

**APPENDIX 1**

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Our reference: CO1-20-11980

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Organisation's Financial Systems and Controls Rating	Robust

Dear Adrian,

**1. Revised Approval**

The purpose of this letter is to effect certain amendments and variations to the Contract for Funding constituted by the letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020, the Letter of Variance dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, the Letter of Variance dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021, and the Letter of Variance dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 issued to Mid Ulster District Council for

the COVID-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme. I am pleased to confirm that the period of funding has been extended to 31 March 2023. Accordingly upon the Organisation's acceptance of this letter as hereinafter provided the said Contract for Funding shall be amended and have effect as follows:

(i) The contract detail table, as above, is substituted to:

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(ii) Annex B (2) is attached which updates projects and costs following agreement on active travel schemes with DfI. It is noted some re-profiling will be required as per monitoring report received 8/7/22.

(iii) A revised Annex E (2) is attached which changes the target dates for the key objectives from December 2023 to March 2024.

## 2. Acceptance

This letter is issued electronically by e-mail and, accordingly, if the Organisation is prepared to accept the variance to the original Contract for Funding, please return a scanned PDF copy of this letter duly signed and dated on behalf of the Organisation within one week from the date of this letter. Failure to return the acceptance within this period shall result in the offer being deemed as withdrawn.

## 3. Availability

The foregoing offer shall remain open a period of four weeks from the date of this letter. Failure to return a scanned PDF copy of this letter duly signed and dated on behalf of the Organisation within this period shall result in the offer being deemed as withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon McGowan".

**Sharon McGowan**  
**Deputy Director NWDO/West**

#### 4. OFFICIAL FUNDING ACCEPTANCE

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I \_\_\_\_\_ have authority **on behalf of**  
**(Name of Chief Executive in Block Capitals)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Council**

to accept the offer of funding set out in the letter dated 2 September 2022 and agree to deliver the above project on the terms and conditions therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signed by**  
**(Chief Executive)**

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**Witnessed by**  
**(Registered Office Bearer)**

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**Name in Block Capitals**

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**Name in Block Capitals**

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**Date**

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**Date**

**5. BANK DETAILS**

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**Please complete Bank details below.**

**Name of Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Account:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sort Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signed by**  
**(Chief Executive)**

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**Witnessed by**  
**(Registered Office Bearer)**

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**Name in Block Capitals**

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**COVID-19 RECOVERY REVITALISATION PROGRAMME  
OBJECTIVES, OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES**

**Objectives**

1. To support each district council to develop a costed Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan by September 2020. **This objective has now been met.**
2. By August 2020, each district council will have established or identified a suitable stakeholder engagement forum to support the delivery of its Covid-19 Revitalisation Plan. **This objective has now been met.**
3. To support each district council to deliver its Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan by March 2023.
4. By March 2024, 80% of businesses in scheme areas agree that the improvements to their businesses and other Capital purchase projects would encourage people to live, work, visit and invest in the area (by council).
5. By March 2024, 80% of people using the scheme areas agree that the improvements to the area would encourage people to live, work, visit and invest in the area (by council).
6. By March 2024, council schemes funded through this Programme will have positively impacted on efforts to see footfall levels returning to a level which is at least 70% of levels recorded prior to the public health crisis.
7. By March 2024, surveys completed by traders indicate that council schemes funded through this Programme will have positively impacted on efforts to see sales figures returning to a level which is at least 70% of levels recorded prior to the public health crisis.
8. By March 2024, attitudinal surveys indicate 80% of the public are satisfied with the measures taken in the Scheme areas to respond to safety issues raised by the Covid-19 pandemic.



9. By March 2024, attitudinal surveys indicate 70% of the public are satisfied with walking facilities in the Scheme area.
10. By March 2024, attitudinal surveys indicate 60% of the public agree that they are satisfied with cycling facilities in the Scheme area.
11. By March 2024, attitudinal surveys indicate 40% of the public agree that measures taken in the Scheme area would encourage people to change from car use to more environmentally friendly choices such as walking and cycling for journeys of under two miles.
12. By March 2024, grant fund measures in the Scheme area to demonstrate the benefits of low-emission fuel options.
13. By March 2024, the scheme area will have an increase in land used for active travel (i.e. extended footways, cycle ways, and connecting pathways) which connects people with key services and ensures accessibility for all including those with disabilities.

## **Outputs**

Council Revitalisation Plans.

