Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

04 April 2019

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Development Committee to be held in The Chamber, Cookstown at Mid Ulster District Council, Council Offices, COOKSTOWN, BT80 8DT on Wednesday, 03 April 2019 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Tohill
Chief Executive

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Items restricted in accordance with Section 42, Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014. The public will be asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point.

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Matters for Information

14. Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 March 2019

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	11th April 2019
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Head of Community Development
Contact Officer	Philip Clarke Community Support, Oliver Morgan Good Relations & Peace, Michael McCrory PCSP

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 agree the Community Grant awards.
1.2	To agree the Community Development Service Plan 2019 – 2020.
1.3	To note the PCSP (draft) Action Plan 2019 – 2020.
1.4	To note the update on Community Development.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Grants – Council annually distributes approximately £1 million to community groups for local community activity. This is across a range of 12 grants.
2.2	Community Development Service Plan 2019 -2020– An Annual Service Plan is developed for Community Development as per Council Corporate Planning process.
2.3	PCSP Plan 2019 – 2020 – Council currently facilitates the Policing and Community Safety Partnership and delivery of an annual action Plan as agreed and directed by the Partnership, of which Council are represented.
2.4	Community Development Update - An update is provided on the following areas: Community Support – Grants, Support, Village Planning, Community Centres, DFC Neighbourhood Renewal Peace IV and Good Relations PCSP
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Community Grants. A large number of grants have been received and assessed and are proposed for funding. Please refer to Appendix 1 for award recommendations and approval. Appendix to follow in advance of the meeting.
3.2	Community Development Service Plan 2019 – 2020, Appendix 2 for approval.

3.3	PCSP Action Plan 2019 – 2020, please see attached a draft plan in Appendix 3 for information; the plan has to be finalised by both funders DOJ and NIPB.
3.4	Community Development Update <u>Community Support</u> Grant assessments have been completed and recommendations proposed, as above. Neighbourhood Renewal: DFC projects for 2019 – 2020 have commenced. The DUY capital build is on progress to complete October 2019. The application for support funding for Gortgonis to DFC is pending final agreed Economic Appraisal. <u>Peace and Good Relations</u> Good Relations Action Plan 2019 – 2020 has been agreed by the Executive Office for funding. Project development has commenced. Peace IV delivery is ongoing – The Shared space design team has been appointed and concept plans have commenced to allow for community consultation in May and June. The Peace Arts Engagement Phase II is at tender process. The Phase IV grants are currently open with groups being supported, these will close at the end of April 2019. <u>PCSP</u> PCSP plan 2019 – 2020 is as per attached. Ongoing support to communities on a range of initiatives to help keep people and communities safe.
4.0	**Other Considerations**
4.1	**<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>** Community Grants awards as per Appendix 1. Appendix to follow in advance of the meeting. **<u>Professional Support</u>** None.
4.2	**<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>** None
4.3	**<u>Risk Management Implications</u>** None
5.0	**Recommendation(s)**
5.1	To approve the grant award recommendations as per Appendix 1. Appendix to follow in advance of the meeting.
5.2	To approve the Community Development Service Plan 2019–2020 as per Appendix 2.

5.3	To note the PCSP (draft) Action Plan 2019 – 2020 as per Appendix 3.
5.4	To note the community development update report.
6.0	**Documents Attached & References**
6.1	Appendix 1 Grant award recommendations. Appendix to follow. Appendix 2 Community Development Service Plan 2019 - 2020 Appendix 3 PCSP (draft) Action Plan 2019 – 2020

Appendix 1 – Grant Award Recommendations

Strategic Arts & Culture Grant (Maximum £20,000)

No	Organisation Name	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Bardic Theatre	Bardic Theatre Productions 2018/19	1	£20,000	£20,000
2	Brantry Area Rural Dev Assoc (BARD)	Bard Arts & Culture Programme 2018-19	7	£12,150	£5,000
3	Carntogher Community Association	Carntogher Community Arts Project 2018/2019	2	£20,000	£17,500
4	Craic Theatre and Arts Centre	Accessible Arts For All	1	£20,000	£20,000
5	Glasgowbury	Cornstore Creative Hub	3	£20,000	£15,000
6	Open Door t/a The Hub BT80	The Hub Community Arts	6	£10,000	£7,500
				Total	**£85,000**

Budget £90,000

Transfer £5,000 to Small ACH&C

Score	Band	Award
30-39	7	£5,000
40-49	6	£7,500
50-59	5	£10,000
60-69	4	£12,500
70-79	3	£15,000
80-89	2	£17,500
90+	1	£20,000

Small Arts Culture Heritage & Community (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request Amount	Award
1	14th Tyrone Scouts	Arts	Christmas Celebrations & Inspirations	4	£1200	£840
2	1st Ballygawley Scout Group	Community	1st Ballygawley Cubs & Beavers	4	£1200	£840
3	1st Culnady Boys' Brigade	Community	A Programme for all	2	£1200	£1080
4	1st Loy Guides	Arts	African Drumming.	4	£1025	£718
5	Acorn Womens Group	Arts	Woodlands Arts & crafts project	2	£1200	£1080
6	Annaghmore LOL 2033	Cultural	Learning from the past and moving into the future	2	£1200	£1080
7	Ardboe Art Group	Art	Creative Therapy from the Palette	4	£1200	£840
8	Arthritis Care Cookstown Branch	Charity	Cookstown Versus Arthritis in our community	1	£1200	£1200
9	Ballinascreen Community Forum	Community	Ballinascreen Forum working together Draperstown Com	2	£1200	£1080
10	Ballinascreen Traditional Music Group	Cultural	Bilingual Workshops (workshops in Irish and English)	4	£1200	£840
11	Ballinderry AOH	Cultural	Flutes for Hibs	6	£1200	£600
12	Ballygawley Senior Citizens Club	Community	The Running of Ballygawley Senior Citizens Club	3	£1200	£960
13	Ballymacall True Blues Flute Band	Cultural	Annual Programme 2019-2020	2	£1190	£1075
14	Bellaghy Wolfe Tones GAC	Sport	Bellaghy Wolfe Tones Irish Dancing Feis	2	£1200	£1080
15	Bridge singers	Art	Bridge Singers 2019-20	4	£600	£420
16	Burnvale Community Association	Community	Spring into Burnvale	3	£940	£755
17	Bush Womens Group	Community	Bush Womens Group Meetings/Activities	6	£1200	£600
18	Bellaghy Regeneration Group	Community	Men & Hen Shed	6	£1200	£600

19	Caledon In Bloom	Community	Caledon In Bloom	2	£1200	£1080
20	Caledon Open Door Club	Community	Living life to the Full	5	£1200	£720
21	CAMDA	Community	Development to facilitate the expansion of the group's remit.	4	£1200	£840
22	Carnteel & Crilly Mothers Union	Community	Community Development and Outreach	3	£1200	£960
23	Castledawson Royal British Legion (RBL)	Cultural	The Royal British Legion in the Community	4	£1200	£840
24	Clogher Old School Museum Group	Art	To create an active museum facility within the old School	5	£900	£540
25	Clogher Women's Institute	Community	Clogher WI Annual Programme	4	£1200	£840
26	Clonaneese Presbyterian Women	Community	Clonaneese PW - Workshops and Good Practice Visit 2019/20	5	£1200	£720
27	Cloughfin Pipe Band	Cultural	Cloughfin Youth & Programme	4	£1200	£840
28	Coagh & Local History Group	Cultural	Programme of events 19-20	5	£1200	£720
29	Coagh Community Crossroads Club	culture / Arts	Arts & Crafts Learning Programme 2019-20	5	£1200	£720
30	Coagh Time and Talent	Art	Event Programme for 2019 - 2020	4	£1200	£840
31	Coalisland Clonoe CCE	Cultural	Coalisland Clonoe CCE Weekly Classes April - 2019- March 20	1	£1200	£1200
32	Cookstown Club Angels	Community	Night-time Economy project	1	£1200	£1200
33	Cookstown Community allotments	Community	Growing For Good Health & community	4	£1200	£840
34	Cookstown District Orange Lodge No3	Cultural	Effective & professional Marshalling & Community Dev.	3	£1200	£960
35	Cookstown Gardening Club	Community	Visit to Gardens of interest and nearby Garden Centres	4	£1200	£840

36	Cookstown Local History Group	Cultural	Educational visits to historical sites	3	£1200	£960
37	Cookstown Multiple Sclerosis Help /Support	Charity	2019 Tractor Run	3	£500	£400
38	Cookstown Sons of William	Cultural	Fun Day	5	£1200	£720
39	Coyles Cottage W0mens Group	Community	Tutor Led Classes	5	£700	£420
40	Derganagh Training and Development Ass	Community	Community Development through Social Interaction	3	£1000	£800
41	Derrytresk Players	Art	Derrytresk Players Drama	2	£1200	£1080
42	Desertcreat Scottish Country Dancers	Cultural	Scottish Country Dance	4	£1200	£840
43	Desertcreatives	Art	Abba Tribute	4	£1100	£770
44	Desertmartin Accordion Band	Cultural	Promotion of Accordion Tuition	3	£1200	£960
45	Donaghmore District Community Association	Community	Art of Village Life	2	£920	£828
46	Donaghmore Historical Society	Cultural	Fit For Purpose 2019 !	3	£1200	£960
47	Donaghmore Horticultural Community	Community	Pottering and Watering for Donaghmore	3	£1192	£954
48	Draperstown After School Club	Community	Draperstown After School Club Summer scheme	5	£1188	£715
49	Drummullan Community Group	Community	Arts - crafts and Drama	4	£1200	£840
50	Dunamore Community Association	Community	Dunamore Community AssProgramme of Events 19 -20	3	£1200	£960
51	Dungannon and Cookstown Camera Club	Art	Mid Ulster Through a Lens	4	£1110	£777
52	Dungannon and South Tyrone Kraft circle	Art	Dungannon and South Tyrone Kraft Circle	4	£1200	£840
53	Dungannon Area All Stars	Community	September Showcase	1	£1200	£1200
54	Dungannon Choral Society	Art	Calendar of Events 2019/20	3	£1200	£960

55	Dungannon Comhaltas	Cultural	Traditional Music Development Classes	3	£1200	£960
56	Dungannon Set Dancers	Art	Set Dancing Class	6	£1000	£500
57	Dungannon Visually Impaired Peoples Club	Community	VIP Club Programme 2019	2	£1200	£1080
58	Dungannon West Recycled Teenagers	Community	Cultural and historical days out, room hire and group insurance	5	£1200	£720
59	East Tyrone Classic Car Club	Community	Continued running of East Tyrone Classic Car Club.	5	£1200	£720
60	FAST	Cultural	FAST 'When Johnie comes marching home'.	4	£1200	£840
61	Fivemiletown Estates Group	Community	Fivemiletown 2019	4	£960	£675
62	Friends of Aughnacloy Day Centre	Community	"Me and My Friends"	3	£1195	£960
63	Friends of Killymoon Castle	Community	Community Group Days at Killymoon	5	£1120	£675
64	Friends of the Somme Mid Ulster Branch	Cultural	Programme of Events 2019	5	£1200	£720
65	Fort Riding School for the Disabled	Community	Development of the Centre	3	£3000	£960
66	Girlguiding Ballygawley	Community	Girlguiding Ballygawley	4	£1200	£840
67	Girlguiding Moneymore	Community	Guiding Together	1	£1200	£1200
68	Glen AOH Community Hall/Vintage Club	Cultural	Vintage Show/Community Fun day	5	£700	£420
69	Glenburn Community Association	Community	Glenburn Community Activities 2019	4	£1122	£785
70	Gortalowry Park Community Group	Community	Gortalowry - Our Place	4	£1200	£840
71	Granaghan & District Women's Group	Community	Good Mood Foods Nutrition with Jane McGlenaghan	4	£1150	£805
72	Granaghan Arts Society	Arts	Art Class	5	£1000	£600
73	Greenvale Park Community Group	Community	Santa Saturday	5	£1155	£693

74	Groundforce	Community	Never Forgotten	4	£1200	£840
75	Hanover Cultural Development Association	Cultural	Portable Stage Project	4	£1200	£840
76	Healing the Land	Community	Community celebration events	4	£1200	£840
77	Igagu	Community	Tracks	5	£1200	£720
78	Insight	Community	Inclusive Activities For the vIsually Impaired Community	2	£1000	£900
79	Joseph Devlin Memorial Hall	Cultural	Our Hall Our Community	3	£1200	£960
80	Kildress Area Youth & Community Club	Community	Youth & Art	3	£1100	£880
81	Kildress Health Matters	Community	Health in Kildress	3	£1200	£960
82	Kildress Kare	Community	Programme of events 2019-2020	4	£1200	£840
83	Killeeshil Open Door Club	Community	Killeeshil Open Door Club	4	£1018.39	£715
84	Killeeshil/Galbally Community Responders	Community	Killeeshil/Galbally Community Responders	1	£1200	£1200
85	Killyman Craft and Leisure Club	Art	Equipment, Tutoring and Social Event	5	£1500	£900
86	Kilnaslee Community Ass	Community	Community Activity	5	£2100	£720
87	King Street Parent & Toddler Group	Community	Introducing Creativity to Preschool Children	4	£1112	£780
88	Knockloughrim Community Dev Association	Community	Community Activities	4	£1110	£780
89	Knockloughrim Primary School PTA	Community	Community Duck Race and Funday (Friday evening – night)	5	£1180	£710
90	Leckagh Neighbourhood Group	Community	Delivering a Better Future	5	£1200	£720
91	Loughshore Community Services	Community	Community Hub Programme	3	£1200	£960
92	Loup & District Historical Society	Heritage	Local Historical Group Activities/Events	4	£1200	£840

93	Loup Womens Group	Community	Calligraphy, Scrapbooking and Trip	4	£1200	£840
94	Maghera Parish Caring Association	Community	A time of Socialising and education	3	£1200	£960
95	Maghera Vintage Rally	Community	An Evening of country and western Music	4	£1200	£840
96	Maghera Women's Institute	Community	Programme of Events 2019/20	5	£1090	£655
97	Magherafelt Versus Arthtitis Care	Charity	Magherafelt Versus Arthritis Members Events	2	£1200	£1080
98	Magherafelt Welfare Group	Community	Pensioner Wellbeing	4	£1200	£840
99	Magherafelt Womens Group Ltd	Community	Crafty Clay	4	£1200	£840
100	Magheraglass Womens Group	Community	Felt Making Workshop	5	£612	£370
101	Megargy Women's Group	Community	Looking back to the "Old Town" and forward to the future!	5	£1200	£720
102	Mid Ulster Talking Newspaper	Community	Production of the Mid Ulster Talking Newspaper	1	£485	£485
103	Mid Ulster Beekeepers Association	Community	Beekeeping Education in the community	3	£1200	£960
104	Mid Ulster Floral Art Society	Community	Fun and Friendship through Flowers	4	£1200	£840
105	Mid Ulster Vintage Vehicles Club	Community	Two Day Vintage Tractor Trek	4	£1200	£840
106	Milltown Area Community Ass	Community	Milltown Moving Forward	4	£1010	£710
107	Milltown Area Super Adults Club	Community	Keeping Super Adults Super 2019	5	£1180	£710
108	Molly & Mia Foundation	Community	'Around the world in five courses	4	£1200	£840
109	Moneymore Activity Group	Community	Christmas Lunch Event 2019	5	£275	£165
110	Moneymore Art Group	Art	Creative Therapy from the Palette	4	£1200	£840
111	Moneymore BB	Community	Boys Brigade activity	3	£1000	£800

112	Moneymore Womens Institute	Community	Visit to Gracehill Moravian church and graveyard.	5	£535	£325
113	Mowillian Hall Development Association	Community	St. Andrews Night Variety Concert & St. Valentines Ceilidh	4	£1200	£840
114	Muintirevlin Comhaltas	Cultural	Community Engagement Music Evenings	3	£600	£480
115	Muintirevlin Historical Society	Heritage	4 History Talks and 1 History Trip	4	£540	£380
116	MUVE	Cultural	Arts & crafts for those suffering from mental health issues	4	£1200	£840
117	O4O Cookstown Ltd	Community	Arts and Crafts on a Thursday afternoon	4	£1175	£825
118	Off the Cuff Community Theatre	Community	Poetry reading and appreciation with Maura Johnston.	2	£1200	£1080
119	O'Neill Country Historical Society	Heritage	Series Of Historical Talks And Field Trips For 2019	2	£1200	£1080
120	Parkview Community Group	Community	Parkview Summer Activities 2019	4	£1200	£840
121	Pomeroy over 55s club	Community	Over 55s Club	5	£1200	£720
122	Pomeroy Players	Art	Out Of Order	4	£1200	£840
123	Putting Others First	Community	Cookstown Motorcycle Show	5	£1140	£685
124	Ranfurly Area Women's Institute Choir	Art	Ranfurly Area WI Choir music training	5	£495	£300
125	RBL Sports and Activity Group	Community	Cultural Evenings	4	£1150	£805
126	Rhone Valley Community Group	Community	Syerla Hall Venue Upkeep and Activities 2019	1	£1200	£1200
127	Rock and District Historical Society	Cultural	Sharing History, Sharing Community	3	£1150	£920
128	Royal British Legion Magherafelt Branch	Cultural	Branch Pensioner Welfare	4	£930	£655

129	S.T.E.P.S. Mental Health	Community	S.T.E.P.S. Classes/ Programs/ Counselling	2	£1200	£1080
130	Sandholes Community Group	Community	Encouraging Interaction between all ages	3	£1200	£960
131	Simpson Grant Association	Community	Providing a Community Facility.	3	£1200	£960
132	Slatequarry Development Association	Community	Installation of new lighting system in our Community Hub	2	£1200	£1080
133	Sollus School of Highland Dance	Cultural	Burns Night 2020	3	£1200	£960
134	South Derry Down Syndrome Group	Charity	Drama Workshop to include Video at completion.	2	£1000	£900
135	Sperrin Kidz	Community	Administration and Development of Children's Choir	3	£1200	£960
136	Sperrins Hillwalking Club	Community	Sperrins Hill Walking Club Taster Walks of Grades 1 and 3	4	£1200	£840
137	Spires Magherafelt Branch for Parkinson's	Charity	Improving physical/ mental well-being of people with Parkinson's	2	£1200	£1080
138	St Elizabeth's Senior Citizen Club	Community	Social events at St Elizabeth's church hall.	4	£1200	£840
139	St George's Crilly Parish Church	Community	Woman's World Day of Prayer Harvest Thanksgiving supper	5	£1200	£720
140	St James COI, Aughnacloy	Community	"Something for Everyone"	2	£1200	£1080
141	St Patricks Accordion Band Kinturk	Cultural	Kinturk Band 2019	4	£825	£580
142	St. Swithin's Craft Group	Art	Traditional and Contemporary Craft Activites	4	£1200	£840
143	Star of Tyrone 196	Cultural	Visit to Boyne centre	5	£900	£540
144	Stewartstown Community Group	Community	Stewartstown Community in Action 2019	4	£1000	£700
145	Superstars Club	Community	Prince of Africa and Friends	1	£1200	£1200
146	Support2gether	Community	Support2gether	3	£1200	£960

147	Syerla and District Pipe Band	Cultural	Syerla and District Pipe band competition season	4	£1200	£840
148	Tamlaght O'Crilly Parish Vintage	Community	By Gone Years	3	£1200	£960
149	Team Aspie	Community	'We Totally Can'	1	£1200	£1200
150	The Ambassadors Community Group	Community	Upgrading of Audio and Visual Equipment for venues	5	£1200	£720
151	The Evergreens	Community	Seniors Fellowship Group	3	£890	£715
152	The Lighthouse (Magherafelt) Ltd	Community	Community Outreach	2	£1200	£1080
153	The Mid Ulster Festival of Creative Arts	Art	The MU Festival of Creative Arts - Annual Programme 2019/2020	3	£1200	£960
154	RBL Dungannon/Moy Branch	Community	Senior Citizenas Outing	4	£850	£595
155	The Tuesday Club	Community	Arts and Crafts with Jean	4	£1119.5	£785
156	Three Spires Scout Group	Community	Scouting Adventures	3	£1200	£960
157	Tobermore Community Projects	Community	Tobermore Together	4	£950	£665
158	Tobin Youth Centre (Moortown)	Community	Experiencing Art In Both Traditional And New Forms	3	£1200	£960
159	Tully Meadow Community Ass	Community	Memory Seat' & Arts, crafts & gardening	4	£1200	£840
160	Tullylagan Pipe Band	Cultural	Teach tenor drumming	3	£1200	£960
161	Washingbay Art Group	Art	Washingbay Art programme	4	£1200	£840
162	William Kerr Memorial Pipe Band	Cultural	Compete in Pipe Band Festivals Competitions -Ireland Scotland	4	£1200	£840
163	Woodschapel Beaver Scouts	Community	Craft and Culture	4	£1210	£850
164	Upperlands Community Dev Ass	Community	Community Activity programme	3	£8000	£960
					Total	£136,630

Budget £95,000
Reallocation Strategic Arts £5,000
Reallocation Venues £13,750
Reallocation SCD £16,525

Score	Band	% Allocation
90 – 100	1	100%
80 – 89	2	90%
70 – 79	3	80%
60 – 69	4	70%
50 – 59	5	60%
40 – 49	6	50%
30 – 39	7	40%

Ineligible/Did not meet minimum criteria – Small Arts Culture Heritage & Community

BrainwavesNI - Mid Ulster Sub Group	Meeting, Sharing and Helping	Under regional organisation
Woodlands Beacon Centre	Woodlands Hope Garden	Under regional constitution
Institute of Irish Leadership	One week annual Irish language festival, A Bilingual Halloween Coffee morning with story teller and singer.	Supported under Irish language Programme
Campa Chill Dreasa	Campa Chill Dreasa- Scaim Samhraidh	Supported under Irish language Programme
Tober Tinys Com. Playgroup	Enhancing knowledge of the world around us	Statutory based
Tobermore Primary School Parent Teacher Association	Supper with Santa	Statutory core based
Naiscoil Charn Tochair	Naiscoil School Trip/ Sports Day	Statutory core based
Paddington Playgroup	Culture visits	Statutory core based
Pomeroy Preschool Play Group	Health & Well-being Programme	Statutory core based
SPX Young Women's Group	SPX Young Women's Group	Statutory core based
Aughadarragh Parent Support Ass	Minding Me Program	Statutory core based
Friends of Knocknagin	Shared Cookery and Nutrition Programme	Statutory core based
PTAs and Friends can be directed to festivals for events outside of school hours or for cross community schools engagement to GR		

Strategic Community Development (Maximum £8,000)

No	Organisation Name	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Community Organisations of South Tyrone & Areas - COSTA (COSTA & CWSAN)	Mid Ulster Community Development Support Service 2019 / 2020	1	£8000	£8000
2	First Steps Women's Centre	Money Management Programme	4	£6000	£5000
3	Hope Magherafelt	CAP Debt Centre, Magherafelt Foodbank	5	£4050	£2025
4	Mid Ulster Community Services Ltd T/A Out and About Community Transport in partnership with CDM Community Transport	Out of Area Hospital Transport for Wheelchair Users	4	£8000	£5000
5	Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre	Mid Ulster Volunteer Centre	3	£8000	£6000
6	Mid-Ulster Women's Aid	Training and Development Programmes	5	£8000	£4000
7	Positive Steps Community Centre	Positive Steps to a Brighter Future	5	£7671	£4000
8	The Rural Centre	The Rural Centre: Erasmus+ Funding, Training /sharing between regions	4	£2400	£1450
9	Willowbank	Your Rights Your Voice Your Say	6	£8000	£3000
				Total	**£38,475**
				Budget £55,000 Reallocation £16,525 to SCA&H	

Score	Band	Award
40-49	6	£3,000
50-59	5	£4,000
60-69	4	£5,000
70-79	3	£6,000
80-89	2	£7,000
90+	1	£8,000

Community Venue Grant (Maximum £3,000)

No.	Organisation Name	Venue	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Aghaloo and Blackwater Community Ass	Aughnacloy	1	£3,000	£3,000
2	Aughintober Regeneration	Cabragh	5	£2,550	£1,000
3	Ballysaggart Area Community Association	Dungannon	2	£3,190	£2,500
4	Bann Valley Community Group	Clady	3	£3,100	£2,000
5	Bawn Development Association	Aughnacloy	5	£2,200	£1,000
6	Bonn Cultural group	Pomeroy	4	£3,209	£1,500
7	Brackaghreilly & District Community Ass	Maghera	5	£1,000	£500
8	Brocagh and District Regeneration Group	Dungannon	2	£3,000	£2,500
9	Broughderg Area Development Association	Broughderg	1	£3,000	£3,000
10	Caledon Regeneration Partnership	Caledon	4	£10,637	£1,500
11	Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society	Castlecaulfield	3	£3,350	£2,000
12	Clonoe Rural Development Agency	Coalisland	1	£3,000	£3,000
13	Coalisland & District Development Ass	Coalisland	3	£3,000	£2,000
14	Crossdernott Bowling Club	Crossdernott	5	£2,000	£1,000
15	Derrytresk Youth & Community Group	Derrytresk	2	£7,732	£2,500
16	Fivemiletown Community Development Ass	Fivemiletown	5	£3,000	£1,000
17	Galbally Youth & Community Association	Galbally	1	£3,000	£3,000
18	Glór na Speiríní	Draperstown	6	£1,200	£750
19	Involve (NI)	Magherafelt	3	£3,000	£2,000
20	Kilcronaghan Community Association	Kilcronaghan	1	£3,000	£3,000
21	Killeeshil & Clonaneese Historical Society	Killymaddy Centre	5	£2,124	£1,000
22	Killeeshil Community Centre	Killeeshil	1	£3,000	£3,000
23	Kinturk Cultural Association	Kinturk	3	£15,000	£2,000
24	Knocknagin Hall Committee	Knocknagin	4	£4,391	£1,500
25	Loughans Cultural and Development Ass	Ballygawley	5	£11,270	£1,000
26	Maghera Cross Community Link	Maghera	1	£3,000	£3,000
27	Maghera Historical Society Heritage/Culture	Maghera	4	£3,000	£1,500

No.	Organisation Name	Venue	Band	Requested	Awarded
28	Moneyneena & District Development Init.	Moneyneena	1	£3,000	£3,000
29	Moygashel Community & Cultural Ass	Moygashel	5	£4,664	£1,000
30	Muintir Na Mointeach	Washingbay	2	£3,000	£2,500
31	Northern Counties Development Ass	Swatragh	4	£3,000	£1,500
32	Pomeroy Development Projects ltd	Pomeroy	1	£6,500	£3,000
33	RBL CLUB COOKSTOWN	Cookstown	5	£3,000	£1,000
34	TABBDA Company Ltd	Ballyronan	1	£3,000	£3,000
35	Tamnamore Community Development Ass	Tamnamore	5	£3,120	£1,000
36	Termoneeny Community Association	Termoneeny	3	£3,000	£2,000
37	Tirgan Community Association Ltd	Tirgan	4	£3,754	£1,500
		Reallocation £13,750 to SCA&H		**Total**	**£71,250** **Budget £85,000**

Band	Score	Award
40-49	6	£750
50-59	5	£1,000
60-69	4	£1,500
70-79	3	£2,000
80-89	2	£2,500
90+	1	£3,000

Ineligible/Did not meet minimum criteria – Community Venue Grant	
Gortalowry House Projects Ltd	Not a community venue as per criteria
Holy Family Primary School Parent and Teacher Association / Holy Family Playgroup Parent & Teacher Association / Holy Family Playgroup	Not a community venue as per criteria

Strategic Events (Maximum £8,000)

No.	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Brantry Bard Sessions Group	Cultural	Brantry Fleadh 2019	5	£8,000	£4,000
2	Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society	Community/ Environmental	Annual Flower Show	4	£10,150	£5,000
3	Clogher Valley Agricultural Society	Community/ Environmental	Clogher Valley Agricultural Show	1	£20,200	£8,000
4	Cookstown & District Motorcycle Club (Road Racing)	Sport	The 2019 Cookstown 100 Road Races	3	£16,164	£6,000
5	CYCUL LTD	Sport	Lap The Lough Cycling Festival	2	£7,800	£7,000
6	Draperstown Traders	Community	Draperstown Busking Festival, Craft Village &	5	£8,000	£4,000
7	Dungannon Gaelic Forum	Cultural	St Patrick's Day Parade 2020	3	£8,000	£6,000
8	Erins Own Lavey GAC	Sport	Mid Ulster Truckers Festival	5	£7,900	£4,000
9	Irish Junior Open Com	Sport	Irish Junior Open Finale	5	£7,500	£4,000
10	Killyman Royal Black District Chapter No. 1	Cultural	Last Saturday Demonstration - Dungannon	5	£10,720	£4,000
11	MHS Agricultural Show & Country Fayre	Community/ Environmental	Maghera Agricultural Show and Country Fayre	5	£7,450	£4,000
12	Pomeroy District Sports & Cultural Association	Cultural	Pomeroy 12th July Festival 2019	5	£7,350	£4,000
13	Pomeroy Social Activity Group	Community	Santa’s Magical Forest	3	£11,500	£6,000
14	Tri Limits	Sport	Tri Tyrone	5	£7,850	£4,000
15	Moy Community & Traders Ass	Community	Music Festival	7	£20,000	£2,000
					Total	**£72,000**
					Budget £75,000 Remainder £3,000 to Local Festivals	

Score	Band	Award
30-39	7	£2,000
40-49	6	£3,000
50-59	5	£4,000
60-69	4	£5,000
70-79	3	£6,000
80-89	2	£7,000
90+	1	£8,000

Ineligible/Did not meet minimum criteria – Strategic Event

	Lissan House Trust	Community	Ineligible Private Sector partner			
	Moneymore Heritage trust	Community	Ineligible not strategic event			

Small Sports Grant (Maximum £1,500)

No.	Name of Organisation	Project Title	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Ballinascreen Camogie Association	Girls Physical Literacy Programme	1	£1,500	£1,500
2	Ballyronan Boat Club	Family sailing	7	£1,500	£600
3	BC Wolves	Expanding Basketball	5	£1,500	£900
4	Brocagh Emmetts GFC	Bring Community Together	2	£1,900	£1,350
5	Church Island Runners	Church Island Run and couch to 5k	6	£1,450	£725
6	Clogher Eire Og GAC	Health/ Fitness and volunteers	3	£1,200	£960
7	Cookstown Fr Rocks GFC	Superheros Physical Literacy Programme	1	£1,500	£1,500
8	Cookstown Youth FC	A celebration event on the last night of our Football Development Centre in May	1	£1,500	£1,500
9	County Tyrone Super Cup NI	football for Tyrone for youth inclusion 2019	4	£2,000	£1,050
10	Desertmartin Football Club	Looking Ahead	5	£1,500	£900
11	Desertmartin Parish Church Bowling Club	Bowling to a higher level	4	£1,500	£1,050
12	Dungannon Bowling Club	Diamond Jubilee of the Bowling Green	6	£1,470	£735
13	Dungannon Football Club trading as Dungannon Rugby Football	Developing Players for the future	3	£1,500	£1,200
14	Dungannon Swifts FC	Swifts Active Sporting Chances	3	£1,500	£1,200
15	Dungannon Thomas Clarkes GFC	Strength & Conditioning	3	£1,450	£1,160
16	Dungannon United Youth CIC	DUY Coach Development	3	£1,500	£1,200
17	Edendork GAC	Mini Mals	3	£1,500	£1,200
18	Emmets GAC Slaughtneil	Sports Participation Running Costs for Teams	3	£7,000	£1,200
19	Erins Own Lavey GAC	Lavey GAC - Summer Scheme	2	£1,500	£1,350
20	GAA/Sports For All	Sports For All Days Out & Equipment	6	£1,500	£750
21	Galbally ABC	All Inclusive Sports in Galbally	6	£1,200	£600
22	Galbally Pearses GAA	Pearses Easter Camp	5	£3,000	£900
23	Greenhill Tug of War	Pollytunnell training development	7	£1,500	£600

No.	Name of Organisation	Project Title	Band	Requested	Awarded
24	Island Wheelers Cycling Club	Island Wheeler Development	4	£1,575	£1,050
25	Killymoon Golf Club Juniors	Junior Golf Development	6	£2,930	£750
26	Killymoon Rangers FC	Football for youth Inclusion 2019	6	£1,000	£500
27	Killymuck Clay Pigeon Ass	Community at Heart	6	£1,500	£750
28	Leo`s boys and girls tug of war	re-locating our training facilities	6	£7,061	£750
29	Logues Hill CPC	Promoting participation of young shooters, female shooters and persons with a disability.	7	£2,300	£600
30	Maghera Strollers FC	Match Day Activities (Football Pitch Hire & Referee costs)	7	£1,742	£600
31	Magherafelt Ladies Outdoor Bowling Club	Promote Ladies Bowling Within MUDC	7	£1,453	£590
32	Magherafelt Reds FC	Training equipment, pitch cover and match kit	7	£1,000	£400
33	Magherafelt Sky Blues	Car parking - pick up and drop off facilities	4	£5,000	£1,050
34	Magherafelt tennis club	parent and child event	6	£2,662	£750
35	Mark Heagney ABC	The Next level for ALL !	6	£1,200	£600
36	Michael Davitt GAC	U14 Boys Development	3	£1,500	£1,200
37	Mid-Ulster Showjumpers	Mum's Turn	7	£1,650	£600
38	Moneymore Clay Pigeon Club	Forward to the next level	6	£1,500	£750
39	Moneymore GAC	Moneymore Health and Well-being Challenge Event 2019	2	£1,500	£1,350
40	Moortown St Malachys GAC	Ladies Involvement Project	2	£1,500	£1,350
41	Moy Tir na Og	Moy Indoor Bowling Club	7	£1,500	£600
42	Moyola Clay Target Club	Forward to success	6	£1,500	£750
43	Moyola Park AFC	Fitness and Football Equipment Grant	3	£1,490	£1,200
44	Naomh Colm Baile na Scrine GLC	Come Try It Summer Camp & Coach Development	2	£1,500	£1,350
45	Naomh Treasa Camogie Club Dungannon	Indoor and Outdoor Coaching Programme 2019	2	£1,300	£1,170

