

Report on	Ulster-Scots Funding, PHASE 2, US Grant Ancestral Homestead
Date of Meeting	12 November 2020
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To report and inform Committee of the manufacture and fit-out of new interpretation and signage at U.S. Grant Presidential Homestead which will further develop and enhance the existing visitor experience.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Ulster-Scots Agency has identified a further opportunity to promote the Ulster-Scots (Scotch-Irish) story and its connection with the United States through the story of Ulysses S. Grant. Grant was one of the most iconic American military and political leaders and was well aware of his Scotch-Irish heritage. The ancestral home of Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States is located at 45 Dergenagh Road, Dungannon, County Tyrone.
2.2	The Grant Homestead provides an excellent opportunity to showcase our Scotch-Irish heritage. The homestead has huge potential both for local people (including visitors, pupils and residents) and for tourists (the U.S. is one of our most important tourist markets, where 20million people are believed to have Scotch-Irish roots).
2.3	The Agency will significantly enhance the interpretive treatment of the site including the introduction of welcome signage at the entrances and exits to the site; directional signage to help visitors navigate around the site and suitable interpretive displays within and around the buildings.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Project to be delivered by 31 st December 2020
3.2	In partnership with Mid Ulster District Council, The Ulster-Scots Agency will project manage in delivering the project objectives, outputs and outcomes.
3.3	The following project objectives will include:
(i)	To engage Mark Thompson Design to develop a concept plan for the interpretive project, to research, develop and provide all the content required, including narrative and imagery to incorporate into the design of the interpretive signage and manufacture the interpretive

	<p>signage based on the information contained within the concept plan for the interpretive signage project.</p> <p>Black Sheep Display will install the interpretive signage based on the detailed plan of how the panels will be arranged to maximise the space available.</p> <p>(ii) To promote the Grant Homestead Interpretive Signage Project wherever possible in Ulster-Scots Agency publications, websites and social media.</p> <p>(iii) To publish the Mid Ulster District Council logo next to the Discover Ulster-Scots logo when promoting the Grant Homestead Interpretive Signage Project at all times.</p> <p>(iv) To assist Mid Ulster District Council in conducting a post-project evaluation.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial:</p> <p>The Ulster-Scots Agency has procured Mark Thompson Design in respect of the project.</p> <p>The Ulster-Scots Agency have allocated £30,000 toward the cost of the project to cover new interpretive panels, interpretive signage, directional signage and artefact labels.</p> <p>Council's contribution will be considered 'in-kind' towards the project.</p>
	<p>Human:</p> <p>Mid Ulster District Council will appoint an officer for the Grant Homestead Interpretive Signage Project to manage timescales and ensure deadlines are adhered to.</p> <p>Mid Ulster District Council is also responsible for providing guidance and professional advice to enhance the Grant Homestead Interpretive Signage Project.</p> <p>To attend meetings with the Ulster-Scots Agency as required during the development of the Grant Homestead Interpretive Signage Project and to undertake all tasks using due professional skill, care and diligence.</p> <p>To conduct a post-project evaluation (with the assistance of the Ulster-Scots Agency).</p>
	<p>Risk Management:</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p>

5.0	Recommendation(s)
	For information.
6.0	Documents Attached & References