

Report on	Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Update
Date of Meeting	Thursday 13 th February 2020
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update the Council on the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership project and to recommend a proposal to submit a stage 1 development application to Heritage Lottery Funding.
2.0	Background
2.1	The members will recall that Mid Ulster District Council in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh Council submitted a full stage 2 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund Land Scape Partnership fund in December 2018 for, which regrettably was unsuccessful and was reported to the Development Committee at the June 2019 meeting.
2.2	At that time it was reported to the Committee that the Council had received correspondence from the Heritage Lottery informing the Council that the application submitting in December 2018 had been unsuccessful due to a reduction and an over subscription to the HLF Landscape Partnership funding. After a series of feedback meetings with officers from the Heritage Lottery Fund and both Councils, the HLF encouraged the Council officers to review the previous application and consider submitting a new stage 1 development application to Heritage Lottery Fund, as they felt the initial application displayed quality outputs and projects that would achieve the criteria within the new current funding streams.
2.3	It was agreed that the officers would investigate the possibility of submitting a new application for a development stage grant and during the second half of 2019 the Council officers have been reviewing the previous application and the projects and programmes contained with the original application with a view to forming a new application to HLF.

3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The application process has changed from the previous HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme which the Council applied to in December 2018. The Heritage Lottery Fund now have a series of bands of funding which organisations can apply, please see list below.</p>
3.2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. grants of £3,000 to £10,000 2. grants of £10,000 to £100,000 3. grants of £100,000 to £250,000 4. grants of £250,000 to £5million 5. Heritage Horizon Awards: grants of £5m and over
3.3	<p>Given the previous HLF Landscape Partnership application was for £2 million the officers are proposing to focus on the 4th band of funding, as listed above. (grants of £250,000 to £5million)</p>
3.4	<p>Fermanagh & Omagh have agreed to be the lead Council and propose to assign staff to specifically work up the stage 1 development grant application and associated documents. A potential total cost of £6,000 has been identified to prepare the application and supplementary documentation, which the officers recommend to split between the two Councils.</p>
3.5	<p>The upcoming dates to submit applications to the HLF are listed below. The officers would propose submitting the stage 1 development application before the 1st June 2020 window.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd March 2020, 12 noon to receive a decision by the end of June 2020 • 1st June 2020, 12 noon to receive a decision by the end of September 2020 • 1st September 2020, 12 noon to receive a decision by the end of December 2020
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>£3,000 contribution to Fermanagh and Omagh towards the preparation and submission of the stage 1 development HLF grant application. Within existing Tourism budget.</p> <p>Human: None</p> <p>Risk Management: none</p>

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: none
	Rural Needs Implications: none
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that the Council contribute a maximum of £3,000 to Fermanagh and Omagh Council towards the preparation and submitting a stage 1 development application to Heritage Lottery Fund.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	N/A