



06 July 2022

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Development Committee to be held in The Chamber, Dungannon and by virtual means Council Offices, Circular Road, Dungannon, BT71 6DT on Wednesday, 06 July 2022 at 19:00 to transact the business noted below.

A link to join the meeting through the Council's remote meeting platform will follow.

Yours faithfully

Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive

AGENDA

OPEN BUSINESS

1. Notice of Recording
This meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site [Live Broadcast Link](#)
2. Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
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11. Age Friendly
12. Economic Development Report – CBFD

Matters for Information

13. Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on Thursday 16 June 2022

Report on	Development Report
Date of Meeting	6 th July 2022
Reporting Officer	Claire Linney, Assistant Director of Development, Tony McCance, Head of Culture & Arts
Contact Officers	Philip Clarke - Community Services Manager, Oliver Morgan-Good Relations Manager, Michael McCrory - PCSP Manager, Caroline Sheehy – Burnavon Arts Manager, Brian McCormick Seamus Heaney Home Place Manager, Joanne Robinson – Hill of O’Neill/Ranfurly House Manager

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If ‘Yes’, confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Seek approval for the rolling community grant recommendations. (ii) Seek approval for the Irish Language Support Fund awards. (iii) Seek approval to award funding for provision of the social supermarket concept, via the DFC Emergency Fund. (iv) Seek approval for Council involvement in the Peace Heroines Art Project, subject to further information. (v) Seek approval to apply for the grant of a licence for a place of public entertainment (i.e., a theatre liquor licence) for the Seamus Heaney Home Place; to extend the current area of licence to include an outdoor section at the café entrance. (vi) Seek approval to engage in discussions regarding the potential for a Shared Island Art and Literary Residency Initiative, as part of the Shared Island fund. (vii) Seek consideration and approval for support for Shopmobility Mid Ulster. (viii) Update members on the progress within the Development Department.

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Key Issues

2.1

Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2022 – 2023

Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Grant Awards
Community Festival Fund	7	£5520
Good Relations Grant	No applications	

Please see attached in Appendix 1 grant award recommendations

2.2

Irish Language Support Fund

The Irish Language Activity Funding scheme and RML Bursary scheme were advertised in local press on Monday 14th March 2022 with a closing date identified for all returned submissions of Friday 29th April 2022.

Under Regional Minority Language Bursary scheme, 101 complete applications were received and one was deemed ineligible due to receipt of a LÍOFA bursary from DfC

Grant	No. of Individuals awarded	Value of Grant Awards
Regional Minority Language Bursary	100	£30,000

Under the Irish Language Support Fund, a total of 28 applications were received from a wide range of groups with diverse programmes proposed. One application was deemed ineligible and the applicant redirected to other funding support, 10 applications were deemed more suitable for assistance from other Irish language programmes such as the education programme.

Grant	No. of groups awarded	Value of Grant Awards
Irish Language Support Fund	17	£50,000

Please see attached in Appendix 2 grant award recommendations

2.3

DFC Emergency Support Funding

A further contribution of **£73,877.42** has been provided to Council for the provision of social supermarket(s). It is proposed that the allocation go to the main foodbanks/SVP, pro rata as per previous model based on area size, deprivation and demand.

Foodbank	Recommended Allocation
Magherafelt	£14,000
Cookstown	£16,000
Dungannon	£18,000
Coalisland	£8,600
Maghera	£8,600
Clogher Valley	£8,600
TOTAL	£73,800

2.4	<p>Peace Heroines Art Project</p> <p>Peace Heroines is a new exhibition and education programme that is being led by the Herstory Project (community organisation whose aim is to tell the stories of female pioneers in the fields of business, politics, science, the arts, aviation and technology).</p> <p>The Peace Heroines programme explores the role women played in the Peace Process and how they collaborated across borders, political and religious divides, and is designed to honour local peace activists along with the other NI Councils as we approach the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. The exhibition will be supported with a programme of intergenerational and cross-community school workshops.</p> <p>The Belfast based mural artist FRIZ has been commissioned to create new portraits of the peace heroines and the aim is to commission street murals celebrating local peace heroines in local council areas across Northern Ireland, presenting murals that will educate, celebrate and inspire. The project is currently seeking funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and requires the support and participation from the councils within Northern Ireland for the application.</p> <p>In addition to local councils, other partners in this project will be the National Museums Northern Ireland who are providing expertise on research and curation.</p> <p>Should the application be successful, The National Lottery Heritage Fund will be providing 70% of the funding to commission a local mural in each council area, with 30% funding required from the participating Council's and other project key partners.</p> <p>To date the following Councils have agreed to participate in the project: Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council; Derry City and Strabane District Council; Newry, Mourne & Down District Council; Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council</p> <p>Confirmation is required from Mid Ulster District Council to participate, in principle, in the Peace Heroines project, subject to agreement of financial contribution required, further detail on a potential Mural Piece and detail on the Peace Heroines.</p>
2.5	<p>Seamus Heaney Homeplace License</p> <p>The Seamus Heaney Homeplace building is over 2,000m² in area and key elements include; a theatre and performance space; an interactive exhibition using the latest touch screen, video and audio technology; learning zones for children and adults; community space and a library (controlled access space) containing artefacts and items from Seamus Heaney's personal collection of literature.</p> <p>A key success factor in the sustainability of the centre is the quality of the visitor experience. The Council delivers a multi-arts and cultural programme centred in the building's performance space. This allows visitors to experience everything from poetry and painting to drama and dance in the theatre and performance space.</p>