No.	Name of Organisation	Project Title	Band	Requested	Awarded
46	Newmills Football Club	Club Running Costs for Season 2019/20	4	£1,500	£1,050
47	O'Donovan Rossa GAC (Camogie)	Rossa Camogie Youth - Camogie Games & Summer Camp	5	£1,500	£900
48	Pomeroy Plunketts GAC	Gaelic Games FUNdamentals	3	£1,500	£1,200
49	Pomeroy Plunketts Handball	Introduction to Handball	6	£1,500	£750
50	Pomeroy Plunketts Ladies GFC	Gaelic for Mothers and Others	5	£1,500	£900
51	Rainey Old Boys RFC	Rainey Rugby Academy	3	£1,500	£1,200
52	REN BU KAN JUDO CLUB	Judo - Beginners to Mat	2	£2,000	£1,350
53	Rossa Ladies Football Magherafelt	Ladies Gaelic Football	4	£3,125	£1,050
54	Royal British Legion Football Club	Train and play	4	£1,500	£1,050
55	St Annes Table Tennis Club	St Anne's Table Tennis Coaching Camp 2019	5	£985	£600
56	St Finbarrs Hurling Club	St Finbarr Hurling	5	£2,520	£900
57	St Johns ABC	Administrative and running costs - St Johns ABC	4	£1,500	£1,050
58	St Malachy's GAC Castledawson	Youth Games provision	4	£1,493	£1,050
59	St Mary's Bowling Club Killeeshil	St Mary's Bowling Club Killeeshil 2019 Activities	6	£330	£165
60	St Patricks Camogie Club	Purchase of New Training Equipment and to provide indoor training at local facility	4	£1,500	£1,050
61	St Patricks GAC Loup Co Derry	Loup Couch to 5k Running Event / 5 Mile Run with 5K Fun Run / 5 Mile Event 22nd June 2019	4	£1,850	£1,050
62	St. Brigids (Naomh Brid) Camogie Club Brocagh	2019 Season Club Participation and Development Initiative	3	£3,000	£1,200
63	St Martin’s GAC Desertmartin	Health and sports development	2	£400	£360
64	St Michael’s GAC Lissan	Fitness and Wellbeing Course	3	£1,500	£1,200
65	Termoneeny Cycling Club (TCC)	TCC Summer Cycle/Spin 2019	6	£1,500	£750
66	Tobermore Youth Football Academy	Youth Community Development	5	£1,500	£900
67	Tri Limits	Tri A Bit More	5	£1,200	£720

No.	Name of Organisation	Project Title	Band	Requested	Awarded
68	Tulach Og Hurling and Camogie Club	Hurling and Camogie Coaching programme	4	£1,500	£1,050
69	Upperlands Cross Community Football Club	Football Funding day	6	£1,500	£750
				Total	**£65,085**
				Budget £65,000	

Score	Band	% Allocation
90 – 100	1	100%
80 – 89	2	90%
70 – 79	3	80%
60 – 69	4	70%
50 – 59	5	60%
40 – 49	6	50%
30 – 39	7	40%

Ineligible/Did not meet minimum criteria – Small Sports Grant

Carn Wheelers	Carn Wheeler Youth Project	Did not meet minimum score threshold
Tyrone Ladies GFA	20x20 initiative	Not a sports club - County team -Strategic Sports Tyrone GAA
Upperlands Community Development Ltd.	Upperlands "EAST19" (Experiencing and Accessing Sports Try-outs 2019)	Not a Sports Club

Sports Representative Team Grant (Maximum £500)

Name Of Club/team	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
Emmet's GAC Slaughtneil (Senior Camogie Team)	All Ireland Club Camogie Final	3	£2,200	£400
			Total	**£400**

Band	Score	Amount
1	90-100	**£500.00**
2	80-89	**£450.00**
3	70-79	**£400.00**
4	60-69	**£350.00**
5	50-59	**£300.00**

Sports Representative Individual Grant (Maximum £250)

No	Name	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Hannah Haycock	European Netball Championships (18/19)	3	£150	£150
2	Matthew Kelly	Tae Kwon Do International Scottish Closed Championships	3	£273	£200
3	Peter Kelly	Tae Kwon Do International Scottish Closed Championships	3	£273	£200
4	Eoin McKenna	Tae Kwon Do International Scottish Closed Championships	2	£250	£225
5	Janine Martin	World Powerlifting Championships	1	£450	£250
6	Kayleigh O'Neill	International Darts	1	£400	£250
7	Jacqueline O'Neill	International Darts	1	£300	£250
8	Darren Rafferty	Ulster Cycling Youth Tour of Scotland	2	£250	£225
9	Kenny Ximenes	NI ~ West Ham United Football Cup U14	3	£100	£100
				Total	**£1,850**

Band	Score	Amount
1	90-100	£250.00
2	80-89	£225.00
3	70-79	£200.00
4	60-69	£175.00
5	50-59	£150.00

Strategic Sports Development Grant (Maximum £15,000 - £20,000 pending budget)

No.	Organisation Name	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Derry GAA	Employment of Games Development Officer within Mid Ulster Council (Derry)	1	£16,500	£15,000
2	Irish FA Foundation	Grassroots and Schools Football Development Project	1	£20,000	£15,000
3	Tyrone GAA	Mid Ulster Council / Tyrone GAA Games Promotions Officer	1	£15,670	£15,000
4	Swim Ulster Limited	Full time Swimming Development Officer / Coach	3	£20,000	£10,000
5	The Ulster Branch of the Irish Rugby Football Union (Ulster Rugby)	Rugby in the Community	2	£14,250	£12,500
6	Ulster hockey	Mid Ulster Hockey Support	1	£8,500	£8,500

Total £76,000
Budget £50,000
Allocate based on EBA / sports capital

Score	Band	Award
50-59	5	£5,000
60-69	4	£7,500
70-79	3	£10,000
80-89	2	£12,500
90+	1	£15,000 - £20,000

Community Local Festivals April 2019 (Maximum £1,200)

No.	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	Ballinacross LOL 1713	Cultural	Community Fun Evening	6	£ 1,000.00	£ 500.00
2	Ballinascreen Traditional Music Group	Cultural	Group Festival	7	£ 1,050.00	£ 420.00
3	Ballymacall True Blues Flute Band	Cultural	Celebration of Cultural Music	7	£ 2,000.00	£ 480.00
4	Ballytrea Primary School PTA	Community	Fun Night	6	£ 950.00	£ 480.00
5	Blackhill LOL 681	Cultural	Community Fun evening	7	£ 1,000.00	£ 400.00
6	Bush Primary School PTA	Community	Community Fun Night	5	£ 1,200.00	£ 720.00
7	Clogher Valley Outdoor Bowling	Community	Cross Border bowling day	7	£ 840.00	£ 340.00
8	Coalisland Clonoe CCE	Cultural	Spring Feile April 2019	3	£ 1,200.00	£ 960.00
9	County Tyrone Super cup	Community	Tournament	5	£ 430.00	£ 260.00
10	Desertcreatives	Cultural	Harvest Festival	3	£ 1,200.00	£ 960.00
11	Desertmartin Parish Church	Community	Garden Fete / Vintage Rally	4	£ 1,200.00	£ 840.00
12	Donaghmore District Community Ass	Community	Donaghmore 5 Mile Run/ Fun	7	£ 1,500.00	£ 480.00
13	Dunamore community association	Community	St. Patricks Day Celebration	6	£ 1,200.00	£ 600.00
14	Dungannon Area All Stars	Community	Dungannon All-Stars '4D Fest	4	£ 1,325.00	£ 840.00
15	Dungannon Chest Heart and Stroke	Community	Hooley at the Lough	1	£11,500.00	£ 1200.00
16	Eastvale & Kilcoole Com & Cultural	Community	Community fun day &day trips	7	£ 1,000.00	£ 400.00
17	Edendork GAC	Community	Edendork at the Oskars	6	£ 1,200.00	£ 600.00
18	Fort Centre Riding for the Disabled	Community	Tractor Run and Fun Day	6	£ 1,200.00	£ 600.00
19	Friends of Cabragh	Community	50th year celebration	5	£ 1,200.00	£ 720.00
20	Friends of Knocknagin	Community	Family fun day 2019	7	£ 1,640.00	£ 480.00
21	Galbally Pearses GAA Club	Cultural	St Patrick's Day Big Festival	6	£ 1,240.00	£ 600.00
22	Kilcronaghan Community Ass	Community	Vintage Rally,Craft & Fun Fair	4	£ 1,200.00	£ 840.00
23	Killymoon Rangers FC	Community	Charity Match &Big Breakfast	5	£ 715.00	£ 430.00
24	Killymuck Clay Pigeon Association	Community	Killymuck Clay Pigeon Shoot	7	£ 1,200.00	£ 480.00
25	Leo`s boys and girls tug of war club	Community	International tug of war comp	2	£ 1,350.00	£ 1,080.00

26	Lissan Cross Community Playgroup	Community	Lissan 5k run and kids fun run	6	£ 2,200.00	£ 600.00
27	Maghera Parish Caring Association	Community	Garden Fete & Vintage Rally	5	£ 1,200.00	£ 720.00
28	Maghera Vintage Rally	Community	Maghera Vintage Rally	6	£ 1,200.00	£ 600.00
29	Michael Davitt GAC	Community	Community Big Tidy Up	6	£ 1,200.00	£ 600.00
30	Mid Ulster Vintage Vehicles Club Ltd	Community	Vintage Rally and Field Day	5	£ 2,000.00	£ 720.00
31	Moneymore Clay Pigeon Club	Community	Moneymore Cup Challenge	7	£ 1,200.00	£ 480.00
32	Moneymore GAC	Community	W'end 5k Race,Fun Run/ Day	5	£ 1,200.00	£ 720.00
33	Moyola Clay Target Club	Community	Moyola Cup Challenge	7	£ 1,200.00	£ 480.00
34	Muintirevlin Historical Society	Cultural	Trad. Music Night & Story	7	£ 510.00	£ 210.00
35	NI Blind Golf Association & Killymoon	Community	Fun day engagement event	6	£ 1,200.00	£ 600.00
36	PTA Dungannon Primary School	Community	Community Festival BBQ Fun	6	£ 700.00	£ 350.00
37	Ren-Bu-Kan Judo Club	Community	Judo Festival	4	£ 1,430.00	£ 840.00
38	Roan parents support group	Community	Fun colour run	7	£ 1,850.00	£ 480.00
39	Sixtowns Cross Community Group	Community	Sixtowns Com Fun Festival	3	£ 1,612.00	£ 960.00
40	Sporting Hearts	Community	Dungannon Truck Run	3	£ 2,730.00	£ 960.00
41	St John's Church Moneymore	Community	Celebration of farming	4	£ 1,385.00	£ 840.00
42	St Mary's Bowling Club Killeeshil	Community	Bowling Tournament 2019	5	£ 1,080.00	£ 650.00
43	Tamlaght O'Crilly Parish Vintage	Community	May Festival & Vintage Rally	4	£ 1,200.00	£ 840.00
44	Tirgan Community Association	Community	Everyone Together–Com Fest	5	£ 950.00	£ 570.00
45	Tobermore PTA	Community	Summer Fair	5	£ 1,210.00	£ 720.00
46	Tobin Youth Centre (Moortown) Ltd	Community	Annual Tobin Summer Fest	3	£ 1,200.00	£ 960.00
47	Tyrone Towers Basketball Club	Community	Summer Camp 2019	1	£ 1,350.00	£ 1,200.00
48	Upperlands Community Development	Community	Flax Community Festival	6	£ 1,200.00	£ 600.00
						£31,410

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%

Ineligible/Did not meet minimum criteria – Community Local Festival

Putting Others First	Cookstown Motorcycle Show	Project cannot be split across different fund

Good Relations April 2019 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Organisation Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1	FAST	Community	The End of the Road	3	£ 950.00	£ 760.00
2	Gortalowry house Carer/Toddler	Community	Meeting of the carer /toddler group	7	£ 1500.00	£ 480.00
3	MUVE	Community	Healthy and well-being family day	5	£ 760.00	£ 460.00
4	The Royal British Legion Dungannon/Moy Branch	Cultural	Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Irish National Memorial Gardens Dublin	3	£ 800.00	£ 640.00
						£2,340.00

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%

Ineligible/Did not meet minimum criteria – Good Relations

Campa Chill Dreasa	Campa Chill Dreasa- Scaim Samhraidh	Project cannot be split across funds
Slatequarry Development Association	Ongoing arts and cultural/heritage activity in the community	Did not meet minimum criteria; linked to aim of small A,HCD
Support2gether	Support2gether Residential	Did not meet minimum criteria

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SERVICE PLAN - 2019 / 20

	Date
Consulted within staff team	18/01/2019 08/02/2019
Discussed & signed off by Director	/ / 2019

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1.0 OVERALL PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE SERVICE

1.1. Purpose and Scope of the Service

Community Development covers Community Development Support, Advice, Good Relations, Peace, Neighbourhood Renewal and Policing and Community Safety. The Section also has a responsibility for the coordination of Community Planning for the Council corporate.

The section is specifically responsible for the following functions:

Community Development Support
Provides capacity building and funding to the community and voluntary sector across Mid Ulster. The Council's grant aid programme include community venues, community development strategic support, community development small grant, festivals and events. This is part funded and delivered with the Department for Communities. In addition to the Council's grants programme, the Section provides support and guidance to groups on identifying other sources of funding for the community and voluntary sector.

The Community Development Support also supports local communities plan through village planning for the development of their local areas and supports with the delivery of these plans. Advice provision is provided under Contract and is part funded by the Department for Communities.

Good Relations
Delivery is as per "Together Building a United Community Strategy". This is part funded and delivered with the NI Executive Department. The key principles are creating shared space, developing good relations between children and young people and developing cultural expression between our communities.

Peace IV
Delivery is seeking to promote peace and reconciliation across our communities, particularly focusing on children and young people and development and usage of shared space. This is part funded and delivered with the Special European Union Programme Body.

Neighbourhood Renewal
Council works in partnership with the Department for Communities to address areas poverty and deprivation in our areas with the highest levels of disadvantage within Mid Ulster: Dungannon West and Coalisland. This is part funded and delivered with the Department for Communities.

Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)
Helps make the Mid Ulster community safer by focusing on the policing and community safety issues that matter most. The PCSP consists of Councillors, Independent Members, bodies designated by the NI Assembly, and locally designated bodies. The PCSP will consult, develop and agree local action plans that will be delivered through partnership working and based on local needs. PCSP will consult and engage with communities on issues of local concerns and develop solutions in partnership to tackle crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. The PCSP also

monitors the performance of the Police against the Policing Plan. The Partnership is funded by the Department of Justice (DoJ), and the NI Policing Board (NIPB), through the Joint Committee.

1.2 Responsibilities

The section is specifically responsible for the following functions:

- Community Planning Coordination for Council Corporate
- Community Development Support through delivery of grants, support to group development, community village plan delivery support.
- Provision of General Advice Services across Mid Ulster in partnership with the Department for Communities
- Good Relations delivery in partnership with the Northern Ireland Executive Office under the Together Building a United Community Strategy.
- Peace IV delivery across Mid Ulster
- Facilitation of Neighbourhood Renewal delivery in Coalisland and Dungannon in partnership with Department for Communities
- Managing the Policing and Community Safety Partnership and Plan

1.3 Customers & Stakeholders

Customers & Stakeholders
• Community and Voluntary Sector
• Funding Departments
• Community Relations Council
• Statutory Departments
• Councillors
• Contract delivery agents
• Schools and College

1.4 Performance Overview in 2018/19

The following table provides a progress summary and the impact made by last years' Service Plan (2018-2019). It also details key successes, a summary of the end of year progress, remaining challenges for the Service, and how it made a difference.

2018/19 Performance Overview	**End of Year Progress Status: Completed/Commenced/Other**
• Connecting Pomeroy Funding Letter of Offer received	Funding offer £5.1million investment in 5 shared space projects

• Community Grants delivered under 12 areas across the District	Over 600 groups supported £1million distributed to groups across the District
• Delivery of PCSP across the District	PCSP plan delivered through partnership approach
• Delivery of Good Relations across the District	Good Relations Plan delivered across the District over 12 programmes with a number of projects in each area, alongside grants
• Peace IV delivery	10 programmes commenced in Peace Peace grants x 3 phases delivered Total spend allocated £2.4mn budget £3.36mn
• General Advice Services	General advice delivery across Mid Ulster
• Neighbourhood Renewal facilitated through a partnership approach	Over 10 projects managed Funding secured and deliver commenced of £3/4mn capital investment in recreation in Dungannon
• Community buildings	Management of community buildings in Moy, Clogher, Dungannon Garners Hall
• Community Planning	Management of the community planning process for Mid Ulster

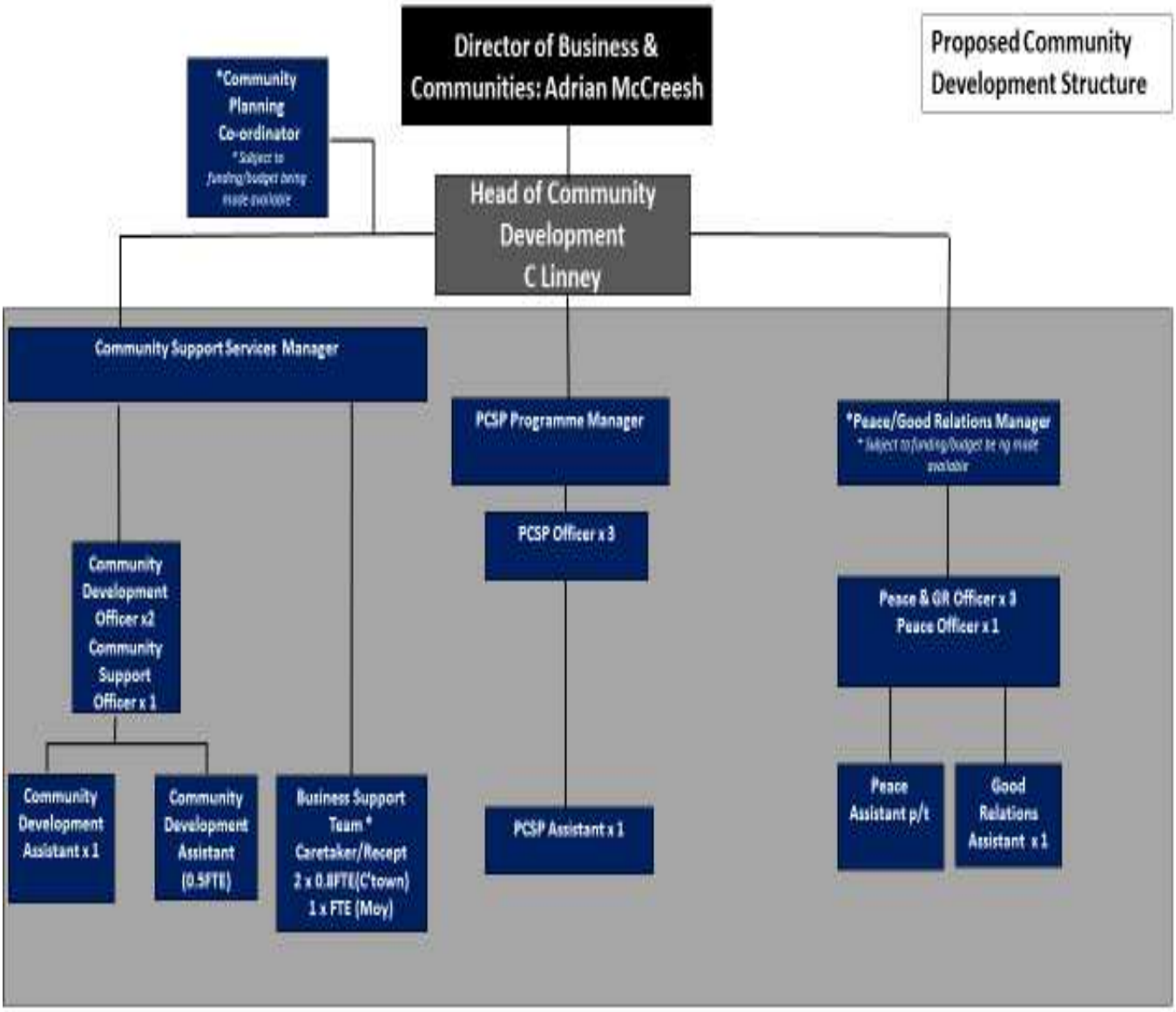
2.0 SERVICE WORKPLAN 2019/20

The following tables confirm the resources, financial and people, which the Service has access to throughout 2019-20 to deliver its actions, activities and core business.

2.1 Budget 2019/20

Service Budget Headings	£
Community Grants, Incl sports and arts and culture spend	£1mn
Community Development General	£180,000
Community Centres	198,000
Advice	220,000
Good Relations	415,000
PCSP	302,000
Neighbourhood Renewal- core (programme costs Dept Communities) Incl salaries	43,500
CCTV	30,000
Peace IV (2017 – 2020) £3,360,000	£1,500,000
Gross Budget	£3,906,500
Income Grants Transfers and spend re other Divisions	£2,340,000 £475,000
Net Budget for 2019-20	£835,000
Peace IV Shared Space Project	£5.1 million

2.2 Staffing Complement - 2019/20



Staffing	No. of Staff
Head of Service	1
Managers	3
Officers	10
Assistants	4
Administration	1.5
Supervisors Com Centres	2 Part time
Total	**21.5**

2.3 Service Work Plan - 2019/20

This plan confirms the core activities and actions, which will form your Service Work Plan for 2019-20. This should be a high-level capture of the Service activities and work which it will focus on throughout 2019-20. The Plan links to the Council's 2015-2020 Corporate Plan priorities (the Corporate Plan 2015/19 priorities were extended for another year to include 2019 to 2020), Annual Corporate Improvement Plan Objectives, Corporate Indicators and Mid Ulster Sustainable Community Plan themes & outcomes:

Link to Community Plan Theme:	**Corporate Plan Theme**						
CMP 5.2 Vibrant & Safe Communities	*CRP 4.7 Building Unity - Connecting communitites and forming collaborative partnerships through community planning.*						
Service Objective	How Will we measure the impact of our work (PI's)	Where are we now? (Baseline data)	What do we want to achieve? (Targets)	**How Will we get there?**			
				Key Actions	Dates	Owners	Outcome
Deliver Peace IV Shared Space in partnership with Community, Peace IV and good relations	Level of project implementation progress re capital development Level of programme activity delivery and participation	Limited shared space Pomeroy Shared spaces across Mid Ulster, more required	Connecting Pomeroy Shared space designs in place and agreed Activity programme 30% complete 100% good relations plan complete	• Design team appointed • Design schemes complete • Activity programme commenced and in delivery • Deliver Good relations plan across Mid Ulster re shared space delivery • Deliver Peace IV Local action Plan 6 shared space delivery projects	30/06/19 31/12/19 30/03/19 31/03/20 31/3/20	HoS & Connecting Pomeroy Officer Peace IV Manager and Peace	Greater cross community engagement and shared spaces in Pomeroy, 6 villages and general across Mid Ulster

			Shared space projects x 6 commenced works				

Link to Community Plan Theme:	**Corporate Plan Theme**						
CMP 5.1 Vibrant & safe Communities	*CRP 4.7 Building Unity - Connecting communitites and forming collaborative partnerships through community planning.*						
Service Objective	How Will we measure the impact of	Where are we now? (Baseline	What do we want to achieve? (Targets)	**How Will we get there?**			
				Key Actions	Dates	Owners	Outcome
To deliver on capital investment programme for Mid Ulster	Level of investment return Increase in the provision of community and recreation facilities	Ref Council sport and recreation strategy	8 investment projects delivered/supported Dungannon United Youth recreation facility Gortgonis community and health hub 6 capital investments supported	• Deliver a capital fund to communities • Deliver Dungannon United Youth recreation facility • Partner leisure in delivery of Gortgonis community and health hub		HoS Partners	Increased community and leisure provision across Mid Ulster

Link to Community Plan Theme:	**Corporate Plan Theme**						
CMP 5.3 Vibrant & Safe Communities -	*CRP 4.7 Building Unity - Connecting communitites and forming collaborative partnerships through community planning.*						
Service Objective	How Will we measure the impact of our	Where are we now? (Baseline data)	What do we want to achieve?	**How Will we get there?**			
				Key Actions	Dates	Owners	Outcome
To deliver a Poverty initiative for Mid Ulster	% of partner and Council funding secured for delivery % of initiatives developed Targeting of areas / individual levels of poverty	2 areas of poverty targeted Dungannon West and Coalisland	4 areas targeted with 2 rural Individual programme /strategy to target most in need	Develop and agree a targeted Poverty Programme for Mid Ulster Secure partnership agreement and funding for the Programme Deliver the programme through a community planning process Deliver advice provision across Mid Ulster Deliver neighbourhood renewal In areas Dungannon and Coalisland in partnership	June 2019 Sept 2019 Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing	HoS and CS Manager	Reduced levels of Poverty across Mid Ulster

3.0 IMPROVING OUR SERVICE AND MANAGING PERFORMANCE

3.1 Annual Improvement Objectives and Associated Programs

The Council has set a number of annual improvement objectives and associated programs (projects and activities) for 2019/20, which aim to bring about improvement. The improvement objectives and key improvement programs, set out Council's contribution to the sustainable Community Plan for the District; against which we can monitor and report progress.

Each Council department provides resources to assist with the improvement activities contained within each improvement project (individual service improvement contribution activity linked to corporate improvement programs can be found in 3.2 of the service plan). The annual improvement objectives also align to the Council's main corporate planning document, which contains the council's strategic direction and main priorities.

The Council will focus on the following improvement objectives for 2019 to 2020:

1. *To assist the growth of the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to our district.*
2. *To improve the average processing time of Local Planning Applications (New).*
3. *To improve the accessibility of our services by increasing the number available online.*
4. *To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing usage of Council Recreational Facilities.*

We utilise outcome based accountability methodology to manage our performance. This tells us the impact our services are having on communities. Further detailed information relating to Council's improvement objectives, associated activities, outcome indicators, projects and targets is available at www.midulstercouncil.org/Council/Performance (*Mid Ulster Council's Improvement Plan 2019- 2020*) or by contacting the Democratic Services Team on 03000 132132.

4.0 Equality

The council is committed to fulfilling its obligations under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. This commitment is demonstrated by allocating the appropriate time, people and resources to fulfil our equality duties. The Equality Scheme commits us to implementing our duties effectively and in a timely way alongside implementing this Service Plan. Without impacting upon our obligations, when carrying out our equality duties we will also take into account the desirability of promoting good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group. We are also required to take into account the need to promote positive attitudes towards people with a disability and encourage the participation of people with a disability in public life. Mid Ulster District Council are committed to fulfilling our disability duties and we set out how we intend to do this in our disability action plan.

3.2 Service Contribution to the Corporate Improvement Objectives/Projects

Link to Community Plan Theme:		**Corporate Plan Theme**						
CMP 4.1 Health & Wellbeing - We are better enabled to live longer healthier & more active lives		*CRP 3.4 Sustaining our Environment - Develop & enhance parks, play areas & open spaces to encourage physical activity and open the countryside in a sustainable manner to our community.*						
Improvement Plan Objective	Service Objective	How Will we measure the	Where are we now? (Baseline data)	What do we want to achieve? (Targets)	**How Will we get there?**			
					Key Actions	Dates	Owners	Outcome
4.0 To support people to adopt healthier lifestyles by increasing usage of Council Recreational facilities.	To deliver on Peace IV Shared Space Projects	Number of shared space projects complete	6 sites in need of investment	6 shared space schemes delivered	Deliver shared space peace investment in the following areas • Draperstown Plantin • Castledawson Recreation pitches • Aughnacloy Recreation pitches • Moneymore Recreation pitches • Moy Riverside Walk • Donaghmore Riverside Walk	Design stage by June 2019 Works commence October 2019	Claire Linney	Greater shared space across Mid Ulster

3.3 RISK MANAGEMENT OF SERVICE

The purpose of risk management is to manage the barriers which prevents the Council from achieving its objectives. This section of the service plan includes space for the Service to input their key risks (in summary form), which have been identified during the business planning process. The Council uses risk management to maximize opportunities and minimize risks. This improves its ability to deliver priorities and improve outcomes. This is why the Council deems it important to link business planning and risk management. Risk Management aims to:

- Help the Council achieve its overall aims and objectives
- Manage the significant risks the Council faces to an acceptable level
- Assist with the decision making process
- Implement the most effective measures to avoid, reduce and control those risks
- Balance risk with opportunity
- Manage risk and internal controls in the most effective way.

This table illustrates the risks identified to deliver the Services business in 2019-20.

Risk Ref Number	Description of Risk	Risk Rating	Mitigation Activity
1.	Failure to develop a Mid Ulster wide poverty community development regeneration programme for urban communities	9	Research complete and action planning commenced linking other partners
2.	Failure to deliver on PCSP	6	PCSP Plan with Fear of Crime Initiatives and targets clearly defined and regular review process in place
3.	Failure to deliver effectively on Mid Ulster Community Planning	9	Meetings 3-4 times per year per theme and performance update reports complete

Rating	Descriptor
16 - 25	**Extreme Risk (immediate action required)**
10 - 15	**High Risk (urgent action required)**
7 - 9	**Moderate Risk (action required)**
1 – 6	**Low Risk (keep under review)**

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STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2019-22

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Introduction

Background

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) is a statutory body established under the Justice Act Northern Ireland 2011.

The aim of the PCSP is to help make the Mid Ulster community safer by focusing on the policing and community safety issues that matter most. The Partnership is funded by the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) through the Joint Committee.

To help make our community safer Mid Ulster PCSP will:

- Consult and engage with the local community on the issues of concern in relation to policing and community safety. The Policing Committee has a responsibility to provide views to the relevant district commander and the Policing Board on policing matters.
- Identify and prioritise the particular issues of concern and prepare plans for how these can be tackled.
- Monitor – a Policing Committee comprising the political and independent members will monitor the performance of the police and work to gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime.
- Deliver a reduction in crime and enhance community safety in their district, directly through their own actions, through the work of their delivery groups or through support for the work of others.

The PCSP consists of Councillors, Independent Members, bodies designated by the NI Assembly, and locally designated bodies. The PCSP will consult, develop and agree local action plans that will be delivered through partnership working and based on local needs.

The Policing Committee is formed from the Councillors and Independent members sitting on the PCSP. The purpose of the Policing Committee is to provide views on policing in their area, monitoring the performance of the Police against the local Policing Plan and ensure the Police deliver against local priorities and take forward work to gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime and enhancing community safety within the district. This will complement the work of the wider PCSP that will take forward initiatives to improve community safety in the local area.

Strategic Plan

Mid Ulster PCSP was requested by the Joint Committee (Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) to develop a strategic assessment and action plan for 2019-22.

The Joint Committee has developed the following Strategic Priorities

Strategic Priority 1 – to successfully deliver the functions of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership for the area by:

- Engaging with local community and statutory groups to identify local concerns in relation to policing and community safety and to invite their contribution to prioritising and addressing those concerns;
- Preparing the PCSP's plan and organising the work of the partnership to meet priority needs;
- Putting in place implementation structures and delivery mechanisms and facilitating resident focused, participatory community safety structures that will contribute to a reduction in crime and the enhancement of policing and community safety in the Partnership's area, directly through the collaborative working of the membership of the Partnership, through the work of its delivery groups or through working in partnership with, or supporting the work of, others;
- Increasing PCSP awareness with the public and key stakeholders by planning communications activity to more proactively inform and promote the work of PCSPs.

Strategic Priority 2 – to improve community safety by tackling actual and perceived crime and anti-social behaviour through:

- Working in partnership with designated partners, local statutory bodies/agencies, the voluntary sector and the community to deal with, and reduce the impact of, actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and crime in the community;
- Ensuring that local statutory bodies and agencies deal with anti-social behaviour and crime related issues that matter in their area;
- Providing comprehensive community input into decision making processes about tackling actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and giving feedback on the effectiveness of interventions on meeting outcomes;
- Identifying and implementing ways to educate communities about the realities of anti-social behaviour and crime; Contributing to the delivery of the Community Safety Strategy action plans, and initiatives that improve community safety.

Strategic Priority 3 – to support community confidence in policing through:

- Ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance; Ensuring that policing delivery reflects the involvement, views and priorities of local communities; The inclusion of

initiatives/projects in PCSP plans aimed directly at meeting the objectives of the NI Policing Plan;
- Identifying priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the NI Policing Plan;
- Improving policing service delivery in partnership with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing;
- Supporting effective engagement with the police and local community, with specific emphasis on engagement with children, young people, at risk communities and disadvantaged communities;
- Building community confidence in the rule of law and embedding a culture of lawfulness by supporting the locality based engagement that will emerge from local co-design in taking forward the Executive Action Plan as set out in the Fresh Start and Programme for Government.

