

Report on	Lough Neagh Partnership HLF Landscape Programme
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on progress to date.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Lough Neagh Partnership secured a Heritage Lottery funded Landscape Partnership project worth £3.5 million which involves delivery of 27 capital and revenue projects over the period 2016 to 2021 through a collaborative working partnership between Councils, statutory agencies and community organisations/NGO's.</p> <p>The £99,059 match conditional funding secured from Mid Ulster District Council has contributed to the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership Programme, specifically the delivery of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ardboe Walk and Development of Car Park b. Archaeology Project Goals 1, 2 and 3 c. Lough Heritage Signage <p>In Year 2 of the project, Mid Ulster District Council agreed to contribute £27,534 towards costs.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Progress report on activities to date as of 31 January 2018
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>
	Financial: N/A
	Human: N/A
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>
	<u>N/A</u>

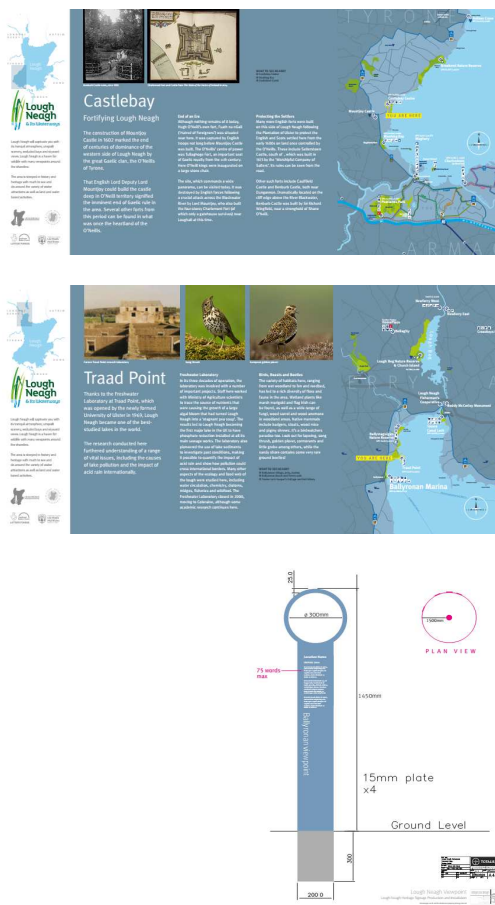
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	N/A
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 – Lough Neagh Partnership HLF Landscape Partnership Programme

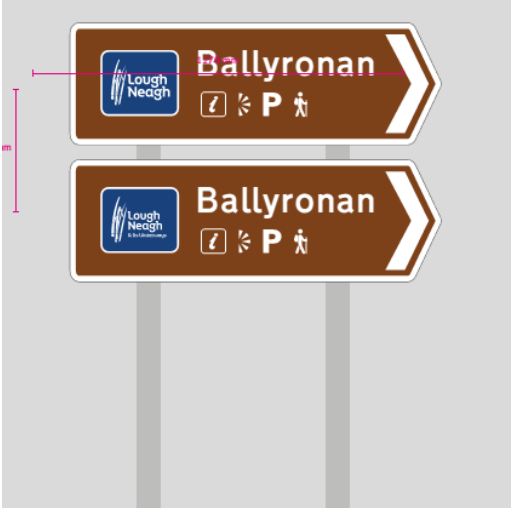


YEAR 2 CONTRIBUTION: LOUGH NEAGH PARTNERSHIP HERITAGE LOTTERY LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP PROJECT (£27,534)

