

Report on	Community Development
Date of Meeting	10 th June 2021
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To proceed with the Towns Shared Space Awnings capital works.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>At the Development Committee and Council of October 2020 approval was given for the development of event/ activity civic spaces in four of our towns – Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt and Coalisland. The concept for development was to provide retractable awnings, barriers and planters, heaters, and benches and seating areas. The aim is to provide outside spaces in our main towns that can be used in all weathers during the Spring and summer period.</p> <p>It was further agreed at the Development Committee and Council of November 2020 to submit the proposal to Peace IV for funding.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>A letter of offer has been received for Peace IV funding of £298,000 for the development of shared space activity areas in our main towns; the areas are: Front of Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House Side of Burnavon Theatre Diamond area in the centre of Magherafelt (in discussion with DFI) Area at the start of Canal in Coalisland</p> <p>All of the spaces will be designed to identify what can be accommodated. Flexibility on the spaces in Cookstown and Magherfelt will be required.</p> <p>There was no identified area in Maghera town to allow for civic space. The second area in Dungannon (Irish Street), could not be funded under the Peace IV fund.</p> <p>The concepts have been agreed with the Trader forums in all of the areas with further detailed designs to be provided and to members.</p>

	<p>It is proposed to proceed with the delivery of the capital scheme to meet the funder's timeline of completion by October 2021. The Peace IV Programme closes at 31 December 2021.</p> <p>Upon completion of the detailed designs, these will be shared with the trader forums and members via relevant DEA meetings.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>£298.000 Peace IV funding – 100% funding to the project.</p> <p><u>Professional Support</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	To approve the commencement of the towns shared spaces project.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None