Mast -Update</b></p> <p>NI Water previously proposed to jointly develop and manage a feasibility study, facilitated by Atkins, to examine and explore all options to remove, reduce and / or better disguise the Telecommunications Mast on Hill of The O'Neill, at a cost to Council of £46k (50% of total costs). A business case was completed by NI Water in relation to securing their share of costs, however correspondence received from NI Water on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 advised that the business case had not been signed off</p>									

due to funding cuts and insufficient budget within NI Water, see **Appendix 2**. There may be opportunity in the new financial year for NI Water to review the costing in line with new budgets or for Council to consider covering the full cost of the feasibility study to progress before then.

### 2.3 **Good Relations Plan 2024 – 2025**

TEO has issued correspondence to Council to submit the Councils Good Relations Action Plan for the 2024-25 year. They have stated to present this at 100% delivery, based on the 22/23 level of funding £413,864 (75% TEO and 25% Council), however it has been advised that this could be reduced to a similar level to 2023 – 24 which included a 47% reduction in TEO funding, leaving a total action plan budget of £219,348.

A copy of the draft action plan is included at **Appendix 3**, which has been developed and evolved based on the 23/24 plan. As previously advised, Officers are currently working on the development of a new Community Development strategy for the district, which will help re-shape and maximise collaborative opportunities across all community development / community safety /good relations programmes and activities. A pilot ‘working together’ project has been included within our 24/25 Good Relations Action plan, as agreed with TEO and DFC, and this will help shape and inform this strategy going forward.

### 2.4 **Development Update**

#### Neighbourhood/Community Development

The grants has opened and officers are supporting groups with applications.

Officers are continuing to support with the Capital Delivery - Covid Small Settlement projects – Coalisland Canal and Moy, and Railway Park.

Connecting Pomeroy – The Forest building works are ongoing due to complete April 2024. The appointment of the Development officer is taking place, alongside developing the systems and procedures for opening of the new building – estimated to be June 2024.

#### Social Inclusion

The delivery of the Test and Learn model for Community Wealth Building is continuing. The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January in Dungannon Council Offices.

The engagement on social housing for Mid Ulster is continuing, alongside the delivery of the poverty plan.

#### Good Relations & Peace

The new plan for 2024 – 25 has been developed based on 2023 – 24.

	<p>Council has engaged with SEUPB re the additional detail required on the Councils submitted Peace Plus Plan. The detail to support the current programmes is being progressed.</p> <p><u>Burnavon Arts Centre</u> The Winter/Spring programme has had positive impact with performances and activities selling well.</p> <p><u>Seamus Heaney Homeplace</u> The Winter/Spring programme sales are positive with many shows already at full capacity. The exhibition again is receiving increasing number; and school engagement is continuing with positive numbers.</p> <p><u>Hill of The O'Neill &amp; Ranfurly House</u> The action plan for 2023/4 is currently being reviewed and a new plan for 2024/5 is being developed.</p> <p><u>Regional and Minority Language</u> The programme is continuing to roll out across the District.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> No minutes this month.</p>
<p><b>4.1</b></p>	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Good Relations Grant Awards Nil Sports Representative Grant Awards £1120</p> <p>Good Relations Plan 2024 – 2025 £413,864 (75% TEO, 25% Council) – 100% delivery – this may be reduced by 47% funding from TEO similar to 2023-2024 leaving a budget of £219,348.</p> <p>Human: NA</p> <p>Risk Management: NA</p>
<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p> <p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: NA</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: NA</p>

<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	<p>Members are recommended to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Approve the assessment panel recommendations under the Sport Representative grants.</li> <li>(ii) Note the Hill of The O’Neill Telecommunications Mast Update.</li> <li>(iii) Approve the Good Relations Plan 2024 – 2025.</li> <li>(iv) Note the update from the Development update.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 Community Rolling Grant Awards  Appendix 2 Correspondence from NI Water on Hill of The O’Neill Mast  Appendix 3 Good Relations Plan</p>