	<p>Seamus Heaney Homeplace already have in place a license for a place of public entertainment (more commonly known as a theatre liquor license) and are seeking to apply to the Court to have this license extended to include the addition of an outdoor area to allow adjacent to the entrance of the café.</p> <p>This licensing application would be in the joint names of the Council and 3 Elements Catering Ltd.</p>
2.6	<p>Shared Island Art and Literary Resident Initiative</p> <p>The Arts Council for Northern Ireland and Arts Council for Ireland have been working together to seek to develop arts partnership and infrastructure development on a cross border basis.</p> <p>Emanating from this work and engagement with other stakeholders, a proposal has emerged to explore the development of cross border arts and literary residential retreats, linking the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig with a potential new literary residential centre at Bellaghy Bawn, with potential links to Seamus Heaney Homeplace.</p> <p>The Arts Councils have been advised of the opportunity to potentially secure investment in a project of this nature via the Shared Island Fund and are now seeking to engage with a range of partners to further work up the proposal and explore the wider opportunities.</p> <p>The development of this project could result in real opportunities to complement and enhance the current offering at the Seamus Heaney Homeplace and realise significant benefits for facility, Bellaghy and the wider Mid Ulster area.</p> <p>A range of partners are currently being engaged, including the Seamus Heaney Estate, DFC (HED), and it is proposed that the Council officers engage as part of this stakeholder group and report back to Council with further information as the project develops.</p>
2.7	<p>Shopmobility Mid Ulster</p> <p>The Shopmobility scheme in Cookstown have been based at the Burnavon Art & Cultural Centre for the last 12 years.</p> <p>During this time, operating space has been afforded to Shopmobility Cookstown as part of an in kind contribution from Council to the scheme (£15,000 in kind), specifically the area underneath the stairwell on the ground floor foyer.</p> <p>Fire risk inspections have highlighted issues of facilitating Shopmobility within their current location at the Burnavon (<i>as storage area should be separated from the main means of fire escape by fire-resisting construction of not less than 30 mins</i>) and a more suitable location within the building is not available. As a result the Shopmobility scheme is required to seek alternative premises.</p>

2.8	<p>The Head of Culture and Arts and Manager of Shopmobility scheme have looked at alternative locations, however rental is identified as circa £15,000 per annum.</p> <p>As the schemes main funder, discussions have taken place with the Department for Infrastructure who have agreed to contribute £10,350 per annum towards relocation of the scheme and to ensure that the scheme continues to operate within the Cookstown area and on the basis that the remainder of funding required can be met from other sources.</p> <p>Given the requirement to relocate the scheme, it is proposed that Mid Ulster District Council consider a financial contribution of £5,000 per annum for an initial 3 year period, to contribute towards the rental costs incurred as a result of relocating the scheme to more appropriate and suitable premises</p> <p>Development Update</p> <p><u>Community Support</u></p> <p>Support is continuing to groups re community development activity and officers are working to maximise community investment to the Mid Ulster area. An update on the proposal for the Clogher Valley Childcare Centre of Excellence is attached for information at Appendix 3. The project is still being progressed with regard to the funding package required. Officers continue to provide support where possible.</p> <p><u>Good Relations</u></p> <p>The Good Relations Plan continues to be delivered across the District.</p> <p><u>Peace</u></p> <p>Peace IV is now completing. As per previous update to Committee, a Partnership (advisory working group) is being established as part of the SEUPB criteria to assist with the development and delivery of the Peace Plus Local Action Plan.</p> <p><u>PCSP</u></p> <p>Ongoing as guided by the PCSP Partnership. An update on the engagement with DEA members and members of the RBL Dungannon and Moy regarding the recent issues at the two war memorials is – Technical Services is hosting a meeting with the above to finalise a design for railings at the sites to help protect them, project engagement is taking place with the RBL group, and CCTV provision for the town is being reviewed for retender which will give consideration to how it can be maximised.</p>
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	<p><u>Burnavon Arts Centre, Seamus Heaney Homeplace, and Hill of O'Neill & Ranfurly House</u></p> <p>Continuing to deliver a range of activities, events and performances, as per brochures and marketing</p> <p><u>Irish language</u></p> <p>Development is ongoing with support to community groups taking place. The allocation of community funding is provided within the report. The team has also supported young people with bursary awards. Please see attached the Irish Language Working Group minute in Appendix 3.</p>
3.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Community Grants £5520</p> <p>Irish Language Support Fund £50,000</p> <p>DFC Emergency Funding £73,877.42</p> <p>Seamus Heaney Homeplace License - associated Court fees; advertising costs; plus architect fees (indicative costs of between £3k-£5k)</p> <p>Shopmobility relocation rental contribution of £5,000 per annum for an initial 3 year period, to be met from within existing resources for 2022/2023 and included as part of the estimates process for 23/24 & 24/25.</p> <p>Human: NA</p> <p>Risk Management: NA</p>
3.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: NA</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications: NA</p>
4	<p>Recommendations</p>
4.1	<p>Members are recommend to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Agree to the allocation of the Community Grants as recommended in appendix 1. (ii) Agree to the allocation of the Irish Language Support Fund as recommended in appendix 2.

	<p>(iii) Agree to the allocation of the DFC Emergency Support Funding.</p> <p>(iv) Agree to the initial participation in the Peace Heroines Art Project.</p> <p>(v) Agree to apply for the extension of a licence for a place of public entertainment (theatre liquor licence) for outdoor section, adjacent to the café entrance at the Seamus Heaney Homeplace.</p> <p>(vi) Agree to Council participation in a Stakeholder Engagement group to explore a potential Literary Residency Initiative at Bellaghy Bawn and potential funding opportunities via the Shared Island Fund.</p> <p>(vii) Agree financial contribution of £5000 per annum (for an initial 3 year period) to assist with relocation of Shopmobility scheme to external suitable premises</p> <p>(viii) Note the update in respect of the Development Department.</p>
5	List of Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 Community Rolling Grant Awards</p> <p>Appendix 2 Irish Language Fund Awards</p> <p>Appendix 3 Clogher Valley Childcare Centre of Excellence Presentation</p>

