

Report on	1) Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 01.09.2020 & 22.09.2020 2) Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes 05.08.2020 & 22.09.2020 3) Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 10.05.2021 & 28.06.2021 4) Maghera Town Centre Forum Minutes 06.08.2020 & 21.09.2020 5) Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) - QUB Report: 'The Border After Brexit'
Date of Meeting	11 November 2021
Reporting Officer	Assistant Director of Economy, Tourism & Strategic Programmes

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide Members with an update on key activities as detailed below.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 01.09.2020 & 22.09.2020 Cookstown Town Centre Forum was established in 2002 to develop a partnership approach for the development and delivery of key town centre initiatives. The Forum meets at regular intervals throughout the year.</p>
2.2	<p>Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes 05.08.2020 & 22.09.2020 Magherafelt Town Centre Forum was re-established in January 2017. The forum meets to act in an advisory capacity, playing a fundamental role in the development and delivery of key town centre initiatives.</p>
2.3	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 10.05.2021 & 28.06.2021 Coalisland Town Centre Forum was established in March 2019. It is a partnership of public, private, community and voluntary sector organisations working together to deliver a range of strategic economic actions to develop Coalisland town.</p>

2.4	<p>Maghera Town Centre Forum Minutes 06.08.2020 & 21.09.2020 Maghera Town Centre Forum was established in August 2018. The forum meets on a regular basis allowing Council to work in partnership with agencies, businesses and community and voluntary groups to ensure Maghera can achieve its full potential.</p>
2.6	<p>Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) - QUB Report: 'The Border After Brexit' Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) represents 8 Councils from along the Irish Border these are Mid Ulster District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh Council, Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and Monaghan, Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim and Cavan County Councils. On behalf of its members, ICBAN commissioned a new report 'The Border after Brexit: Experiences of Local Communities in the Central Border Region of Ireland / Northern Ireland'.</p>
3.0	<p>Main Report</p>
3.1	<p>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 01.09.2020 & 22.09.2020 Minutes of the meetings of Cookstown Town Centre Forum held on the 1st & 22nd September 2020 are attached at Appendix 1</p>
3.2	<p>Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes 05.08.2020 & 22.09.2020 Minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum meetings held on 5th August & 22nd September 2020 are attached at Appendix 2.</p>
3.3	<p>Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 10.05.2021 & 28.06.2021 Minutes of the meeting of Coalisland Town Centre Forum held on the 10 May & 28 June 2021 are attached at Appendix 3.</p>
3.4	<p>Maghera Town Centre Forum Minutes 06.08.2020 & 21.09.2020 Minutes of Maghera Town Centre Forum meetings held on 6th August & 21st September 2020 are attached Appendix 4.</p>
3.5	<p>Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) - QUB Report: 'The Border After Brexit' ICBAN commissioned a report 'The Border after Brexit: Experiences of Local Communities in the Central Border Region of Ireland / Northern Ireland'. The report has been co-authored by Professor Katy Hayward and Dr Milena Komarova of Queen's University Belfast. It is based on the results of a Brexit research initiative, which took place between May and September this year.</p> <p>This is the fourth report of this type, which ICBAN and Queen's University Belfast have completed. The research consisted of three parts – an online survey of 394 unique responses, focus groups and stakeholder interviews with participants across the Central Border Region, from both sides of the border. The survey focusses on the comments and viewpoints submitted by respondents.</p> <p>The research and resultant report sought to give voice to the people from this Region, and to provide a means to record and report on these opinions. As with</p>

	<p>the previous reports, this latest publication will be brought to the attention of those involved in the high level discussions on the subject.</p> <p>The report is available on Appendix 5.</p>
	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A
	Human: Officer Time
	Risk Management: N/A
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
	Rural Needs Implications:
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	It is recommended that Members;
5.1	Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 01.09.2020 & 22.09.2020 Note minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum meetings held on 1 and 22 September 2020
5.2	Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes 05.08.2020 & 22.09.2020 Note minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum meetings held on 5 August and 22 September 2020.
5.3	Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 10.05.2021 & 28.06.2021 Note minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum meetings held on 10 May and 28 June 2021
5.4	Maghera Town Centre Forum Minutes 06.08.2020 & 21.09.2020 Note minutes of Maghera Town Centre Forum meetings held on 6 August and 21 September 2020.
5.5	Irish Central Border Area Network (ICBAN) - QUB Report: 'The Border After Brexit' Note the "ICBAN -The Border After Brexit Report" - October 2021

6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p data-bbox="229 228 1362 295">Appendix 1 – Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 01.09.2020 & 22.09.2020</p> <p data-bbox="229 336 1372 403">Appendix 2 – Minutes of Magherafelt Town Centre Forum Minutes 05.08.2020 & 22.09.2020</p> <p data-bbox="229 443 1337 510">Appendix 3 – Minutes of Coalisland Town Centre Forum Minutes 10.05.2021 & 28.06.2021</p> <p data-bbox="229 551 1331 618">Appendix 4 – Minutes of Maghera Town Centre Forum Minutes 06.08.2020 & 21.09.2020</p> <p data-bbox="229 658 1193 703">Appendix 5 - ICBAN -The Border After Brexit Report - October 2021</p>