

Report on	Development Report
Date of Meeting	7 th December 2022
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1	Purpose of Report									
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"> • Rolling Community Grants • PEACE IV Connecting Pomeroy Project – modification to the Programme Partnership Agreement • Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) - Storage Scheme Support • Good Relations Funding • Development Department Update 									
2	Key Issues									
2.1	<p>Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2022 – 2023 Members are advised that the grants assessment panel are making the following recommendations to award grants under the Community Festival & 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>1</td> <td>£960</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good Relations Grant</td> <td>1</td> <td>£600</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please see attached in Appendix 1 grant award recommendations</p>	Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Grant Awards	Community Festival Fund	1	£960	Good Relations Grant	1	£600
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2.2	<p>PEACE IV Connecting Pomeroy - modification to the Programme Partnership Agreement Connecting Pomeroy is a PEACE IV Shared Space project funded by SEUPB, which aims to create a regional iconic shared space & local shared community spaces across the village of Pomeroy.</p>									

The project is currently at tender stage, with a report due to the Policy and Resources Committee on the 1st December.

The Capacity Building and Community Engagement elements of the Project continue to be successfully delivered by Rural Action.

The original project application proposed Pomeroy Development Projects (PDP) as the management structure for the new Forest Building and Trails, this was due to their management experience with the Rowantree Centre. During the capacity building/engagement programme it was identified that PDP had reservations in terms of the management of the new facility. They officially confirmed that they would not wish to manage the new Forest Building and Trails. Officers are working with the funders regarding a new governance structure, which will be brought back to committee in due course.

SEUPB requires a modification to the current Partnership Delivery Agreement which references both; (i) Rural Action (RA); and (ii) Pomeroy Development Projects (PDP), as PDP will no longer be a budget holding partner within the Connecting Pomeroy project. The budget associated with PDP will transfer to MUDC and Rural Action to facilitate the delivery of the remainder of the Community Engagement Programme. It is proposed to officially amend the Partnership Delivery Agreement to omit PDP.

The end date for the project remains as 31st Dec 2023,

2.3 **Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (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 **£300**. Council annually contributes to the VPRS storage scheme.

2.4 **Good Relations Funding**

The NI Office, TEO is providing further funding of £5,875 (*Council match funding required £1959*) to the Council Good Relations Programme. In furthering the objectives of the committee, as discussed as part of the Hardship Fund report in November, it is proposed that the additional funding and match Council contribution (from within existing resources) would be used to support the CAP Debt Management Project, as a partnership with Council to manage debt crisis.

2.5 **Development Update**

Community Support

Support is continuing to groups re community development activity.

	<p><u>Good Relations</u> The Good Relations Plan continues to be delivered across the District.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> No Partnership minutes this month.</p> <p><u>Burnavon Arts Centre, Seamus Heaney Homeplace, and Hill of O'Neill & Ranfurly House</u> A range of activities, events and performances are being delivered as per brochures and marketing.</p> <p><u>Regional and Minority Language</u> A new plan for the Irish Language programme is currently being developed with key community partners, Conradh na Gaeilge and Foras na Gaeilge.</p>
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	<p>Financial:</p> <p>Community Festivals Grants £960, Good Relations Grants £600</p> <p>VPRS Storage Scheme £300</p> <p>Good Relations Additional match fund of £1,959 (within existing budget).</p>
	<p>Human: NA</p>
	<p>Risk Management: NA</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: NA</p>
5	Recommendations
5.1	<p>Members are recommended to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Approve the assessment panel recommendations under the Community Festival & Good Relations grants. (ii) Approve the update to the Peace IV Connecting Pomeroy Partnership Agreement. (iii) Approve the contribution to the VPRS Storage Scheme (iv) Approve the allocation of the additional Good Relations funding to the CAP Debt Management Project. (v) Note the update from the development department.

6	List of Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 Community Rolling Grant Awards