Appendix 1

Local Community Festival Grants - July 2022 (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Organisations Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Total Requested Amount	Amount Awarded
1.	Blessed Patrick O'Loughran Parent Support Group	Community	Community Fun Day	4	£1500	£720
2.	Derryloran Flower Guild	Community	200 th Anniversary Festival	4	£3990	£840
3.	Dungannon Swifts Football Club	Community	Community Fun day	6	£610	£600
4.	Kilcronaghan Community Association	Community	Annual Vintage Rally, Craft Fair & Family Fun Day	3	£1200	£960
5.	St Marys Killyman GFC	Community	Local Community Festival Vintage Car & Tractor Show	3	£1200	£840
6.	Naomh Brid Brocagh	Sport/Community	Fun Day	4	£1050	£840
7.	Leo's Boys and Girls Tug of War club	Sport	Tug Fest Aughnacloy	5	£1065	£720
Total					<u>£5520.00</u>	

Good Relations Grants - July 2022 (Maximum £1,200)

No applications received

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%
2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%

Appendix 2 Irish Language Support Fund - Awards

GROUP	ACTIVITIES	AWARD
Cairde Uí Néill Coalisland	<p>“Gaeilge sa Phobal – Irish in the Community”</p> <p>Irish language days at local children’s summer camps, a range of outdoor activities for Irish speaking families, an adult summer school, a series of heritage talks, an Irish language traditional song project and festival helping local people achieve fluency through the promotion of our rich heritage of traditional song.</p>	£3,175
Grúpa Ban Ghreanacháin - Granaghan Women’s Group	<p>Níl Muid Líofa Go Fóill!</p> <p>Irish language workshops, targeting those who have a little Irish. Activities to be delivered outside, as much as possible- 10 Irish language sessions of 90 mins each. They will be delivered in the open air, walks and talks, all conducted “As Gaeilge”.</p>	£870
An Carn Centre Maghera	<p>“Plean Gníomhaíochta 2020-21” Language Revitalisation</p> <p>12 month activity plan; targeting all aspects of the use of Irish in the local district. A range of projects including youth activity support, adult learning, heritage promotion, Feis Charn Tóchair, family mentoring, teaching resource development, language colleges, Irish language drama etc</p>	£13,810
An Chraobh Rua, Comhaltas Uladh Dungannon	<p>“An Gasra Léitheoireachta” Irish LanguageThe Reading Club</p> <p>Promotion of reading in the Irish language through a programme of online activity.</p>	£640
Conradh na Gaeilge Charn Tóchair Maghera	<p>“Scéim Thacaíochta do Theaghlaigh Gaelacha” (Support programme for Irish speaking families)</p> <p>Project involves a storytelling/reading programme for pre-school, family resource development, and Mother and Toddler club activities.</p>	£6,400
Glór na Speiríní Ballinascreen	<p>Imeachtaí Bliana Bhaile na Scríne</p> <p>A support programme for Irish speaking families with a range of activities including an Adult Winter School, online events and a programme of heritage walks.</p>	£3,150
Glór Mhachaire Fíolta Magherafelt	<p>“Scéim Óige 2021-22” (Irish Language Youth Project)</p> <p>A support programme targeting young people in primary and post-primary Irish medium education to develop their use of the language in informal settings through a range of youth activities.</p>	£3,500
Tobin Youth Centre Moortown	<p>“Irish language Activity Programme for 4-7 Year Olds”</p>	£1,950

