Report on	Development Report		
Date of Meeting	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2022		
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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## 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members and seek approval for the following;
  - Rolling Community Grants
  - CCTV, Moy
  - Seamus Heaney Homeplace Faber and Faber License Agreement
  - Peace Plus Partnership and Plan
  - Bellaghy Bawn Literary Residential Project
  - Development Department Update

### 2 Key Issues

#### 2.1 | Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2022 - 2023

Members are advised that the grants assessment panel are making the following recommendations to award grants under the Community Festival & Good Relations funds.

Grant	No. of groups	Value of Grant Awards
	awarded	
Community Festival Fund	13	£9775.00
Good Relations Grant	6	£6565.00

Please see attached in **appendix 1** grant award recommendations

### 2.2 CCTV, Mov

Members are advised that the Council has been approached by the PSNI on issues currently impacting on the village of Moy, including significant issues linked to the Night Time Economy. The PSNI has an opportunity to potentially secure funding to

install 2 CCTV cameras within the village, at a similar specification to Council CCTV systems, and are seeking approval to link these to the Councils existing monitoring & recording system.

Members will be aware of some of the ongoing issue within Moy and officers are of the view that the provision of CCTV could make a significant difference to the village, particularly in terms of community confidence and creating a safer area.

The additional provision to Council monitoring would not add to the contract cost, and maintenance would be incorporated within the existing provision.

As a result of the need identified for CCTV provision in the area, it is recommended that should the PSNI secure funding to cover the required hardware and installation, that these additional cameras be added to the Councils existing monitoring & recording contract

## 2.3 | Seamus Heaney Home Place Faber and Faber License Agreement

Members will be aware that Faber and Faber are the publicists for the Works of Seamus Heaney.

Seamus Heaney Home Place currently holds a license agreement with Faber and Faber for the rights for performances at Home Place. The rights granted in the Agreement require a time extension and it is proposed to extend this for a further period of three (3) years beginning 2022 (and to end 31st December 2024), It is further proposed the licence agreement would be extended to include Open Ground, amending the cost from £1000 to £1500.

#### 2.4 | Peace Plus, Local Action Plan

Members are advised that Officers have continued to work with the Special European Prorgammes Body (SEUPB) to prepare for the new Peace Plus programme, which will be delivered across 6 themes and 22 investment areas

Similar to the approach taken under the Peace IV, the Peace Plus programme includes an element of local action plan development to identify relevant programmes / interventions, which fit with the overall outcomes / objectives against an agreed investment fund for each Council.

The Local Authority Action Plan (LAAP) investment fund for Mid Ulster has been confirmed as €5,200,921, which is an approx. uplift of £1M on the previous programme.

The LAAP is to be developed through a co-design approach with local communities and the programme requires for a Peace Partnership to be established.

Officers from within the Development department has been progressing the development of the new partnership, based on the criteria established by the SEUPB. Officers lobbied hard for the former Peace IV partnership to be retained, however this was not permitted by the SEUPB.

The new partnership has an increased number of social partners alongside Members (Officers will seek nomination from parties based on d'hondt), and statutory partners. The Partnership will not be a decision making body but act in an advisory role in relation to the development and delivery of the plan and to make recommendations to Council in respect of any decision which need to be considered.

Attached at **appendix 3** is a copy of the partnership agreement.

The LAAP is also to be developed under 3 key themes, namely

- Local community regeneration and transformation;
- Thriving and peaceful communities; and
- Celebrating cultures and diversity

Similar conditions of delivery are included, as per the previous Peace programme, focusing on all elements to have minimum 26 hours of contact time between people participating over a key period of time.

In order to support the Council to develop the LAAP using a Co-design approach the SEUPB have confirmed that up to €100,000 can be used from the Council overall allocation to engage with an external provider. Officer initiated the procurement process to appoint a suitable provider, based on the required programme criteria, however the exercise failed to secure any submission. The team are currently working with procurement to explore options available to appoint a suitable supplier and get the process started.

As with the Peace IV programme, an element of the overall programme will be available for administration which, once finalised by the SEUPB in regards to % allocation, will enable consideration to be given the staffing structure required for the programme.

For information a detailed presentation on theme 1.1 is attached at **appendix 3**.

## 2.5 All Island Bellaghy Bawn Literary Residency Project

As per the previous report to Development Committee, officers have been engaging with a range of partners, including:

- Historic Environment Division (HED), DFC
- Arts Council for Northern Ireland,
- Arts Council, Ireland,
- Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Monaghan,
- Office of the Taoiseach.

The engagement has been part of a stakeholder group regarding the potential for the development of an All Island literary residency at Bellaghy Bawn, with potential links to the Seamus Heaney Homeplace.

The Office of the Taoiseach has announced €7.4 million for Shared Island Arts investment projects and it is understood that the Bellaghy Bawn project may be set to benefit from this allocation.

The development of the residency project is being led by the DFC's Historic Environment Division, as the asset owner, working in partnership with agencies stated above.

DFC has commenced architectural work to identify the capacity and capability of the site (potential residential units 6-8 to be provided as part of the funding proposal. Officers from within the Seamus Heaney Homeplace are leading a strand of work looking at potential operating models and synergies with Home Place for the new proposed literary residency.

#### 2.6 | **Development Update**

Community Support

Support is continuing to groups re community development activity.

Good Relations

The Good Relations Plan continues to be delivered across the District.

**PCSP** 

Ongoing as guided by the PCSP Partnership.

War Memorials – A site meeting took place with DEA councillors, members of the Royal British Legion (RBL) Dungannon and Moy, and Technical Services regarding the recent issues at the Dungannon and Moy war memorials.

Technical Services produced designs and costings for railings/gates at the Dungannon and Moy War Memorials. This will be discussed at a meeting being arranged by Technical Services with DEA members and RBL.

Council has statutory responsibility to maintain war memorials under the Local Government Act 1923; consideration to be given re condition to the war memorial at Moy.

Burnavon Arts Centre, Seamus Heaney Homeplace, and Hill of O'Neill & Ranfurly House

Continuing to deliver a range of activities, events and performances, as per brochures and marketing

Regional and Minority Language

Please see attached Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group minutes of 27 June 2022 in Appendix 4.

# 4.1 Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications Financial: Community Festivals Grants £9775, Good Relations Grants £6565. Amendment to the Seamus Heaney Homeplace Faber and Faber license to increase from £1000 to £1500. All above costs can be met within agreed departmental budgets. Human: NA Risk Management: NA 4.2 **Screening & Impact Assessments** Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA Rural Needs Implications: NA 5 Recommendations 5.1 Members are recommended to: Approve the assessment panel recommendations under the Community (i) Festival & Good Relations grants. Approve the inclusion of any new CCTV hardware at Moy into the (ii) Councils existing monitoring and recording contract. (iii) Approve the extension to the Faber & Faber license relating to Seamus Heaney Home place and the inclusion of the Open Ground elements. Note the update in relation to the Peace Plus Local Action Plan (iv) Development. Note the update on the proposed literary residential at Bellaghy Bawn. (v) Note the update from the development department. (vi) **List of Documents Attached** Appendix 1 Community Grants, assessment panel recommendations Appendix 2 Peace Plus Partnership Agreement Appendix 3 Peace Plus Programme, Local Action Plan presentation slides Appendix 4 Regional and Minority Language Implementation Working Group Minutes.