	Targets	Target Date	Measureable Outputs	Position as at 31/01/18
1.	<p>Ardboe High Cross to Battery Harbour To develop a new parking facility at Ardboe Graveyard</p> <p>To develop a 3Km long shoreline pathway from Ardboe High Cross to the Battery Harbour by March 2018.</p> <p>Anticipate once completed 500 users year 1 to increase to 5,000 by year 3.</p>	31/03/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3km walkway - Implementation works to begin in Year 2 • Car Park facility for Visitors • 5 volunteers involved in delivery of development and implementation stages. Volunteers recruited through Friends of Ardboe to provide community briefing sessions and facilitate sight visits, particularly around the Abbey area. 	<p>Agreed with MUDC Officers and HLF that the target date for completion of capital works will be 31/03/19</p> <p>Walkway – preferred route option identified, costed and landowners engaged. Draft Permissive path agreements sent to all landowners for comment. Environmental data collected and presented in a Habitats Regulation Assessment Report</p> <p>Consultation with key stakeholders in advance of planning application including Transport NI, DEARA (Natural Heritage), Dept. for Communities – HED and MUDC Officers. Design detail completed by Robinsons. MUDC are working with Outdoor Recreation NI to secure the land for parking provision</p> <p>8 Volunteers engaged in work relating to the trail route and habitat assessment equating to 13 volunteer days</p> <p>This MUDC led project will be taken forward by the new Council Access Officer from 01/03/18</p>
2.	<p>To deliver an archaeological programme of activities around Lough Neagh to include:</p>	31/03/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 archaeology investigations and surveys carried out (3 relating MUDC) 3 investigations completed at Ardboe, Brocagh and Church Island 	<p>3 Geophysical investigations completed at Ardboe, Brocagh and Church Island with 1 dig completed at Ardboe. Findings at Ardboe have supported a planned second dig at Ardboe in 2018</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological Site Investigations • Exhibitions • Experimental Archaeology • Heritage Skills • Cultural Heritage • Schools • Publications • Media • Conservation <p>Access by March 2021</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 buildings conserved (MUDC – Church Island) • WWII aviation sites audited and researched • 3 exhibitions (1 MUDC) • 20 cultural (6 MUDC) events/walks/talks, place names, WW II and fishermen reminiscence projects • 6 conferences workshops (2 in each council area) • 300 schools sessions (Approximately 100 MUDC) • 10 experimental archaeology and skills workshops (Approx. 3 for MUDC) 	<p>1 building conserved at Church Island and conservation restoration of Ardboe Cross in partnership with HED scheduled for 2018-19</p> <p>WW II sites audited at Toome Airfield and Ardboe. A comprehensive report has been detailing the built history of both sites, assessment of remaining structures and a review of the cultural importance of the airfields. Much of this information will be used for creating a WW II airfield exhibition and for facilitating a WW II Conference in September 2018.</p> <p>1 conference completed - Lough Neagh Connections - on 15/02/17 at Ballyronan. This explored the history, heritage and society of the Lough Shore to an audience of 100+.</p> <p>1 Conference planned for 21st/22nd May 2018 at the HomePlace Centre – this will contribute to the UK & Ireland Lakes Network agenda and will focus on the cultural values created by the Lough</p> <p>84 School sessions delivered in Bellaghy, Magherafelt, Cookstown, Washing Bay, Brocagh, Ballyronan, Stewartstown and Moneymore. Primary School sessions comprised a two-hour programme and covered Living History Interpretation, cartography, Myths and Legends and the built/cultural history of the area. Secondary School sessions were delivered in partnership with the HomePlace and RSPB as part of the “My Place within the Landscape” programme. Participants take inspiration from the landscape and produce their own poetry and supporting portfolio, using their ‘outdoor classroom’ experience to develop an increased awareness of their own sense of place and to connect them with their natural heritage. An awards Ceremony will take place on 15/03/18.</p> <p>To date 2,460 MUDC based primary and secondary pupils have participated</p> <p>2 experimental archaeology workshops on traditional boat building have taken place at the Lough Neagh Eel Cooperative with 31 participants engaged. 1 brick making workshop held at Brocagh with a further weekend event planned to manufacture brick for use in the conservation of Mountjoy Castle</p>
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<p>3. To develop and install new interpretative, directional and branding signs associated with the heritage of Lough Neagh shoreline</p>	<p>31/12/18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 42 new directional heritage signs (18 in MUDC) 40 interpretation signs (21 in MUDC) Establishment of common branding which has been agreed by partners 	<p>All design work and content for interpretative boards has been completed and approved by all Council partners. Suppliers have begun manufacture of panels and viewing point installations. These should be installed by 31/03/18. Examples of the panels and viewing installations for Castlebay, Traad and Ballyronan are shown below.</p>  <p>The image contains three main visual elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castlebay Panel: A blue-themed informational panel titled 'Castlebay Fortifying Lough Neagh'. It features a map of the bay, historical photos, and text describing the site's significance as a 'Fortified Lough' and its role in the 'Great Famine'. Traad Point Panel: A blue-themed informational panel titled 'Traad Point'. It includes photos of birds (a sparrowhawk and a kestrel) and text about the 'Traad Point' and 'Traad Point' as a 'Wildlife Sanctuary'. Directional Sign Drawing: A technical drawing of a directional sign. It shows a vertical signpost with a circular top section. The signpost is 2000mm high. The circular top section has a diameter of 300mm. The signpost is made of a 15mm plate x4. The drawing also shows a 'PLAN VIEW' of the signpost and a 'Ground Level' line. The signpost is shown in a cross-section view, with a 2000mm height and a 300mm diameter top section. The signpost is shown in a cross-section view, with a 2000mm height and a 300mm diameter top section. </p> <p>Directional sign concepts are still with Transport NI and we are hoping to have approval for installation in the near future</p>
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