- Each council will provide a quantification of the outputs associated with their plan.

## **Outcomes**

**Outcome Delivery Plan - Outcome 10: We have created a place where people want to live and work, to visit and invest.**

- New and improved physical infrastructure and environment in which opportunity can flourish in economic, social and cultural terms to develop our attractiveness as a home, place of business, and tourist destination.

- Bring communities together and deliver programmes that target social need through social, economic and physical regeneration of cities, towns and villages.
- Complete a range of Urban Regeneration Schemes in towns and cities across Northern Ireland to enhance our attractiveness as a home, place of business, and tourist destination.
- Develop strategic sites across Northern Ireland to provide new and improved physical infrastructure and environment.

**Outcome Delivery Plan - Outcome 11: We connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure**

- Achieve a shift from the private car to active travel modes such as walking and cycling
- Protect and enhance our 'green' and 'blue' infrastructure (parks, green spaces and street trees; ponds, streams and lakes) to define a sense of place and character within our communities, making it more attractive to walk and cycle to access key services with associated health and wellbeing outcomes and strengthening the resilience of our natural environment.
- Develop integrated sustainable drainage solutions to manage rainwater on the surface to protect against flooding.

## APPENDIX 2

### Dungannon Traders Proposal

23 September 2022

As you are aware, the first market at The Space on Market Square (Feeneys Lane) takes place on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. This market, Artisans @ the Space will be the first of many scheduled events over the next few months, all in aid of encouraging footfall back into Dungannon Town Centre. We have been working successfully with Dungannon Enterprise Centre, including Mid Ulster Council, in getting The Space established, usable and hopefully over the next few months, bringing footfall to the town and successfully reinvigorating the Town Centre.

Dungannon Traders Group, who for a number of years, have worked with Council to deliver a fashion show on Hill of The O'Neill, will be unable to organise the Heels on the Hill this year due to a number of factors. However, with the new Market and Event Space opportunity in the Town Centre itself, we recognise there is an opportunity to create a new event and would ask that the Council reassign the funds to a different proposal that will bring footfall to the town. This event would be held in Market Square as opposed to the Hill of The O'Neill and perhaps have a bigger impact for both traders and shoppers/community alike.

**Proposal Title: The Dungannon Jingle ball Run**

**Proposed date for event:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 4pm – 7pm

**Description:** 10,000 coloured plastic balls will be rolled down Castlehill Road (from the Orange Lodge to The Square Bar) Each ball is numbered and the first 10 balls over the line will win Mid Ulster Council shopping gift vouchers. Ball will be sold at several retail outlets throughout the town (£2 for one and £5 for three). Balls will be sold in advance of the day and prior to the event.

**All** the monies raise from the sale of the balls will be shared equally between three charities operating locally; St Vincent de Paul, The Vineyard Church and Zambia Education and Development (ZED).

On the day of the event, all the balls would be loaded onto a vintage tipping lorry located at the gate of the Dungannon Orange Lodge. At 6.30pm the ball would be released

It is planned that the event would be broadcast onto a large TV screen next to the Christmas tree at the town of Market Square.

It is proposed that Adrian Logan would compere the event and as part of the build up to the “ball drop”, various celebrities from the local sports club would attend to support the event. It is planned that there will be street entertainment, including school choirs and local musicians, at the steps of the top of Market Square next to the Christmas tree. All schools will be invited to participate in the entertainment. Permission will be sought from Ranfurley House to use the space for the entertainment.

A mobile wide screen TV will be placed at the top of Market Square and there will be a live feed from 2 cameras to the screen. The cameras will capture the entertainment and the ‘ball drop’ allowing everyone to see the event.

