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| Report on | US Ulster Scots Familiarisation Trip |
| Date of Meeting | 12 September 2019 |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report |
| 1.1 | To inform members of a US Ulster Scots Fam Trip to Northern Ireland in September 2019 (visiting US Grant Ancestral Homestead as part of the 3 day trip) |
| 2.0 | Background |
| 2.1 | <p>There are four Homesteads throughout Northern Ireland that tell the story of Presidential connections between NI / Ulster and the U.S. namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Grant Ancestral Homestead (Ballygawley, Dungannon) • Andrew Jackson Cottage (Carrickfergus) • Chester Alan Arthur Cottage (Cullybackey) • Woodrow Wilson Homestead (Strabane) <p>Officers from Tourism NI and relevant Council officers areas are working together to produce a US American Presidents Trail. As part of a trip to Northern Ireland and the Republic a group of US Ulster Scots tour operators will visit the 4 Homesteads in September 2019.</p> |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | A U.S. Ulster Scots tour operator group will visit Northern Ireland from 23-26 th September for a 3 day familiarisation trip. The group will visit US Grant Ancestral Homestead on Tuesday 24 th September at 5pm. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the Homestead which will be brought to life with living history and a guided tour of the site. Light refreshments will also be served. |
| 4.0 | Other Considerations |
| 4.1 | Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications |
| | Financial: £500 to cover hire of Craic theatre (living history), tour guiding and light refreshments |

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| | Human: Tourism staff required. |
| | Risk Management: Will be carried out on site |
| 4.2 | Screening & Impact Assessments |
| | Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A |
| | Rural Needs Implications: N/A |
| 5.0 | Recommendation(s) |
| 5.1 | For information. |
| 6.0 | Documents Attached & References |
| | US Ulster Scots Fam Trip Itinerary attached. |