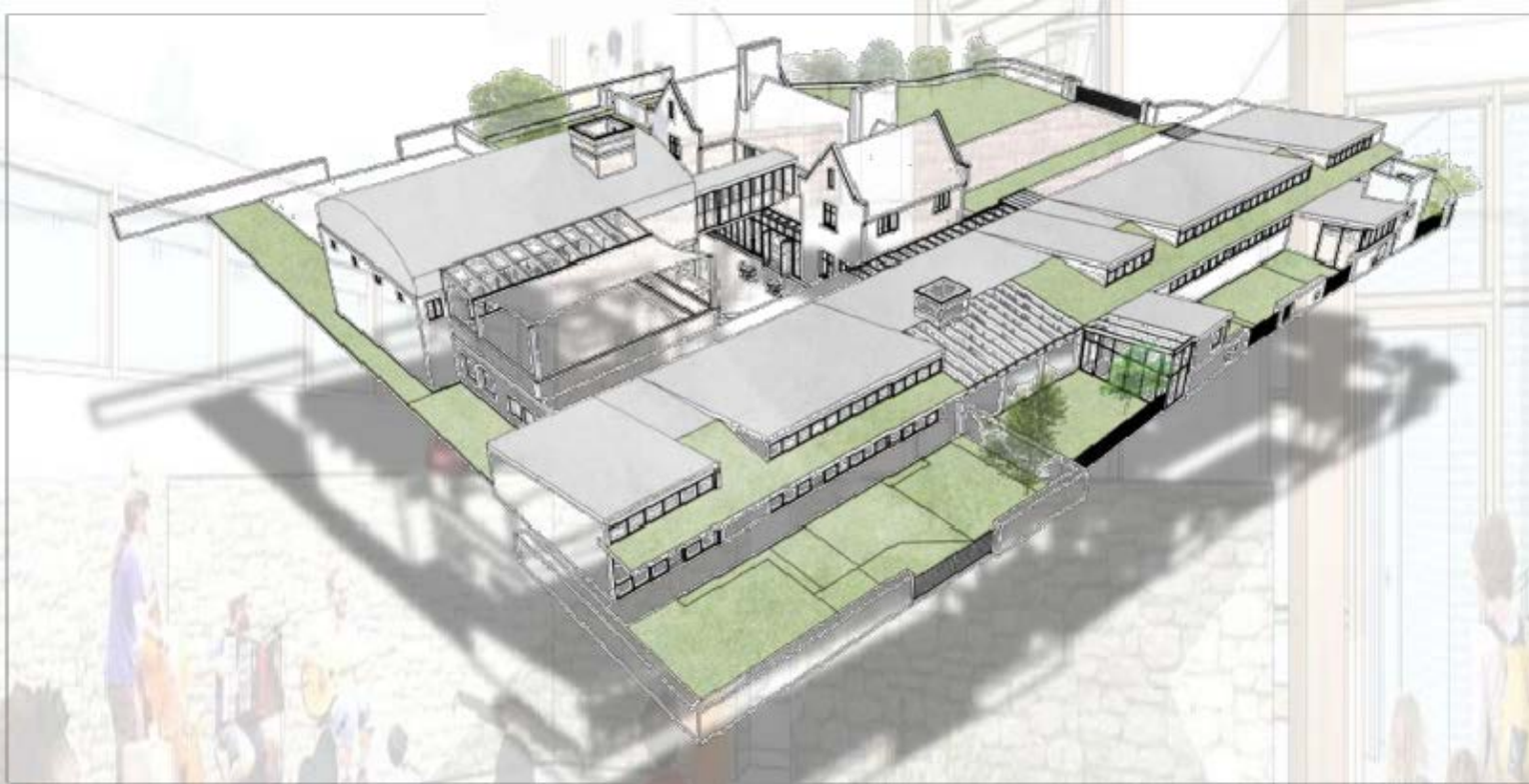
Naomh Colm GAC Ballinascreen	Bliotz Uladh Irish Language socialisation programme for youth teams from across Ulster	£650
Campa Chill Dreas,	Campa Chill Dreasa (Kildress Summer Camp)	£2,035
Sruth na Gaeilge, Scoil Iósaef Domhnach Mór	Craobh an tSrutha (Champions of Irish)	£315
Irish Institute of Leadership Pomeroy	Féile Ghaeltacht Thír Eoghain 2021 (Tyrone Gaeltacht Festival) Online Irish language Summer School for Adults involving a series of language classes and lectures to improve language skills and knowledge of cultural heritage in Tyrone area.	£2,200
Naomh Colmcille GAC Coalisland	Irish Language learning programme for youth teams	£480
Cairdeas Eoghain Cookstown	Seal Spraoi (Summer Scheme Activity Week) Summer Scheme for local Irish Medium primary school children involving a range of linguistic activities for both parents and pupils with a view to continuing use of Irish during summer months/school holidays. Seal Spraoi (Summer Activities for Teenagers) Parent, Carer and Toddler Programme Seal Spraoi (After schools youth-club)	£5900
Gaelscoil Eoghain Cookstown	An Naíscoil Bheag -Activities for 2-3 year olds and parents	£1,500
Healthy Kidz Dungannon	Healthy Kidz Irish Language Summer Scheme	£2,000
Gaelscoil Aodha Rua Dungannon	Ár bPobal Foghlamtha The aim of the project is to encourage the wider school community, both teaching and non-teaching and parents of children in the school who have studied Irish at school, to engage in a programme of continued learning.	£1,425



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Clogher Valley

Centre of Excellence



"We know that conducive social services that involve the entire family unit have the potential to send ripples of change throughout the community and transform a "culture of war" into a "culture of peace"



“We believe in
Childhood – in its own right”

ABOUT US

Early Years is the largest organisation in Northern Ireland working with and for young children.

A non-profit making organisation with over 240 employees, Early Years has worked since 1965 to promote high quality early education and childcare for children aged 0 - 18 and their families.

Early Years is also a registered company in Ireland with an office in Pettigo, Co. Donegal.

Annually we support over 500 settings and 14,000 employees with:

- Leadership and Governance
- Funding and Sustainability (we administer the Pathway Fund and the Childcare Recovery Fund on behalf of DE)
- Development and implementation of evidence based programmes
- Support/Advice and Advocacy
- Accreditation & Training
- Lead and/or accountable body for seven Sure Starts.

Vision and Mission



Mission:

“To lead and innovate to ensure high quality shared early education and care services that support resilience for children, families and communities.”

Early Years vision is to ensure that:

- Children are strong, competent and visible in their local communities
- Parents, carers and families live in communities with healthy relationships that nurture good child development outcomes
- Children and families are physically and emotionally well and resilient
- Children are eager and able to learn and reach their full potential
- Parents, carers, families and service providers are empowered and resilient
- Children are respectful of difference and grow up in a peaceful, prosperous and shared region



Child Rights Ecology Model



Key relationships with partners and funders



Northern Ireland
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Children Connecting for Change

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The Education and Training Inspectorate
Promoting Improvement



ARNEC

Asia-Pacific Regional Network
for Early Childhood



LINKS

Lancaster
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An Roinn Oideachais
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Department of
Education and Skills



Department of
Education



Special EU Programmes Body
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Special EU Schemes Boadie

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SCHOOL START FLEXIBILITY NI

An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth

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EARLY YEARS, CARE,
EDUCATION AND PLAY

EMPLOYERS' FORUM
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Background to Clogher

- Built in 1842, the Clogher Valley workhouse was erected on a 9.5-acre site north of Clogher town. Built to accommodate up to 500 inmates, covering 17 electoral areas including Augher, Ballagh, Cullamore, Errigal and Brogan & Mullodan in Co. Monaghan.
- Early Years had an unprecedented opportunity in light of two asset transfers from Clogher Valley Playgroup and Department of Education to acquire a unique site adjacent to the border and centrally located.
- The project will revitalise a derelict historic site, symbolic of a divisive past with a ground-breaking new use with impact directly within the local community and more widely across Northern Ireland, Ireland and beyond.
- Additionally, new structures will be developed to further engrain existing childcare provision within the development.
- Robust consultation phase engaged key stakeholders and identified possible functions, gaps, services and practice models, assessed the feasibility of the location of any proposed new service, and expose local stakeholders to best practice internationally.
- As a result of the extensive process of consultation and engagement a sense of ownership developed in terms of identifying the need for a new model of shared service delivery located on the Old Clogher Valley Workhouse site that would transform the site.