Strategic Context

The overall purpose of Policing and Community Safety Partnerships is to help make communities safer and to ensure that the concerns of local people are addressed in relation to policing and community safety issues. The aim of PCSPs is to empower communities to develop local solutions to help tackle crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. The PCSP is directly influenced by regional and national legislation and strategies including:

Draft Programme for Government for Northern Ireland (Outcomes Framework)

The Draft Programme for Government (PfG) includes the following outcome which is directly relevant to PCSPs:

Outcome 7 in the Draft Programme for Government 'We have a safe community where we respect the law and each other' aims to address the following issues:

• Reduce crime and the harm and vulnerability caused by crime
• Increased effectiveness of the justice system
• Reduced offending
• Increased respect, reconciliation and shared space
• Tackle crime against older and vulnerable people by more effective sentences and other measures

Building Safer, Shared and Confident Communities, A Community Safety Strategy for Northern Ireland 2012 -2017

This strategy has the overall aim of helping to build:

Safer communities with lower levels of crime and anti-social behaviour; included here are actions which will:

• Reduce risk of individuals offending
• Reduce level of alcohol and drug related crime
• Tackle domestic and sexual violence
• Reduce levels of anti-social behaviour
• Reduce the opportunities to commit crime

Shared communities where each person's rights are respected in a shared and

cohesive community; included here are actions which will:

• Work closely with local communities to address community safety issues at interfaces
• Reduce the number of interface structures
• Tackle hate crime

Confident communities where people feel safe and have confidence in the agencies which serve them; included here are actions which will:
• Support PCSPs to identify local issues and develop solutions
• Reduce the fear of crime and help people feel safer
• Give confidence to people to report crime

Mid Ulster District Community Plan

Community Planning is a new statutory power under the local government reform. The Community Plan will help shape the long term strategic direction for the Mid Ulster district and enhance the delivery of public services to ensure the well-being of its citizens.

Extensive consultation has been carried out in relation to the local community plans and the PCSP and its partners have been involved from the outset.

The Draft Northern Ireland Policing Plan

The strategic outcomes included in the Draft NI Policing Plan are:

1. Communication and Engagement
a. Increasing trust and confidence in policing
b. Ensuring the PSNI engages with communities to improve understanding of the impact of policing decisions and involve communities wherever possible in those decisions

2. Protection of People and Communities
a. Reducing harm caused by crime and anti-social behaviour with a focus on protecting the most vulnerable, including repeat victims
b. Keeping people safe on the roads

3. Reduction in Offending
a. Working in partnership to identify and intervene with priority offenders
b. Working in partnership to address serious and organised crime
c. Working in partnership to address paramilitarism

4. More Efficient and Effective Delivery of Justice
a. Achieving an effective partnership with the Public Prosecution Service in order to deliver an effective professional service which strives for positive outcomes for victims.

5. More Efficient and Effective Policing
a. Providing an efficient, effective police service.

Policing with the Community Strategy 2020

The following objectives contained within the Policing with the Community Strategy 2020 are particularly relevant for PCSPs:

• To deliver a high quality service that supports improved accessibility, visibility and responsiveness
• To improve the quality of community engagement to support effective partnership working
• To support partnership working to enhance public safety and reduce crime and disorder

Fresh Start Panel report on the Disbandment of Paramilitary Groups in NI

'A Fresh Start – The Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan' was published in November 2015 setting out proposals to tackle challenging and intractable community issues, including paramilitarism and organised crime while promoting the rule of law.

While PCSPs are mentioned in the report, the two specific recommendations outlined below are for the Department of Justice and the NI Policing Board to take forward.

Recommendation A6 – In setting the strategic objectives of PCSPs, the Department of Justice and Policing Board should ensure that the Partnerships focus on building community confidence in the rule of law and embedding a culture of lawfulness.

Recommendation A7 – The designated organisations should also ensure that their representatives are sufficiently senior and committed to building effective partnerships.

CJINI Inspection Report on the Review of Governance, Delivery and Outcomes of PCSPs

The Criminal Justice Inspection (NI) report on PCSPs published in December 2014 makes two strategic and nine operational recommendations on the future governance, delivery and outcomes of PCSPs. The strategic recommendations are:

1. From 2015 Local Councils should provide the compliance and assurance framework for PCSPs and;
2. Following implementation of Local Government Reform (LGR), the cost of administration should not exceed 20% of the budget allocated to PCSPs.

The operational recommendations are:

1. Following LGR the PCSPs should create effective local community safety fora with representatives from neighbourhood policing teams, local PCSP members and members of the local community to discuss localised issues.
2. PCSPs should receive more detailed crime analysis data and guidance on data interpretation and lines of questioning to improve the monitoring process.
3. An induction programme for newly appointed members should be developed by the Joint Committee before June 2015.
4. The voting rights of the designated members should be deferred for the duration of this PCSP cycle and reviewed by the Joint Committee in 2019.
5. There should be one PCSP for each local Council area – including Belfast, without the need for DPCSPs.
6. A series of community safety indices should be developed and agreed to for the basis for ongoing assessment of PCSPs.
7. A PCSP Action Plan for 2015-16 should be agreed following the appointment of new members. A three year plan should then be formulated for 2016 – 2019 with funding provided for the same period to reduce the risk of programmes being halted.
8. The recruitment process should actively encourage applications from young people and ethnic groups to increase diversity.
9. PCSPs need to extend their assessment into the manner and procedural approach of the local police and use the transitional action plans to establish baseline data for future comparison.

Safer Together, NIHE Community Safety Strategy 2014 – 2017

The NIHE Community Safety Strategy and Action Plan aims to build community confidence, ensure local solutions and work together in partnership. This includes commitments to:

• Increase focus on prevention and early intervention, through the use of warning letters, ABCs, mediation and restorative justice interventions
• Continue to take swift and robust action, including repossession when necessary, in response to serious ASB

• Support victims of crime and ASB by delivering the HIPA scheme to protect properties, deliver and develop supporting people programmes to vulnerable tenants and continue to support victims of domestic and sexual violence through the MARAC and PPANI projects
• Lead out a programme of interface intervention support by supporting local plans for regeneration and remodelling of interface areas
• Support PCSPs to ensure that local solutions are identified for local problems
• Facilitate and support the work of local community groups which tackle ASB in their locality
• Develop greater links with statutory partners, through participation in multi-agency forums.

Together: Building a United Community (TBUC) The Executive Office

This strategy outlines how government, community and individuals will work together to build a united community and achieve change across the four key priorities of a) children and young people b) shared community c) safe community and d) cultural expression. Of particular relevance to PCSPs is the safe community priority which aims 'to create a community where everyone feels safe in moving around and where life choices are not inhibited by fears around safety.' To achieve this aim the strategy commits to:

• Create a 10 year programme to reduce and remove by 2023 all interface barriers
• Create an Interface Barrier Support Package
• Work to build a culture where people feel comfortable to report when they have been the victim of intimidation or harassment
• Ensure that the monitoring of the Community Safety Strategy forms a component of the delivery and architecture of the TBUC strategy
• Review the Good Relations Indicators to reflect the ongoing importance of safety as an influence on good relations outcomes.

CJINI Report: Anti-Social Behaviour. A Follow Up Review

In June 2016, CJINI published its findings to a follow up review to its 2012 Inspection of the approach of the criminal justice system to addressing ASB in N Ireland. The reported noted the requirement for PCSPs to address the following operational recommendations:

Operational Recommendation 2
The PCSPs are utilised as a mechanism by which to provide comprehensive community input into the decision making process about tackling ASB and feedback on the effectiveness of interventions.

Operational Recommendation 3
PCSPs should, with Support from DoJ, identify and implement ways to educate their communities about the realities of ASB.

Operational Recommendation 4
The PSNI, supported by the DoJ and NIPB, should target areas of higher crime and disorder levels when further developing the number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Northern Ireland.

Executive Summary

Mid Ulster Area Profile

The estimated population of Mid Ulster Local Government District at 30 June 2017 was 146,427, of which 73,562 (50.2%) were male and 72,865 (49.8%) were female. This was made up of:

33,946 children aged 0-15 years;
47,274 people aged 16-39 years;
44,616 people aged 40-64 years; and
20,591 people 65 years and older.

Between 2007 and 2017 the population of Mid Ulster Local Government District increased by 15,339 people or 11%. The population of Mid Ulster LGD is projected to increase to 160,079 by mid 2026.

Households

The projected number of households in Mid Ulster Local Government District in 2016 was 50,256 while for 2026 the number of households is projected to be 55,768

Employment Rate

In 2015, the 16-64 employment rate in Mid Ulster Local Government District was 68.6%. The overall 16-64 employment rate for Northern Ireland was 68.4%.

Economic Activity

In 2015, 72.9% of those aged 16-64 living in Mid Ulster Local Government District were economically active and 27.1% were economically inactive.

Claimant Count

The average number of people aged 16-64 in Mid Ulster Local Government District claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) in 2016 was 1,703, representing a claimant count annual average rate of 1.9%. This compares with a claimant count rate for Northern Ireland of 3.1% in 2016. In 2016, the proportion of total claimants who were long-term* unemployed was 27.0% (NI: 36.1%). In 2016, youth claimant count rate (aged 18-24) in Mid Ulster Local Government District was 25.5% (NI: 25.0%).

Qualification Level

In 2015, in terms of educational attainment for those persons aged 16-64 in Mid Ulster Local Government District, 26.6% were qualified to NVQ Level 4 or above (NI Average: 29.9%), whilst 19.5% had 'no qualifications' (NI Average: 16.5%).

Community Audit and Statistics

To garner public opinion Mid Ulster PCSP undertook an online and paper based community consultation survey. There were 258 respondents. A further shorter survey was undertaken at events, which was completed by 43 respondents.

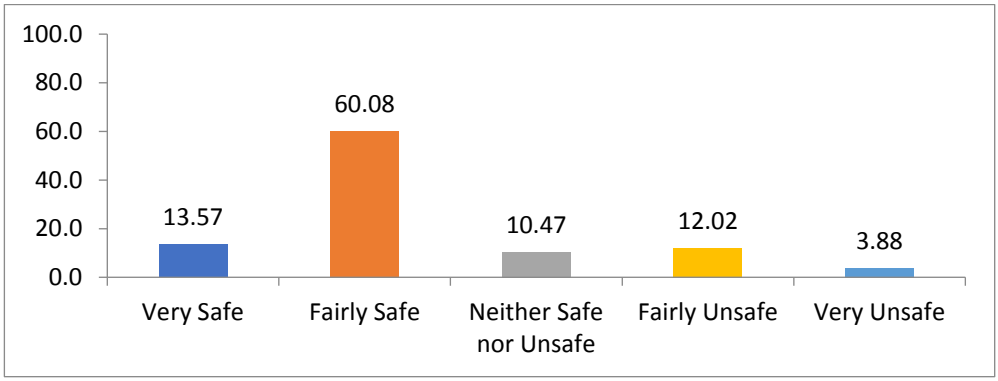
Statistical analysis of official PSNI statistics was completed using figures sourced from NISRA. PSNI Statistics with geolocation were also obtained from Police.uk.

Information on crime costs was obtained from the Home Office document "The economic and social costs of crime Research: Report 99".

Community Consultation

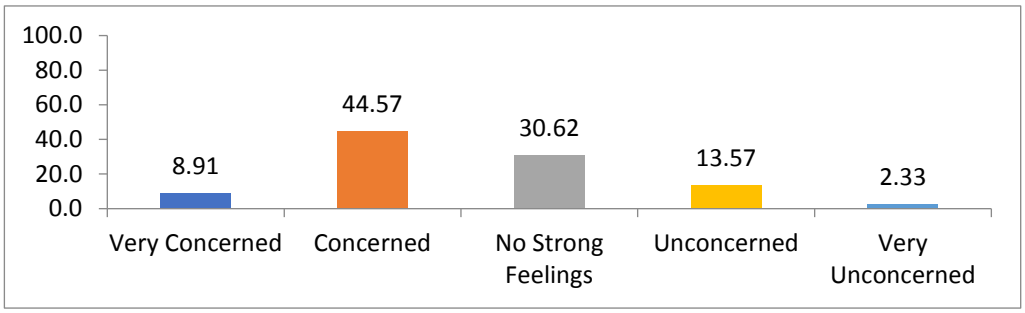
Safety

73.65% stated that they feel safe or very safe in their community. 15.9% stated that they felt unsafe or very unsafe

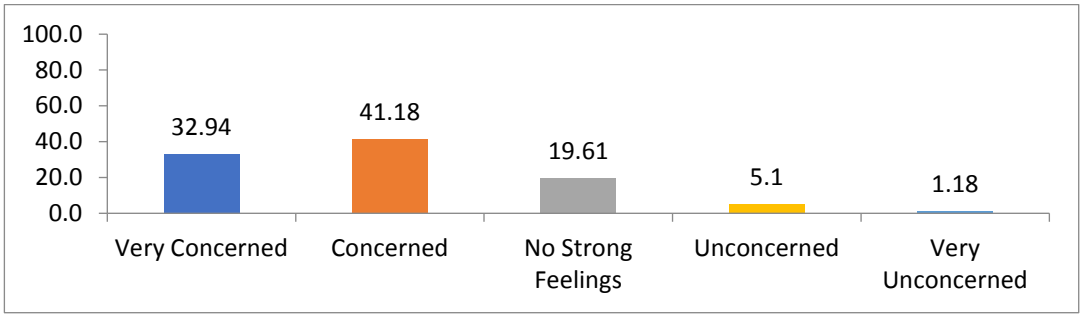


Fear of Crime

53.48% of respondents stated that they concerned or very concerned by crime in their area during the day



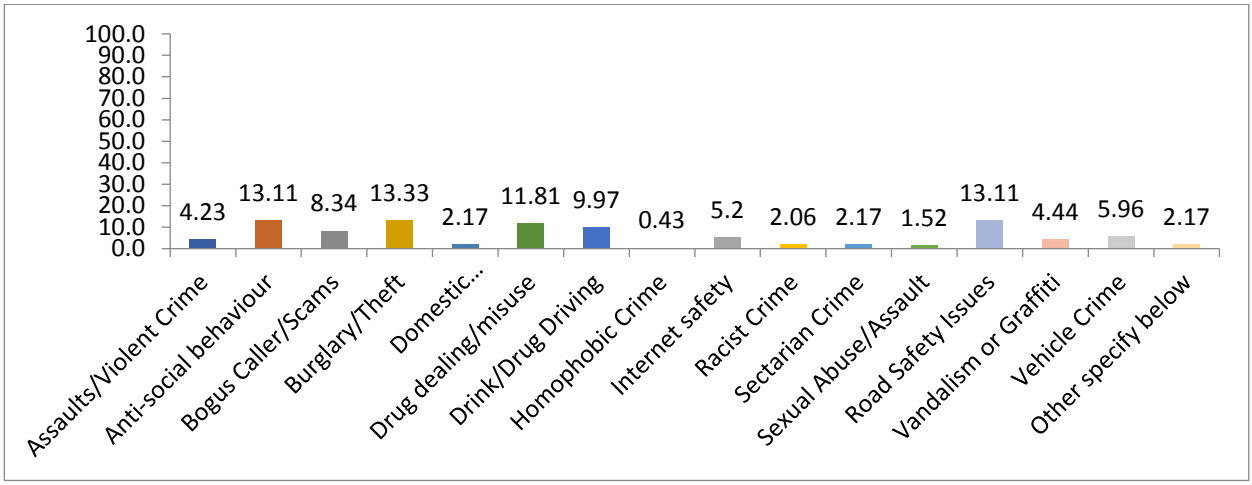
74.12% of respondents stated that they concerned or very concerned by crime in their area at night.



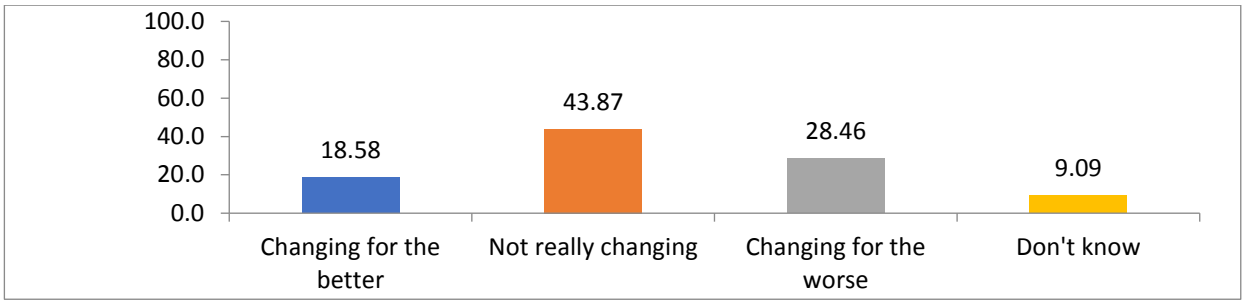
Perceptions of Crime

Respondents stated they considered the following to be the major problems in the area.

1. Burglary/Theft 13.33%
2. Anti-social Behaviour 13.11%
2. Road Safety Issues 13.11%
4. Drug Dealing/Misuse 11.81%



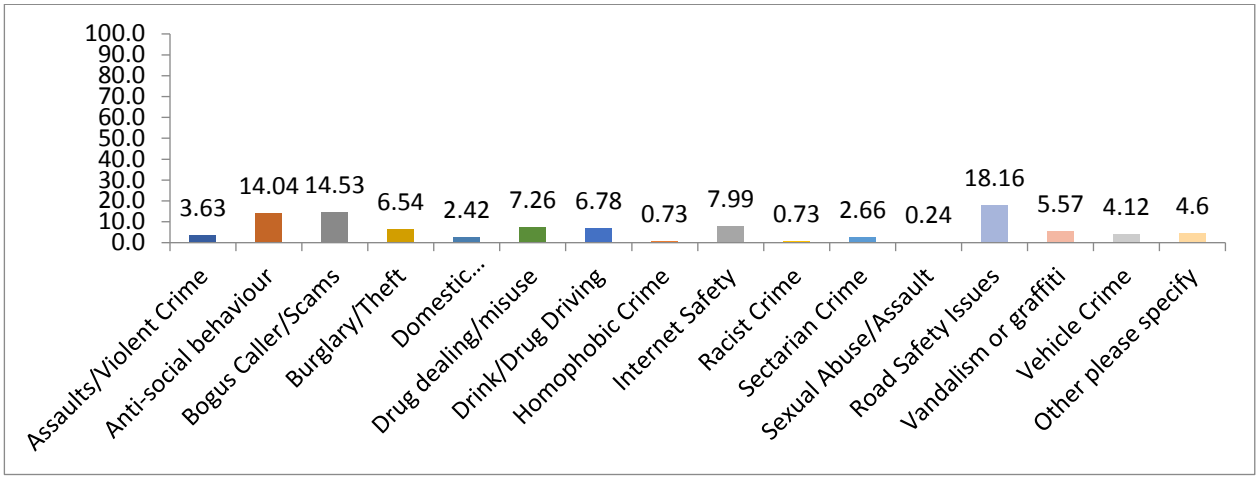
62.45% of respondents stated their area was changing for the better or not really changing. 28.46% stated that their area was changing for the worse



Experience of Crime

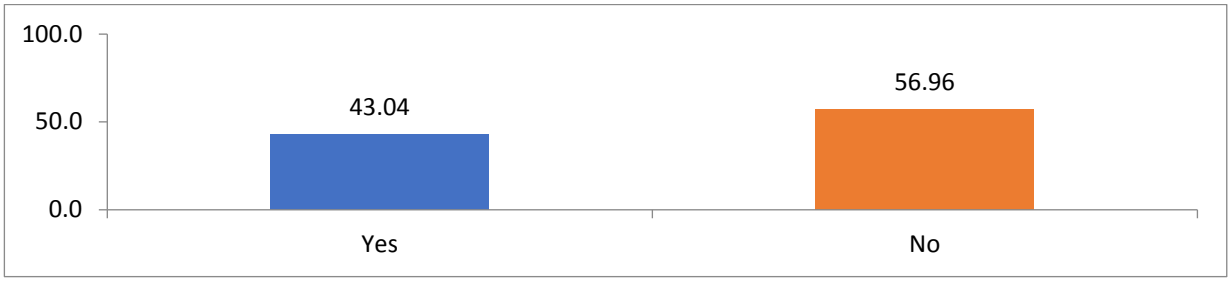
Respondents stated that, over the preceding 12 months, they or a member of their household personally experienced the following:

1. Road Safety Issues 18.16%
2. Bogus Callers/Scams 14.53%
3. Anti-social Behaviour 14.04%



Reporting to PSNI

43.04% stated that they reported the incident to the PSNI.



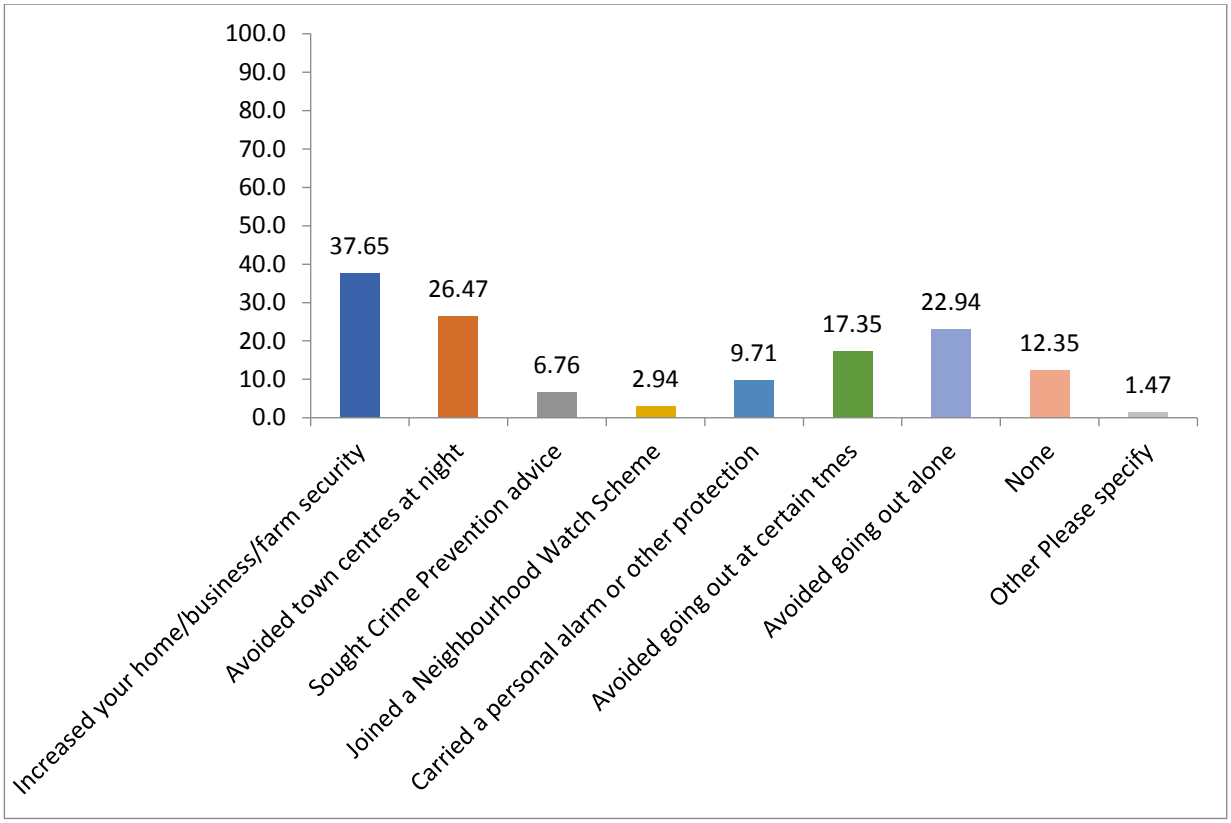
73.07% stated their experience ranged from average to very good. 26.93% stated that it was poor or very poor.

74.3% of respondents stated that they had some to total confidence in the PSNI's ability to provide an ordinary day to day policing service. 20.08% stated a little and 5.62% stated none.

Crime Prevention

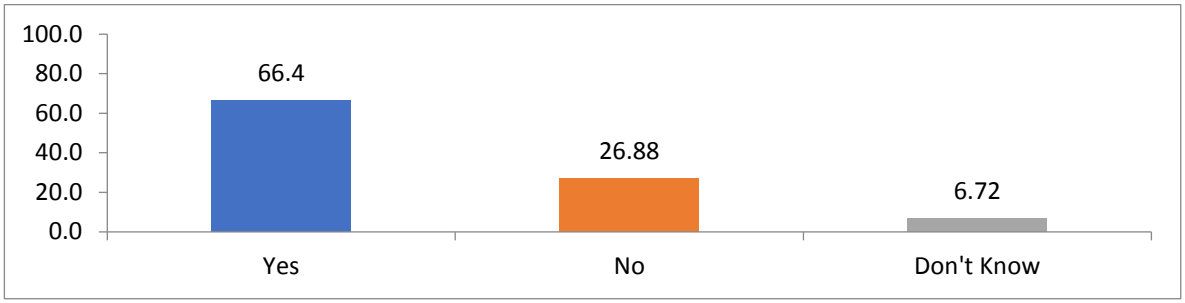
Respondents stated that they had taken the following crime prevention measures in the last 2 years

1. Increased home/farm/business security 37.65%
2. Avoided town centres at night 26.47%
3. Avoided going out alone 22.94%
4. Avoided going out at certain times 17.35%



Awareness of PCSPs

66.4% of respondents stated they had heard of Policing & Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs). 26.88% stated they hadn't heard of PCSPs, and 6.72% didn't know.



Demographics

Respondents to the PCSP survey stated the following

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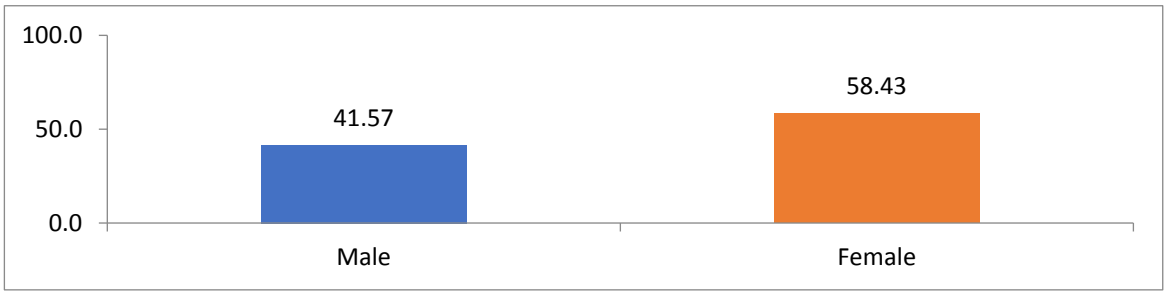
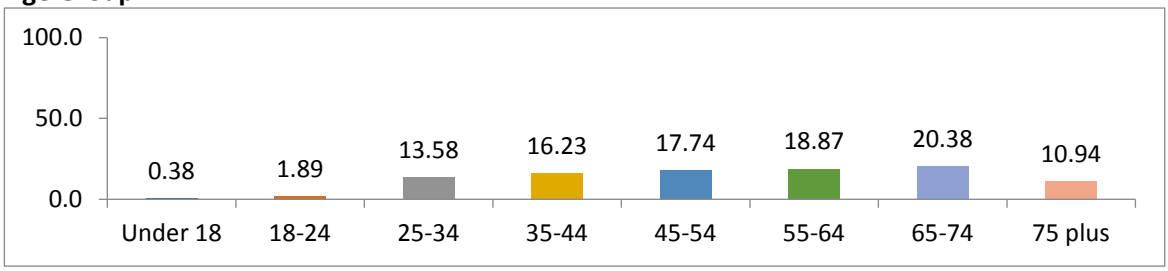


Age Group



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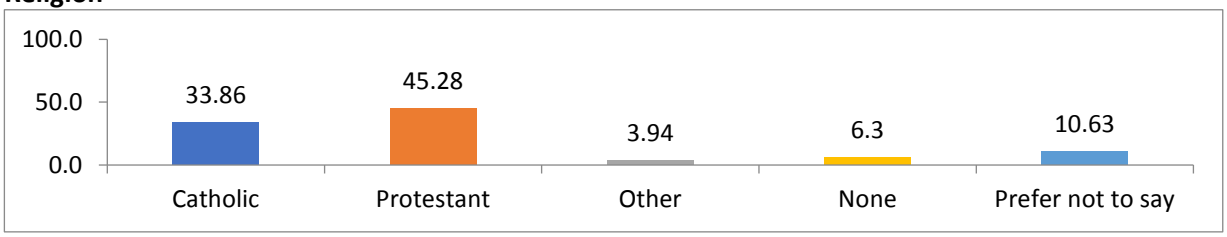

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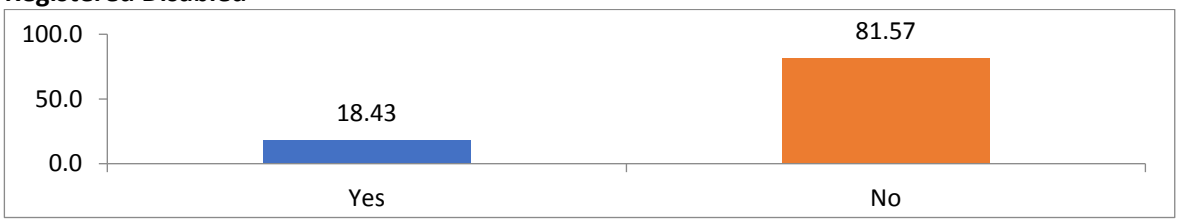

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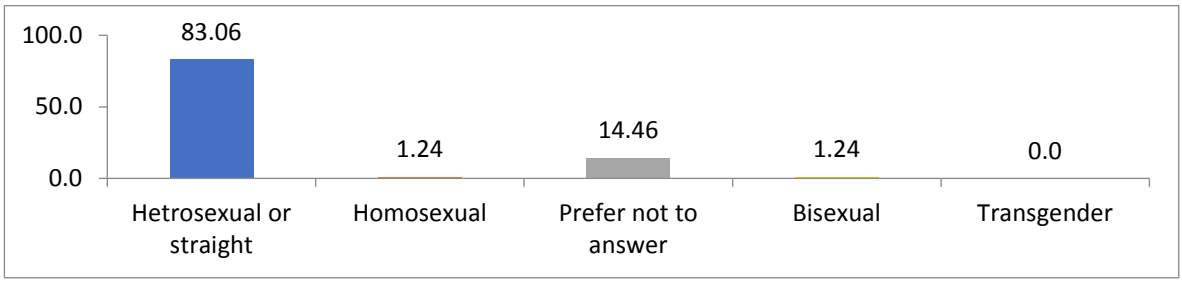


Crime Priorities Survey

A short survey was carried out by the PCSP at Crime prevention stands across the district. 43 persons completed the survey with the results are below.

The information gathered from this survey corresponds with the information collated in the larger PCSP survey.

Fear of Crime

54.76% of respondents stated that they were worried by crime in their area

Issues considered a Major Problem

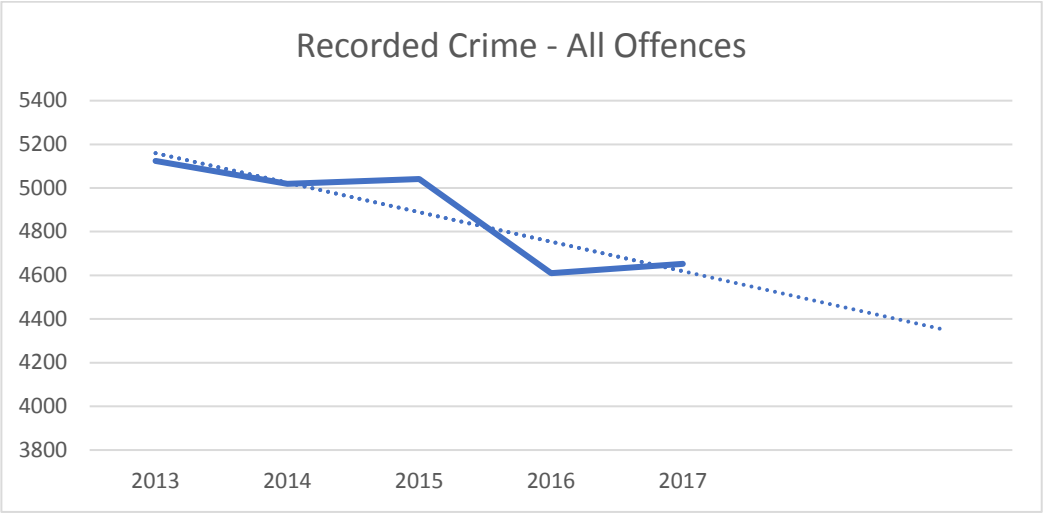
1. Burglary/Theft	50%
2. ASB	43%
3. Drug Dealing/Misuse	29%
4. Bogus Callers/Scams	26%
5. Internet Safety	19%
5. Road Safety Issues	19%

Statistics

Official PSNI recorded statistics were obtained from NISRA website. These statistics are presented in graphs. Each graph has a dotted line that outlines the overall trend and future forecast for each crime type/incident.

