

<b>Report on</b>	Development Report
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
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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>• Rolling Community Grants</li> <li>• Chatty Places – Let’s Get Together</li> <li>• Community Grants Review - Festive Lights</li> <li>• Development Department Update</li> </ul>									
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>									
2.1	<p><b>Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2022 – 2023</b></p> <p>Members are advised that the grants assessment panel are making the following recommendations to award grants under the Community Festival &amp; Good Relations funds.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grant</th> <th>No. of groups awarded</th> <th>Value of Grant Awards</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Community Festival Fund</td> <td>7</td> <td>£4320</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good Relations Grant</td> <td>1</td> <td>£960</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please see attached in <b>Appendix 1</b> grant award recommendations</p>	Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Grant Awards	Community Festival Fund	7	£4320	Good Relations Grant	1	£960
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2.2	<p><b>Chatty Places – Let’s Get Together</b></p> <p>Council, as part of its commitment to seek to provide support, where it can, to people through the current cost of living crisis, including social engagement in a warm, comfortable environment, is proposing to partner with Libraries NI on the provision of Chatty Places in our towns of Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt.</p>									

Chatty Places provides a warm social space for people to come and meet other people or to just sit and read a newspaper.

Libraries NI is providing Chatty Place opportunities in the 3 main towns, over and above its existing provision (knit and knatter, tea and newspapers, reminiscence group, children's activities etc).

It is proposed to provide the following Council locations, for a number of mornings a week to provide for the Chatty Places concept, with a view to rolling out further with partner organisations.

Dungannon Library 1 morning per week, Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House (café area) 2 mornings per week (proposed mornings: Thursday- library, Tues/Wednesday - Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House).

Cookstown Library 1 morning per week, 2 mornings per week taking place in the Hub, provided by the Hub (proposed mornings: Monday - Library, Tuesday/Thursday - Hub)

Magherafelt Library 1 morning per week, Bridewell 2 mornings per week (proposed mornings: Friday Library, Wednesday/Thursday – Bridewell)

All provision will be mornings 10.30 – 1pm

Newspapers, magazines, mind activities, along with tea and coffee will be available.

The cost for provision of the above items at Council location will be met within existing budget.

Promotion of above will be undertaken direct by Council and through various groups including the Loneliness Network of which Council Aging Well Programme is a participant. The Chatty Places will seek to address social isolation as well as providing a warm space for people.

It is proposed to run the above during November to end of February, pending usage.

### 2.3 **Community Grants Review Festive Lights**

As part of the 3 year Community Grant Review consultation was undertaken with local groups A full report on the review and the proposals for the new Community Grants policy for 2023 – 2024 will be brought to members at the November Development Committee.

A key comment/issue from the review consultation was the pressure on groups to deliver on the Christmas Festive Lights. Currently there are 60 local community groups who partner with Council in the delivery of festive lights across the rural areas of the District. Council delivers for the 5 main towns. One of the key issues raised by groups is that it takes the full grant award, and match voluntary contribution from the wider community, to install the festive lights each year. This leaves no available funding for renewing or replacing stock. Council previously provided a small festive lights grant over and above the revenue support to allow for groups to add to or replace festive lights stock.

It is proposed to do a similar investment in 2022, as a one-off fund for groups to purchase new or replacement Festive Lights including LED, solar, energy efficiency options. The investment to each group/ area would be based on a similar amount to

2.4	<p>the revenue allocation. This investment is to support groups to replace or add to their lights; including more energy efficiency forms. These range from £1250 to £3000 as per settlement size. The budget implications of this is £108,250 as a one off investment, subject to final approval process.</p> <p>See attached Festive Lights allocation as per <b>Appendix 2</b>.</p> <p><b>Development Update</b></p> <p><u>Community Support</u> Support is continuing to groups re community development activity.</p> <p>A review of community grants was undertaken, and proposed updates are being considered for the new grants policy.</p> <p><u>Good Relations</u> The Good Relations Plan continues to be delivered across the District.</p> <p>A Ukrainian Assistance Centre has been set up in Dungannon. This is proposed for a few weeks to allow people who have settled in this area to get access to mainstream services. The Centre has run for 2 weeks to date with around 80-85 people accessing this.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> Please see attached minutes of the Partnership for information, <b>Appendix 3</b>.</p> <p><u>Burnavon Arts Centre, Seamus Heaney Homeplace, and Hill of O'Neill &amp; Ranfurly House</u> Continuing to deliver a range of activities, events and performances, as per brochures and marketing.</p> <p>Partial works to the Burnavon auditorium were undertaken over the summer period, with the remaining upgrade to seating planned for spring/summer 2024 to allow for supply logistics and a time period with minimum impact to the facility.</p> <p><u>Regional and Minority Language</u> The programme is continuing to roll out across the District.</p>
4.1	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Community Festivals Grants £4320, Good Relations Grants £960</p> <p>Christmas lights one off capital investment in lights; to be allocated from the Capital budget, £108,250, subject to final approval process.</p> <p>Human: NA</p>

	Risk Management: NA
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA
	Rural Needs Implications: NA
<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	Members are recommended to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Approve the Rolling Community Grants</li> <li>(ii) Approve the Chatty Places – Let’s Get Together</li> <li>(iii) Approve the Community Grants Review Festive Lights Awards</li> <li>(iv) Note the Development Department Update</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 Community Rolling Grant Awards Appendix 2 Community Grants Review Festive Lights Awards Appendix 3 PCSP Minutes



