

<b>Report on</b>	Development Report
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Claire Linney, Assistant Director of Development
<b>Contact Officers</b>	Philip Clarke – Neighbourhood Development Manager, Oliver Morgan – Diversity & Integration Manager, Michael McCrory - PCSP Manager, Catherine Fox Arts Development Manager, Brian McCormick Seamus Heaney Homeplace Manager

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<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to update members and seek approval for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Development/Community Planning- letter of offer support for the proposed Magherafelt Health Village</li> <li>• VPRS Storage Scheme Support</li> <li>• Development Update</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	<p><b>Strategic Development/Community Planning- letter of offer support for the proposed Magherafelt Health Village</b></p> <p>On Monday, 26 June 2023, Members received a presentation from Dr Laurence Diamond on a proposal to develop the Magherafelt Health Village, a 50,000sq ft. primary care centre incorporating three local GP practices, accommodation for Trust services and other health professionals, an 80 bed care home and a number of supported housing units. Members who attended Dr Diamond's presentation were unanimously supportive of the proposal, which aims to secure primary care in the area for future generations and meets the extremely high demand for care home and supported housing provision in the area. During his conversation with Members, Dr Diamond requested that Council endorse the proposal to develop the Magherafelt Health Village and send a Letter of Support, which includes a request to discharge the land needed for the Health Village, to the Department of Health Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG). A copy of Dr Diamond's PowerPoint Briefing is available to any interested Member upon request (via Celene O'Neill).</p> <p>It is proposed that a Letter of Support be submitted to the Department of Health, whilst considering current proposals for GP Health Hubs in other parts of the District.</p>

## 2.2 **VPRS storage scheme**

The VPRS is a scheme to support Syrian Refugees in Northern Ireland. Donations of food, household items etc. are stored at the central 'Storehouse' at North Down. The Storehouse North Down collects, holds, sorts and distributes the donations received, and in partnership with their sister charity Kiltonga Christian Centre provide volunteers and resources towards the refugees' needs.

Support from Council (and other Councils) is requested towards the logistical operation of the store house and distribution of essential items to assist the Syrian Refugee Resettlement scheme (led by DFC). The amount requested is £400. Council annually contributes to the VPRS storage scheme from Good Relations.

## 2.3 **Development Update**

### Community Development

Council officers are continuing to support groups as required. A new capacity building programme for groups is being developed.

### Strategic Development

The development of the Community Wealth Building Test and Learn pilots is ongoing. The engagement on social housing for Mid Ulster is continuing, alongside the poverty plan.

### Good Relations & Peace

The Good Relations Plan 2023 – 2024 continues to be delivered; including- the schools post primary engagement project is due to commence with all schools, and diversity programmes in primary schools.

### PCSP

No minutes.

### Burnavon Arts Centre

The refurbishment of the Burnavon is just complete. The new Autumn programme commences now in September. Some of the upcoming events include:

- Strictly For the Birds by Sam Cree (comedy play). Sat 2 September
- Tommy Fleming in Concert. Sat 23 September
- Adventures on Old Mac Donald's Farm (interactive show for children) Sat 30 September.

### Seamus Heaney Homeplace

The Seamus Heaney Homeplace is recognising the 10 year Anniversary of the poet with a weekend long range of events and performances, all of which have are sold out, with a large number of exhibition tours also confirmed.

	<p><u>Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House</u></p> <p>As part of the new delivery a range of events are being planned and delivered at Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House, these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dungannon Comedy Festival Sat 2 September</li> <li>• Explore the Battle of the Yellow Ford. Guided tour with Education Officer &amp; Dr Antaine Ó Donnaile. Sat 16 September</li> </ul>
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	<p>Financial:</p> <p>VPRS Syrian Refugee Support Storage Scheme (Kiltonga Christian Centre) £400</p>
	<p>Human:</p> <p>NA</p>
	<p>Risk Management:</p> <p>NA</p>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	<p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>NA</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>NA</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	<p>Members are recommended to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Approve the issuing of a Council letter of support for the Magherafelt Health Village.</li> <li>(ii) Approve the contribution to the VPRS Storage Scheme.</li> <li>(iii) Note the Development Update.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>