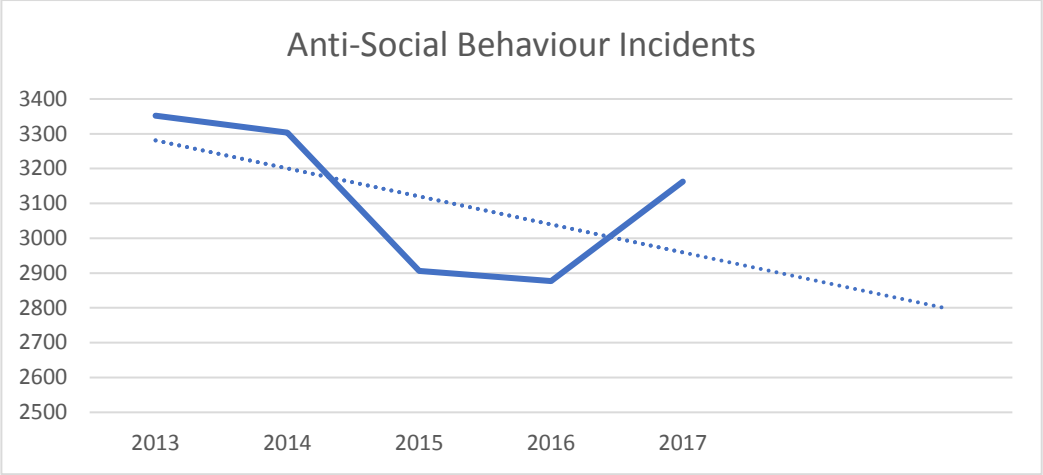
Recorded Crime

Since 2013 there has been a steady reduction in the number of recorded crime incidents across the Mid Ulster district. The trend forecast is that crime figures will continue to reduce



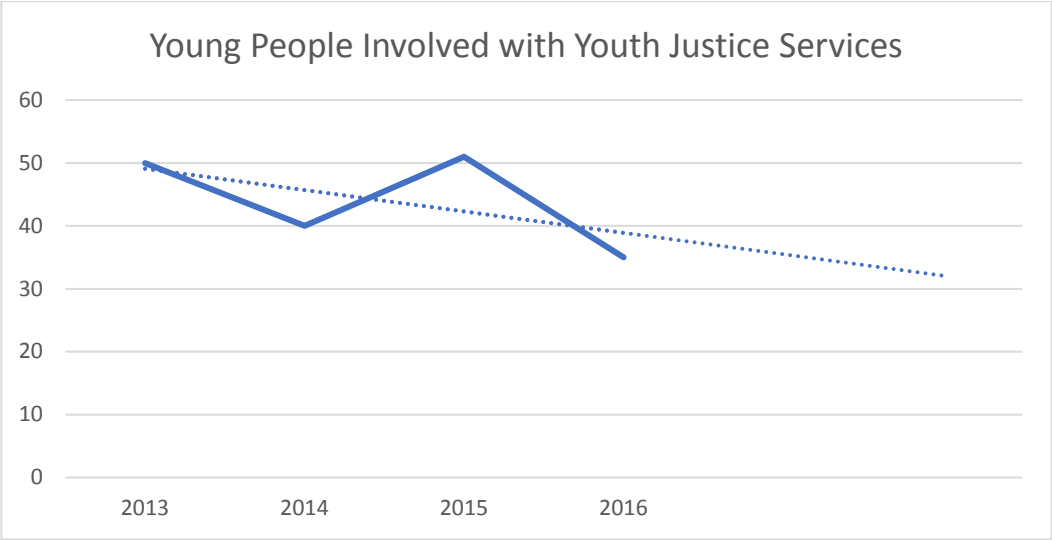
Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Statistics

From 2013/14 incidents of ASB reduced across the Mid Ulster district. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to reduce.



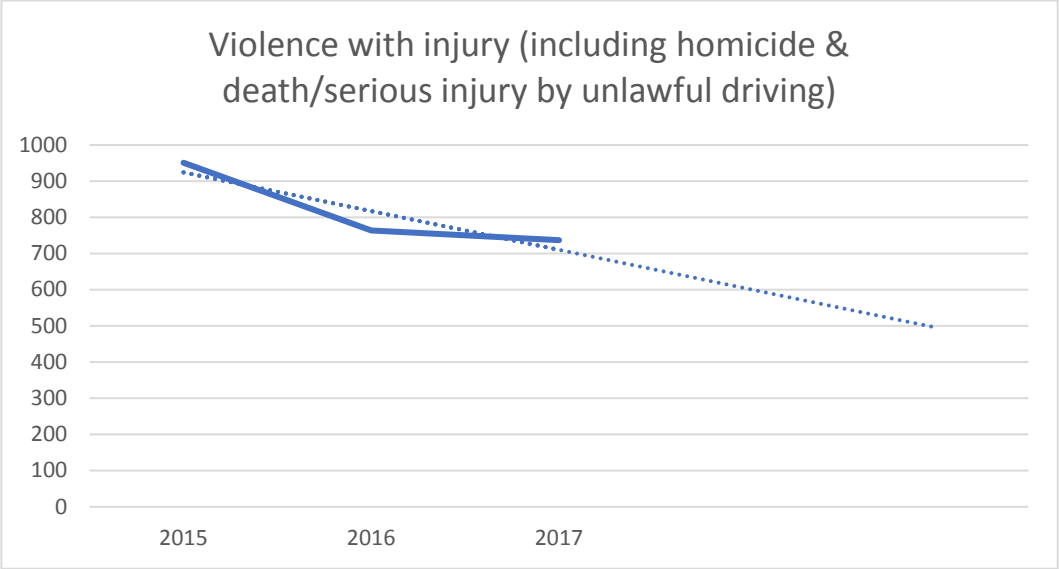
Youth Justice Agency

The statistics for the numbers of young people involved with the Youth Justice Services shows a gradual decrease since 2013/14. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to reduce.



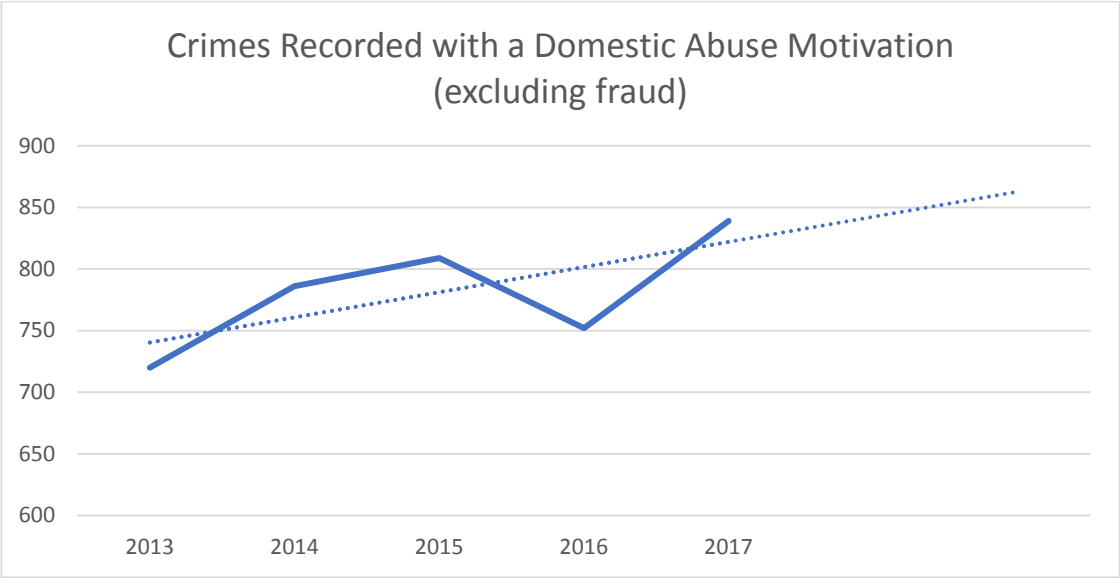
Violence with Injury

Overall, Violence with injury (including homicide) is reducing in the district. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to reduce.



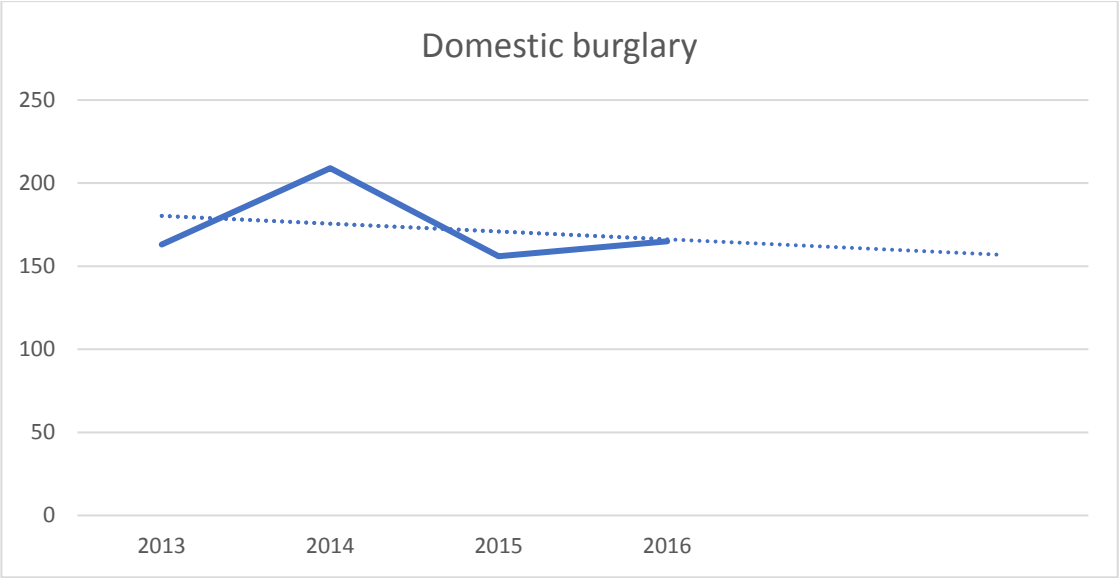
Domestic Abuse

Since 2013/14 reported crimes with a Domestic Abuse motivation (excluding fraud) have increased in the district. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to increase.



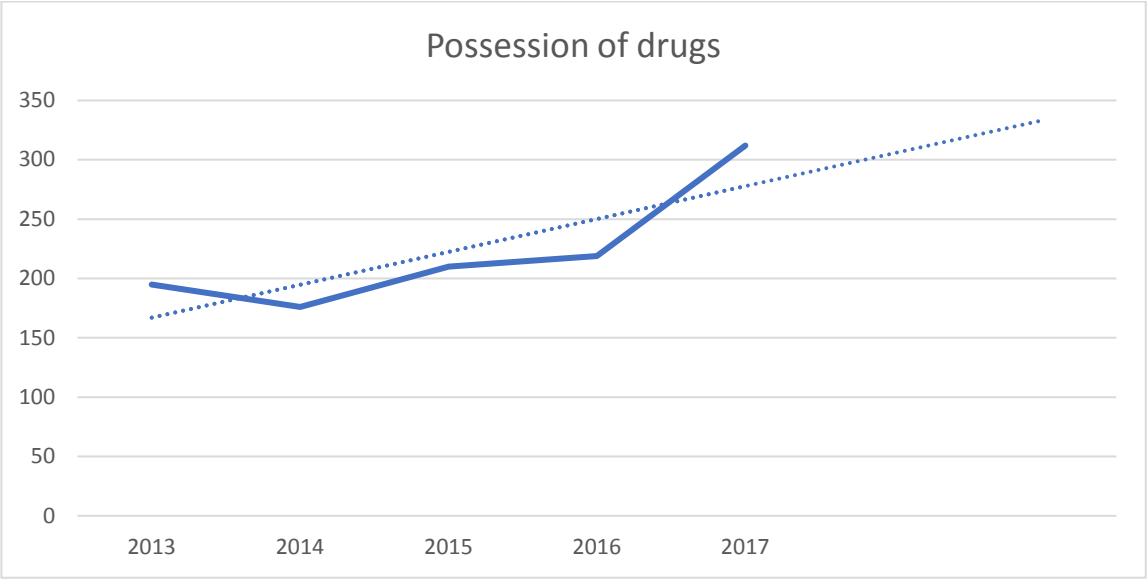
Domestic Burglary

Overall, Domestic Burglary has decreased in the district. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to reduce. Please note that the method of recording Burglaries changed in 2017/18.

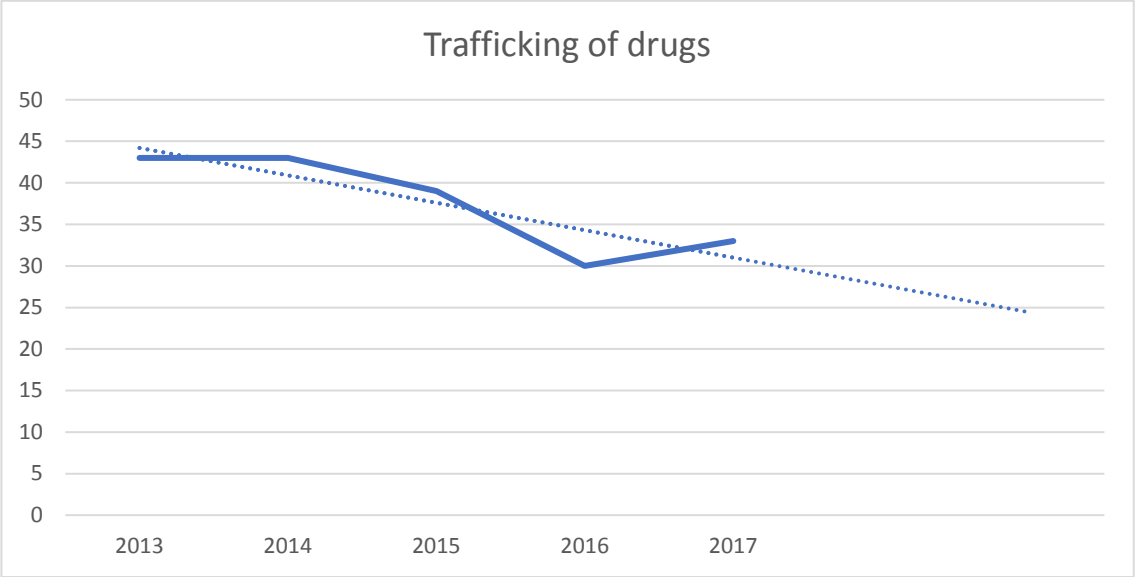


Drugs

Possession of drugs had increased slightly from 2013/14. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to increase

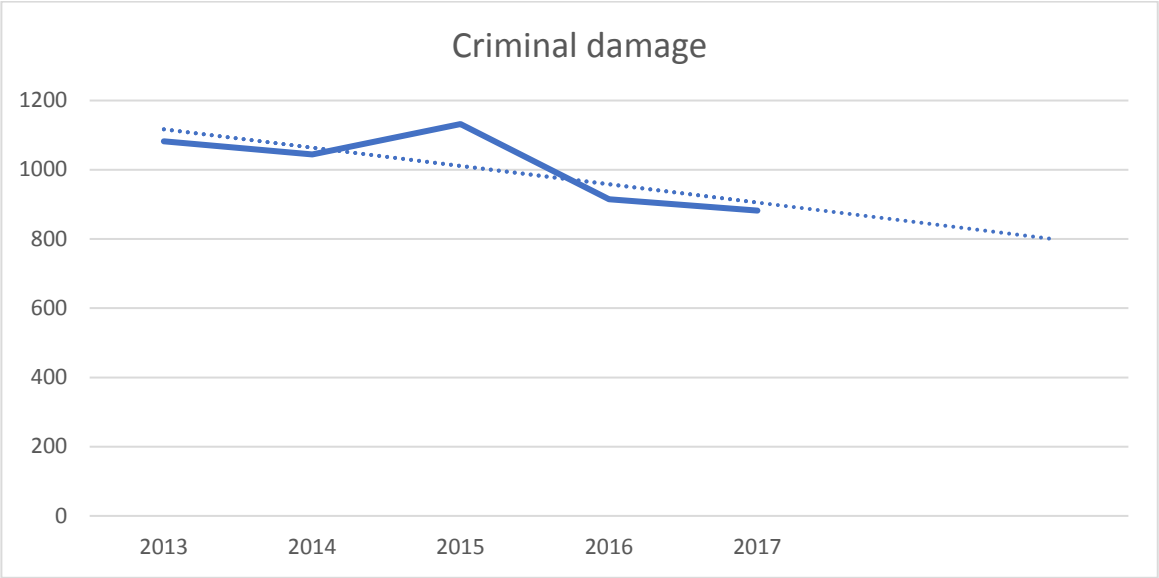


Trafficking of drugs has decreased in the Mid Ulster area since 2013/14. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to reduce.



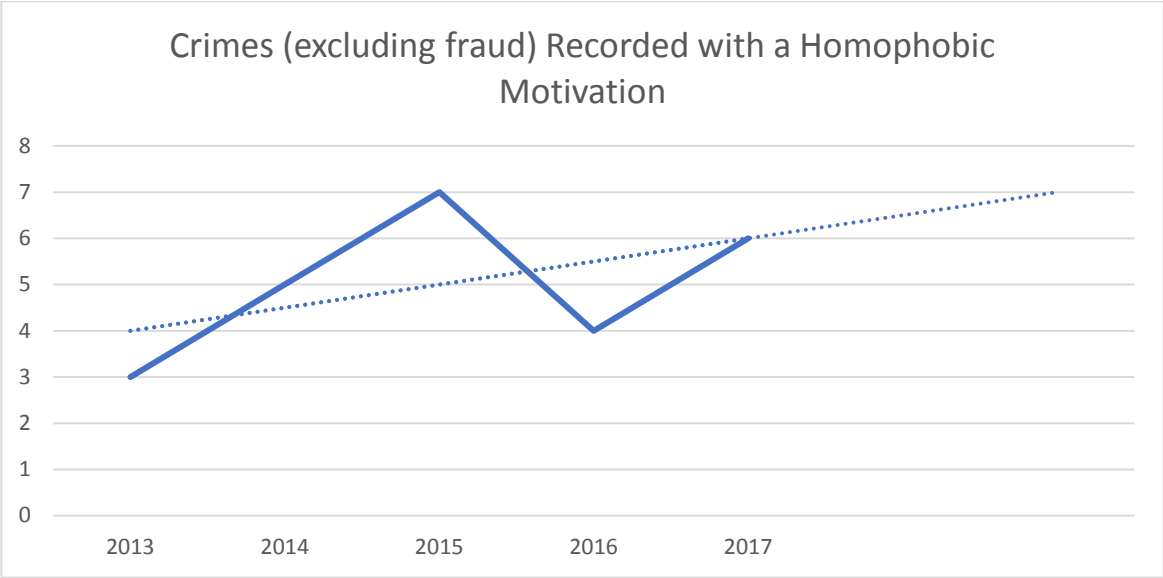
Criminal Damage

Criminal Damage has reduced since 2013/14 across the Mid Ulster area. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to reduce.

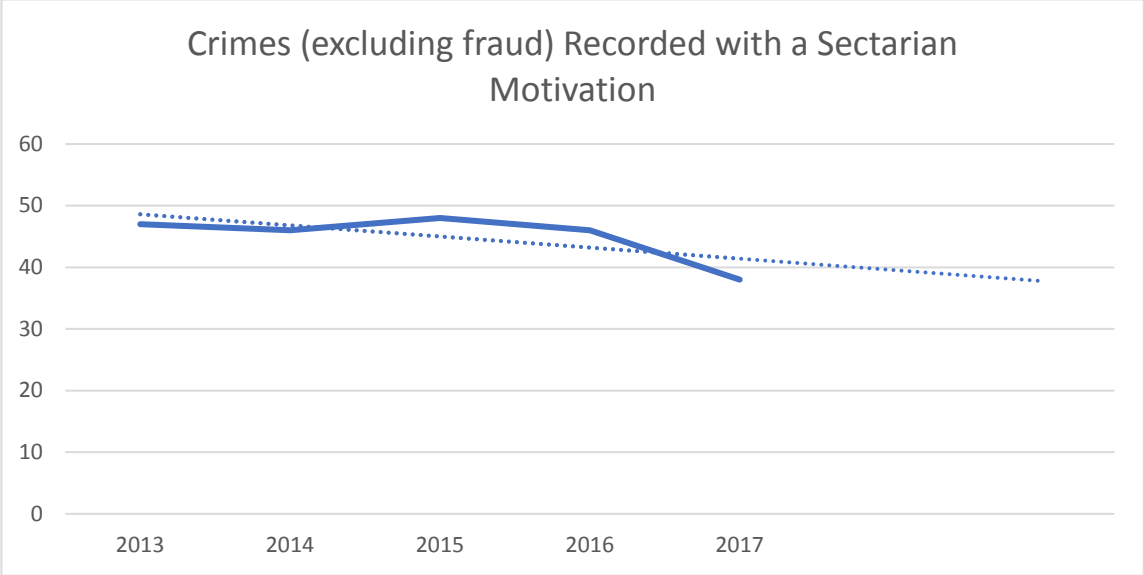


Hate Crime

Recorded Hate Crime with Homophobic motivation has increased since 2013/14. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to increase. However it must be noted that the low numbers of reported crimes may not provide an accurate statistical interpretation.



Recorded Hate Crime with a Sectarian motivation has decreased from 2013/14. The trend forecast is that figures will continue to decrease.



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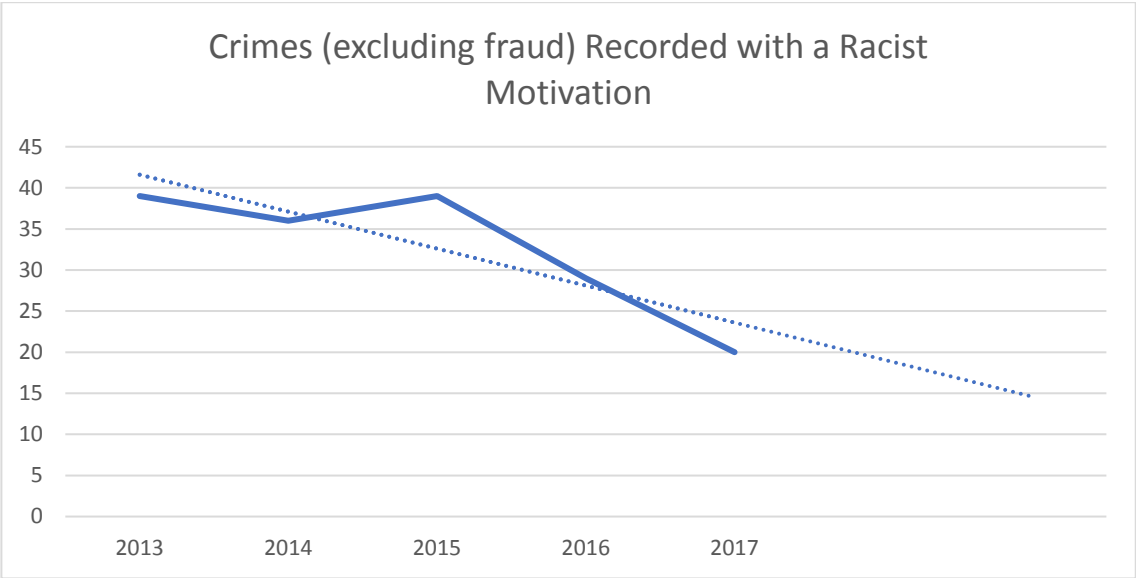


Geographical Trends

Utilising official PSNI geolocation data from the Police.uk website allows for the plotting of each crime/incident across the district. Areas of concentration are highlighted using 'heatmaps', the hotter the colour the higher the concentration. These 'hotspots' provide a visual analysis of geographical trends. A full breakdown is available in Appendix 2.

The three main 'hotspots' for all recorded crime, violent crime, and antisocial behaviour are Cookstown, Dungannon, and Magherafelt. Dungannon town is showing as the brightest hotspot, Chart 1

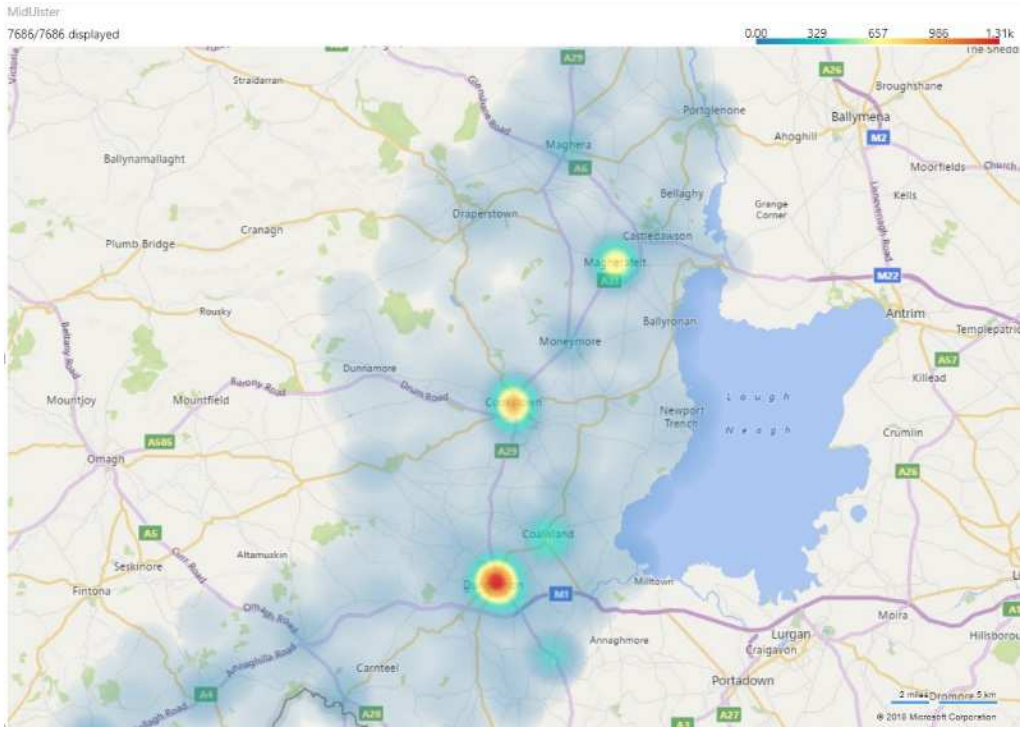


Chart 1: Recorded Crime 2017-18

For violent crime the hotspots are the three main town centres, chart 2. Access to the time of each crime/incident is not available however for Cookstown and Magherafelt the brightest hotspots for Violent Crime are located in the main Night-time Economy zones (appendix 3).

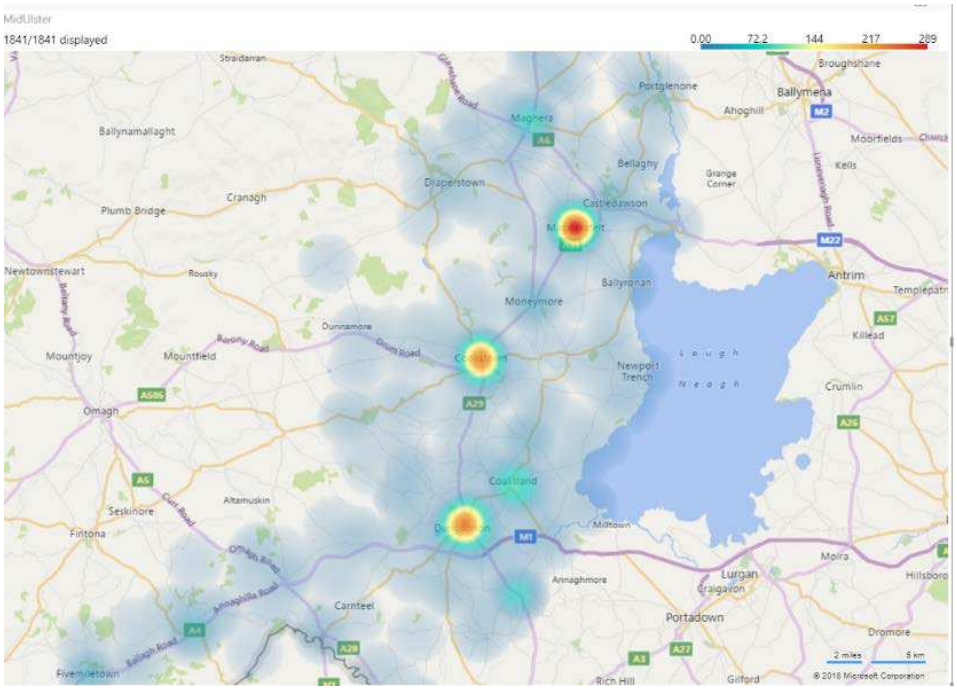


Chart 2: Violent Crime 2017-18

Overall Dungannon town was the main hotspot for antisocial behaviour (ASB) over the year, though hotspot locations did vary throughout the year between the main towns.

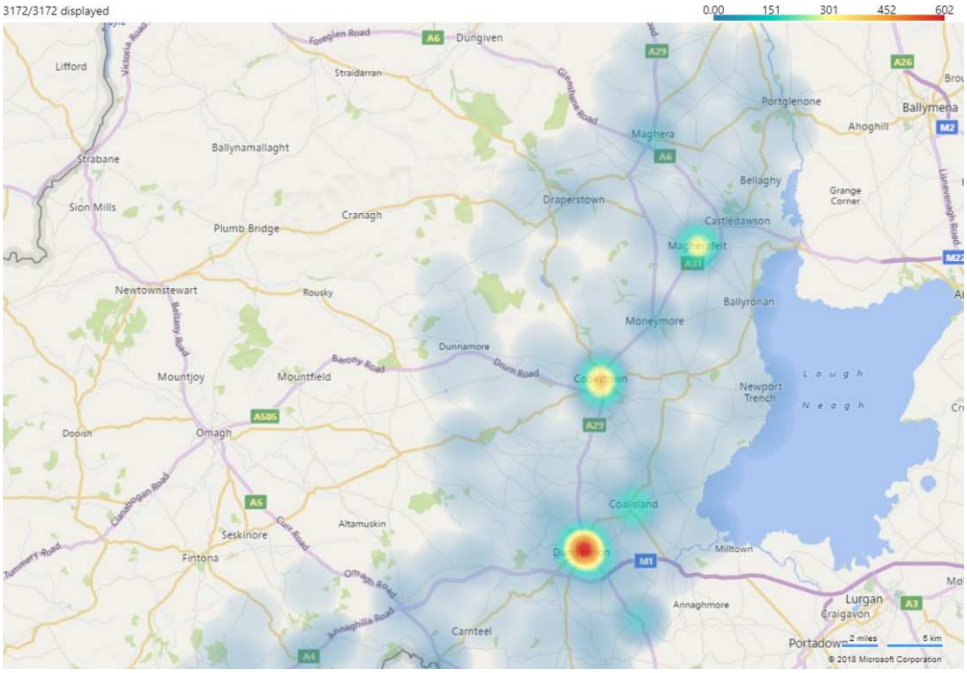


Chart 3: Antisocial Behaviour 2017-18

Cost of Crime

In July 2018 the Home Office published "The economic and social costs of crime Research: Report 99". This report uses existing crime and cost data to update previous analysis by the Home Office to estimate the economic and social costs of different offences, including unreported crimes. Included are costs for lost output, health services, victim services, police costs, and criminal justice costs.

These costs are sourced from the following:

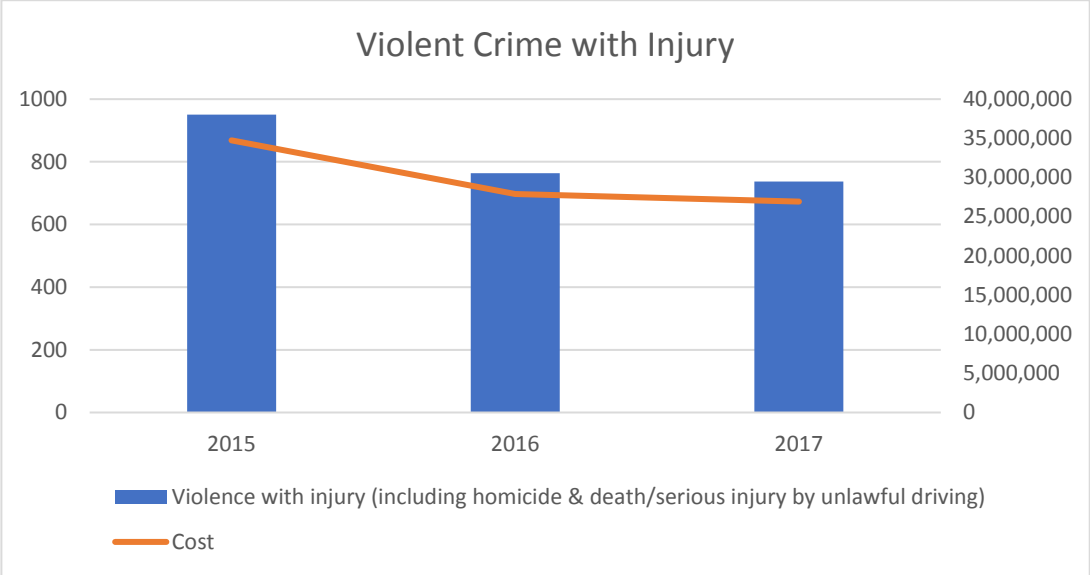
1) In anticipation of crime

2) As a consequence of crime

3) In response to crime

Using the methodology and figures from this report we can produce an estimated cost of crime figures for Mid Ulster. Please note the reports only covers main crimes and not all crime types.

The reduction in Violent Crime with Injury in 2017/18 resulted in cost reductions of £7.85 million, compared with 2015/16 (£27.92 million in 2017/18 and £34.78 million in 2015/16). Violence without injury crimes also reduced and provided cost reductions of £177,900.



Criminal Damage costs reduced by £675,000 compared with 2015/16

Sexual Offences costs increased by approximately £6 million.

In 2017/18 there were cost reductions of £2.4 million for the selected crime types compared with 2015/16. cost Mid Ulster of £75.73 million. Full details are in Appendix 1

Summary of Findings

Fear of Crime

74% of respondents stated they feel safe in community. 15.9% stated they did not feel safe.

62.45% of respondents stated their area was changing for the better or not really changing. 28.46% stated that their area was changing for the worse

Amongst respondents fear of crime rose by over 20% at night-time compared with day time.

Perceptions of Crime

Respondents stated they considered the following to be the major problems in the area.

1. Burglary/Theft	13.33%
2. Anti-social Behaviour	13.11%
2. Road Safety Issues	13.11%
4. Drug Dealing/Misuse	11.81%

Experience of Crime

Respondents stated that, over the preceding 12 months, they or a member of their household personally experienced the following:

1. Road Safety Issues	18.16%
2. Bogus Callers/Scams	14.53%
3. Anti-social Behaviour	14.04%

Policing

73.07% stated their experience of PSNI when reporting a crime ranged from average to very good. 26.93% stated that it was poor or very poor.

74.3% of respondents stated that they had some to total confidence in the PSNI's ability to provide an ordinary day to day policing service. 20.08% stated a little and 5.62% stated none.

