

Report on	Lough Neagh Partnership - Heritage Lottery Landscape Programme Year 2
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	Council approval to issue Letter of Offer to Lough Neagh Partnership for Year 2 contribution towards Heritage Lottery Landscape Partnership Programme at a cost of £27,534 in advance of expenditure having been made.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Lough Neagh Partnership secured a Heritage Lottery funded Landscape Partnership project worth £3.5 million which involves delivery of 27 capital and revenue projects over the period 2016 to 2021 through a collaborative working partnership between Councils, statutory agencies and community organisations/NGO's.</p> <p>The project is based in the wards within MUDC that border Lough Neagh from Toome to Maghery.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The £99,059 match conditional funding secured from Mid Ulster District Council has contributed to the Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership Programme, specifically the delivery of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ardboe Walk and Development of Car Park b. Archaeology Project Goals 1, 2 and 3 Goal 1 – Through new research, increase the understanding of Lough Neagh's unique built and cultural heritage Goal 2 – Consolidate and repair archaeological monuments/remains and enhance Goal 3 – Connect local people to the Lough's Heritage and increase understanding past ways of life c. Lough Heritage Signage <p>Through this project it will stimulate the local economy, improve infrastructure, increase visitor numbers and spend, improved marketing of the tourism product.</p>

	<p>Phase 1 commenced 2016-17, for which Mid Ulster District Council contributed £35,400. All agreed targets were met in the development stage of year 1 (progress report submitted to Council end of March 2017). A request to MUDC for £27,534 to cover implementation costs in year 2 period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018</p> <p>This will leave a balance of £36,125 over the remaining years.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: £27,534 over the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018</p> <p>Human: N/A</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p><u>N/A</u></p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Implement as per Council recommendation to support the project at Development meeting held on 15 October 2015.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix 1 – Measureable Targets for Year 2 Lough Neagh Partnership - Heritage Lottery Landscape Programme

2.	<p>To deliver an archaeological programme of activities around Lough Neagh to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological Site Investigations • Exhibitions • Experimental Archaeology • Heritage Skills • Cultural Heritage • Schools • Publications • Media • Conservation <p>Access by March 2021</p>	31/03/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 archaeology investigations and surveys carried out (3 relating MUDC) 3 investigations completed at Ardboe, Brocagh and Church Island • 3 buildings conserved (MUDC – Church Island) • WWII aviation sites audited and researched • 3 exhibitions (1 MUDC) • 20 cultural (6 MUDC) events/walks/talks, place names, WW II and fishermen reminiscence projects • 300 schools sessions (Approximately 100 MUDC) • 6 conferences workshops (2 in each council area) • 10 experimental archaeology and skills workshops (Approx. 3 for MUDC) • 	£22,518.00	£11,259.00	£11,2589.00
3.	<p>To develop and install new interpretative, directional and branding signs associated with the heritage of Lough Neagh shoreline</p>	31/12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 new directional heritage signs • 40 interpretation signs • Establishment of common branding which has been agreed by partners 	£30,800.00	£15,400 .00	£15,400.00