

<b>Report on</b>	Development Report
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Claire Linney, Assistant Director of Development
<b>Contact Officers</b>	Philip Clarke – Neighbourhood Development Manager, Michael McCrory - PCSP Manager, Catherine Fox - Arts Development Manager, Brian McCormick - Seamus Heaney Homeplace Manager

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
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<b>1</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>															
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to update members and seek approval for the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Grants Rolling Programme</li> <li>• Social Supermarket concept, via the DfC Hardship Fund</li> <li>• DfC Welfare Reform Support</li> <li>• Cookstown Town Twinning</li> <li>• Women's Night Safety Charter</li> <li>• Seamus Heaney Homeplace Sandford Award</li> <li>• Development Update</li> </ul>															
<b>2</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>															
2.1	<p><b>Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2023 – 2024</b> Members are advised that the grants assessment panel are making the following recommendations to award grants.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grant</th> <th>No. of groups awarded</th> <th>Value of Awards</th> <th>Awarded to date</th> <th>Remaining Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Good Relations Grant</td> <td>1</td> <td>£1200.00</td> <td>£12,610</td> <td>£7390</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sport Individual Grant</td> <td>4</td> <td>£850.00</td> <td>£14,185</td> <td>£815</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please see attached in <b>Appendix 1</b> grant award recommendations</p>	Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Awards	Awarded to date	Remaining Budget	Good Relations Grant	1	£1200.00	£12,610	£7390	Sport Individual Grant	4	£850.00	£14,185	£815
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2.2	<p><b>DfC Hardship Support</b></p> <p>A further contribution of <b>£85,228.75</b> has been provided to Council for the provision of social supermarket(s). It is proposed that the allocation go to the main Foodbanks/SVP, based on area size, deprivation and demand.</p>															

Foodbank/SVP	Recommended Allocation
SVP Magherafelt	£8275
Hope Magherafelt	£8275
Cross Community Link Maghera	£9850
SVP Cookstown	£18,550
SVP Dungannon	£10,275
Vineyard Dungannon	£10,275
SVP Coalisland	£4,925
Coalisland Cross Community Foodbank	£4,925
Hope4U (Clogher Valley)	£4,925
SVP Ballygawley	£4,925
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£85,200</b>

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### **DFC Welfare Reform Support Project Funding**

Council receives annual funding from DFC to do a direct award to the Mid Ulster Advice Service for provision of Welfare Reform and Appeals. Permission is sought to transfer the funding of £93,070.40 for Welfare Reform Mitigations, £22,400 for Welfare Reform Tribunal Representations and £4,932.27 for Advice & Appeals. Monitoring of this funding support is directly via DFC.

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### **Cookstown Town Twinning Report**

A request has been received from Sperrin Choir Cookstown to seek support for an upcoming visit to Cookstown by the Plena Voce Choir in Plerin Sur Mer. The visit is part of an ongoing 'Twinning' relationship between the Sperrin Choir and Plena Voice Choir. The visit to Cookstown will place from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Cookstown's 'Twinning' partnership with Plerin Sur Mer has been in existence from 1995. During this time groups have worked (supported by Council) to promote and support joint projects between the two towns. Over the years, these exchanges have mainly focused on Community Sports and Community Arts through the Sperrin Choir and Cookstown Motor Cycle Club.

During these 'Twinning' visits, the groups from both towns host their respective visitors in their own homes. As part of the visit an evening is hosted by the relevant group and to date this has been supported by Council (Cookstown District Council).

Sperrin Choir has requested that consideration be given by Mid Ulster District Council to approve funding to support the visit in May 2024, detailed as follows:

Transport provided to and from Airport (Dublin)	£950
1 meal for maximum 70 people (approx. £20 per head approx.)	<u>£1400</u>
	<b>£2,350</b>

2.5 **Women's Night Safety Charter NI**

Hospitality Ulster and White Ribbon UK are asking all Councils to sign up to the Women's Night Safety Charter. Whilst research shows Northern Ireland is a safe place it does highlight that women do not always feel safe. Signing up to the Charter allows organisations be more aware of the issues regarding the safety for women. It is proposed that Mid Ulster District Council would sign up to the Charter and would seek to partner with PCSP regarding any awareness and support. A copy of the correspondence and charter committed is available at **Appendix 2**.

2.6 **Seamus Heaney Homeplace – Sandford Award**

Seamus Heaney Homeplace has received the Sandford Award for delivery of its quality education programme. The Sandford Award an independently judged, quality assured assessment of education programmes at heritage sites, museums, archives and collections.

The Award ceremony will take place at Hampton Court Palace London on 6<sup>th</sup> November, approval is sought for the Chair and Education officer at Homeplace to attend. The cost will be for flights and travel as it is a day event.

2.7 **Development Update**

Community Development

Council officers are currently support groups with projects and events and seeking to maximise funding for their community.

Strategic Development

A review of the Council's poverty plan is taking place and a members meeting will be arranged to discuss.

The Social and Affordable Housing Working Group meeting is due to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.

The delivery of the Test and Learn model for Community Wealth Building is continuing and an update meeting of the working group is being scheduled.

Good Relations & Peace

The Good Relations Plan 2023 – 2024 continues to be delivered.

The new Peace Plus Local Action Plan has been submitted to SEUPB for approval. The timeline for notification is end February 2024.

PCSP

Please see attached a copy of the last minutes for information in **Appendix 3**.

Burnavon Arts Centre

The new performance space upgrade has been completed.

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	<p><u>Seamus Heaney Homeplace</u> The new Autumn programme has commenced with positive numbers across performances and activities.</p> <p><u>Hill of The O’Neill and Ranfurly House</u> The new action plan continues to be delivered with a range of new events, craft activities and educational programmes are currently being rolled out.</p> <p>Hill of The O’Neill Mast - An update has been provided by NI Water to state that they have secured a contractor to take on the study as part of their framework; the final terms of reference has been agreed, pending confirmation of full and final cost. Once the final cost is confirmed they study will take a period of 6 months.</p>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b></p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Good Relations Grant £1200</p> <p>Sport Representative Grant £850</p> <p>DfC Social Supermarket funding £85,200</p> <p>DfC Welfare Reform Support Project funding £120,402.67</p> <p>Cookstown Town Twinning Visit £2,350</p> <p>Seamus Heaney Homeplace Sandford Award Ceremony attendance – flights and travel</p> <p>Human: NA</p> <p>Risk Management: NA</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<p><b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b></p> <p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications: NA</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: NA</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
5.1	<p>Members are recommended to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Agree the Community Grants Rolling Programme awards</li> <li>II. Agree the Social Supermarket funding allocation</li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>III. Agree to allocation of the DfC Welfare Reform Support</li> <li>IV. Agree the Cookstown Town Twinning support</li> <li>V. Agree to sign up to the Women's Night Safety Charter</li> <li>VI. Agree to representation at the Seamus Heaney Homeplace Sandford Award</li> <li>VII. Note the Development Update</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>List of Documents Attached</b>
	<p>Appendix 1 Community Grant Awards</p> <p>Appendix 2 Night Charter</p> <p>Appendix 3 PCSP Minutes</p>