Crime Prevention

Respondents stated that they had taken the following crime prevention measures in the last 2 years

1. Increased home/farm/business security	37.65%
2. Avoided town centres at night	26.47%
3. Avoided going out alone	22.94%
4. Avoided going out at certain times	17.35%

Awareness of PCSPs

66.4% of respondents stated they had heard of Policing & Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs). 26.88% stated they hadn't heard of PCSPs, and 6.72% didn't know.

Recorded Crime

In 2017/18 the highest levels of recorded crime were

1. Criminal damage

2. Violence without injury (including homicide)

3. Violence with injury

4. All other theft offences

The overall trend for recorded crime is reducing and the trend forecast is that this will continue.

Antisocial Behaviour

The overall trend for recorded crime is reducing and the trend forecast is that this will continue.

Crime Hotspots

Utilising geolocation date enables the PCSP to examine crime hotspots. The crime hotspots for the Violent Crime, Recorded Crime and ASB are in the three main towns.

Cost of Crime

The reductions in recorded crime figures can be costed to savings in the district, providing savings of £2.4million overall in comparison with 2015/16.

PCSP Strategic Plan 2019-22

The Joint Committee of the Dept of Justice and NI Policing Board agreed the strategic objectives for the PCSPs. These are listed below and will form the basis of the development of the PCSP Strategy and Action Plan.

Strategic Priority 1 – to successfully deliver the functions of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership for the area by:

- Engaging with local community and statutory groups to identify local concerns in relation to policing and community safety, and to invite their contribution to prioritising and addressing those concerns;

- Preparing the PCSP's plan and organising the work of the partnership to meet priority needs;

- Putting in place implementation structures and delivery mechanisms and facilitating resident focused participatory community safety structures that will contribute to a reduction in crime and the enhancement of policing and community safety in the Partnership's area, directly through the collaborative working of the membership of the Partnership, through the work of its delivery groups or through working in partnership with, or supporting the work of, others;

- Increasing PCSP awareness with the public and key stakeholders by planning communications activity to more proactively inform and promote the work of the PCSPs.

Strategic Priority 2 – to improve community safety by tackling actual and perceived crime and anti-social behaviour through:

- Working in partnership with designated partners, local statutory bodies/agencies, the voluntary sector and the community to deal with, and reduce the impact of, actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and crime in the community;

- Ensuring that local statutory bodies and agencies deal with anti-social behaviour and crime related issues that matter in their area;

- Providing comprehensive community input into decision making processes about tackling actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and giving feedback on the effectiveness of interventions on meeting outcomes;

- Identifying and implementing ways to educate communities about the realities of anti-social behaviour and crime;

- Contributing to delivery of the Community Safety action plans, and initiatives that improve community safety.

Strategic Priority 3 – to support community confidence in policing through:

- Ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance;

- Ensuring that policing delivery reflects the involvement, views and priorities of local communities;

- The inclusion of initiatives/projects in PCSP plans aimed directly at meeting the objectives of the Northern Ireland Policing Plan;

- Identifying, priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the Northern Ireland Policing Plan;

- Improving policing service delivery in partnership with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing;

- Supporting effective engagement with the police and the local community, with specific emphasis on engagement with children, young people, at risk communities and disadvantaged communities;

- Building community confidence in the rule of law and embedding a culture of lawfulness by supporting the locality based engagement that will emerge from local co-design in taking forward the Executive Action Plan as set out in Fresh Start and the Programme for Government.

Mid Ulster PCSP's Strategic Aims

Mid Ulster PCSP developed the following strategic objectives for Mid Ulster.

Strategic Objective 1 – to successfully deliver the functions of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership for the area

- Hold engagement exercises and campaigns to assess local priorties and needs and promote PCSP
- Implement a Communications Strategy
- Deliver on statutory requirements
- Engage with NIPB and DOJ to provide adequate training for members
- Implement delivery groups

Strategic Objective 2 – to improve community safety by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

- Reduction in the level of ASB, including anti-social driving
- Improvement in levels of safety in the night-time economy
- Reduction in levels of violent crime, including domestic violence
- Reduction in fear of crime and the risk of being a victim of crime, especially among older people
- Improvements in community safety amongst vulnerable persons, including internet safety

Strategic Objective 3 – to improve community confidence in policing

Key priorities:

- Ensure local accountability
- Ensure that policing delivery reflects the involvement, views and priorities of local communities
- Ensure improved policing service delivery in partnership with local communities;
- Ensure effective engagement with the police and the local community
- Ensure engagement with police is built into projects
- To increase community awareness of crime prevention methods.

Action Plan 2019-20

To deliver on the strategic objectives the PCSP has developed an action plan with three strands:

1. To successfully deliver the functions of the Policing and Community Safety partnership for the area.
2. To improve community safety by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.
3. To improve community confidence in policing

When developing the 2019-20 action plan, the PCSP reviewed current projects to determine if they were effective and should be continued in the new action plan

Project Review

Theme	Project Name	Short Impact Synopsis & Turning The Curve result	
Anti Social Driving	Anti Social Driving Awareness raising events	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	Emergency Services Road Traffic Collision Reconstructions	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	Crashed Car Simulator	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue

Youth Diversion	YEP Initiatives - Youth Engagement and Diversionary programmes at hotspot areas and times	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
ASB Educational Programmes	Where is Your Child Tonight education programme and PR campaign	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	ASB 'Who Do I Call' initiative	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
Alcohol Youtth Engagement	**Alcohol Awareness**	Remains relevant. The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
NTE Training	Training includes: Defib and First Aid Training Responsible Alcohol Trading programmes Drugs/Alcohol training programmes for staff in nighttime economy	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
Safe Night Out	Penalty Notice: Cost of Your Night Out	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue

	Support Club Angels, Street Angels/Reaching Out groups that provide assistance to those in the nightttime economy.	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	Radio Link System – Maintain radio link system for Cookstown and Magherafelt	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
Internet Safety	Radar programme	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	Internet Safety Programmes	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence campaign	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	Positive Relationships Schools programme	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
VP Ini	High risk victims security installations	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue

	Hold community safety awareness raising events with the following target demographics, older people, people with disabilities. Also awareness raising events for rural crime and hate crime	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	Alcohol and Drugs Schools Project	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	Agewell – Older Persons Security	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
Comm & Police Engagement	Police engagement with communities including children, youth, at risk and disadvantaged communities (activities such as, Bike Marking, Trailer Marking, PEPs, etc)	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue
	Themed public meetings, consultative forums and local meetings	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	
	Promote and sustain Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue

Policing Committee Communication	Fresh Start initiatives and Programme for Government key messages and campaigns	Remains relevant and integrating across other projects	Continue
Awareness Raising	Awareness raising campaigns and engagements – rural crime, cyber crime, scams/bogus callers, fear of crime, road safety, Text Alert, BeeSafe, Participatory Budgeting, Safer U App	Remains relevant The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.	Continue

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – 1
To form and successfully deliver the functions of Mid Ulster PCSP
INDICATORS
% people who have heard of PCSPs

Theme **Form and Successfully Deliver the Functions of the PCSP**	**Aims and short description**	**Key Activities**	**Start Date**	**Finish Date**	**Resource/ cost required**	**Performance measures**	**Reporting Quarter**
PCSP Delivery	Organise the work of the PCSP through the PCSP Members, appropriate structures and mechanisms Support the PCSP to function effectively and deliver on the action plan aligned with the Community Plan and in line with OBA	Ensure full complement of staff and that all policies and procedures are in place for the effective running of the PCSP Produce, circulate and submit financial reports, progress reports, Annual Report, Equality and Consultation Reports within specified timeframes			£10981.14	**How much did we do** Number of PCSP private, public and thematic sub group meetings Number of events to support/increase the capacity of PCSP Members **How well did we do it?** % attendance of all PCSP Members at meetings % Member attendance at training and capacity building events **Is anyone better off?** % Members who feel supported in their role % Members with a good knowledge/understanding of their role	Q1-4 Q4

		PCSP private, public and thematic sub group meetings (ASB, Night Time Economy and Vulnerable Persons) Local and regional PCSP training and capacity building activities					
PCSP Engagement and Awareness	Engage with local community, statutory groups and key stakeholders and increasing PCSP awareness	PCSP Communications Strategy in place including a social media presence Clear links to the plans of designated organisations, Good Relations and Community Planning				**How much did we do** No of awareness raising activities No of people reached through social media **How well did we do it?** % Increase in social media presence **Is anyone better off** % increase in public awareness of PCSP	Q4

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – 2
To improve community safety by tackling actual and perceived crime and anti-social behaviour
INDICATOR –
Recorded incidents of ASB
Recorded incidents of crime related to NTE
Recorded crime against vulnerable groups

Theme **Anti-Social Behaviour**	**Aims and short description**	**Key Activities**	**Start Date**	**Finish Date**	**Resource/ cost required**	**Performance measures**	**Reporting Quarter**
Anti-Social Driving	Engage target groups to divert, deter and raise awareness re anti-social driving and road safety	Anti Social Driving Awareness raising events Emergency Services Road Traffic Collision Reconstructions Crashed Car Simulator			£14927.54	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants with increased knowledge and awareness of the impact of anti social driving % of participants with improved attitude towards policing (when PSNI involved)	Q3-4 Q3-4 Q3-4

3.Youth Diversionary/ Engagement Programmes	Engage with, divert and deter young people from ASB in hotspot and target areas/times	YEP Initiative - Youth Engagement and Diversionary programmes at hotspot areas and times			£26427.54	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants completing each initiative % of participants assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants with increased knowledge and awareness of the impact of ASB % of participants initiative with improved attitude towards policing (when PSNI involved)	Q3- Q4
4.Anti-Social Behaviour Educational Programmes	Raise awareness and educate re impact and consequences of ASB	Where is Your Child education programme and PR campaign ASB 'Who Do I Call' initiative			£18427.54	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants completing each initiative % of participants assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants with increased awareness of the impact of ASB % of participants with improved knowledge and awareness of issues % of participants initiative with	Q4 Q4

						improved attitude towards policing (when PSNI involved)	

Theme **Night Time Economy**	**Aims and short description**	**Key Activities**	**Start Date**	**Finish Date**	**Resource/ cost required**	**Performance measures**	**Reporting Quarter**
Alcohol Youth Engagement	Increase awareness of the impact and consequences of underage drinking	Alcohol Awareness Programme			£10227.54	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants in each initiative assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge % of participants in each initiative with improved attitudes towards policing % change in levels of participants reoffending	Q2-4
NTE Training	Deliver training to support Night Time Economy stakeholders and increase knowledge and understanding re	Training includes: Defib and First Aid Training Responsible Alcohol Trading programmes			£12214.36	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants completing each initiative	Q4

	trading responsibilities & NTE issues	Drugs/Alcohol training programmes for staff in nighttime economy				% of participants in each initiative assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge % of participants in each initiative with improved attitudes towards policing (where relevant)	
Safe Night Out	Improve NTE experience for all through education and multi-agency initiatives	Penalty Notice: Cost of Your Night Out and One Punch Can Kill campaigns Support Club Angels, Street Angels/Reaching Out groups that provide assistance to those in the nightttime economy. Radio Link System – Maintain radio link system for Cookstown and Magherafelt			£11427.54	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants completing each initiative % of participants in each initiative assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge % of participants in each initiative with improved attitudes towards policing (Where relevant)	Q4 Q4 Q4

Theme Vulnerable Persons	Aims and short description	Key Activities	Start Date	Finish Date	Resource/ cost required	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Internet Safety	Engage with and increase target audience's awareness and knowledge of how to stay safe online	Radar programme Internet Safety Programmes			£25427.54	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants in each initiative assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge % of participants in each initiative with improved attitudes towards policing (where relevant) % of participants in initiative more confident in accessing support services (Internet Safety only)	Q3-4 Q4
Domestic Violence	Increase awareness and knowledge of domestic violence	Domestic Violence campaign Schools programmes High risk victims security installations			£24427.54	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants in each initiative assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge	Q4 Q4 Q3-4

						% of participants in each initiative with improved attitudes towards policing (where relevant) % of participants in initiative more confident in accessing support services	
Vulnerable Persons Initiatives	Increase awareness and knowledge of community safety issues affecting vulnerable people and provide support as identified	Hold community safety awareness raising events with the following target demographics, older people, people with disabilities. Also awareness raising events for rural crime and hate crime Alcohol and Drugs Schools Programme Ageing Well – Older Persons Security			£20710.12	**How much did we do?** Number of participants in each initiative **How well did we do it?** % of participants completing each initiative % of participants in each initiative assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** % of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge % of participants in each initiative with improved attitudes towards policing (where relevant) % of participants in initiative more confident in accessing support services % of participants with increased feeling of safety (Ageing Well only)	Q3-4 Q3-4 Q3-4

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – 3
To support community confidence in policing
INDICATOR
% increase in community confidence in policing (Omnibus survey)
% increase in the level of reporting to the police (Omnibus survey, NI Crime Survey)
% increase in the level of community and police engagement (Omnibus survey)
% increase in people who felt that the local PCSP has helped to improve policing in their local area (Omnibus Survey)

Policing Committee and Confidence Building	**Aims and short description**	**Key Activities**	**Start Date**	**Finish Date**	**Resource/ cost required**	**Performance measures**	**Reporting Quarter**
Policing Committee Monitoring	Ensure Local accountability through monitoring police performance Ensure that policing delivery reflects the involvement, views and priorities of local communities	Facilitate and hold Policing Committee private meetings, themed public meetings, and Local Policing Plan meetings			£8427.54	**How much did we do?** Number of Policing Committee meetings Number of reports to NIPB within specified time periods re monitoring Local Policing Plan priorities and activities to meet targets in NI Policing Plan. **How well did we do it?** % PCSP Members attending all meetings. No of members of the public attending local and themed public meetings. **Is anyone better off?** % participants and PCSP members with	Q1-4

						improved awareness of local policing delivery.	
Community and Police Engagement	Support effective engagement with the police and local community Improve police service delivery in partnership with local communities	Police engagement with communities including children, youth, at risk and disadvantaged communities (activities such as, PEPS, Bike Marking, Trailer Marking, etc) Themed public meetings, consultative forums and local meetings Neighbourhood Watch			£15427.54	**How much did we do?** Number of local meetings. Number of public themed meetings Number of engagement activities Number of NH Watch Schemes **How well did we do it?** % PCSP Members attendance at local and themed meetings. No of members of the public attending local and themed public meetings. **Is anyone better off?** % of participants with improved attitude towards police	Q3-4
Policing Committee Communication	Build community confidence in the rule of law and embed a culture of lawfulness	Fresh Start initiatives and Programme for Government key messages and campaigns			£9823.54	**How much did we do?** Number of key messages and campaigns promoted locally by the Policing Committee/PCSP. **How well did we do it?** % increase in measures of social media presence **Is anyone better off?** % participants with improved attitudes towards the PSNI % participants with improved levels of awareness of support measures	Q4

Crime Prevention Awareness Raising	Increase community knowledge of PCSP and awareness of activities and preventative measures	Awareness raising campaigns and engagements – rural crime, cyber crime, scams/bogus callers, fear of crime, road safety, Text Alert, BeeSafe, Participatory Budgeting Schemes, Safer U App.			£20617.54	**How much did we do?** Number of awareness raising campaigns Number of text alert messages issued **How well did we do it?** % of participants who report their participation as positive/beneficial **Is anyone better off?** % participants improved their level of awareness of information, resources or support available in relation to topic	Q3-4

Budget 2019-20

Budget Category		Joint Committee
Salaries		
PCSP Manager	£	9927.40
PCSP Admin	£	29576.00
Total	**£**	**39,503.40**
Running Costs		
Staff Mileage	£	6200.00
Other (phone, printing etc)	£	3000.00
Members Mileage	£	5,000.00
Audit	£	1,000.00
Total	**£**	**15,200.00**
Total Administration	**£**	**54,703.40**
OPERATIONAL		
***Strategic Objective 1:* Form & Deliver functions of PCSP**		
Theme 1.1: Form and deliver functions of the PCSP and Awareness Raising of the PCSP		
PCSP Delivery, Engagement and Awareness	£	10981.14
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety		
Theme 2.1: Anti Social Behaviour		
ASB Forum	£	0.00
Anti Social Driving	£	14927.54
Youth Diversionary/Engagement Programmes	£	26427.54
ASB Educational Programmes	£	18427.54
Theme 2.2: Night Time Economy		
NTE Forum	£	0
Alcohol Youth Engagement	£	10227.54
Night Time Economy Training	£	12214.36
Safe Night Out	£	11427.54
Theme 2.3: Vulnerable Persons		
Vulnerable Persons Sub Group	£	0
Internet Safety	£	25427.54
Domestic Violence	£	24427.54
Vulnerable Persons Initiatives	£	20710.12

Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing

Theme 3.1: Policing Committee & Confidence Building

Policing Committee Monitoring	£	8427.54
Community and Police Engagement	£	15427.54
Policing Committee Communication	£	9823.54
Crime Prevention Awareness Raising	£	20617.54
Total Operational	**£**	**229,494.60**

TOTAL	**£**	**284,198.18**	

Appendix 1: Cost of Crime

Offence group	2015/16	2016/18	2017/18	Unit Cost £ ***	Total	Multiplier*	Overall Total 17/18	Overall Total 2015/16	Cost Difference from 2015/16
VICTIM-BASED CRIME									
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON									
Violence with injury (including homicide & death/serious injury by unlawful driving)	952	764	737	£14,050	£10,354,850	2.6	£26,922,610	£34,776,560	-£7,853,950
Violence without injury (including harassment)	1,036	991	1,016	£5,930	£6,024,880	1.5	£9,037,320	£9,215,220	-£177,900
SEXUAL OFFENCES	157	170	211	£6,520	£1,375,720	16.5	£22,699,380	£16,890,060	£5,809,320
ROBBERY	17	16	14	£11,320	£158,480	4.3	£681,464	£827,492	-£146,028
THEFT OFFENCES									
Burglary	295	322	325	£5,930	£1,927,250	3.6	£6,938,100	£6,297,660	£640,440
Theft from the person	9	8	7	£1,380	£9,660	5.9	£56,994	£73,278	-£16,284
Vehicle offences	214	249	227	£870	£197,490	2.6	£513,474	£484,068	£29,406
Shoplifting	231	154	180	£970	£174,600	1	£174,600	£224,070	-£49,470
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1,132	915	882	£1,350	£1,190,700	2	£2,381,400	£3,056,400	-£675,000
OTHER CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY									
DRUG OFFENCES			345						
Trafficking of drugs	39		33						
Possession of drugs	210		312						
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OFFENCES	49		35						
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	44		39						
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	174		164						
Overall					£21,413,630		£69,405,342	£71,844,808	-£2,439,466

* Multiplier accounts for unreported crime
*** Unit cost and Multiplier based on "The economic and social costs of crime" Home Office Report July 2018 for England and Wales
** ASB unit cost an estimate based on LSE review 2003. Multiplier estimate based on average for unreported crime
Please note higher unit cost for homicide and rapes are not included. The lower unit cost for sexual offences is used instead.
Estimated cost per homicide is £3,217,740. Estimated cost for Rape is £39,360
Unit costs includes all costs due to response to the crime and the consequence of the crime (including lost output, health, victim costs, and physical and emotional harm).

CRIME COST BREAKDOWN

1) **In anticipation of crime**
a. Defensive expenditure
Defensive expenditure is defined as money individuals and businesses spend on crime detection and prevention. This encompasses expenditure such as burglar alarms, CCTV equipment and car alarms.

b. Insurance administration
The value of insurance administration costs resulting from crime is included but not the value of insurance payouts to victims of crime.

2) **As a consequence of crime**
a. Property stolen or damaged
This is the cost of the value of the property stolen or damaged as a result of crime.

b. Physical and emotional harm to the victim
This is the reduction in the quality of life of the victim from the physical and emotional harm suffered as a result of the crime.

c. Lost output
Lost output estimates the lost productivity from time off work and reduced productivity whilst at work for victims of crime.

d. Health services
There are health service costs from dealing with the physical and emotional harms of crime. These include ambulance costs, medical procedure costs associated with physical harm, and counselling costs associated with the emotional harms.

e. Victim services
There are two sets of costs associated with victim services. The first is the cost of support provided to victims of crime, and the second is the opportunity cost of volunteer time in delivering victim services.

3) **In response to crime**
a. Police costs
A large part of the police's resources are spent dealing with crimes. The cost captured here is therefore the opportunity cost of police time and resources taken up by investigating a certain crime rather than engaging in other activities, such as responding to non-crime activities.

b. Other CJS costs
The CJS is a set of agencies and processes established by the Government to control crime and impose penalties on those who break the law. The costs include those for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), court, defence, prison and probation.

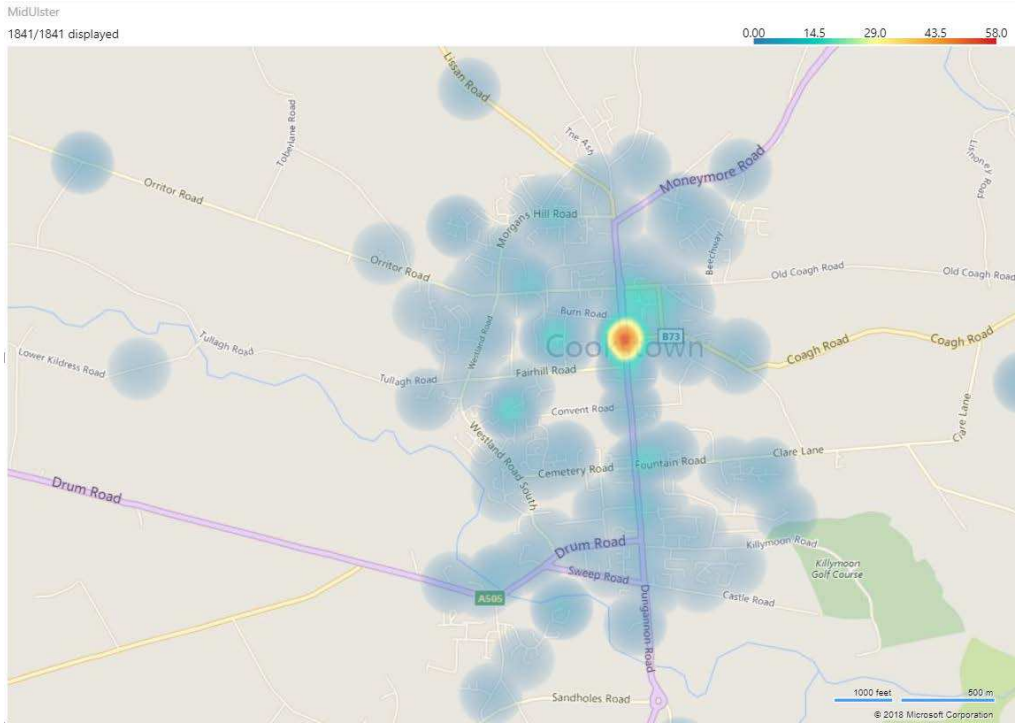
Despite the wide range of costs included in the estimates there are inevitably some costs of crime that cannot be estimated due to the lack of available evidence or data. This includes the costs relating to the fear of crime, the environmental costs of crime and costs to victims' families.

The costs of crime presented are estimates. They demonstrate the relative magnitudes of the economic and social costs of different crimes and should not be treated as precise estimates of the cost of each crime.

(Source: "The economic and social costs of crime" Home Office Report July 2018 for England and Wales)

Appendix 2: Crime Hotspots

Violent Crime



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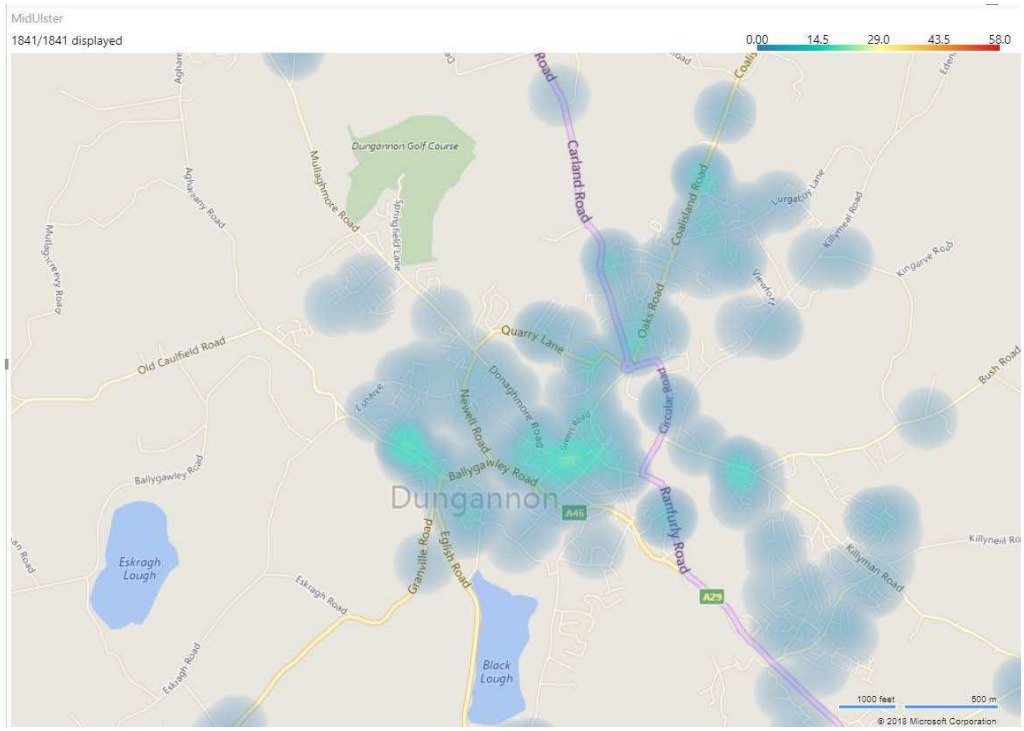

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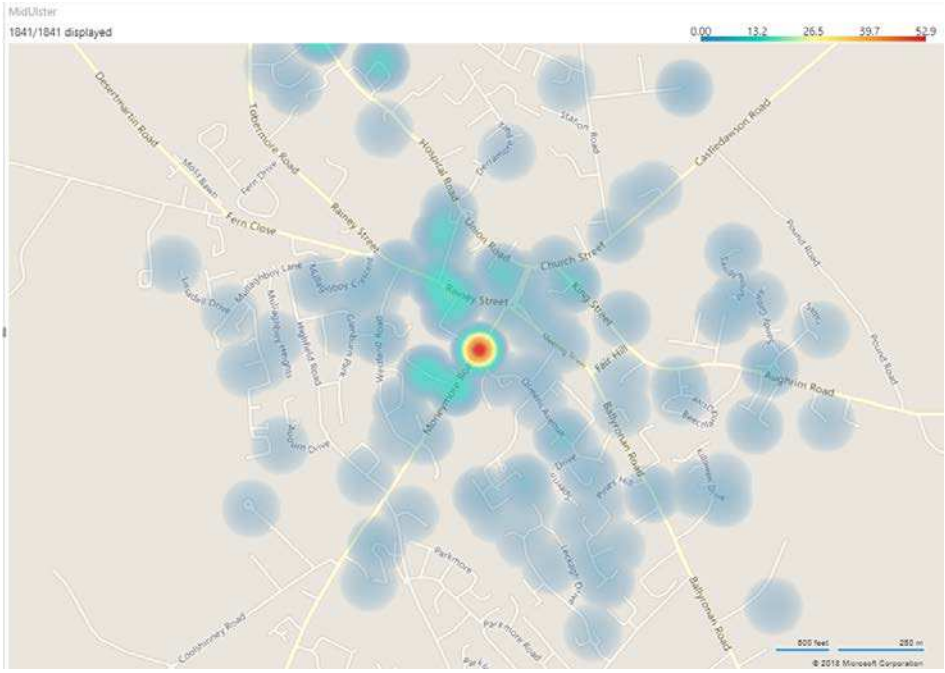

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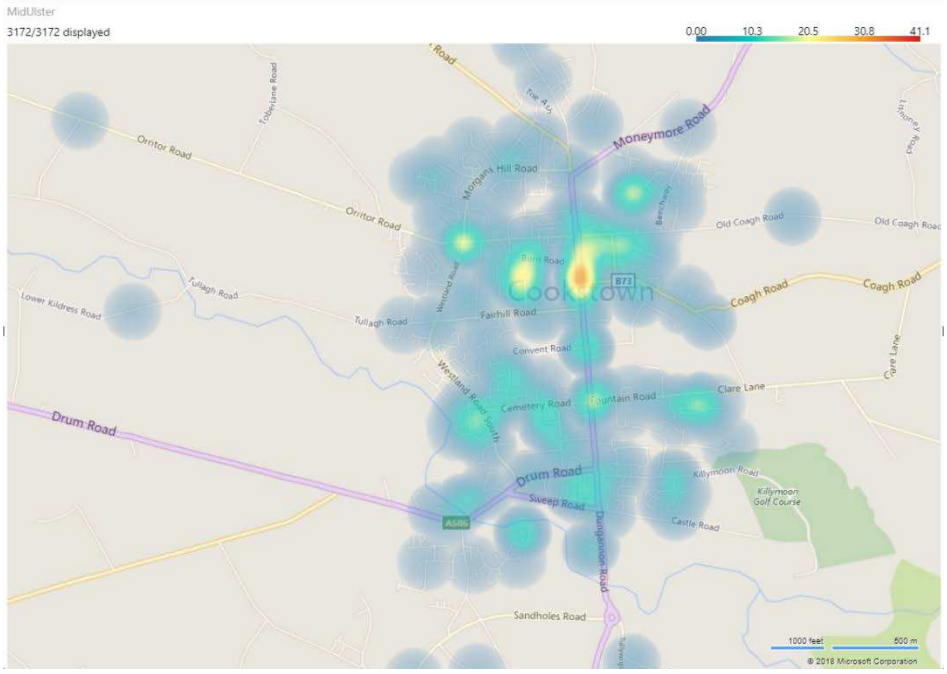

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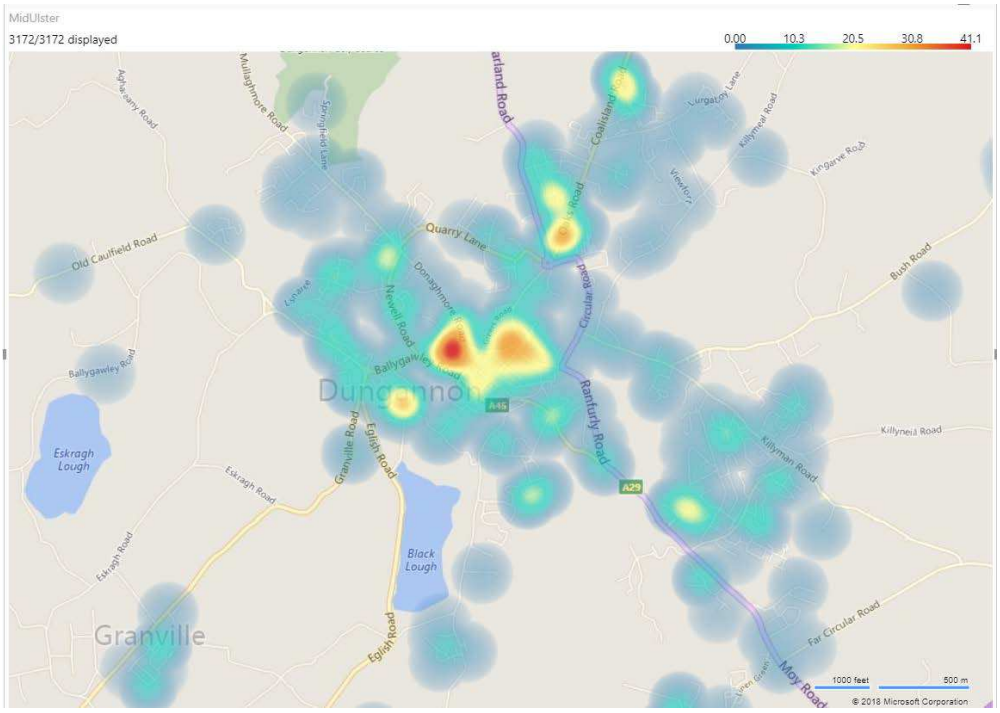

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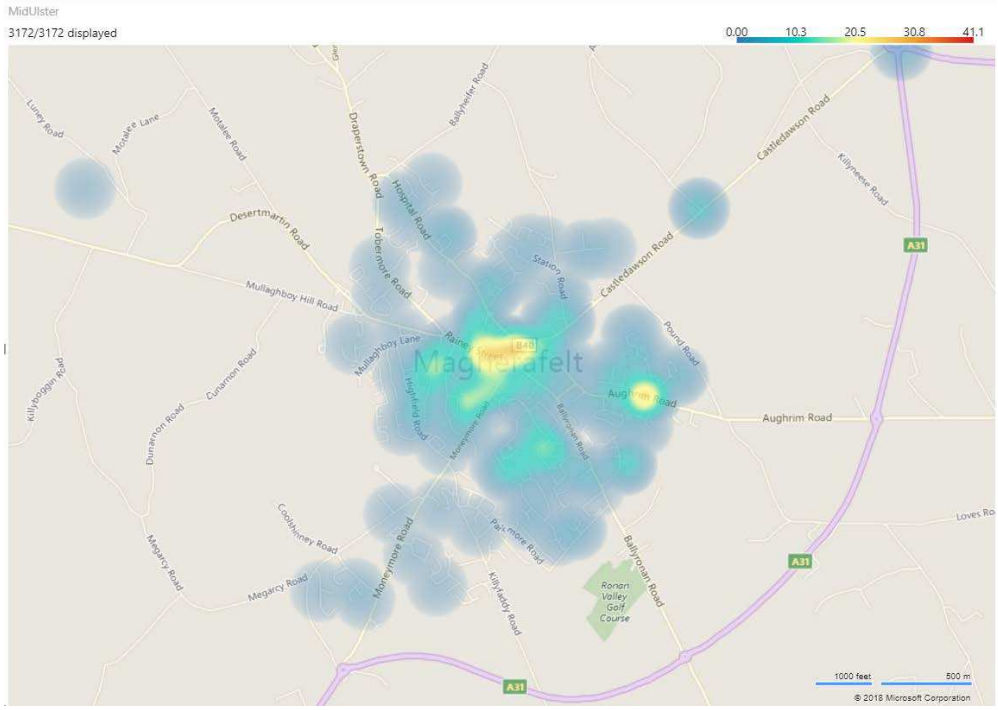


Magherafelt

Report on	1) DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme 2) PLATO 2 Proposal (2019/2020) 3) NOW Group – Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal 4) ICBAN Funding Request (2019/20) 5) Invest NI - International Conference 6) Retail NI Meeting Minutes – 18.2.19 7) Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group Minutes – 26.11.18
Date of Meeting	3 April 2019
Reporting Officer	Fiona McKeown, 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 below.
2.0	**Background**
2.1	**DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme** The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has approached Councils to explore the potential to deliver a Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme in the financial year ending 2019/20. The proposed pilot scheme would be funded by DAERA's Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme (TRPSI). The scheme's key aim is to assist in tackling poverty and social isolation within deprived rural areas. Subject to DAERA's approval of the business case, the scheme would offer grant aid of 50% (up to £4,999) to micro businesses (employing 9 or less people) to improve their sustainability and growth prospects.
2.2	**PLATO 2 Proposal (2019/20)** Council is currently funding a PLATO1 Programme in Mid Ulster which is due to end in June 2019 with targets on schedule to be achieved. There are currently 6 PLATO groups in existence (3 in the North and 3 in the South), with 12-15 companies participating in each. Each group may contain a jurisdictional mix e.g. Mid-Ulster clients may choose to engage in a cross-border group in another

	Council jurisdiction for monthly meets and vice versa. In addition to 'monthly meets' there are a number of inter-group/inter-region training and networking events according to the needs of participants. Council has recently received a proposal for the delivery of a further 'PLATO 2' Programme, targeting approximately 20 businesses in the Mid Ulster District Council area over the 12 month period from June 2019 to June 2020.
2.3	**NOW Group – Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal** Council received correspondence from the NOW Group in February 2019, enclosing a Proposal requesting Council to provide ESF Match Funding to the NOW Group of £60,000, comprising of £20,000 per annum for each of the next 3 years (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22).
2.4	**ICBAN Funding Request (2019/20)** 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.
2.5	**Invest NI – International Conference** Invest NI has informed Council that on 10th and 11th June 2019, Invest NI will bring its International Team to a base in Cookstown. The team will comprise of approximately 100 staff and include overseas representatives and those based in Belfast.
2.6	**Retail NI Meeting Minutes – 18.2.19** Council agreed in January 2019 to invite Retail NI to make a presentation to Members on their recently launched Plan to Revamp Northern Ireland's High Streets. The meeting was open to all members to attend and took place on Monday 18 February 2019 at 6pm in Council's Dungannon Office, with Mr Glynn Roberts, CEO of Retail NI in attendance.
2.7	**Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group Minutes – 26.11.18** A Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group was established to consider matters related to Brexit, which impact upon Mid Ulster District Council.
3.0	**Main Report**
3.1	**DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme** Following initial exploratory discussions with DAERA, it was agreed that Mid Ulster District Council (with input from each of the other 9 Councils) draft an

indicative proposal, in the form of a Business Case for submission to DAERA. Subject to a positive outcome to the business case, DAERA has indicated that each of the 9 Councils would be awarded a minimum allocation of £50,000 funding towards the Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme in 2019/20 which can be spent within the years 2019/20 and 2020/21. Furthermore, it was tentatively agreed that Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council provide a co-ordinating role between DAERA and participating Councils during the delivery period, if Councils are awarded funding.

