

<b>Report on</b>	Development Report
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	5th July 2023
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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>• Community Grants Rolling Programme</li> <li>• Irish Language Bursary and Activity Grants</li> <li>• Development Update</li> </ul>									
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>									
2.1	<p><b>Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2023 – 2024</b> Members are advised that the grants assessment panel are making the following recommendations to award grants.</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>8</td> <td>£5,865</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good Relations Grant</td> <td>0</td> <td>£0</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	8	£5,865	Good Relations Grant	0	£0
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2.2	<p><b>Irish Language Bursary and Activity Grants</b> The Irish Language Activity Funding scheme and RML Bursary scheme were advertised in local press at the end of February with a closing date of March 2023.</p> <p>Under RML Bursary scheme, 105 complete applications were received, two were withdrawn at an early stage and one was deemed ineligible due to receipt of a LÍOFA bursary from DfC. In total 102 students are being recommended for bursaries totalling £30,000. This is similar to 2022 when 100 bursaries were awarded.</p> <p>Under Irish Language Activity Funding, a total of 24 applications were received from local groups. One application was deemed ineligible as the applicant was located outside Mid-Ulster, 2 are part of the main Irish language programme; a total of 21</p>									

projects are being recommended for funding, to the full budget of £50,000. Please see **Appendix 2** for the funding allocations.

## 2.3 **Development Update**

### Community Support

Council officers are currently working with groups on grant delivery, and maximising other funding investment opportunities. Please see a list of all the community grants allocated under delegated authority, rolling to date in **Appendix 3**.

### Social Inclusion

The Housing Conference took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> June, which attracted a large number of people. Over 90 people participated from across the sector. Presentations will be shared with members.

Key outcomes from the conference include:

1. LDP - engagement on mixed tenure solutions to support rural living and people living in their own communities.
2. Housing condition standard review, as part of the Rent Review Strategy - engage on its expansion to be more rigorous in terms of quality homes.
3. Climate Change – continue to update on the requirements for landlords in line with the climate change agenda, and potential incentives to accelerate this.
4. Waste water – need for infrastructure development, and how the local solutions can link to future network.
5. Zoned lands – seek an update on zoning and potential solutions for lands that are landlocked.
6. Community planning – support greater linkages between partners, for example planning, housing, water etc.

Ongoing engagement is continuing on the support for additional supported living provision in Mid Ulster.

The implementation of the Council's and Mid Ulster Community Plan Anti -Poverty Plans is continuing; additional meetings are being arranged with partners to build momentum again re the strategic actions.

The Community Wealth Building Plan has commenced with DTNI and DFC. This will be presented to the Community Wealth Building Working group for discussion.

### Good Relations

The Good Relations Plan 2023 – 2024, has commenced delivery and programmes are being developed at present.

### Peace

The new Peace Plus Local Action Plan is currently being developed, in line with SEUPB guidance. The draft plan will be presented formally to members in September for approval.

	<p>The Connecting Pomeroy project is in the second half of delivery on site, due to complete all activity prior to the end of December. Continuous engagement is taking place with community partners.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u> See attached PCSP minutes for information at <b>Appendix 4</b>.</p> <p><u>Burnavon Arts Centre</u> Maintenance work to the facility (upgrade seating etc.) is scheduled to be installed over the mid- summer months, with limited performance activity.</p> <p><u>Seamus Heaney Homeplace</u> Seamus Heaney Homeplace is continuing to develop its facility through a proactive arts programme, promotion of the exhibition and delivery of its education programme with a diverse range of schools across Northern Ireland. Alongside this it is continuing to develop Open Ground which is growing in numbers and is receiving positive feedback from the tours.</p> <p><u>Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House</u> A new operational plan has been developed for Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House. See copy attached in <b>Appendix 5</b> for information. This is a short to medium term plan as part of the overall development of the facility under the Mid South West Growth deal/other investments initiative. A new suite of new marketing materials for the Hill and Ranfurly House are in development for; events and activities planned for the year, conferencing and wedding space, craft activity, and education programme.</p> <p>The Mid South West development for the facility (destination play park, softening of the Hill and closed events space, upgraded exhibition, and car parking and town centre events space at Feeny Lane) is at SOC (Strategic Case) stage. This is currently with the MSW Growth team for consideration.</p>
<p><b>3.1</b></p>	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <hr/> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Rolling Community Grants £5,865</p> <p>Irish Language Grants - £30,000 Bursaries, £50,000 Activity Grants.</p> <hr/> <p>Human: NA</p> <hr/> <p>Risk Management: NA</p>
<p><b>3.2</b></p>	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p> <hr/> <p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: NA</p>

	Rural Needs Implications: NA
<b>4</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
4.1	Members are recommended to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Agree the rolling community grant allocations</li> <li>(ii) Approve the annual Regional Minority Language Bursary Awards and Irish Language Activity Funding.</li> <li>(iii) Note the Development Update</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 Community Grants Appendix 2 Irish Language Bursary and Activity Grants Appendix 3 Council Community Grants, as per delegated authority Appendix 4 PCSP Minutes Appendix 5 Hill of The O'Neill and Ranfurly House Plan