

## Appendix 1

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Our reference: CO1-20-11980

Date: 21 June 2023

Project Reference No	CO1-20-11980
Project Applicant	MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL
Project Title	COVID-19 RECOVERY REVITALISATION PROGRAMME
Total Funding	£1,452,000
Period of Funding	27 July 2020 to 31 December 2022 (as per letter issued by G. Murray Director of Regional Development Office 15 March 2022)
Organisation's Financial Systems and Controls Rating	Robust

Dear Adrian,

### 1. Revised Approval

The purpose of this letter is to effect certain amendments and variations to the Contract for Funding constituted by the letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the Letter of Variance dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, the Letter of Variance dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021, the

Letter of Variance dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, and the Letter of Variance dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 issued to Mid Ulster District Council for the COVID-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme. I am pleased to confirm that the period of funding has been extended to 31 March 2024. Accordingly, upon the Organisation's acceptance of this letter as hereinafter provided the said Contract for Funding shall be amended and have effect as follows:

(i) The contract detail table, as above, is substituted to:

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(ii) Ensure the project is completed in accordance with any statutory approvals and notify the Department when Planning Approval has been received.

(iii) Annex B (2) is attached which updates projects and costs following agreement on active travel schemes with DfI. It is noted some re-profiling will be required as per project update received 2/6/23.

(iv) A revised Annex E (2) is attached which changes the target dates for the key objectives from December 2023 to March 2025.

## 2. Acceptance

This letter is issued electronically by e-mail and, accordingly, if the Organisation is prepared to accept the variance to the original Contract for Funding, please return a scanned PDF copy of this letter duly signed and dated on behalf of the Organisation

within one week from the date of this letter. Failure to return the acceptance within this period shall result in the offer being deemed as withdrawn.

### **3. Availability**

The foregoing offer shall remain open a period of four weeks from the date of this letter. Failure to return a scanned PDF copy of this letter duly signed and dated on behalf of the Organisation within this period shall result in the offer being deemed as withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon McGowan".

**Sharon McGowan**  
**Deputy Director NWDO/West**

#### 4. OFFICIAL FUNDING ACCEPTANCE

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I \_\_\_\_\_ have authority **on behalf of**  
**(Name of Chief Executive in Block Capitals)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Council**

to accept the offer of funding set out in the letter dated 21 June 2023 and agree to deliver the above project on the terms and conditions therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signed by**  
**(Chief Executive)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Witnessed by**  
**(Registered Office Bearer)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name in Block Capitals**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name in Block Capitals**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**5. BANK DETAILS**

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**Please complete Bank details below.**

**Name of Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Account:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sort Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signed by**  
**(Chief Executive)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Witnessed by**  
**(Registered Office Bearer)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name in Block Capitals**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name in Block Capitals**

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**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## ANNEX A

## AREAS TO BE FUNDED UNDER TRANCHE 1 OF THE PROGRAMME

Item	Cost	Funding Stream (DfC or DAERA)
COVID-19 Business Support Grant – Urban (PH1)	£281,000	DfC
<b>Subtotal DfC</b>	<b>£281,000</b>	
COVID-19 Business Support Grant – Rural (PH1)	£148,000	DAERA
<b>Subtotal DAERA</b>	<b>£148,000</b>	
<b>Total Capital Funding - Tranche 1</b>	<b>£429,000</b>	



**COVID-19 RECOVERY REVITALISATION PROGRAMME  
OBJECTIVES, OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES**

**Objectives**

1. To support each district council to develop a costed Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan by September 2020. **This objective has now been met.**
2. By August 2020, each district council will have established or identified a suitable stakeholder engagement forum to support the delivery of its Covid-19 Revitalisation Plan. **This objective has now been met.**
3. To support each district council to deliver its Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan by March 2024.
4. By March 2025, 80% of businesses in scheme areas agree that the improvements to their businesses and other Capital purchase projects would encourage people to live, work, visit and invest in the area (by council).
5. By March 2025, 80% of people using the scheme areas agree that the improvements to the area would encourage people to live, work, visit and invest in the area (by council).
6. By March 2025, council schemes funded through this Programme will have positively impacted on efforts to see footfall levels returning to a level which is at least 70% of levels recorded prior to the public health crisis.
7. By March 2025, surveys completed by traders indicate that council schemes funded through this Programme will have positively impacted on efforts to see sales figures returning to a level which is at least 70% of levels recorded prior to the public health crisis.
8. By March 2025, attitudinal surveys indicate 80% of the public are satisfied with the measures taken in the Scheme areas to respond to safety issues raised by the Covid-19 pandemic.



9. By March 2025, attitudinal surveys indicate 70% of the public are satisfied with walking facilities in the Scheme area.
10. By March 2025, attitudinal surveys indicate 60% of the public agree that they are satisfied with cycling facilities in the Scheme area.
11. By March 2025, attitudinal surveys indicate 40% of the public agree that measures taken in the Scheme area would encourage people to change from car use to more environmentally friendly choices such as walking and cycling for journeys of under two miles.
12. By March 2025, grant fund measures in the Scheme area to demonstrate the benefits of low-emission fuel options.
13. By March 2025, the scheme area will have an increase in land used for active travel (i.e. extended footways, cycle ways, and connecting pathways) which connects people with key services and ensures accessibility for all including those with disabilities.

## **Outputs**

Council Revitalisation Plans.

- Each council will provide a quantification of the outputs associated with their plan.

## **Outcomes**

**Outcome Delivery Plan - Outcome 10: We have created a place where people want to live and work, to visit and invest.**

- New and improved physical infrastructure and environment in which opportunity can flourish in economic, social and cultural terms to develop our attractiveness as a home, place of business, and tourist destination.

- Bring communities together and deliver programmes that target social need through social, economic and physical regeneration of cities, towns and villages.
- Complete a range of Urban Regeneration Schemes in towns and cities across Northern Ireland to enhance our attractiveness as a home, place of business, and tourist destination.
- Develop strategic sites across Northern Ireland to provide new and improved physical infrastructure and environment.

**Outcome Delivery Plan - Outcome 11: We connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure**

- Achieve a shift from the private car to active travel modes such as walking and cycling
- Protect and enhance our 'green' and 'blue' infrastructure (parks, green spaces and street trees; ponds, streams and lakes) to define a sense of place and character within our communities, making it more attractive to walk and cycle to access key services with associated health and wellbeing outcomes and strengthening the resilience of our natural environment.
- Develop integrated sustainable drainage solutions to manage rainwater on the surface to protect against flooding.