

<b>Report on</b>	Ulster in Bloom 2022
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b> If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To update members on the Ulster in Bloom 2022 competition entries.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	This annual competition promotes achievement and excellence in horticulture, amenity and environmental sustainability and is important in recognising the high quality local environments in which we live and work. The awards encourage towns and villages right across Northern Ireland to look their best and boost civic pride e.g. through floral displays
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	In January approval was granted to enter eleven towns and villages in the competition. Unfortunately Castlecaulfield has since withdrawn from the competition due to the personal circumstances of community group members leaving the following ten entries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dungannon</li> <li>2. Cookstown</li> <li>3. Magherafelt</li> <li>4. Coalisland</li> <li>5. Maghera</li> <li>6. Tobermore</li> <li>7. Donaghmore</li> <li>8. Swatragh</li> <li>9. Caledon</li> <li>10. Stewartstown</li> </ul>
3.2	As part of the assessment process Council works with the community groups in each of the above areas to produce and submit below a Judges Pack (see appendix 1) in order to help inform the judges of ongoing work and to guide them around the respective areas.
3.3	The official launch for Ulster in Bloom 2022 took place on Tuesday 14 June in The Braid, Ballymena and judging on the ground will take place between 18 <sup>th</sup> July and 15 <sup>th</sup> August.
	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Within existing resources.

	Human: Within existing resources.
	Risk Management: N/A
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/A
	Rural Needs Implications: N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the contents of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – Mid Ulster in Bloom 2022 Judges Information Pack
6.2	Appendix 2 – Translink Ulster in Bloom 2022 - list of entries for NI