Clogher Aim & Vision

The Centre of Excellence will provide a working model for communities across the local area, nationally and internationally for the delivery of high-quality shared services rooted in respect for difference - based on a community development model.

The project will ensure that children are **strong, competent and visible** in their communities, **physically and emotionally healthy, respectful of difference** and can grow up in a **peaceful, prosperous and shared region**.



The strategic aims are to create a child care infrastructure that is affordable, sustainable, fosters a lifelong respect for diversity thereby laying the foundations for a more tolerant, inclusive society and support the transformation of our **society**.



A national and international centre of excellence that showcases the very latest expertise and research in designing and using environments for young children and models pedagogical best practice and meet the needs of a diverse range of children and families.



Alignment with Policy Objectives

A shared society that respects diversity: a safe community where we respect the law and each other; children and young people will have the best start in life.

Children should live in safety and stability; contributing positively to community and society which respects their rights, the project will fully commit to the Convention on the Rights of the Child with particular focus on General Comment No 7 giving a voice and visibility to children and families.

Facilitates collaboration across a range of health , education and care services and the integration of early years services as part of a wider theme of early intervention, equity and access.

Has due regard to rural areas when developing, implementing or revising policies, strategies and plans and to have due regard to the social and economic needs of rural people.

Give children and young people the best chance in life, develop models to increase parental involvement and the wider community and cross community use of all educational facilities; extend provision of shared education; promote shared spaces; promote quality and sustainable day care and extend after schools.

2015-2030 Sustainable Development Goals contribute internationally to new knowledge in relation to the role of early childhood development and peace building.



Planned Activity



- A new high quality, bespoke centre to enable 50+ pre-school places in partnership with Clogher Valley Playgroup.
- A facility to support a total of 180 children aged from birth to four established and managed by Early Years with out of school facilities, in a new purpose-built day care service as well as 30 summer scheme places (total 210 new places).
- Spaces for families for Two-Year-Olds (36 places), Creche (12 places) and Programme spaces for parents, speech and language, breast feeding, art, science, sensory play and gross motor activities (over 1000 registered children and parents) in partnership with Clogher Valley Sure Start.
- Training and research facilities for parents, early years providers and students in partnership with Early Childhood Ireland, Stranmillis University and other international partners.
- Indoor and outdoor community spaces including a café and remida (early years recycling) area and meeting spaces. Outdoor spaces for nature play, gardening, building, sensory and dramatic play in partnership with Recreate.

Progress to Date

- Design is complete and the project is shovel ready
- Cross party and Ministerial support secured in Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland.
- Asset transfers:
 - Dept. of Education/ Infrastructure for reception building and land (Completed)
 - Clogher Valley Playgroup Association for adjacent land (Pending)
- Dept. of Education commitment of £240,000 (Pending)
- Early Years contribution of £138,000 committed
- Atlantic Philanthropies grant of €885,000 secured

Progress to Date

MMAS Architects appointed as Design Consultants

Completed to RBAI (Royal British Institute of Architects) standards. 7 stage process. RIAI (The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland) equivalency.

Stage	Activities	Timelines
1 Preparing and Briefing	Brief approved by EY and confirmed it can be accommodated on site	Completed
2 Concept Design	Architectural concept approved by EY and aligned to Project Brief	Completed
3 Spatial Coordination	Architectural and Engineering information Specially coordinated	Completed
4 Technical Design	All design information required to manufacture and construct the project nearing completion.	Nearing Completion
5 Construction	Manufacturing and Construction to be commissioned	Q2 2022 +
6 Handover	Building to be handed over, aftercare to be initiated and building contract reviewed	Q3 2023
7 Use	Building used operated and maintained effectively.	Q3 2023

Request For Support from Shared Island Unit

Proposed Activity	Proposed Start	Total Cost (€)	Committed to date			Funding Required (€)
	Date		(€)	In Kind (€)	Secured (€)	
Manufacturing, Construction, Handover and Use (phases 1,2 & 3)	May-22	7,285,000.00	283,000.00	217,000.00	€ 885,000	5,900,000.00

An initial business case developed in Sept 2020 outlined a total cost of £5,261,500 (€6,208,570).

Two subsequent cost reviews have been undertaken with the design team given the fluidity of pricing within the industry at present.

A revised total cost of **€7,285,000** for all three phases is approved and current until 30 April 2022.

€1,385,000 achieved in Committed, In Kind & Secured.

Represents an 81% funding requirement from Shared Island Unit

No commitment required to support revenue costs post construction.

Progress to Date

- Discussions with the Department of Education re: asset transfer and support for development since Jan 2020.
- Extensive negotiations with the Shared Island Unit between June 2021 – June 2022. We need an Accountable Department in Ireland to sponsor the programme
 - Met with Dept of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth Feb/Mar 22
 - Planning a further meeting with Dept of Education & Skills for July 2022
- 10K secured from the Architectural Heritage Fund to develop community video and explore funding opportunities
- EOI submitted to National Lottery Heritage Fund in June 22. Project value deemed too high given % of NI Budget. Discussions to continue in July.
- Opportunity to explore funding opportunities under PEACEPLUS. Pre-Application Support Hybrid Workshop (Friday 8th July 2022)

Request For Support

- Continue to support the project team to:
 - Continue to support engagement with the SIU to explore funding opportunities
 - Ensure the ongoing support of the Department of Education
 - Promote the opportunity from Mid Ulster Council and provision of support through council led programmes and the PEACEPLUS programme.
 - Mid Ulster Council to traction cross border partnerships and support

Questions??