3.2 **PLATO 2 Proposal (2019/20)**

The PLATO Network has submitted a Proposal for PLATO 2 in Mid Ulster **(Appendix 1).** The proposal seeks funding for a further 12-month programme to be delivered over the 12-month period June 2019-June 2020 at an **enhanced cost** of **€20,000,** (current cost is €15,000) with the participating businesses each required to contribute a fee of €400 (as opposed to €300 currently). Council officers have liaised with the PLATO Network to ascertain if the Programme could be delivered within the same budget as 2018/19 but were advised this was not achievable. It is recommended that Council do not participate in the PLATO 2 Programme in 2019/20 due to the enhanced costs to Council and to businesses. It should also be noted that Council staff will be heavily involved in getting Council's own suite of business development programmes launched and companies recruited in the 2019/20 financial year, and therefore, this should remain our core focus.

3.3 **NOW Group – Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal**

The NOW Group's funding Proposal requests Council to provide ESF Match Funding of £60,000, equating to £20,000 per annum for each of the next 3 years (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22). The proposal outlines this funding would be used to provide training and employment services to assist people with learning disabilities/difficulties and proposes to achieve the following outcomes for Mid Ulster.

Outcome	**Annual Target Y1**	**Annual Target Y2**	**Annual Target Y3**	**Total**
Participants Supported	32	33	35	**100**
Academy Vocational Training accreditation completed	20	25	30	**75**
Paid Employment Outcomes	10	12	14	**36**
Voluntary Jobs	10	12	14	**36**

Whilst Council is supportive of the work being delivered by the NOW Group, Members should be cognisant of our existing commitments to a number of other local ESF funded projects, which in the 2019/20 financial year, amount to approximately £60,000.

Council's 'match funding' budget is already fully committed in the 2019/20 financial year and therefore, it is recommended Council decline the request to match fund the NOW Group – Mid Ulster ESF Funding Proposal.

3.4 **ICBAN Funding Request (2019/20)**

ICBAN submitted a request to Mid Ulster District Council for a contribution of £12,500 for the financial year 2019/20 **(Appendix 3)**. The request outlines a wide range of work streams to be undertaken, a summary of which are detailed below;

- A continuing priority effort dedicated to promoting and bringing about improvements to fixed and mobile broadband investments on both sides of the border and promotion of a regional voice on Broadband Infrastructure needs to government departments, regulators etc.

- Development of a coherent regional platform / voice for local authorities in promoting and advancing cross-border co-operation opportunities in the Central Border Region and to examine opportunities for common projects in local services delivery, for example, through helping establish a Community Planning forum for all areas of the Region;

- Commence delivery of regional elements of the BLITZ and Digi-2-Market projects (including SME programmes, literary tourism pilot projects, trialling of digital apps and the completion of a literary tourism Scoping Study);

- Planning for the delivery of a final Brexit research initiative with communities of the Central Border Region in summer 2019, partnering again with QUB, on service challenges, issues and opportunities arising as the border region moves into a new era of working impacted by the Brexit process. This will complete the trio of Brexit research initiatives completed in 2017 and 2018 and engaging with communities of the border region; and

- Source and secure sustainable core revenues for the organisation

The outcomes of all these initiatives will be shared with Council.

It is recommended that Members consider approving funding to ICBAN of up to £12,500 from Council's Economic Development Budget 2019/20, to be paid in two equal instalments, subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances financial report and Progress Updates).

Finally, to approve the release of the first 50% payment, once Council is in receipt of all documentation requested (as outlined above). Progress updates from ICBAN will be furnished to future Development Committee meetings to keep Members briefed on developments.

3.5	**Invest NI – International Conference** Invest NI will host its International Conference at a base in Cookstown on 10th and 11th June 2019, where in the region of 100 staff will be present from overseas markets and those based in Belfast. Both these days form part of the team's week-long development programme in Northern Ireland. It is expected that whilst the Invest NI staff are in Mid Ulster, there will be an opportunity to hear a combined presentation from the three Councils involved in the Growth/City Deals (ie, Mid Ulster District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council). This will provide an opportunity to inform them about the area, and the proposition Council wants these teams to present 'in market' to potential investors across the world. There is also an opportunity to showcase local success stories and provide testimonials which can help the teams overseas understand how and why this area works as a business location. During the two day event there will be an opportunity to visit local businesses in the three Council areas and hear first hand their testimonials/success stories. Council Officers will work with Invest NI staff to ensure the success of their Cookstown visit and will arrange a networking event/lunch to greet delegates to the area and showcase the Mid Ulster offering.
3.6	**Retail NI Meeting Minutes – 18.2.19** A meeting with Retail NI was held on Monday 18 February 2019 at 6pm, in Council's Dungannon Office. Mr Glynn Roberts, CEO of Retail NI led discussions on the recently launched Plan to Revamp Northern Ireland's High Streets. Minutes of the meeting are attached **(Appendix 4).**
3.7	**Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group Minutes – 26.11.18** The first meeting of the Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group was held on Monday 26 November 2018. Minutes of the meeting are attached **(Appendix 5).**
4.0	**Other Considerations**
4.1	**Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications**
	Financial: **DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme 2019/20** Councils may have access of up to 15% of total spend towards administration; i.e. spend of £50,000 would equate to **£7,500.** **ICBAN Funding Request (2019/20)** Provision of £12,500 is available in Council's LED Budget in 2019/20

	Invest NI – International Conference Host Networking Lunch for Invest NI International Conference in Mid Ulster. Costs included within the economic development budget 2019/20.
	Human: Officer time
	Risk Management:
4.2	**Screening & Impact Assessments**
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications: **DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme 2019/20** Programme focused solely on rural areas.
5.0	**Recommendation(s)**
	It is recommended that Members;
5.1	**DAERA Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme** Approve Officers in Mid Ulster District Council work with the other 9 Councils to compile a Business Case to submit to DAERA to secure funding for a Rural Micro Business Small Grants Programme, which if successful will provide a minimum funding allocation to each participating Council in 2019/20 of £50,000.
5.2	**PLATO 2 Proposal (2019/20)** Decline the proposal from the PLATO Network for 2019/20, seeking funding from Council to deliver a PLATO 2 Programme at a cost of €20,000, due to the enhanced costs to Council and to business participants.
5.3	**NOW Group – Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal** Decline the Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal from the NOW Group, seeking financial support from Council of £60,000, equating to £20,000 per annum for 3 years (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22).
5.4	**ICBAN Funding Request (2019/20)** Approve funding to ICBAN of up to £12,500 from Council's Economic Development Budget 2019/20, to be paid in two equal instalments, subject to Council being provided with the requisite documentation (application form, confirmation of match funding, copies of accounts, insurances financial report and Progress Updates).

	Furthermore to approve the release of the first 50% payment once Council is in receipt of all documentation requested (as outlined above).
5.5	**Invest NI – International Conference** Note progress.
5.6	**Retail NI Meeting Minutes – 18.2.19** Note minutes of meeting held with Retail NI on Monday 18th February 2019.
5.7	**Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group Minutes – 26.11.18** Note minutes of meeting of Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group held on 26 November 2018.
6.0	**Documents Attached & References**
	Appendix 1 – PLATO 2 Proposal (2019/20) Appendix 2 - NOW Group – Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal Appendix 3 - ICBAN Funding Request (2019/20) Appendix 4 – Retail NI Meeting Minutes -18.2.19 Appendix 5 - Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group Meeting Minutes - 26.11.18

Proposal for PLATO Cross-border Network 2019

Overview of Regional Programme

PLATO is a non-profit business development support network driven by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs targeted at diverse industry sectors and is unique to Council Business Supports since it is NOT consultancy-led but entrepreneur driven across border Councils Regionally. PLATO is based on a proven network principle where two larger 'Parent' companies (multinational/ indigenous) from the Council District, volunteer their time and expertise every month, to support small business owners through their business challenges to growth during a 12-15 month tailored programme specific to the needs of Programme participants e.g. areas of focus may include but is not limited to strategy, sales, R&D, staffing, supply chain, Branding, leadership, financial management, succession, current challenges e.g. Brexit etc. Across the Border Region, there would be other clusters, thus clients may engage in a cross-border group in another Council jurisdiction. In addition to monthly meets there are inter-group and inter-region training and networking events according to the needs of participants. The value of peer-to-peer learning with the same like-minded individuals over an intensive Programme is novel to other Networks where members change at each meeting and the network is not consultancy-driven or profit-driven.

Programme Partners

PLATO is facilitated in the Eastern and Border Region (EBR) by the Local Enterprise Offices of Cavan, Louth, Meath and Monaghan and their respective County Councils and in Northern Ireland by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Mid-Ulster District Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. There are current and future funding streams (National and EU) open to the Partnership and can be leveraged to the advantage of PLATO clients across the Region, e.g. ERDF. Note, there has been a legacy of Dungannon and South Tyrone Council involvement in PLATO Blackwater as far back as the 1990s.

Programme Metrics for each Council Area

- Minimum 10 small businesses with diverse industry sector participation engaged and Minimum 1-2 Parent companies engaged, for 10-12 monthly meets.
- Tailored supports for the development of both the entrepreneurs and businesses engaged to enhance knowledge and skills required for growth cross-border & being globally competitive. May include site visits with local industry and additional inter-regional training opportunities.

Programme Highlights

During 2018 alone PLATO EBR supported 103 companies across the Region providing 227.5 hours of intensive core programme activity [excludes Fermanagh and Omagh as not partner at time]. In addition, there were 44 hours of site visits and 20 hours of formal training offered to each client. Client companies have also (a) availed of 1-2-1 mentoring with PLATO staff and Parent leaders, (b) take growth steps based on sound recommendations from Cluster members (c) been held to account for their actions on an ongoing basis to drive growth forward (d) had the opportunity to discuss burning business issues/growth challenges during each monthly meet.

Programme Successes in Mid-Ulster

The existing network is mid-term yet positive growth targets recorded for small client companies and jobs sustained/created with diverse industry participation. Uform and Bulrush facilitate/host Network monthly meets. Site visits scheduled for Uform, Bulrush, McAvoy, Telestack, Balcas, McAree with further planned. 1 has patented product, 7 had 8 new hires in total, 2 introduced management team, 2 engaged in legally structuring family business.

Financial Programme Requirement

The investment sought from Mid-Ulster District Council is **Euro20,000** contribution for the 12-month Programme. Small participant companies contribute a standard 12-month Programme fee of **€400**. Parent companies contribute 30-40% of a 12-month Programme costs. Further in-kind contribution includes leveraging the resources/ infrastructure of stakeholders in the Partnership, Industry guest speakers/mentors, Parent company premises to host meetings and so on as demanded. The PLATO Partnership is a secure partnership composed of 4 NI Council partners and 4 ROI Council partners. Partner funding is acknowledged on all Programme Materials.

Due to the restructuring of the PLATO Partnership, action was taken to create sustainable staff resourcing for the larger Network. As a result, 2019 Programme activity was delayed. The PLATO partnership is now ready to launch recruitment, and this will involve Mid-Ulster even though there is an existing live group in the District.

The PLATO Programme has demonstrated a need for this innovative means of networking for growth. The PLATO Initiative has an outward-looking, long-term approach to business development and since the Programme is driven by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs it is highly valued by Council clients.

APPENDIX 2

NOW Group

Mid Ulster ESF Match Funding Proposal

European Social Fund
Call 2 2018-2022
Priority 2 - Disability

NOW GROUP

The NOW Group are an award-winning social enterprise. We are passionate about changing lives and our priority is on outcomes and impact for individuals, their families and the community. We support people with learning difficulties, disabilities and autism into jobs with a future across Northern Ireland.

Our Employment and Training services focus on supporting people into open employment through our model of individual progression. We work with people in their local community and environment. We have a particular interest in reaching people who often 'fall through the gaps' and are not currently supported but regarded as economically inactive.

NOW Group continually scan workforce trends and the economic and political environments for opportunities for employment, up skilling and social engagement which will increase inclusion and well-being, leading to citizenship development and civic involvement for our participants. Our work is also about social and community inclusion which leads to the people we work with having better health, a better education and a brighter future. Our services are continually evolving as a result of co-design, participant feedback and learning from projects.

Mid Ulster Council Proposal – Area Plan

Based on our experience of delivery of ESF Programmes and the identified a specific need to support people into jobs with a future in the Mid Ulster area, we are seeking match funding of £20,000 per annum to support Year 2 (then subsequently years 3 and 4) of NOW's currently ESF funded Employment and Training programme already operating in Belfast, Lisburn and Castlereagh, Mid and East Antrim, Antrim and Newtownabbey and Ards and North Down. We see a real opportunity to expand this very successful model into the Mid Ulster Council area.

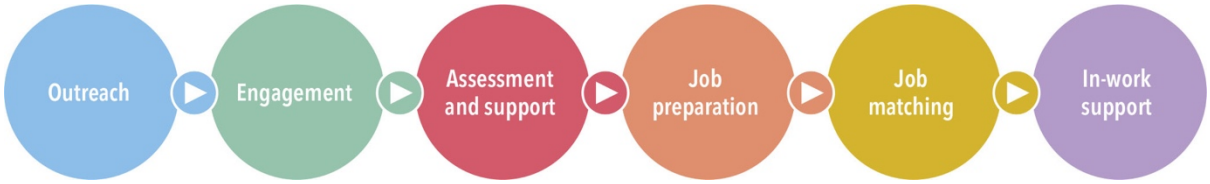
The proposal will support the Council's Economic Growth Plan 2015 – 2020, "This plan will enable economic growth, sectoral diversification, employability and skills, town and village regeneration and infrastructure and connectivity throughout the Mid Ulster district."

Outcomes for Mid Ulster Area

Outcome	Annual Target Y1	Annual Target Y2	Annual Target Y3	Total
Participants Supported	32	33	35	100
Academy Vocational Training accreditation completed	20	25	30	75
Paid Employment Outcomes	10	12	14	36
Voluntary Jobs	10	12	14	36

We have engaged with people across the Mid Ulster council area and collated evidence of need to substantiate our application for support. After discussions with agencies, parent groups, FACT and other voluntary agencies within the council area, NOW Group believe there will be no duplication of services offered. Our unique service and model will allow greater collaboration in order to enhance the range of services supported within the council area, providing greater opportunities, increased economic activity and individual progression.

Our ambitious target against jobs and retention is based on our experience and ability to align individual progression planning, relevant training, job outcome and ability to sustain jobs through Workable NI, when appropriate. There will be an increasing number of jobs over duration of the project; this will reflect the number of participants enrolling on the service within the Mid Ulster area and our increasing employer and community engagement to open new and sustainable opportunities.



The model above shows our Plan for Participant Progression.

ESF experience and results

The NOW Group has delivered services under the ESF programme through the previous 3 calls and were success in our bid for the 2018-2022 application. The programme provides training and employment services for people with learning disabilities/difficulties and Autism, across Belfast, Lisburn, Newtownabbey & Antrim, North Down & Newtownards and we are actively working within a small number of participants in the Mid Ulster area. We have exceeded all targets set and offer substantial ‘value for money’ when reviewing investments against results.

Since April 2018 we have supported 77 people into paid employment and 19 participants have maintained voluntary jobs. We support progression by providing appropriate life/work experience opportunities and tailored accredited and non-accredited qualifications through academy styled training backed by practical work experience and aligned to local economic and labour market trends.

Delivery

- Employment Programme provides one-to-one specialist support to individuals to help them get the job they want and to keep it.
- A range of interventions to build clients capacity to engage in training, work placements, voluntary work and community/social activities.
- Vocational and employability training delivered at appropriate levels.
- This project will provide a lynch pin in the Mid Ulster area so that NOW Group can begin to explore opportunities to work with local providers and the Council to create sustainable enterprises and paid employment opportunities.
- Funders will receive an annual impact report measuring the social impact of their investment alongside other funders within the programme. In 2018 for every £1 invested in NOW Group we returned £12 in social value.

Sustainability and Growth

The NOW Group successfully operate sustainable social enterprises in Belfast and North Down, the revenue generated supports our progressive approach when working with people with learning disability, difficulty and ASC. We continually seek opportunities for growth, sustainable enterprise and niche industry which will enhance opportunities for social inclusion. We love creating beautiful spaces and sustainable enterprises so that our participants are part of their communities and can excel.

We are part of a consortium of seven disabilities organisations, SES Partnership, who won the WorkableNI Tender. This programme works as a continuum for the ESF programme to continue to support for those who gain paid employment to sustain and progress within the job. We currently support 60 people to sustain their employment post their participation on the ESF programme.

APPENDIX 3

ICBAN Funding Request 2019/20

From: Joanne Breen <Joanne@icban.com>
Sent: 13 March 2019 14:26
To: Anthony Tohill <Anthony.Tohill@midulstercouncil.org>
Cc: Adrian McCreesh <Adrian.McCreesh@midulstercouncil.org>
Subject: ICBAN Member Councils' Annual Contribution 2019/20

Email sent on behalf of Shane Campbell, CEO, ICBAN

Dear Anthony,

ICBAN Member Councils' Annual Contribution (2019/20)

Each year, ICBAN contacts member Councils regarding the Annual Contribution to the cross-border partnership. The amount to be levied was agreed by the Management Board to remain at **£12,500 for the 2019/20 year**.

Member Council contributions are a very important contributor towards our core administration resources and for which we are always most appreciative. The amount has not increased from the contribution first levied over 15 years ago.

Our delivery focus continues to be on areas which will benefit our member Councils. The current work programme centres on broadband telecommunications, literary tourism, creative industries and Brexit. Representations continue to be made on key connectivity infrastructure and on the potential impact of Brexit on the border region. During the next year we will be focusing efforts to advance various such projects and representations. Some of these projects will be advanced for national funding, EU funds and indeed some may be presented to local authorities and Local Action Groups for support. We will continue to keep the Council informed of progress and developments.

The key elements of the current work programme are:

- Leading on the transnational Literary Tourism Project, BLITZ which received funding of €1.95 million from the INTERREG Northern Periphery & Artic Programme. ICBAN will shortly be engaging with Member Council Officers on regional implementation plans for the project, which will include SME development supports, digital initiatives, promotion of literary tourism initiatives and best practice research.

- Working as Project Partner on the Digi-2-Market Project, which received funding of €1.76 million from the INTERREG Northern Periphery & Artic Programme. This project includes support for SMEs in the Central Border Region to embrace digital promotional opportunities and again we will shortly be engaging with Member Council Officers on regional implementation plans for the project, which will include SME development supports.

- Promoting co-operation with all Councils through a cross-border Community Planning initiative. The next meeting is to be held on 21st March 2019. The Chief Executive and Development Director of CAWT will be attending to meet with Community Planning Coordinators to discuss mental health issues and cross-border services in the Region.

- The development of a 'Border Navigator' Project together with Queen's University Belfast, and which will provide an opportunity for Member Councils and stakeholders to collectively address local service delivery challenges being impacted by an impending Brexit. New and innovative service delivery models will be created to benefit the Region's communities through the synergies of cross-border cooperation.

- Engaging on mechanisms which would enhance communications and working relationships between the ICBAN Management Board and Member Councils' Senior Officers.

- Advocacy through policy submissions and representations on key strategic needs for the Central Border Region, to both governments. An ICBAN delegation gave evidence on regional issues to the Oireachtas Committee for the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement on 14th February 2019. ICBAN recently submitted a comprehensive response to the Northern and Western Regional Assembly's consultation on the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy, and in preparing to do so facilitated a meeting of Member Councils' Senior Planners in January 2019. It is a priority of the Management Board to continue to advocate for recognition of the potential and significance of the Central Border area to both jurisdictions.

- A continuing priority effort dedicated to promoting and bringing about improvements to fixed and mobile broadband investments on both sides of the border:
    - Actively engaging with government and industry stakeholders on advocating for the delivery of the Project Stratum project in NI Continuing to advocate that inadvertent roaming charges must not be reintroduced as a result of the UK leaving the Digital Single Market through Brexit;
    - Engaging with the Consumer Council on the issues of poor or no broadband connections impacting on daily lives of consumers;
    - Actively engaging with government and industry stakeholders on advocating for the delivery of the Project Stratum project in NI
    - Actively engaging with government and industry stakeholders on advocating for the delivery of Ireland's National Broadband Plan;
    - Supporting County Council interests into the current consultation by the Irish Regulator ComReg into delivery of the 'Strategy for Electronic Communications Services' 2019-21.

Planned work programme outcomes for the next year will include:

- Continue to promote a regional voice on Broadband Infrastructure needs to government departments, Regulators etc.

- Development of a coherent regional platform / voice for local authorities in promoting and advancing cross-border co-operation opportunities in the Central Border Region and to examine opportunities for common projects in local services delivery, for example, through helping establish a Community Planning forum for all areas of the Region;

- Commence delivery of regional elements of the BLITZ and Digi-2-Market projects (including SME programmes, literary tourism pilot projects, trialling of digital apps and the completion of a literary tourism Scoping Study);

- Planning for the delivery of a final Brexit research initiative with communities of the Central Border Region in summer 2019, partnering again with QUB, on service challenges, issues and opportunities arising as the border region moves into a new era of working impacted by the Brexit process. This will complete the trio of Brexit research initiatives completed in 2017 and 2018 and engaging with communities of the border region; and

- Source and secure sustainable core revenues for the organisation.

This list is not exhaustive but demonstrates the priority focus which the organisation has adopted and which is enabled through member Council contributions.

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

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Central Border Region
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APPENDIX 4

Comhairle Ceantair Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster District Council

Retail NI Meeting
Monday 18 February 2019 @ 6pm
Committee Room, Dungannon Office

Present:	Glyn Roberts	Retail NI (CEO)
	Cllr Ashton	Mid Ulster District Council
	Cllr Shields	Mid Ulster District Council
	Cllr Monteith	Mid Ulster District Council
	Cllr Cuddy	Mid Ulster District Council
	Cllr Molloy	Mid Ulster District Council
	Cllr McGuigan	Mid Ulster District Council
	Cllr Burton	Mid Ulster District Council
	Cllr Doris	Mid Ulster District Council
	Cllr Quinn	Mid Ulster District Council
	A McCreesh	Mid Ulster District Council
	F McKeown	Mid Ulster District Council
	M McCullagh	Mid Ulster District Council
	D McCartney	Mid Ulster District Council

1. Apologies: Cllrs McKinney, McLean, McNamee, McPeake and Mulligan	
2. Welcome & Introductions A McCreesh welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were conducted. A brief overview was provided on the background and purpose of the meeting with a motion brought through to engage with key stakeholders to look at interventions to assist in ensuring town centres remain viable and vibrant.	
3. Overview of Retail NI G Roberts welcomed the opportunity to meet with Mid Ulster District Council to discuss 'Town Centres' and their future prospects. G Roberts advised that Retail NI has 1800 members, with strong linkages with town	

partnerships and Chamber of Commerces. The document 'Regeneration NI Creating 21st Century Town and City Centres' was circulated. The document provides new ideas and thinking around Town Centres. He indicated that those businesses surviving in 2019 are independent retailers and those reinventing within retail. To create a 21st Century town centre, reconstruction of the retail sector is required. Growth and City Deals are one way forward and Mid Ulster District Council has started this process with two neighbouring Councils. The Primark disaster in Belfast has been pushed up the political agenda with a £2m rejuvenation packages secured following it. Businesses that are surviving and thriving are smaller and agile and able to adapt to change. Mr Roberts advised that 'rethinking' the Town Centre model is needed, and a move towards a partnership between retail and hospitality is required, ensuring town centres are destination towns, creating a partnership that develops into an eco-system for the town centre. A place to shop, socialise, live, service the community and generates footfall. The aim is to have one economy, not day and night separate. The biggest issue facing Town Centre businesses is rates - Future High Street Fund- UK £675m, of which £20m NI to be spread across the 11 Councils. Mr Roberts said Retail NI need assistance - to date there has been no consultation or dialogue on the monies, pressure needs to be exerted politically on the Secretary of State and NIO. With regard to the Rating Policy, there needs to be a fundamental rethink regarding reliefs and restructuring as they are not fit for purpose. He indicated a need for a 'targeted alternative' and before the NI Assembly collapsed the following areas were being highlighted. - Retail NI was lobbying for SBRR to be increased to values in excess of £26,000, with 40% relief for independent and hospitality businesses. - New Capital Allowance Rates Relief - Changes to Rates Hardship Fund Within the UK Budget, the Chancellor had cut rates bills by a third, with no rates in some areas. The lack of transfer of regeneration powers to Councils is a hindrance (on street parking/minor	

roads were cited) and need for Growth/City Deals to deliver upon regeneration. A McCreesh invited comments/questions from those present:- Cllr Shields stated rates were the biggest financial burden on local businesses. Many businesses are holding on as a sense of pride and are struggling to survive. Cllr Ashton enquired on Retail NI's thoughts on how rates proposals could be subsidised. G Roberts responded, the three principal towns in Mid Ulster have a large proportion of independent retailers, which is a unique selling point and Independents Day on 4 July allows for promotion of such to the consumer. Subsidising of the rates is about 'cutting the cake differently' the previous proposals financially effectively paid for themselves and by closing off loopholes within schemes such as derelict/vacant properties. Cllr Monteith stated that he didn't share the optimism of Retail NI. The £20m, if secured and allocated to the 11 Councils should tackle rates rather than Town Centre initiatives which in many cases are sticking plasters. Rates relief schemes similar to England should be tailored and implemented. G Roberts responded that Retail NI and Hospitality Ulster have submitted a letter to Secretary of State regarding the Future High Street Fund. There is frustration as there is no interface / consultation, round table meetings, no budget headings available. The appointment of new Permanent Secretary for Finance, Ms Sue Gray, may be able to assist with her 'can do' approach. Two pertinent items at the moment impacting on Retail NI members is the hike in ATM robberies and loss of vacant unit rates relief. Cllr McGuigan enquired under the power of general competence can a funding stream for rates be achievable. A McCreesh stated it was open to interpretation and consistency of how selection will be completed, and queried if a pilot scheme/sectoral based approach be used? B Monteith stated this would be classed as State Aid.	

G Roberts stated gathering from the discussions with Councils visited to date key points are as follows:- - Need fundamental Rates Reform - Area Plan process not uniform across Councils - Interesting models - dereliction issues Ballymena Business Centre was a derelict building now incubation units - addressing dereliction, life now in the area, new start-ups and increased footfall. Major towns need to ask the question Why would someone like to visit? Cardiff have an Enterprise Zone with hi-tec companies, centre for new companies resulting in jobs and increased spend. W Cuddy enquired if G Roberts believed in the delivery of Growth/City Deal Plans. G Roberts stated that there is a strong case for enterprise zones in key areas, even rural areas. Attracting FDI is a big challenge - co-operation tax was a strategic mistake, didn't look at skills and training, investment, regeneration, rates reform. By achieving the right equilibrium between retail/hospitality/community people will be attracted in. Ballyhackamore had a 35% vacancy rate a number of years ago, now it is 0%. Cllr Shields proposed that Council deliver a half day conference to discuss pertinent town centre issues, in association with Retail NI. Villages are forgotten and need to be maintained as part of the community with local services. Lobbying needs to continue for bypasses along the A29 Corridor. G Roberts stated that infrastructure was indeed required to ensure success. ATM provision is biggest threat of withdrawal at present due to spate of robberies. A McCreesh stated that there was 70,000 redundancies in one year in retail. Key Points from discussion summarised by G Roberts:- 1. Council may wish to invite the Secretary of State to visit Mid Ulster to facilitate a constructive and positive discussion. 2. Strategically need implementation of rates relief	

3. REVAL process – is it any different to previous REVAL exercises , the process is worrying especially if it is influencing and shaping rates reform G Roberts stated that REVAL is now every 3 – 4 years and is a fully transparent process. The last REVAL there was 6-7% appeals with 50% of appeals successful. F Burton agreed the community working together to assist in ensuring vibrancy and viability of towns - one such example is Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce. A McCreesh closed the meeting and thanked all for their attendance. Meeting ended at 7.30pm.	

Comhairle Ceantair Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster District Council

Mid Ulster Brexit Working Group

Monday 26 November 2018 at 6.00 pm

Committee Room, Dungannon Office

	Action
Members Present: Councillor Clarke (on behalf of Councillor Sean McPeake) Councillor Elatter Councillor Kearney Councillor McGuigan Councillor Molloy **Officers in Attendance:** Anthony Tohill, Chief Executive Adrian McCreesh, Director of Business & Communities Colin McKenna, Economic Strategies Manager **Apologies:** Councillor Gillespie Councillor McPeake Fiona McKeown, Head of Economic Development	
1. Welcome & Apologies The Director of Business and Communities welcomed everyone to first meeting of the Brexit Working Group.	
2. Election of Chair Using the D'Hondt system; It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, Seconded by Councillor Clarke and agreed That Councillor Molloy be elected as Chair of the Brexit Working Group Councillor Molloy thanked those present and took the Chair.	
3. Draft Brexit Working Group Terms of Reference The Director of Business and Communities took members through the draft Terms of Reference which set out the scope and remit of the Brexit Working Group. The group agreed to meet quarterly and/or at the Chairperson's discretion. The Terms of Reference was agreed by all present.	