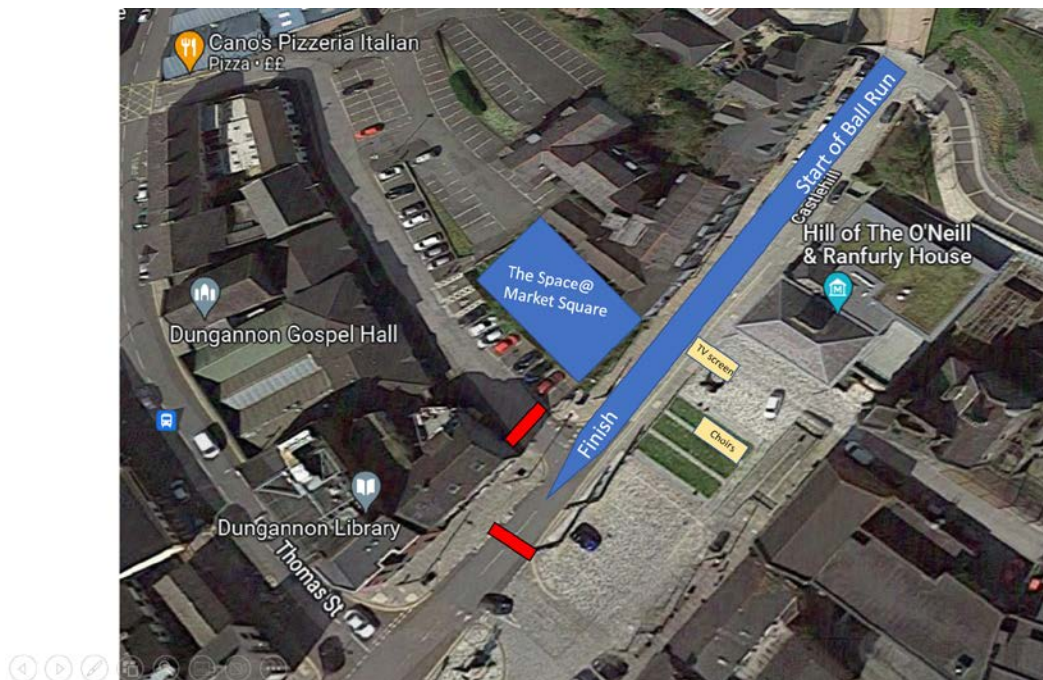
Dungannon Enterprise Centre will operate an “Eco Mania” Christmas market in the Space@Market Square on the Sunday and operate a stall for visitors to purchase balls on the day.



A similar event is run in Cork for the last 6 years and is extremely well attended.

**Logistics:** Dungannon Traders Group will work to deliver the event with the in-kind support of the staff of Dungannon Enterprise Centre. It is planned to employ the services of PR Rising to manage the provincewide marketing and PR on the event. On the day of the event, volunteers from Dungannon Traders Group, St Vincent De Paul, The Vineyard and ZED will manage the logistics. The management of Dungannon Enterprise Centre will co-ordinate all the volunteers.

The Castlehill will be closed for the day and the exit from Feeneys Lane onto Market Square. A DfI permit will be applied for if the event proceeds.



**Outcome from the event:** 2000 plus visitors to the town

**Rationale for the event:** The event will bring visitors to the town who may do Christmas shopping. This unique event should attract province wide publicity of Dungannon that can only benefit all.

## **Costings:**

### **Expenditure**

10,000 Plastic balls	1000
Musical Entertainment and face painting	800
O/B cameras and large TV	3500
PA system	800
Compere and guests	1800
Crowd barriers, materials	600
Event insurance	800
Management, Advertising, Social Media,	3000
	12300

### **Funding**

Mid Ulster Council	5500
Advertising	1800
Private sector sponsorship	5000
	12300

A sponsorship agreement of £1,000 in principle has been secured from McKinney Competitions and initial discussions are underway with Cavanagh Kelly Accountants, P.A Duffy, Dungannon Mini Mix and Corrigan Van Hire.

In-kind support is also being provided from the staff of Dungannon Enterprise Centre in the form of securing the sponsors, undertaking the accounting and verification of the sale of the balls, creating a video promotion and social media support.

Dungannon Traders Group are confident that the sponsorship target will be achieved, however if there is a shortfall, then it would be planned to not proceed with the large screen TV and live broadcast thereby reducing the expenditure by £3,500.

If the Council agree to reallocate the funds to the initiative, it will be recognised as a primary funder. The Council's logo will be on all advertising and promotional videos and the live feed TV screen on the day. The Chair of the Council will be invited talk at the event and to play a part in the countdown to the 'ball drop'.

The budget does not show the following in-kind contributions.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>In-kind amount</b>
Dungannon Enterprise Centre	Securing the sponsors, undertaking the accounting and verification of the sale of the balls, creating a video promotion and social media support	£3000
Dungannon Traders Group	Volunteers to support event and sale of balls	£2000
Vineyard Church	Volunteers to support event	£1000
ST Vincent De Paul	Volunteers to support event	£1000
ZED	Volunteers to support event	£1000
Local schools	Schools choirs and entertainment	£1000