Report on	Community Lending Libraries
Date of Meeting	6 th July 2022
Reporting Officer	Kieran Gordon, Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing
Contact Officer	Anne Reid, Parks & Countryside Development Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>To seek Council approval to grant permission for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tullymeadow Community Group and Men's Shed, Augher to erect a community lending library in Augher Playpark Newmills Wildlife Gardening Club to erect a community lending library in Newmills Community Space.
2.0	Background
2.1	Community Lending Libraries have become a popular local resource. Also known as "little free libraries", they offer communities and families a chance to share their used books with others. They provide an efficient way to clear out old books, and it provides books to other readers who may not have easy access to reading materials.
2.2	Community Lending Libraries can further promote a sense of community and conversation. The act of reading can ultimately be both social and transformative. It regularly ignites new conversations and new social movements.
2.3	The Libraries will be an excellent new community facility for the areas of Newmills and Augher. They aim to bring people together within the community space and to have a positive impact on the health and well-being of local people whilst also installing a sense of civic pride and social inclusion for all ages and abilities.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Newmills Wildlife Gardening Club are seeking permission to erect a classic 'old style' red telephone box on Council owned land on the Brackaville Road. A local business owner has kindly donated the telephone box. The Community group will run and manage the lending scheme (bring a book, borrow a book) at no expense to Council.
3.2	The Tullymeadow Community Group and Men's Shed are seeking permission to erect a lending library within Augher Playpark. The community group will develop the library and will run and manage the lending scheme (bring a book, borrow a book) at no expense to Council. Exact location to be agreed with Council Officers on site.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: There are no financial costs associated with this project.

	Human: There are no Council human resources implications associated with this project.
	Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant policies and procedures. Both groups have indicated they accept that management, maintenance and liabilities of the structures are not the responsibility of Council but rather themselves and proposal is to capture this in the form of a written agreement before any structure is placed on council land.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None anticipated at this juncture.
	Rural Needs Implications: None anticipated at this juncture.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are recommended to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) approve the installation of Community Lending Libraries in Newmills, Brackaville Road, and Augher Playpark, Knockview, via an appropriate written agreement.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix A – Example of a Community Lending Library structure

Appendix A – Example of a Community Lending Library structure



Report on	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great Days Out Event 2. Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022 3. Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022 4. Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP) 5. Mid Ulster Place Shaping Plans 6. Mid Ulster Socio-Economic Analysis
Date of Meeting	6 th July 2022
Reporting Officer	Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

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>Great Days Out Event This event was previously run by Tourism Northern Ireland, catering for group organisers, church groups, sports and social clubs, community groups, retirement associations, gardening groups, historical groups, rotary clubs and many more from across NI. Mid Ulster Council delivered our own version of Great Days Out in 2019 at Corick House Hotel and at HomePlace in 2020.</p> <p>2.2 Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022 Mid Ulster's fourth Enterprise Week is scheduled to take place between Monday 14 and Friday 18 November 2022. It is anticipated this year's event will incorporate a mix of online and in-person events.</p> <p>2.3 Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022 The Rural Business Development Grants Scheme offers rural based micro businesses capital grants of up to £4,999 for actions, which aid business sustainability, recovery and development. Mandatory funding workshops for this year's Scheme, which ran from late April through to mid-May 2022, were attended by over 420 businesses with 204 applications received by the call closing date of 31st May 2022.</p>

2.4	<p>Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP) Council previously agreed to participate in the development and delivery of a Local Labour Market Partnership (LMP) under the Employability NI Programme led by the Department for Communities. The aim of LMPs is to improve employability outcomes and labour market conditions locally by working through coordinated, collaborative, multiagency partnerships. The Mid Ulster LMP is industry-led; developing and delivering activities relating to skills development, training and employability programmes in the local area.</p>
2.5	<p>Mid Ulster Place Shaping Plans Council is seeking to develop 3 No. Place Shaping Plans that will provide a fresh strategic framework for economic growth and regeneration in the 3 main towns, Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt.</p>
2.6	<p>Mid Ulster Socio-Economic Analysis The existing socio-economic analysis for Mid Ulster is out of date and requires renewal to ensure it captures, summarises and highlights all our District's key issues/sectors/data and sets these out in a simple and meaningful way with the use of infographics and text, etc.</p>
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Great Days Out Event Great Days Out will directly target group organisers from across Northern Ireland and the border counties, such as church groups, community groups and retirement associations.</p> <p>The purpose of Great Days Out is to encourage these organisers to visit the Mid Ulster District by providing information on the wealth of fantastic group day visits available. It will showcase cultural experiences, heritage sites and special interest tours and will entice groups to visit locations, which may not be familiar to them.</p> <p>Great Days Out is designed to showcase the vast array of tourism businesses and experiences across the District. It will include attractions, activities and accommodation throughout the Mid Ulster Council area offering a range of great day trip experiences and overnights for a variety of groups from church, sports and social clubs to community groups, retirement associations and many more.</p> <p>Group trip organisers and group leaders will be given the opportunity to meet and sell directly to a range of exhibitors who can help them plan a day trip in Mid Ulster.</p>
3.2	<p>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022 It is proposed to deliver a mix of around 10 online and in-person events across Enterprise Week. Council is keen to build on the success of the previous three Enterprise Weeks held in Mid Ulster and deliver an equally impactful high quality programme of business focused events.</p>

