

<b>Report on</b>	Culture & Arts facility Christmas Opening
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	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To seek permission from Members regarding Christmas and New Year Opening at Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Burnavon and Hill of the O'Neill & Ranfurly House.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	In previous years, over the Christmas and New Year period Mid Ulster District Council Culture & Arts facilities would be open on both Christmas eve and New Year's eve. Given that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve this year both fall on a Sunday, it is proposed to amend the opening times to reflect the level of demand from visitors and customers over this period
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	It is proposed that all three Culture & Arts facilities will be closed on Christmas Eve 2017. It is also proposed that The Burnavon and Hill of the O'Neill & Ranfurly House will also close on New Year's Eve, however Seamus Heaney HomePlace would remain open (1pm-5pm) in order to accommodate potential visitors to the facility returning home to the region for the Christmas and New Year festive season. It is also proposed that the Burnavon would also close on 27 <sup>th</sup> December as it has no shows programmed that date however it would re-open on 28 <sup>th</sup> to accommodate daytime sales and a performance taking place that evening
3.2	A list of dates and opening times proposed over the Christmas and New Year period are attached in Appendix 1
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b><u>Financial &amp; Human Resources Implications</u></b>  Financial: Loss of income, however it is not expected that there would be significant numbers of customers on the dates that the Culture & Arts facilities will be closed.  Human: Staff would be required to take this as leave/TOIL or have the opportunity to work the hours at an alternative time.

<b>4.2</b>	<b><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></b>  N/A
<b>4.3</b>	<b><u>Risk Management Implications</u></b>  N/A
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	That permission be granted for the Burnavon, Seamus Heaney HomePlace and Hill of the O Neill & Ranfurly House to amend their opening times over the Christmas and New Year period as proposed in the attached document appendix 1
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix 1 – proposed opening dates over Christmas and New Year Period

## Appendix 1

### Proposed Christmas and New Year Opening Culture & Arts Facilities

<b>Date</b>	<b>Burnavon (proposed)</b>	<b>HomePlace (proposed)</b>	<b>Hill of O Neill (proposed)</b>
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Closed	Closed
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Closed	Open	Open
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Open	Open	Open
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Open	Open	Open
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Open	Open	Open
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Closed	Open	Closed
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Closed	Closed	Closed
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Open	Open	Open