

Report on	The Heart of Ancient Ulster HLF
Date of Meeting	Thursday 13 th June 2019
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of the report is to update members on the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Project
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Heart of Ancient Ulster – Heritage Lottery Fund</p> <p>The Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Partnership Scheme (HoAULP) was established in 2017 to develop a Landscape Character Area Plan (LCAP) under the Heritage Lottery Landscape programme. A Round 2 application was submitted to The Heritage Lottery in November 2018.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Heart of Ancient Ulster – Heritage Lottery Fund</p> <p>As previously reported Mid Ulster District Council in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has been progressing the project and submitted an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the delivery of a Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape Scheme. The scheme included a range of integrated heritage projects that would enhance and manage the natural, built and cultural heritage of the Carrickmore plateau, Pomeroy hills and surrounding hinterland.</p>
3.2	Mid Ulster District Council has received correspondence from the Heritage Lottery Fund to advise that, although the application did qualify for support and that the submission was well received by the assessment panel in London, due to reductions in funding by Heritage Lottery, that the application had been unsuccessful at this time.
3.3	Officers from the two Councils are exploring the opportunity of submitting a new application for the Heart of Ancient Ulster Landscape area to a call of the National Lottery Heritage Fund in August 2019.

4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Appropriate budgetary provision for proposed activity has been included in the 2019-20 budgets.
	Human: The required support will be included in the work plans from the Tourism Development & Arts and Culture Officer Teams.
	Risk Management: Risks identified are detailed in the attached Service Improvement Plan
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Tourism provision is delivered by the officer team to be fully inclusive, and is designed to encourage wide participation from all sections of the community and which promotes and supports good relations between all sections of the community within Mid Ulster
	Rural Needs Implications: The Landscape Partnership Project is designed to enhance the heritage or rural areas of the Sperrins region. Rural Needs are considered as a key requirement of the project
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	For members information.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	N/A