	<p>A wide range of business topics will be offered to ensure all sectors of industry are supported. Feedback from last year's event was very positive with many attendees supporting the virtual format as this enabled them to attend with limited time away from their work commitments and without the need to travel to and from a venue along with the opportunity to access the event recording at a later date.</p> <p>To build upon the success of previous years' events, it is proposed to procure the services of a Management / Delivery Partner who will report to Council throughout the organisation, co-ordination and delivery of a comprehensive range of actions to ensure the smooth delivery of Enterprise Week 2022.</p>
3.3	<p>Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022</p> <p>The Rural Business Development Grants Scheme is administered by Council on behalf of DAERA through a contract for funding which sets out delivery milestones for completion of key phases of the Scheme, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of all applications and issue of letters of offer by 9th September 2022. 2. Processing of promoter claim forms and submission to DAERA for payment by 9th December 2022. <p>The value of grant requested within applications received for the 2022 call is approx. £696K, which far exceeds the initial allocation of £140,000. Additional funding may be allocated from DAERA but this will be subject to availability.</p> <p>As letters of offer have to be issued by the 9th September 2022, it will not be possible to bring a list of approved projects to Committee for ratification before the next scheduled Development Committee meeting on 15th September 2022. Delegated authority is therefore sought for the Chief Executive to approve the issue of letters of offer to successful applicants under this Scheme. A full list of successful applicants will be brought to Committee thereafter for Members information.</p>
3.4	<p>Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP)</p> <p>Members will be aware that Council received correspondence from Department for Communities advising Mid Ulster LMP's annual budget for programme expenditure 2022-23 was reduced from £374,700 to £274,224.</p> <p>As agreed Council officers have since liaised with representatives of Mid Ulster LMP to scale back the operational programme and associated budget following which a revised Action Plan 2022-23 was submitted to Department for Communities.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Council previously agreed to proceed at risk to tender for programmes and initiatives included within the Mid Ulster LMP Action Plan 2022-23, and to hold-off on appointing delivery organisations until Council is in receipt of an official letter of offer from the Department for Communities. It is now recommended to approve delegated authority be awarded to the Chief Executive to appoint successful delivery organisations following procurement exercises to</p>

allow work to commence over the summer months (subject to receipt of an official letter of offer).

3.5 Mid Ulster Place Shaping Plans

Place Shaping looks at how we can make our communities stronger and more resilient in the future through understanding what we have in terms of assets such as our buildings, brownfield sites, green spaces, skills & knowledge, communities, infrastructure and public services etc. We want to build on our history, our strategic geographic and economic location; our tourism potential to secure a sustainable social, economic and physical regeneration.

To achieve this aim, Council wish to make an application to the Department for Communities (DfC) to co-fund the development of 3 No. Place Shaping Plans for Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt, which will inform the delivery of a wide range of economic, social and regeneration initiatives over the next 10-15 years.

These plans will provide a fresh strategic framework for place based socio-economic growth and regeneration to help make our communities stronger and more resilient in the future. The Plans will also be a valuable resource for Council and others in making strategic funding bids over the next 10-15 years.

The development of such Plans will involve widespread stakeholder engagement and input from members of the public, community / voluntary organisations, sports, leisure & cultural organisations as well as from our local businesses, property owners and representatives from statutory agencies and government departments to agree the aspirations, direction and proposals for the 3 towns.

This is a major piece of work and may require to be delivered on a phased basis over the next few years but it is important that work commences at an early stage to develop such Plans.

3.6 Mid Ulster Socio-Economic Analysis

Mid Ulster District Council's current Socio-Economic Profile was completed seven years ago, in 2015. Since then, no professional independent research work has been undertaken to update figures and given the impact of EU Exit, Covid-19, the new Census data 2021 etc, it is now an opportune time to update our data and reflect on the corresponding impact these factors, and others, have had on our key sectors.

Mid Ulster's key sectors include: manufacturing, engineering, agri-food, construction retail, tourism (including hospitality), agriculture and services.

While research into the impact of the Pandemic and the EU Exit has taken place on regional and sectoral levels, there has been no research into the effect of these (in the medium and longer term) specifically on Mid Ulster's businesses, and with particular focus on its key sectors.

Furthermore, there has been no assessment of the emerging and future economic opportunities and challenges facing Mid Ulster businesses and their potential

	<p>impact on the District's recovery and growth prospects, and how future interventions should be designed to address these.</p> <p>Mid Ulster District Council anticipates that the data captured from the research and the associated interventions will be a significant contributor towards informing future decisions.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Great Days Out Event Within existing budget, approximate cost - £2500</p> <p>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022 An estimated budget of £28,000 has been set aside for Enterprise Week 2022 from Council's Economic Development budget. A proportion of these costs will be used to procure the services of a Management / Delivery Agent to co-ordinate, manage and organise all virtual events and promotion of Enterprise Week 2022.</p> <p>Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022 None. Council will receive resource funding from DAERA equal to 10% of the value of letters of offer issued to successful applicants.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP) LMP activity is funded by the Department for Communities (DfC).</p> <p>Mid Ulster Place Shaping Plans It is anticipated that the 3 Place Shaping Plans will cost in the region of £135,000. 80% funding is being sought from DfC (circ. £108,000), with a match funding budget being required from Council of circ. £27,000 (which can be funded from within its existing economic development budget 2022-2024).</p> <p>Mid Ulster Socio-Economic Analysis It is estimated that the Mid Ulster Socio Economic Analysis will cost in the region of £15,000 and this can be funded from within the existing Economic Development budget.</p> <p>Human:</p> <p>Great Days Out Event Tourism staff will deliver this event</p> <p>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022 Officer's time will be required to work with a Management / Delivery Partner in the development of a suite of events and to ensure the smooth running of Enterprise Week 2022.</p>

	<p>Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022 Officer time.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP) Officer time.</p> <p>Mid Ulster Place Shaping Plans Officer time</p> <p>Mid Ulster Socio-Economic Analysis Officer time</p>
	<p>Risk Management: Great Days Out Event N/A</p> <p>Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022 N/A</p> <p>Mid Ulster Place Shaping Plans Subject to funding approval by DfC</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications: Great Days Out Event N/A</p> <p>Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022 N/A - Equality and Good Relations screening has been carried out prior to commencement of the Scheme.</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications: Great Days Out Event N/A</p> <p>Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022 N/A - Rural Needs screening has been carried out prior to commencement of the Scheme.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>It is recommended that Members;</p> <p>Great Days Out Event Approve delivery of the Great Days Out Trade Event 2022 to be funded from Council's existing tourism budget at a cost of circ. £2,500.</p>