It was agreed that the Brexit Working Group was not a function of Corporate Services and this should be removed from the Draft Terms of Reference. It was also agreed that the Brexit Working Group would try and support businesses. Director of Business & Communities confirmed that the Economic Development section will service all meetings and will deliver on actions required in order for progress to be made.	CMK to amend ToR
4. Presentation Council's Economic Strategies Manager gave a presentation outlining four reports that have been published on Brexit. These reports have linkages to Mid Ulster District Council including an update on SOLACE related workings and the Mid Ulster Skills Forum – Brexit Sub Group. The four reports are: - MUDC Community Planning 'Brexit Report' - ICBAN - QUB Initiative: 'Brexit and the Border' - NILGA – 2 Reports from 2017 - UU Study (May 2017) – "Brexit and the Ireland/Northern Ireland Border Corridor: Potential Impacts and Things to Consider". The Chief Executive updated upon the work of SOLACE with regards to Brexit. He said that SOLACE had identified a number of areas where there were potentially significant risks such as rising insurance costs; waste management issues; environmental health; staffing issues; and potential food standards. Currently migration is seen as a low risk.	
5. Post Brexit It was felt that the Council would have to review how it worked and queried how Brexit would impact on existing services. For example, post Brexit the management of waste would be a high priority as the Council would need more resources to control this situation. Council has limited landfill capacity in the short term but would need contingency in the medium to long term. Concern was raised post Brexit of the impact of potential loss of significant EU funding to the Council. This would be in access of £20 million which is impossible for the Council to fill this void resulting in a serious reduction in funding available. This would leave the local business sector and the community services support much more vulnerable as they rely greatly on EU funding. CAP funding will be lost to	

farmers and there is uncertainty around what the future agricultural policy will look like. If the bigger companies in the area who have a foothold in EU were to move, then the SME's who are part of existing supply chains would suffer. Outside of Councils, areas such as health, infrastructure and electricity were identified as potentially under threat due to lack of clarity being provided from the government agencies. Therefore an opportunity to engage with the agencies to discuss potential issues exists. Local companies regardless of size will be impacted for example with potential loss of supply chains, migrant workers etc. At present it is impossible to say how many migrants will leave but anecdotal evidence shows that the migrant workforce is becoming unsettled. In reference to the Ulster University study mentioned previously it was commented that it was a good report but was not very positive. On a positive note the Skills Report developed by Council showed that industry in the local area is thriving. Councillor Clarke asked if there was any one area of support that the Council could make an impact on. The Chief Executive mentioned that the Council as an organisation should itself be sustainable first and in turn be best placed to assist others, for example Lough Neagh eels, who need a voice to fight their case and are not benefitting from any direct support.	
6. Any Other Business None	
7. Date of Next Meeting Future meetings dates will be set following the Brexit vote in the House of Commons in December 2018 as this will clarify future direction and actions of this group. The meeting ended at 7.00pm.	CMK to liaise with the Chair to set up the next meeting

Report on	Walk NI Consortium 2019-20
Date of Meeting	Wednesday 3rd April
Reporting Officer	Head of Parks
Contact Officer	Nigel Hill

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	Council approval to commit to Walking NI Marketing Consortium Campaigns for 2019-20
2.0	**Background**
2.1	WalkNI.com is delivered by Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI), its work was previously directed and funded by its four 'core funders' namely Sport NI, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Tourism Northern Ireland and Inland Waterways Unit of the Department of Infrastructure. With significant cuts in government funding, this is no longer the case, with ORNI delivering its strategic not-for-profit role under a number of new arrangements. In 2016 / 2017, ORNI successfully established the WalkNI Marketing Consortium to ensure local authorities could continue to benefit from the success of WalkNI.com. By continuing to contribute to the WalkNI Consortium – local authorities can reap the following benefits: **Solid Foundation:** Significant investment has already been made to establish a website, e-marketing and social media channels **Engaged Visitors:** As indicated by 'WalkNI Key Stats' the website / brand has a strong engagement from the target market **Combined Resources:** The small investments from a number of local authority partners can be combined to produce an outcome greater than the sum of its parts. **Cross Sell:** There will be opportunities to cross sell between destinations i.e. visitors to the Mourne Mountains will be able to learn about the Causeway Coast and Glens and vice versa.

	Redeveloped Website: A redeveloped WalkNI.com is imminent**.** The new look website will provide an enhanced user experience, be responsive across platforms (mobile, tablet, desktop) and can avail of the latest interactive mapping.
2.2	Within Mid Ulster District Council – WalkNI.com incorporates: • Long Distance Walks – 13.3 km of Ulster Way and an additional 8.8 km of Waymarked Way • Medium Distance Walks – 1 walk totalling 9km • Short Distance Walks – 12 walks totalling 30.1km
2.3	WalkNI.com attracted 813,096 visits in calendar year 2018 confirming its position as the definitive guide to walking in Northern Ireland. With 50% of visits from Northern Ireland, 30% from Great Britain, 10% from Republic of Ireland and 10% from the Rest of the World it is clear the website is an important platform for locals and tourists alike. It is clear that walking brings significant tourism and local participation benefits 47% of all adults in Northern Ireland indicated that they participated in walking for recreation at least once within the last year, increasing from 36% in 2011/12 . In relation to tourism Walking or rambling is the most popular activity (36%) undertaken by Northern Irish residents on domestic overnight trips. **WalkNI.com Key Stats**: The followings statistics clearly highlight the reach and engagement level of WalkNI.com: • 813,096 visits per year (2018) • 23,385 social media subscribers • 25,000 + unique views per year to WalkNI Blog • 26,741 e-newsletter subscribers • Key driver of walking product information and content to DiscoverNorthernIreland.com
3.0	**Main Report**
3.1	**Partnership Approach:** The WalkNI Marketing Consortium was established in 2016 / 2017. The WalkNI.com website and associated promotional campaigns are delivered by ORNI with local authorities contributing at a level based on their walking product portfolio's potential to meet the demands of specific markets. Based on the portfolio of walking trails listed on WalkNI.com, ORNI has identified the partner level for each council area as follows:

3.2

Local Partner

An area which has a portfolio of walking product, access and infrastructure to meet the demands of local walkers.

Delivery for these partners is funded by ORNI's Strategic Partners (primarily via funding provided through DAERA NIEA's Environment Fund)

Potential Partners:

- Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
- Derry City & Strabane District Council

3.3

Regional Partner

An area which has a portfolio of walking product, access, infrastructure and supporting tourism services to meet the demands of:

- Local walkers
- Visitors from Northern Ireland or Republic of Ireland on either day trips or short breaks of which walking is a key part of a wider itinerary
    - This segment will combine walking with other interests e.g. food, photography, wildlife, culture and heritage

The foundation of delivery for these partners is funded by ORNI's Strategic Partners (primarily via funding provided through DAERA NIEA's Environment Fund). However, an additional contribution is required to meet tourism objectives.

Potential Partners:

- Mid Ulster District Council
- Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
- Ards & North Down Borough Council
- Belfast City Council

3.4

National Partner

An area which has a portfolio of walking product, access, infrastructure and supporting tourism services to meet the demands of:

- Local walkers
- Visitors from Northern Ireland or Republic of Ireland on either day trips or short breaks of which walking is key part of a wider itinerary
    - This segment will often combine walking with other interests e.g. food, photography, wildlife, culture and heritage
- Walking Clubs from Republic of Ireland

Potential Partners:

- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

3.5 **Delivery Costs for the WalkNI Marketing Consortium - 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020:**
In order to continue the proactive marketing activity for Regional and National Partners, ORNI will dedicate the equivalent of 2 days per week through a combination of ORNI's Marketing Manager and a Marketing Officer.

Staff Costs including Salary / National Insurance / Employers Pension Contributions Operating Costs Management / Finance Overheads	£27,560.00

3.6 **Partner Support Required – 2019 / 2020**
The following support is required for partners at each level:

Partner Level	Number of Partners	Support per partner	Total Support
Local*	5	0	0
Regional	4	£3,445.00	£13,780.00
National	2	£6,890.00	£13,780.00
		TOTAL	**£27,560.00**

*The base level of the project above i.e. local partners is still covered by the funding provided by ORNI's Strategic Partners (primarily via funding provided through DAERA NIEA's Environment Fund)

3.7 **Completion of the New WalkNI.com Website**
Following completion of the website redevelopment, ORNI will continue to review and improve content including:

- Development of content for sections of websites including new destination section 'Plan Your Visit'
- Consumer testing on mobile and desktop platform
- Upgrade and review walk data e.g. for new 'Trail Update' section
- Addition of contact person and email address for all walks for new 'Report A Problem' section

3.8 **Accountability:**
The WalkNI.com consortium will be managed by ORNI's Marketing Manager who will:

- Agree an annual work programme including KPIs
- Provide Quarterly progress reports
- Hold two meetings per year to report on progress, discuss campaigns etc

4.0 Other Considerations

4.1 Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

Financial:
Mid Ulster District Council will contribute £3,445.00 as a participating Regional Partner from 2019/20 Parks revenue budgets.

	Human: Human: Existing staff resources sufficient to coordinate project support. No additional staffing resource required.
	Risk Management: In conjunction with Council policies and procedures.
4.2	**Screening & Impact Assessments**
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: In conjunction with Council policies and procedures.
	Rural Needs Implications: In conjunction with Council policies and procedures.
5.0	**Recommendation(s)**
5.1	Council approval is sought to participate as a Regional Partner with the Walking NI Marketing Consortium and contribute £3,445.00* to 2019-20 campaign. *This figure is has not increased from last year's contribution.
6.0	**Documents Attached & References**
	Appendix 1 Walk NI Consortium Report 2018-19

WalkNI.com

WalkNI Marketing Consortium Proposal 2019/2020

Introduction:

WalkNI.com attracted 813,096 visits in calendar year 2018 confirming its position as the definitive guide to walking in Northern Ireland.

With 50% of visits from Northern Ireland, 30% from Great Britain, 10% from Republic of Ireland and 10% from the Rest of the World it is clear the website is an important platform for locals and tourists alike.

It is clear that walking brings significant tourism and local participation benefits:

Local Participation:

- 47% of all adults in Northern Ireland indicated that they participated in walking for recreation at least once within the last year, increasing from 36% in 2011/12[1].

Tourism:

- Walking or rambling is the most popular activity (36%) undertaken by Northern Irish residents on domestic overnight trips[2]
- Hiking or cross-country walking was the most popular sporting activity (14%) undertaken by external overnight visitors whilst in Northern Ireland. This is more than all those who went mountain biking, cycling and golfing added together[3]

WalkNI.com Key Stats:

The followings statistics clearly highlight the reach and engagement level of WalkNI.com:

- 813,096 visits per year (2018)
- 23,385 social media subscribers
- 25,000 + unique views per year to WalkNI Blog
- 26,741 e-newsletter subscribers
- Key driver of walking product information and content to DiscoverNorthernIreland.com

[1] Continuous Household Survey 2016/17, Experience of sport and physical activity by adults in Northern Ireland, Department for Communities

[2] Northern Ireland Domestic Tourism 2016, NISRA

[3] External Overnight Trips to Northern Ireland 2016, NISRA

Rationale and Benefits:

WalkNI.com is delivered by Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI), a not-for-profit organisation with the vision of 'placing outdoor recreation at the heart of society.'

In recent years, ORNI has transformed from an entirely core funded position to now deliver its strategic not-for-profit role through a variety of arrangements including delivering for Strategic Partnerships, Consortia, Service Level Agreements and on a project by project basis.

In 2016 / 2017, ORNI successfully established the WalkNI Marketing Consortium to ensure local authorities could continue to benefit from the success of WalkNI.com. The consortium is therefore entering into its fourth year.

By continuing to contribute to the WalkNI Marketing Consortium – local authorities can reap the following benefits:

Solid Foundation:	Significant investment has already been made to establish a website, e-marketing and social media channels
Engaged Visitors:	As indicated by 'WalkNI Key Stats' the website / brand has a strong engagement from the target market
Combined Resources:	The small investments from a number of local authority partners can be combined to produce an outcome greater than the sum of its parts.
Cross Sell:	There will be opportunities to cross sell between destinations i.e. visitors to the Mourne Mountains will be able to learn about the Causeway Coast and Glens and vice versa.
Redeveloped Website:	A redeveloped WalkNI.com is imminent**.** The new look website will provide an enhanced user experience, be responsive across platforms (mobile, tablet, desktop) and can avail of the latest interactive mapping.

Why Outdoor Recreation NI?

The benefits of ORNI delivering the project are:

Not–for–profit: ORNI's not-for-profit status means that all the investment will be retained within this project

Marketing Expertise: ORNI's marketing expertise is demonstrated by the success of our digital consumer platforms between April 2017 and March 2018.

- 956,800 + unique visitors ORNI consumer websites
- 270,000 + people viewed ORNI online promotional videos
- 3.5 million people reached through ORNI Facebook Channels

Product Knowledge: ORNI has significant knowledge of Northern Ireland's walking portfolio gained through its strategic role in walking development, management and promotion since 1999 and more specifically since the launch of WalkNI.com in 2006

Tourism Knowledge: ORNI's tourism knowledge has been recognised by Tourism Northern Ireland who view ORNI as strategic partner. The key area of focus is to recruit, curate and provide accurate and up-to-date information for DiscoverNorthernIreland.com

Volunteer Rangers: ORNI deliver a Walk Volunteer Ranger Programme which audits over 200 Quality Walks, Ulster Way and Waymarked Ways. This ensures information provided to the customer can be accurately verified on a regular basis

Track Record: ORNI has been successfully delivering the MountainBikeNI Consortium since 2012 and the WalkNI Marketing Consortium since 2016

For more information on Outdoor Recreation NI see www.outdoorrecreationni.com

Partnership Approach:

The WalkNI Marketing Consortium was established in 2016 / 2017. The WalkNI.com website and associated promotional campaigns are delivered by ORNI with local authorities contributing at a level based on their walking product portfolio's potential to meet the demands of specific markets.

Based on the portfolio of walking trails listed on WalkNI.com, ORNI has identified the partner level for each council area as follows:

Local Partner
An area which has a portfolio of walking product, access and infrastructure to meet the demands of local walkers. Delivery for these partners is funded by ORNI's Strategic Partners (primarily via funding provided through DAERA NIEA's Environment Fund)
Potential Partners: • Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council • Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council • Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council • Mid & East Antrim Borough Council • Derry City & Strabane District Council

Regional Partner
An area which has a portfolio of walking product, access, infrastructure and supporting tourism services to meet the demands of: • Local walkers • Visitors from Northern Ireland or Republic of Ireland on either day trips or short breaks of which walking is a key part of a wider itinerary   ○ This segment will combine walking with other interests e.g. food, photography, wildlife, culture and heritage The foundation of delivery for these partners is funded by ORNI's Strategic Partners (primarily via funding provided through DAERA NIEA's Environment Fund). However, an additional contribution is required to meet tourism objectives.
Potential Partners: • Mid Ulster District Council • Fermanagh & Omagh District Council • Ards & North Down Borough Council • Belfast City Council

National Partner
An area which has a portfolio of walking product, access, infrastructure and supporting tourism services to meet the demands of: • Local walkers • Visitors from Northern Ireland or Republic of Ireland on either day trips or short breaks of which walking is key part of a wider itinerary   ○ This segment will often combine walking with other interests e.g. food, photography, wildlife, culture and heritage • Walking Clubs from Republic of Ireland The foundation of delivery for these partners is funded by ORNI's Strategic Partners (primarily via funding provided through DAERA NIEA's Environment Fund). However, an additional contribution is required to meet tourism objectives.

Potential Partners:
  ○ Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
  ○ Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Marketing Activity

Target Market	Local	Regional	National
Local Walkers	Y	Y	Y
Northern Ireland Visitors	N	Y	Y
Republic of Ireland Visitors	N	Y	Y
Walking Clubs	N	Y	Y

Marketing Activity	Local	Regional	National
WalkNI.com Website • Annual audit of routes and incorporation in public liability insurance for private landowners	Y*	Y*	Y*
WalkNI.com Website ^ • Proactive content management e.g. updating route info, news items, events	Y*	Y*	Y*

WalkNI.com Website
• Dedicated 'Walking Destination' section including:
  ○ Itineraries
  ○ Walker Friendly accommodation
  ○ Events
  ○ Walking Tours
	N	Y	Y

WalkNI.com Website
• Dedicated downloadable Walker's Destination Guide PDF including:
  ○ Maps
  ○ Itineraries
  ○ Accommodation
  ○ Food and Drink
  ○ Specialist Providers
  ○ Festivals
  ○ Other attractions & activities within the destination
	N	N	Y

Launch of New WalkNI.com Website • Following the website redevelopment, ORNI will execute a marketing campaign to launch the new website which will include a PR and advertising campaign	Y	Y	Y
WalkNI Awards • Review categories and select nominees • Develop SurveyMonkey questionnaire • Promote awards to gain maximum votes and interaction • Gain online PR and in local and regional press	Y	Y	Y

Northern Ireland Promotional Campaigns including:
• PR in Regional and National Press
• Feature inclusion e.g. Blogs / articles on Walking Festivals, Best Winter Walks etc within:
  ○ E-marketing to min 12,985 NI contacts
  ○ Social media engagement with min 11,000 NI followers
	N	Y	Y

Republic of Ireland Visitors Promotional Campaigns including: • E-marketing to min 4,566 Republic of Ireland (ROI) based walkers • Social media engagement with min 3,260 ROI followers • Bespoke Facebook advertising for National Partners only – targeting to those key customer segments living in the Republic of Ireland with an interest in walking **N.B.** National Partners will receive twice as much coverage as Regional Partners in campaigns as their level of monetary support is double that of a Regional Partner.	N	Y	Y
Walking Club Promotional Campaigns including: • E-marketing to 566 walking club contacts	N	Y	Y

***** The delivery costs for this activity are covered by funding provided via ORNI's Strategic Partners (primarily via funding provided through DAERA NIEA's Environment Fund)

^ Completion of the New WalkNI.com Website

Following completion of the website redevelopment, ORNI will continue to review and improve content including:

- Development of content for sections of websites including new destination section 'Plan Your Visit'
- Consumer testing on mobile and desktop platform
- Upgrade and review walk data e.g. for new 'Trail Update' section
- Addition of contact person and email address for all walks for new 'Report A Problem' section

Accountability:

The WalkNI.com consortium will be managed by ORNI's Marketing Manager who will:

- Agree an annual work programme including KPIs
- Provide Quarterly progress reports
- Hold two meetings per year to report on progress, discuss campaigns etc.

Delivery Costs for the WalkNI Marketing Consortium - 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020:

In order to continue the proactive marketing activity for Regional and National Partners, ORNI will dedicate the equivalent of 2 days per week through a combination of ORNI's Marketing Manager and a Marketing Officer.

Staff Costs including Salary / National Insurance / Employers Pension Contributions Operating Costs Management / Finance Overheads	£27,560.00

Partner Support Required – 2019 / 2020

The following support is required for partners at each level:

Partner Level	Number of Partners	Support per partner	Total Support
Local*	5	0	0
Regional	4	£3,445.00	£13,780.00
National	2	£6,890.00	£13,780.00
		TOTAL	**£27,560.00**

*The base level of the project above i.e. local partners is still covered by the funding provided by ORNI's Strategic Partners (primarily via funding provided through DAERA NIEA's Environment Fund)

If you have any questions or queries regarding this proposal, please contact:

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Report on	Recommendations on allocation of Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants (Re-advertised)
Date of Meeting	3rd April 2019
Reporting Officer	Oliver McShane
Contact Officer	Oliver McShane

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 re-advertised Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants.
2.0	**Background**
2.1	The grant was advertised during week commencing 11th March 2019. Closing date was Friday 22nd March 2019. A total of 6 applications were received and subsequently passed to Williamson Consulting for assessment. The assessment of the applications was carried out on 23rd – 24th March 2019. This involved three steps: review of all information to check completeness; eligibility check; and scoring the application. The score was carried out using a spreadsheet which automatically produced an indicated grant level. Williamson Consulting commented that, "The application Cookstown Hockey Club fills all the requirements for eligibility. It also achieves the maximum score and is therefore entitled to a grant of £4500 subject to availability of funding." "The application Dungannon Ladies Hockey Club fills all the requirements for eligibility. It also achieves the maximum score and is therefore entitled to a grant of £1890 subject to availability of funding."
3.0	**Main Report**
3.1	The spreadsheet used to score the application is attached. The outcome was as follows: • 2 application passed the eligibility check and provided sufficient information and were therefore eligible for funding.

	Williamson Consulting commented that, These 2 application fill all the requirements for eligibility. Recommendations – Project 1 should be funded at £4,500, subject to submission of outstanding documentation. Project 2 should be funded at £1,890 to cover rental costs (scoring would justify up to £4,500) These grants will support school pitch maintenance costs and 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> There is no commitment to any funding for the Schools Sports Facilities Grant in 2018/2019 budgets. Available budget is as a result of underspend in the 2018/19 Capital Grants programme. **<u>Human</u>** N/A
	Human: N/A
	Risk Management N/A
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 the recommendation for successful grant applications
6.0	**Documents Attached & References**
6.1	MUDC Sports Grant Assessment 2019

GRANT TYPE	Area	Organisation Name	Project Title	Amount Requested	Score	Amount Awarded
Eligible						
Facility costs	C	Cookstown Hockey Club	Specific details not stated but expenses of £13,500 noted.	£13,500	50	£4,500
Facility costs	D	Dungannon Ladies Hockey Club	Hire of school pitch facilities.	£1,890	50	£1,890
Ineligible						
	M	Greenlough GAC	Recommendation - project can't be funded as ineligible due to dates of activity and not synthetic pitches	£4,988		
	D	Integrated College Dungannon	Recommendation - project can't be funded as ineligible due to proposed spend period	£5,000		
	C	Holy Trinity College	Recommendation - project can't be funded as ineligible due to spend after March 2019 and no use of synthetic pitch	£5,000		
	D	Galbally Pearses GAC	Recommendation - project can't be funded as ineligible because of project time scale, not for use of synthetic pitch and lack of evidence of need for facilities	£4,500		

Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grant - up to £4,500 plus £500 (if school not previously open to public)

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 14 March 2019 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt

Members Present	Councillor McNamee, Chair Councillors Burton, Clarke, Cuddy, Doris, Elattar, McAleer, McFlynn, Milne, Molloy (7.21pm) and Mulligan
Officers in Attendance	Mrs Campbell, Director of Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Mr McCreesh, Director of Business and Communities Mr Browne, Head of Tourism Mr Hill, Head of Parks Ms Linney, Head of Community Development Mr McCance, Head of Culture and Arts Ms McKeown, Head of Economic Development Mr McShane, Acting Head of Leisure Mrs Forde, Member Support Officer
Others in Attendance	Councillor Ashton Out & About Community Transport & CDM Community Transport Ms B Scullion Ms A Keane

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

D048/19 Apologies

Councillors Forde, Monteith and J Shiels

D049/19 Declaration of Interests

The Chair Councillor McNamee drew attention to agenda item 6 Community Development – Community Grants Rolling Programme and agenda item 14 Sports representative grants reminding Members to declare interest as appropriate.

Councillor Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 11 *Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Service Level Agreements 2019/20* - Broughderg Community Development Association.

Councillor Milne declared an interest in agenda item 12 *Path and Angling Stands at Glenone and Newferry* stating that he was a member of the working group.

Councillor Burton declared an interest in agenda item 4 *Deputation Out and About Community Transport and CDM Community Transport* stating that she represented Council on CDM Community Transport.

D050/19 Chair's Business

The Chair Councillor McNamee stated that the Head of Community Services would provide an update in relation to Breakthru following agenda item 19 in Confidential Business.

D051/19 Deputation – Out and About Community Transport & CDM Community Transport

The Chair, Councillor McNamee welcomed representatives from Out and About Community Transport & CDM Community Transport to the Committee and invited them to make their presentation.

The representatives stated that both organisations work in partnership to provide Rural and Urban Community Transport services throughout the entire MUDC area to the most vulnerable and isolated members in local communities, they stated that they wished to share some of their fears for the future or rural transport.

Ms Scullion said that having looked at the Community Plan wording in relation to Integrated Transport within Infrastructure section - which states '*In rural areas the objective is to pilot an 'Integrated Transport Scheme for rural dwellers and businesses'*, advised that they totally welcome any improvement on road structures but were presenting in relation to community transport.

Ms Scullion advised that as part of the pilot Integrated Transport Scheme 2012-2019 that CDM were involved and give a synopsis of that to date (Dungannon integrated pilot)

Strand 1 – Education Authorities & Translink (45 pupils over 4 routes) - this would work as students were able to make it to bus stops and had no mobility problems;

Strand 2 - exploring opportunities for the integration of the specialist and demand-responsive passenger transport services required by Health and Social Care Trust clients, some EA pupils and people living in rural areas at risk of social isolation.

Measures:

1. Clogher Valley Bus Service: a trial involving Education Authority school buses operating an off-peak public transport service from the Clogher Valley area to Dungannon town centre – ended May 15. Unlike the students using Translink the target audience here were not as able bodied, and times did not suit them.
2. Community Transport Primary School Service: 2014 – 18. CDM delivered this service in the Castlecaufield area and the reason it worked was because of its location and members needing transport to work in Dungannon. Dept Infrastructure ceased it.
3. Day Opportunities Transport - – paused in 2017 until Ministers are in post.

4. Enhanced Translink 75A Service to Craigavon Area Hospital: - Ended January 2015. Good uptake on service to but passengers didn't always return on this mode of transport.

Ms Scullion also spoke of the successes of rural transport in that it had provided affordable, accessible and available transport for the last 20 years in Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt. It is a bespoke door-to-door service delivered by a team of dedicated staff who go the extra mile to ensure members can access basic services in their local areas. In a 12 month period, 52,718 individual trips were delivered over the three areas. Ms Scullion drew attention to the undernoted statistics.

	DAL	Ind members	Group hire	Group members	DATS	SIF (Magherafelt only)
Cookstown	16,286	772	19,131	215	2,712	3,737
Dungannon	15,689	551	10,841	117	2,112	0
Magherafelt	20,743	819	13,474	204	0	4,185
Total	52,718	2,142	43,446	536	4,824	7,922
Overall total trips						108,910
Social Car	35%					
with a disability	66%					

Both representatives stated that in that looking forward in the area of community transport the community plan would need revised and that they would like to be involved in steering this element of the plan.

Ms Keane drew Members attention to the potential impact the termination of the SIF Service would have on individual members who rely heavily on the service to get to essential health appointments outside of the MUDC area. It was noted that the Social Investment Funding (SIF) funding and service will cease on 31st August 2019.

Ms Keane advised that funding was received from The Executive Office in 2016 under the Social Investment Fund for a 3 year period. The funding provided four community transport partnerships operating in the Northern Zone to address gaps that the core Dial-a-lift (DAL) service failed to meet. Dial-a-lift only permits local travel for example a member from Draperstown can only travel within the old Magherafelt Council area and the same goes for a member from Sandholes they can only travel within the old Cookstown District Council Area. Under Dial-a-lift you cannot travel across the entire MUDC area.

It was noted that the statistics for CDM & Out & About up to end of December 2018 display over 15,000 trips, 6,500 of these were folk attending health appointments in hospitals outside Mid-Ulster. Ms Keane stated that whilst this project has been a huge

success the biggest concern going forward is “how are these people going to cope after the project finishes?” as there are very few viable options available.

Ms Keane advised that under the SIF project a typical return journey from Magherafelt to the Royal Hospital costs approximately £28, the alternative a regular taxi fare for the same trip with a 1 hour waiting time would cost approximately £140 it was further noted that if an accessible taxi was required it would be considerably more. Ms Keane highlighted that the Department for Health do not lend any financial support to community transport services yet they were one of the biggest benefactors.

Ms Keane stated that as organisations they were looking at options on how to sustain the vital service, however the grim reality is that this service will cease on 31st August 2019 if further funding cannot be sourced. She further highlighted that expectation had been created with members of both organisations who have used this service over the last 3 years and whilst they had been advised it was for a limited period only the expectation that Out and About and CDM would sort them out is still be there. Ms Keane feared that disappointment may have a detrimental effect on good reputation which has provided both organisations with much support over the years from all sections of our local communities.

Ms Keane requested that Point 23.7 of the Draft Community Plan be carefully re-considered and revised to reflect the current situation. She stated that as current providers of urban and rural door to door transport services to members throughout the entire Council area they were fully aware of the issues at local level and want to ensure that the provision of transport going forward gets the full attention that it requires as it cuts across all stands of what the community plan is trying to achieve.

In conclusion, Ms Keane asked if Council would approach the Department for Health if for no other reason than to warn of the implications of the loss of this service right across the Northern zone, highlighting as an example that Syrian families based in Magherafelt use the service to attend hospital appointments and the impact it may have on potential missed appointments. She stated that both herself and Ms Scullion would meet with Council officials anytime to discuss these matters in more detail and thanked the Chair for their opportunity to present.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee thanked the representatives for their presentation and invited Members questions.

Councillor Milne stated that the services provided through community transport were excellent and stated that the Department for Health did not realise the debt they owed the service and suggested that a delegation should approach the Department for funding.

In response to Councillor McAleer’s question Ms Keane advised that the SIF programme covered only the Northern Zone of which the Clogher Valley was not part.

Councillor McAleer stressed the importance of the service not just to the users but also to volunteers who felt valued in using this outlet to contribute to their local community

Councillor Burton stated that as a Council representative on CDM Community Transport Ltd she would commend their work, especially those who volunteered. She stated that as a representative of a rural community she could not stress enough the importance of the service especially for the elderly and vulnerable and highlighted that not everyone was fit to be out for 8am for a bus. Councillor Burton stressed that it always seemed somewhat unfair that one end of the district qualified for SIF whilst the other didn't, she stated that even though the SIF programme may be coming to an end Council needed to support this essential service for all of the District.

Councillor Molloy entered the meeting at 7.21 pm

Councillor McFlynn commended the volunteers and said she was staggered by figures of use which highlighted that rural areas really depend on the service which provided either bus or in some cases car services and asked how the new legislation for drivers was impacting the service.

In response Ms Keane stated that the law was the same but the guidance changed and thus they had to ensure all drivers had CPC training, and licences met requirements. She advised her organisation had lost four drivers who had long standing service and thus they had to hire additional drivers, highlighting that one of the volunteers who had left had been there from day one and had given over 20 years voluntary service. Ms Keane also advised that they were still unsure of what way the situation would be going forward as they may be forced down operator licence route but for now the waters were calm!

Councillor McFlynn highlighted the work of Agewell also and stated that Council should lend their support.

The Director of Business and Communities stated that it was clear that the sentiment of Members was to help and that within the community plan health thematic group the relevant statutory agencies/organisations could be brought around the table.

Resolved: That it be recommended to the Council that officers through the Community Plan Health Thematic Working Group meet relevant organisations/statutory agencies to discuss way forward for provision of Community Transport.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee thanked the representatives of both organisations and stated that Council would do all it could to assist, he highlighted also the work of Shopmobility and emphasised that the Department of Health needed to be made aware of the value of the organisations and that they needed to financially support them.

Ms Keane and Ms Scullion left the meeting at 7.25pm

Matters for Decision

D052/19 Economic Development Report

The Head of Economic Development presented previously circulated report which provided an update on the following –

- **Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM) - Membership Renewal**

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the renewal of ATCM membership for a fee of £495 (+Vat) for the period of January to December 2019.

- **Mid Ulster Regeneration Action Plan (2019/20)**

The Head of Economic Development drew attention to the proposed list of event dates and stated that there would be some changes to this and that the finalised list would be brought to committee in April.

Councillor Doris drew attention to events scheduled for Halloween highlighting that Coalisland was allocated £8k and Dungannon were receiving double the amount and stressed that the events in Coalisland combat a lot of antisocial behaviour at that time of year and thus Coalisland would need more funding. She further highlighted that in June time it was proposed to allocate £7k to an event in Coalisland yet Maghera were receiving £15k and again stressed allocations should be reconsidered.

In response the Head of Economic Development stated she would review figures but budgets were tight.

In response to Councillor Burton's question the Head of Economic Development stated that the focus of the Regeneration Action Plan each year is to regenerate the five town centres through a range on initiatives and support the villages through the Village Renewal Programme with assistance of Rural Development/LAG and council funding. Additional support to both towns and villages is proposed again in 2019/20 within the Regeneration Pan with regard to a new Town and Village Spruce Up Scheme.

Councillor Burton said that some grants are not on the rolling programme and villages sometimes miss out.

The Head of Economic Development reiterated the scope of the proposed regeneration activities and stated that unless additional funding is received she is unable to extend the current range of initiatives any further.

The Chair, Councillor McNamee stated that it was understood that Council had to work within the budget but that he could understand Councillor Doris' concerns.

Councillor Burton stated that Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce were doing an excellent job and positioned on the periphery of the District they should be encouraged.

Proposed by Councillor McAleer
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the projects and indicative costings contained within the Mid Ulster Regeneration Action Plan for the financial year 2019/20. A further paper will be presented to the next meeting, detailing the final dates of corporate events in 2019/20.

- **Mid Ulster Town and Village Spruce Up Scheme**

Councillor Clarke stated that Dunnamore village should be included within the village settlements listed in Section 3.3 of the report relating to the Town and Village Spruce Up Scheme.

In response, the Head of Economic Development advised that the list of proposed villages to include in the Town and Village Spruce Up Scheme were based on the draft Local Development Plan (2030) under the Mid Ulster Settlement Hierarchy. She urged caution on changing the specific criteria proposed, which matches the Local Development Plan (2030) with the exception of Moygashel, indicating it may open the floodgates to requests from other village settlements from across Mid Ulster.

Councillor Clarke acknowledged that it may have been an oversight in the draft Local Development Plan (2030) that Dunnamore was not included on the list of Village Settlements. Councillor Clarke indicated he would raise the matter with Council's Planning Team through the Local Development Plan consultation process.

Councillor Molloy highlighted the expense of the chartered architects within the project and stated that it was a pity to see so much of the funding package used in this way.

In response the Head of Economic Development stated that the estimated budget detailed in the report for the employment of a chartered architect related to a period of up to 3 years. She added if this funding was broken down over 3 years, it would equate to approximately £16,000 per annum, dependent upon the number of eligible applications received. The Head of Economic Development advised she believed this to be good value for money for the professional and independent services received. It was noted that applications would open in the autumn following the procurement process and that recommendations would be brought through the Committee.

Councillor Burton asked if the scheme was similar to the signage programme delivered in the past and asked if it would be applicable to derelict homes as sometimes they are the real blight to regeneration partnerships.

In response the Head of Economic Development stated that the scheme was similar to that delivered previously with a few small tweaks made to it. She highlighted that the scheme would fund eligible works to the front of business properties and internal works in areas accessible to the public. She advised it is proposed to offer grant aid of up to 75% per property for eligible works, capped at £5,000 per property.

Councillor Milne asked how many times in a year Council employed architects and given the costs reflected in the report suggested that Council should perhaps employ its own architect.

The Head of Economic Development stated she did not have the figures to hand regarding the number of times Council Departments had employed chartered architects within the last year, but stressed the importance within this scheme of using 'independent' chartered architects as this ensures a degree of 'independence' is brought to the project between Council and the chartered architect.

Councillor Doris left the meeting at 7.38 pm

Councillor Milne acknowledged the use of architects in this instant but stated that it was a suggestion to investigate whether it would be more economical to employ.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve

(i) The procurement by way of Council's public tender process, a Chartered Architect to independently oversee a Mid Ulster Town and Village Spruce Up Scheme for a two/three year period, at an indicative cost of £50,000 from Council's economic development budget; and

(ii) To Deliver Mid Ulster Town and Village Spruce Up Scheme over a period of two/three years to the towns and villages as outlined within Section 3.3 of the above report, with estimated year 1 costs of £120,000 from Council's economic development budget.

- **Coalisland Great Places Project.**

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approval of Lough Neagh Partnership's request to amend Council's profiled funding towards the Coalisland Great Places Project as set out below, with no overall impact on value of funding previously agreed by Council of £30,000;

- Year 1 £10,000,
- Year 2 £11,000
- Year 3 £9,000

- **Public Art - Maghera Walkway Project**

  Proposed by Councillor Milne
  Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the request from Maghera Cross Community Link to place the Public Art at a suitable location on the refurbished walkway in Maghera and take on the maintenance and insurance costs once installed.

Councillor Doris returned to the meeting at 7.40pm

D53/19 Community Development Report

The Head of Community Development presented previously circulated report which sought approval for the following –

- **Community Grants Rolling Programme**

  Proposed by Councillor Molloy
  Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the grant award recommendations under the Community Local Festivals Grant and Good Relations Grant as per Appendix 1 of the report

- **Peace IV Cross Border Literary Project**

  Proposed by Councillor McAleer
  Seconded by Councillor Milne and

  Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to accept the quotation at £22,074 for management and delivery of the Peace IV Cross Border project; pending final agreement with funder SEUPB.

- **Community Development Update Report**

  Proposed by Councillor Milne
  Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to note the community development update report.

- **Community Events on Council Land**

  Proposed by Councillor Milne
  Seconded by Councillor McAleer and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve community engagement and support for the implementation of Council proposed policy 'Community Events on Council Land'.

D54/19 Draft response to Arts Council of Northern Ireland Public Consultation on Strategic Framework 2019-2024

The Head of Culture and Arts drew Members attention to the previously circulated report seeking approval for the draft response to the Draft 5 year strategic Framework on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council and to submit the approved response to the Arts Council of Northern Ireland by the closing date of 4pm on Friday 22 March 2019.

Councillor Elattar congratulated the team on compilation of the response and welcomed the inclusion of rural arts projects.

Proposed by Councillor Elattar
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approval for the draft response to the Draft 5 year strategic Framework on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council and to submit the approved response to the Arts Council of Northern Ireland by the closing date of 4pm on Friday 22 March 2019.

D55/19 Sperrin Future Search Update

The Head of Tourism drew Members attention to the previously circulated report providing an update on Sperrin Future Search and seeking nominations to appoint two Elected Members to sit on the Sperrin Future Search Board.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Milne and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to nominate two elected members to represent their council area on the Sperrin Future Search Board. Nominations to be made at Annual General Meeting of Council in May.

D56/19 Scoping Studies: Davagh to Beaghmore Solar Walk & Fivemiletown Road Lake Activity Centre Projects

The Head of Tourism drew Members attention to the previously circulated report providing an update on the requirement to commission Scoping Studies to be undertaken for:

- Davagh Forest to Beaghmoe Stone Circles Solar Boardwalk and
- Fivemiletown Road Lake Activity Centre Scoping Study.

The Head of Tourism emphasised that this a scoping study at this stage and that all procurement was due to be submitted by 31 July and advised that Council had asked for an extension to that date as it was almost an impossible task to complete in the timeframe. He drew Members attention to the fact there was much available accommodation on the door step of Round Lake and stated that it would be hoped that the pavilion would get a major face lift within the project together with a water ski tow path and glamping pods.

Councillor Cuddy asked if £20k would make that much of a difference.

In response the Head of Business and Communities reiterated that the scoping study was the first step collating the facts and figures following which a substantive application would be completed.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve

(i) signing of Letters of Offer for commissioning of Scoping Studies for Davagh Forest to Beaghmore Solar Walk and Fivemiletown Round Lake Activity Centre; and
(ii) 25% match-funding requirement for scoping Studies, to be meet from within existing Tourism and Parks and to fund an economic appraisal, if required.

D57/19 Parks Service Events Programme 2019-20

The Head of Parks Service drew attention to the previously circulated report seeking approval for the delivery of the schedule of events for 2019/20 Parks Service Events Programme as presented at a cost of £52,000.

Proposed by Councillor Milne
Seconded by Councillor Cuddy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the delivery of the schedule of events for 2019/20 Parks Service Events Programme as presented at a cost of £52,000.

D58/19 Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Service Level Agreements 2019/20

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report seeking approval for the proposed Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Service Level agreements as outlined in the report for the 2019/20 financial year only.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question the Head of Parks confirmed that there was no changes to the Service Level Agreements from last year.

Proposed by Councillor Cuddy
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve proposed Leisure and Outdoor Recreation service level agreements as outlined in the report for the 2019/20 financial year only.

D59/19 Path and Angling Stands at Glenone and Newferry

The Head of Parks drew attention to the previously circulated report seeking approval of allocation of capital budget resources in relation to the development of public path access and extension of public angling amenity at Glenone to Newferry.

Proposed by Councillor Elattar
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to

(i) Note the level of external funding secured to date and the strategic importance of continued public access and angling developments on the River Bann in conjunction with MUDC's objective to establish a continuous trail link from Portglenone to Newferry;
(ii) Recommend to Policy and Resources Committee that approval is sought for the allocation of £315,883 funding from 2019-20 Council Capital Programme Fund. The figure does not include 10% contingency or professional fees);
(iii) Approve to establish all necessary landowner lease agreements in relation to the council's objective to link Glenone to Newferry;
(iv) Approve to seek all necessary valuations and to engage LPS on all further landowner lease agreement valuations associated to the Glenone to Newferry development plan;
(v) Approve to engage, tender and procure the necessary ICT and capital works contractors, were necessary, in order to deliver the project as proposed.

D60/19 Provision of Leisure Uniforms

The Acting Head of Leisure drew attention to the previously circulated report seeking approval regarding of provision of leisure staff uniforms within Mid Ulster District Council.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor McEldowney and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council to approve the commencement of a procurement process for the provision of leisure uniforms. The contract should be awarded for an initial 2 year period, with the option to extend at Councils discretion for two one year periods.

D61/19 Sports Representative Grants

Attention was drawn to the previously circulated report regarding proposed community grant allocations for the rage of sports representative grant to teams and individuals.

Proposed by Councillor Doris
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to the Council that Sports Grant Allocations as outlined in the appendix to the report be approved.

In response to Councillor Cuddy's question in relation to the allocation of funding for advice services the Head of Community Development advised that Citizens Advice finish their contract on 31 March 2019 and STEP commence theirs on the 1 April 2019. It was noted that a full check regarding outreach, staff, training etc is included in the terms of the agreement and Council would be carrying out appropriate checks. It was further noted that Council promote the new location and that during the last week in March the public will be made aware of the transfer of services.

Councillor Cuddy sought clarity in relation to information and in response the Head of Community Development stated that both the current and future providers would ensure issues are addressed.

Councillor Cuddy referred to the meeting in February regarding health services and emphasised that Council needed to continue lobbying for a health hub. He highlighted the practices throughout Dungannon town and stated that space should be lobbied for provision of a health hub.

In response to Councillor Elattar's question regarding Village Renewal Scheme the Head of Community Development stated that in relation to Ballinascreen the design team recommendation had been brought to Policy and Resources committee for approval and it was hoped to be resolved by Council at March meeting.

Matters for Information

D062/19 Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 February 2019

Members noted minutes of Development Committee held on 14 February 2019.

D63/19 Mid Ulster Rural Development Partnership – Update on Local Rural Development Strategy

Members noted the report that detailed progress to date with delivery of the LAG Local Rural Development Strategy.

In response to Councillor Burton's question regarding the 'yellow frames project' the Head of Economic Development advised that it was listed as a 'potential project' but highlighted that not all Local Action Groups (LAGs) had signed up to be part of the scheme, which therefore, placed a greater funding onus on the remaining areas, and as such the scheme may not present a viable financial proposition, however, this matter would be considered by the Mid Ulster LAG at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor Molloy stated that he had seen publicity in relation to ABC Councils stance on the idea advising it had been thought it would spoil beauty spots and thus was a non-runner.

D64/10 End of Year Tourism Report 2018/19

Members noted the previously circulated End of Year Tourism Report 2018/19.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor McFlynn 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 D042/19 and D047/19.

Matters for Decision

D065/19	Tender Report for the Appointment of a Contractor to deliver the Mid Ulster Tender Ready Programme
D66/19	Community Development Grant Appeal
D67/19	Breakthru - Update
D68/19	Award of Tender for catering services at Hill of the O'Neill & Ranfuly House
D69/19	Cookstown Town Twinning – Moto Club de Plerin Visit 4-7 May 2019
D70/19	Growth and City Deals

Matters for Information

D069/19	Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on 14 February 2019

D073/19 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 8.36 pm

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

Report on	Corporate Events 2019
Date of Meeting	3 April 2019
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Sharon Arbuthnot

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

1.0	**Purpose of Report**
1.1	To provide information on the corporate events programme in 2019.
2.0 2.1	**Background** Events can have both direct and indirect impacts on our local community. The social benefits are less visible, but they are just as important. Events raise community pride, teach people new experiences, strengthen relationships and bring communities together. Events can also attract visitors to Mid Ulster; the economic benefits of events are easier to measure and most often attract visitors, which stimulates the growth of tourism and other businesses in our town centres and villages.

	Understanding the thematic nature of our events programme is important, as it enables us to identity the objectives of the events we deliver. Objectives include: - Increasing visitor length of stay in district - Increasing the visitor expenditure in the district boosting the local economy - Profiling the Mid Ulster Area - Increasing the civic pride - Bringing communities together
3.0	**Main Report**
3.1	Although events may vary, the planning process, considerations and management issues are similar. We aspire to be at the heart of our community, our aim is to: • Consistently strive to exceed the expectation of our customers by knowing what to do, how to do it, when to do and why we do it. • Delivering quality driven events, making the best use of the resources we have. • Working together to achieve the best results possible with a team focussed approached. • Design and deliver customer focussed events, in response to and around the needs of our customers within our resources.
3.2	Throughout 2018 the Council's events team have been involved in the planning and delivery of the corporate events programme, either directly or in a supporting role to other departments. Without the instrumental support of other departments it would have been impossible to provide the high standard of events delivered. It was evident that the various interdepartmental teams take pride when involved with corporate events.
3.3	Each year our aim is to develop and enhance our processes to make the events planning and delivery more efficient. Last year saw the following enhancements: 1. Coordination within the interdepartmental working teams. 2. Coordinated approach with our Marketing and Communication delivery. 3. Coordinated approach with our Health & Safety. 4. Development of timelines which enhanced Efficiency.
3.4	Some changes occurred last year due to the implementation of new legislation. These included: <u>Road Closures</u> New legislation relating to the holding of events on public roads, namely *The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010* which amended the *Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997* was implemented last year. Three Special Events on the Road Closure orders were obtained last year, two in Cookstown and one in Magherafelt. Initially we were unsure how this would impact our corporate events. However, feedback from last year's events suggests the Road Closure, in particular employing the traffic management company has improved the efficiency of the event set-up. <u>GDPR</u> The Cookstown Continental Market was our first strategic event to take place under the

3.5	new GDPR Regulation which was introduced on the 25 May 2018. This initially caused some concern, however, while the new regulations meant we had to be more vigilant about what we put on social media – staff ensured consent forms were signed which worked really well and didn't disrupt the social coverage of the event at all. Our event programme exceeded the 5% increase of attendance figures over the last two years. It is worth noting due to our Fire Risk Assessments, most of our events are at capacity. Our aim going forward is to retain our current audience figures to ensure full capacity.
4.0	**Other Considerations**
4.1	**Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications**
	Financial: Delivered within departmental budget allocation.
	Human: Delivered within Council
	Risk Management:
4.2	**Screening & Impact Assessments**
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
5.0	**Recommendation(s)**
5.1	For information.
6.0	**Documents Attached & References**
6.1	Appendix one - Corporate Events List 2019

2: Programme of Corporate Events 2019

	Date of Event	Name of Event	Location
01.	Saturday 01 & Sunday 02 June	Continental Market	Cookstown
02.	Friday 21 & Saturday 22 June	Tafelta Festival	Magherafelt
03.	June TBC	Coalisland Summer Bash	Coalisland
04.	Friday 16 - Saturday 17 August	Lumarina	Ballyronan Marina
05.	Saturday 24 August	Walled Garden Event	Maghera
06.	Saturday 26 October	MUSA Halloween	MUSA
07.	Tuesday 29 October (TBC)	Dungannon Halloween	Hill of The O'Neill
08.	Thursday 31 October	Maghera Fireworks	Maghera
09.	Thursday 31 October	Maghera Halloween Hooley	Maghera Leisure Centre
10.	Thursday 31 October	Coalisland Halloween	Coalisland
11.	Friday 22 November	Cookstown Switch On	Cookstown
12.	Saturday 23 November	Dungannon Christmas Switch On	Dungannon
13.	Saturday 23 – Sunday 24 November	Dungannon Magical Kingdom	Hill of The O'Neill
14.	Saturday 23 November	Magherafelt Switch On	Magherafelt
15.	Saturday 23 – Sunday 24 November	Magherafelt Christmas Market	Magherafelt
16.	Saturday 30 November	Maghera Christmas Lights Switch On	Maghera
17.	Sunday 01 December	Coalisland Christmas Lights	Coalisland

- Please note: These dates may change subject to programming.

Report on	Mid Ulster District Tourism Development Group
Reporting Officer	Michael Browne
Contact Officer	Allison O'Keefe

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

1.0	**Purpose of Report**
1.1	To present Minutes of Tourism Development Group meeting held on 9 January 2019 and ratified at Tourism Development meeting held on 12 March 2019.
2.0	**Background**
2.1	Tourism Development Group (TDG) was established to create a working forum between Council and private sector businesses. The TDG will assist with policy development and support the implementation of Council's Tourism Strategy and associated work in order to create economic growth, increase visitor numbers and create employment. The group meet on a bi-monthly basis and as per the agreed Terms of Reference all business will be reported to Council through the Development Committee.
3.0	**Main Report**
3.1	The ratified minutes of the most recent meeting of the Tourism Development Group dated 9 January 2019 are attached as Appendix 1.
4.0	**Other Considerations**
4.1	**<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>** Financial: NA Human: NA
4.2	**<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>** NA
4.3	**<u>Risk Management Implications</u>** NA

5.0	**Recommendation(s)**
5.1	NA
6.0	**Documents Attached & References**
	Appendix A – Minutes of Tourism Development Group Meeting dated 9 January 2019.

MID ULSTER TOURISM DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 10.00am in Council Offices, Magherafelt

Attendees:
Chair N Bell - Lissan House
Cllr M Kearney – MUDC
R Mullholland – Ballyscullion Park
M McGeehan – J&K Coaches
A M McFerron – Old Thatch Inn
C O'Neill – Walsh's Hotel
S Wiggins – South West College
G Mullholland - South West College
C McGrath – Northern Regional College
B Murphy – Tourism NI
E Gallogly – RDP
G Neville – LAG
E Kearney – LNP Tours

Officers:
M Browne – Head of Tourism
M McKeown – Tourism Manager
M McGee - Business Engagement
G Bell – Tourism Officer
C Bell- Tourism Officer
S Arbuthnot – Events Officer
M Beattie – Tourism
A O'Keefe – Business Support

Apologies:
Cllr F Burton – MUDC
G Major – Tourist Information Supervisor

Meeting commenced 10.05am. Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2019

1. **Yellow Frames Report – M Browne**
M Browne introduced E Gillogly, RDP, and requested a briefing on the LAG Co-Operative Project. E Gillogly stated that the project, intended to collaborate all 10 LAG's, sought to take the Yellow Frame concept from National Geographic to iconic sites throughout the north. He added that both DAERA and National Geographic have come on board to identify and brand sites throughout N Ireland. Mid Ulster seek to put forward up to 6 possible locations. E Gillogly to forward outline proposals. Eamon gave a brief outline of the criteria required for consideration of a Yellow Frame on site; Council must make an application through the LAG and sites must be Council owned to avoid planning and development issues.

M Browne discussed potential sites within Mid Ulster rural locations as part of RDP. It was noted that the Mid Ulster sites will be integrated into a wider trail of 50/60 sites around the north.

- Knockmany
- Lough Neagh Ballyronan
- Davagh Forest Dark Sky
- Church Island
- Slieve Gallion carpark

E Gillogly stated that LAGS visited similar projects in Estonia and Scandinavia who have successfully opened sites to a world-wide audience. He informed that a Letter of Offer should be received by September 2019 with frames put in place early 2020. G Neville added that interpretation panels will be included with each frame allowing local buy-in to the history and stories each site has to tell.

M McGeehan raised that it will be vital that sites are located near arterial routes that are accessible and added from a transport prospective he could look at Yellow Frame Tours. M Browne invited Mark to discuss with other LAGs.

Chair thanked E Gillogly and G Neville for attending. They left the meeting at 10.26am.

2. Lough Neagh Partnership – E Kearney

Members welcomed E Kearney, LNP, to present Lough Neagh Tours. She informed that while LNP work with the 5 councils surrounding the Lough, Mid Ulster feature in a number of tours and therefore felt it was vital to build possible collaborations, which include attending large trade/consumer shows with Council and building relationships with tour operators.

Tours featuring Mid Ulster were:

- Food & Drink Tour
- Wildnerness Tour (potentially Lough Beg)
- Seamus Heaney & Landscaped Tour (2019)
- Thatches of Lough Neagh
- Lough Neagh Peat Tours

Eimear discussed how tours are tailored to requests by tour operators and further ideas are to be investigated. She welcomed the opportunity to work with tourism businesses and was open to offering advice on planning itineraries.

M Browne raised Lough Neagh's recent high profile media channels featuring Lough Neagh; The Getaways Programme, The Great British Railways Programme and True North –Community Rescue Service. In response to a query E Kearney noted that itineraries are subject to tour operators requirements and she has been working actively to sell to the American market.

E Kearney left the meeting at 10.45am

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 20 November 2018

Having been circulated in advance, the minutes were adopted.

Proposed: Cllr Kearney **Seconded: A M McFerran**

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Cluster Reports

In addition to Cluster Reports circulated in advance of the meeting:

5.1 Seamus Heaney Cluster

Business Engagement Officer reported that the cluster are currently preparing an application to Invest NI Phase 2 Collaborative Growth funding of up to £170,000 over a 3 year period. M Browne commended the Cluster in working collaboratively to change their business. He added that the other clusters are learning from the group and look at it as a best practice example.

Cllr Kearney left the meeting at 10.55am. B Murphy arrived at the meeting 10.55am.

5.2 Archaeology, History & Heritage Cluster
Tourism Manager asked members to note in their diaries Mid Ulster's 'Great Days Out 'Fair, to take place 28 March. Due to GDPR she asked that TNI share the information with their database of groups to assist.

5.3 Outdoor Activities/Events
Events Officer informed that over 40,000 visitor attended Council's 5 strategic events. Following recent roads closure legislation for events she stated that feedback from the public was positive and took pressure from Council staff setting up at events. M Browne added that the legislation has reduced costs to council and premises such as Lissan House are seeing increasing requests from smaller community organisations to hold events on their grounds which will provide opportunities.

An application has been submitted to Tourism NI's National Tourism Events Sponsorship Scheme for up to £30,000 funding towards the Outdoor Weekend. To apply events must demonstrate visitor numbers greater than 1,000, £50,000 minimum income and £50,000 minimum expenditure. Closing date for applications is 12 January 2019.

5.4 Hoteliers Cluster
C Bell reported that SWC have agreed to deliver an IT mentor programme to the value of £10,000. Tourism are now able to reallocate the budget to deliver a hospitality/hoteliers mentor programme.

6. District Wide Monitoring Results
Tourism Manager informed that due to holidays the figures will be available at next meeting as collated at beginning of each month**.** She went through Visitor Information Stats Jan – Dec 2018, circulated at the meeting.

7. Mid Ulster District Council Tourism Strategy Review
M Browne stated that the Tourism Strategy was launched 2 years ago this March and as an organic document that allows for growth and change he advised that a full review will take place. He noted that he was satisfied with the thematic groups and sought to continue with the strategy being industry led, adding that the TDG and clusters have proved successful. He stated that the review would look at experiential and digital elements and carried out as a desktop review whilst consultation group, clusters, council and public by the end of March.

Discussion took place as to low figures published by NISRA, M Browne responded that tourism officers met NISRA and found significant deficiencies in data collection. He stated that tourism are working with TNI on a more robust method. B Murphy spoke of a pilot study taking place in Causeway. She added that 2018 saw bed spaces increase to 268 in Mid Ulster with 18 new self-catering and 3 new B&B's properties.

8. Tourism NI Update
8.1 TNI Classification
B Murphy asked encouraged members to partake in the grading classification process. She informed that two Mid Ulster properties excelled in 2018 Tourism NI Awards with Spice Cottages winning NI's Best Stay – Self Catering and Blessingbourne Highly Commended in the same category. Both properties are 5 star rated.

8.2 Golf Open
B Murphy informed that the upcoming Golf Open is spreading throughout N Ireland. She advised accommodation providers not to over-price rooms or exceed expectations of visitors, and to be aware that visitors are on holiday and therefore offer different experiences, tourist information etc.

8.3 Marketing Campaigns
Members were informed that N I Hotel's Federation are recruiting attractions and accommodation providers, on behalf of TNI, to participate in their Say Hello to More marketing campaign, involving TV, radio, press and targeting ROI and domestic visitors. M McGee advised that though Hotelier cluster were not prepared to participate in this campaign they can still upload offers and offer added value rather than cutting prices.

8.4 Meet the Buyer (MTB)
B Murphy announced that 176 tour operators have registered to attend MTB in April and invites have been sent to participating businesses to attend a training workshop on 5 February. She advised members to register on TNI.com/Events for a full listing of events, workshops and programmes organised by TNI.

8.5 Research
In response to a query, B Murphy replied that TNI are working hard to build a business case for Capital Projects funding to be made available again. She said that TNI have looked at potential visitor experiences or destinations to test across consumers in the main markets. TNI will ask consumers to look at 3 key concepts to understand what will work more successfully. The evidence from this research will be provided to organisations, to build a strong positive concept to meet strong market appeal. M McKeown asked that TNI share the results of the research when available.

9. Industry Update
9.1 South West College (SWC)
G Mullholland, SWC, informed that she is working with Michelle McCleary, Springboard, on new ideas to recruit apprenticeships, attract new markets and work with other colleges. She discussed Bridge to Employment in Mid Ulster which has proven more successful in other sectors. It is hope to run with 3 recruitment events across SWC sites in March and look to target schools not offering A-Levels. She was advised that information was sent to Holy Trinity, responding that schools need to encourage pupils by releasing them to attend such events.

9.2 Northern Regional College (NRC)
C McGrath, NRC, reported that students are participating in training to volunteer at the Golf Open event. The skills will be invaluable to further employment opportunities.

- *Jungle NI* – Spoke of the success of Fright Night with a larger number of international visitors having attended. Recruited a marketing company. Applying for Events funding, increase number of open days, events and streamline with Fright Night, co-ordinate a competition with local hoteliers.

- *The Old Thatch Inn* – A M McFerran reported positive feedback from tour operators and has forwarded packages to a number following meetings at trade shows. She

received a booking from a German tour operator she met through Meet the Buyer who brought a group of 16 and now looks to target the German market. She discussed difficulties in running her business due to ongoing road closures.

- *J&K Coaches* – M McGeehan reported continued growth for the 3rd year running with their 2019 target already achieved. He stated there has been apprehension over Brexit with some tour operators showing reluctance in booking and changes to zones within London to reduce emissions, however, added that the company has been investing and preparing for such changes.

- *Walsh's* – C O'Neill reported a successful Christmas period. She added that they had bookings from 35 Chinese and American groups, as well as tour groups, student groups and open bookings.

- *Ballyscullion Park* – R Mullholland informed that Ballyscullion welcomed an American group through CIE tours looking for a Downtown Abbey type experience. He added that Ballyscullion featured in Game of Thrones and they now are looking to develop the site to promote where filming took place. He also stated that Ballyscullion are working with Walsh's Hotel to combine events. He spoke of success at attending TNI Great Days Out fairs and looked forward to Mid Ulster's event. R Mullholland enquired as to the possibility of Bellaghy Bawn opening. M Browne responded that he has been in discussions with HED within Department for Communities and Council are keen to see the building reopened.

- *Lissan House* – Chair reported that events ran over Christmas were sold out. He informed that Lissan House are trying to locate a sketch of Oscar Wilde drawn by Sir Robert Ponsonby Staples ahead of an event taking place 14 February, stating this would be a significant find.

10. Any Other Business

The new edition Mid Ulster Visitor Guide has been circulated across NI and ROI. M McGee reminded members that spaces were still available on the Mid Ulster stand at Holiday World Shows, Belfast and Dublin.

Date of Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday 5 March 2019 at 10.00am Burnavon, Cookstown

Item 4 – Tourism Cluster Reports dated 9 January 2019

4.1 SEAMUS HEANEY – C BELL/M MCGEE

Seamus Heaney Collaborative Network, 12th December 2018, The Taphouse, Bellaghy

- Scope and identify the market customers, segments and opportunities for the Heaney proposition and how best the Cluster can target and maximise these through a clear roadmap with recommendations for action including required investment and resources.
- Discussion around study trips to Hay and Kinsale. Facilitators to scope out potential funding to subsidize the trip for the members.
- Mark Rodgers shared his journey over the past 3 years. Some key points to remember:
  - There are no competitors in a cluster group
  - There are different markets for us all to play in and we must tailor our offer to meet the desires of the market segment
  - Find compatible business to partner with who compliment your offer
  - Make sure to tell your story through TIL
  - Importance of value to your business – aiming for 30% margin
  - Live chat and book ability and an updated website have transformed his business in 2018
- Esther Dobbin spoke about the importance of community to service the opportunity. Some key points included:
  - The Giants Causeway visitor center is the gateway to wider destination, much like Seamus Heaney HomePlace.
  - Visitor numbers have exploded since 2012, last year 182k people took guided tours.
  - Importance of community and giving something back, there are clear comparisons between Bellaghy and Bushmills. Bushmills was a village dying on its feet and suffering from lack of investment.
  - Visitors from foreign lands do not see council boundaries or parochialism.
  - Challenges for Causeway is matching the visitor's expectations with the reality on visiting an over visited destination such as Carrick-A-Rede and Giants Causeway.
  - Biggest lesson is bringing the community along with you – better places for people to live = better places for people to visit.
  - Alone we can do little – together we can do so much

Actions

- Liesa and Maurica to put a proposal to TNI and TIL re proposed study trips and learning journeys.
- 8 members are planning to attend Meet the Buyer on 3 April and the group are now working on marketing collateral, pre-launch brand identity, budget?

Work In Progress

- Industry Opportunities through Tourism Ireland
- Cruise ship opportunity with operators such as Excursions Ireland and Intercruises
- Meet the Buyer, 3 April, Belfast with follow up fam trip on Tour Operators
- Armchair Fams proposed
- Hay Fam Visit proposed 5-6 Feb and Cork – 24-26 March
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4.2 ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY & HERITAGE CLUSTER – G BELL/M MCKEOWN

TNI Heritage Programme
M McKeown and G Bell met with Rosemarie McHugh, Rosemary Lightbody and Oliver McKeown, TourismNI on Monday 19 November to discuss potential one to one and group mentoring opportunities for the Heritage Group. The meeting was extremely positive with a willingness from TourismNI to support the group. G Bell has forwarded pre-engagement forms from 3 members within the heritage group to TourismNI. We are now awaiting a date for members and officers to meet with TourismNI.

Great Days Out Event
It has been suggested to organise a Great Days Out event, whereby we would look at the offering that we have within the Heritage group and pull out the winning themes. This event would be targeted at the domestic home market. Date and venue to be confirmed.

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 23rd January 2019.

4.3 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES & EVENTS – S ARBUTHNOT/G MAJOR

Momentum is gathering re Outdoor Weekend April 13 – 14 April 2019. MUDC Marketing Officer has joined the Cluster to help promote event and activities. MUDC MARCOM will publish the What's On Guide digitally – a reminder that the WOG is a monthly/weekly publication of what's on locally if any members have events/special offers/offers please forward details and images to Graeme Major as we look to further increase its value and reach. Overall objective of the weekend defined as positioning Mid Ulster as the elite outdoor hub within NI while increasing usage and spend within the Council area.

A separate meeting involving MUDC, Todds Leap and The Jungle NI has taken place and we await final offerings for the weekend. Council contribution still TBC, however, promoting the event is the Clusters main objective with local families confirmed as the target market. To date the Cluster has agreed to work in conjunction with Outdoor Recreation NI so that we can utilise their channels and expertise. We are currently exploring the following possibilities:

- Creating a Facebook and Instagram account for the weekend
- Send out details of the event in a similar manner to the Insider – to every household within district
- Promo video
- Application to Tourism Event Fund for up to £30k
- Voucher booklet that's redeemable throughout the year
- Teaming up with Hotelier Cluster and local accommodation provider re weekend packages
- Internal communication via the Hub

4.4 HOTELIERS – M MCGEE/C BELL

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Thursday 10 January in Corick House, Clogher. Janice Gault, CEO NI Hotels Federation, will speak at this meeting. We are also planning to run a hospitality mentor programme across the nine businesses.

Report on	International Women's Day 2019
Date of Meeting	Wednesday 3rd April 2019
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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 update members on activities delivered through Culture & Arts Services to mark International Women's Day 2019
2.0	**Background**
2.1	On the 8th March the world came together to support, raise awareness, inspire and motivate women as part of International Women's Day. The theme for 2019 was Balance for Better – Think equal, build smart, innovate for change. The purpose of the day was to focus on various themes such as innovation, the portrayal of women in the media and the importance of education and career opportunities.
3.0	**Main Report**
3.1	Celebrations took place at Ranfurly House Dungannon and the Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre Cookstown, for International Women's Day, on Friday 8th March.
3.2	<u>Ranfurly House Event</u> Master of Ceremonies for the evening was local woman, Carol Doey, who entertained a full house. The evening opened with the Deputy Chair, Councillor Francis Burton, welcoming the audience via video screen. The first half of the event consisted of local business women and advocates of mental health; Annette Kelly and Aisling Conway. **Annette Kelly (Carrickmore) – Little Penny Thoughts.** Compiler of Little Penny's Book of Thoughts. Annette is a Mind-set mentor/speaker and workshop facilitator. She is an advocate of mental health and creator of Little Penny Thoughts facebook page; a page with 322,000 followers. It is based on the premise of posting a quote every day to promote positivity and to provide inspiration **Aisling Conway (Kildress) – Heal Your Life with Aisling** Aisling shared her personal story with the audience and demonstrated the power of Louise Hays theories in her life. She reflected on the importance of self-love and

	demonstrated ways in which she uses her theories to support others through her classes' and one to one sessions to improve emotional wellbeing. **Nuala Mc Keever, Comedian and Journalist** inspired the audience sharing a personal account of her life, both the achievements and the challenges that she has faced and how she has overcome them. **Lynsey Hakin, Colour Me Beautiful Consultant,** was the final speaker who effectively demonstrated, with volunteers from the audience, the particular colours that people should wear based on their hair, eye and skin tone. The show came to a close with a stunning performance from The Ward Sisters from Loughmarcrory. The Wards Sisters are emerging country artists and welcomed the chance to showcase their talent on International Women's Day, prior to their sell out show at Ranfurly House at the end of March. The evening was extremely uplifting, with a huge injection of humour from both Carol Doey and Nuala McKeever. Positive feedback was received from those in attendance.
3.3	<u>Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre Event</u> **Balance for Better Talk** A special talk for Key Stage 3 & 4 students was held on the morning of the 8th March. The 3 speakers were key female leaders within their respective fields all working within the Mid Ulster area. The talks covered the themes of "Balance for Better" with each speaker sharing their own life experiences. **Art & Craft Workshops & Demonstrations** A series of art and craft workshops and demonstrations were available for local women to participate in. The workshops and demonstrations celebrated local female artists and the creative industries that they work within, including Willow Weaving, Textile Art, Pastel Painting, Jewellery Making and Flower Arranging. **Art Exhibition** In celebration of International Women's Day, the Burnavon's March (1st – 31st) exhibition showcases the work of female artists from the Collection of The Arts Council of Northern Ireland. The exhibition features a range of artworks from emerging and established female artists and includes photography, painting, printmaking and drawing. Collectively, the exhibition brings together artworks which tell the stories of women from different cultures, life experiences and times.
4.0	**Other Considerations**
4.1	**Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications**
	Financial: Within Arts & Culture Programme Budget
	Human: Staff support

	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	**Screening & Impact Assessments**
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Equality and Good relations is considered as part of the programming of activities at both venues.
	Rural Needs Implications: Rural needs are considered as part of the planned activity at both venues
5.0	**Recommendation(s)**
5.1	Members are asked to note activities delivered at both Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre, Dungannon and The Burnavon Theatre to celebrate International Womens Day 2019.
6.0	**Documents Attached & References**
6.1	None