<p>5.2</p>	<p>Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022</p> <p>5.2.1 Approve a budget of circ. £28,000 for the delivery of Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022 from within the existing Economic Development budget 2022/23.</p> <p>5.2.2 Approve Council proceed to seek competitive quotes to appoint a professional Management / Delivery Partner to manage and co-ordinate the delivery of Mid Ulster Enterprise Week 2022. The costs for such to be apportioned from within the budget detailed at 5.2.1.</p> <p>5.2.3 Approve that the Chief Executive be awarded delegated authority to appoint the successful Management/Delivery Partner following the procurement exercise to allow work to commence over the summer period.</p> <p>5.3 Rural Business Development Grants Scheme 2022</p> <p>5.3.1 Approve that delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to approve the issue of letters of offer to successful applicants in line with contractual timescales. A report will be brought to the Development Committee thereafter to update Members on the outcome of assessment and to note approved projects.</p> <p>5.4 Mid Ulster Labour Market Partnership (LMP)</p> <p>5.4.1 Note update report.</p> <p>5.4.2 Approve for delegated authority be awarded to the Chief Executive to appoint successful delivery organisations following procurement exercises to allow LMP work to commence over the summer months (subject to receipt of official letter of offer).</p> <p>5.5 Mid Ulster Place Shaping Plans</p> <p>5.5.1 Approve for Council officers to submit a funding application to Department for Communities (DFC) seeking 80% funding towards costs to develop 3 No. Place Shaping Plans for Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt and that Council fund the remaining 20% of costs from its existing Economic Development budget 2022-2024.</p> <p>5.5.2 Approve that authority be delegated to the Council's Chief Executive to sign and accept a letter of offer from DFC, subject to Council's funding bid being successful.</p> <p>5.5.3 Approve for Council officers to proceed to procure professional expertise to manage and co-ordinate the development and production of 3 No. Place Shaping Plans for Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt, subject to confirmation of funding from DFC.</p> <p>5.5.4 Approve authority be delegated to Council's Chief Executive to appoint the successful organisation following the procurement exercise to allow work to progress on the Place Shaping Plans, subject to confirmation of funding.</p> <p>5.5.5 Note an update report will be brought to the Development Committee in the Autumn to update Members on progress.</p>
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5.6	Mid Ulster Socio-Economic Analysis
	<p>5.6.1 Approve that Council makes provision within its economic development budget of circ. £15,000 to procure a professional consultant to undertake a comprehensive Socio Economic Analysis of Mid Ulster which will help inform a wide range of funding bids across Council departments.</p> <p>5.6.2 Approve that authority be delegated to the Council's Chief Executive to appoint the successful consultant following the procurement exercise which will allow work to commence on Socio-Economic Analysis over the summer months.</p> <p>5.6.3 Note a report will be brought to the Development Committee thereafter to update Members on the appointment.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None

Minutes of Meeting of the Development Committee of Mid Ulster District Council held on Thursday 16 June 2022 in the Council Offices, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and by Virtual Means

Members Present

Councillor Clarke (Chair)

Councillors Ashton, Burton, Corry*, Doris*, Kerr*, McNamee, Milne*, Molloy*, Monteith* and Wilson*

Officers in Attendance

Mr Black, Strategic Director of Communities and Place
Mr Gordon, Assistant Director of Health, Leisure and Wellbeing

Ms Linney**, Assistant Director of Development
Ms McKeown**, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes
Mrs Loughran, Business Support Manager

Others In Attendance

Deputation: Into the West Rail -
Cormac Duffy and Steve Bradley

* Denotes Members present in remote attendance

** Denotes Officers present by remote means

*** Denotes Others present by remote means

The meeting commenced at 7 pm.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching the meeting through the Live Broadcast. Councillor Clarke in introducing the meeting detailed the operational arrangements for transacting the business of the committee in the chamber and by virtual means, by referring to Annex A to this minute.

D089/22 Notice of Recording

This meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's You Tube site.

D090/22 Apologies

Councillors Black, Elattar and Wilson.
Mr McCreesh, Chief Executive.

D091/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chair, Councillor Clarke reminded Members of their responsibility with regard to declaration of interest drawing attention in particular to agenda item on grants. He stated that if Members had already declared the interest it did not need reiterated.

D092/22 Chair's Business

Councillor McNamee stated that he wished to raise two items under Chair's business. He enquired if there was any update on the cycle trails in Davagh Forest and whether a new contractor had been appointed yet. He also asked for an update on Cookstown Saturday market, especially the results of the consultation and whether these would be brought to committee.

The AD: Health, Leisure and Wellbeing advised that a paper would be tabled at a future Environment Committee regarding the Cycle Trails in Davagh.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that a paper be brought to a future Environment Committee providing an update on the Cycle Trails at Davagh Forest.

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes advised that the Saturday Market review is being finalised and will be brought to Committee as soon as it is completed for Members' review.

Councillor McNamee stated that the parking issues around the market were raised at the PCSP meeting recently and was content that these would be addressed.

Councillor Kerr congratulated Councillor Clarke on being elected Chair of the Development Committee and wished him well.

Councillor Kerr stated that he had been contacted by a local volunteer from Cookstown SANDS group which was a charity who specialises in stillbirth and neo-natal support for bereaved parents. He said that the volunteer would like to see a memorial for the children who unfortunately lost their lives in the Mid Ulster area who would like to see a memorial to babies/children who lost their lives. The Volunteer advised that there was a memorial garden exists in the Lisburn area and that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council were also exploring a exploring a similar initiative.

Proposed by Councillor Kerr
Seconded by Councillor Monteith

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that Council engage with SANDS volunteers to explore a memorial within the district for babies/children who have lost their lives.

The SD: Communities and Place advised that Officers would take this away and consider the matter with an update being brought at a later date.

D093/22 Deputation – Into the West Rail

The Chair, Councillor Clarke welcomed representatives of Into the West – Mr Cormac Duffy and Mr Steve Bradley to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr Duffy and Mr Bradley delivered their presentation which highlighted the fact that 2 of the 11 Councils within Northern Ireland do not have rail access, namely MUDC and FODC. They advised that there had been no rail in Tyrone or South Derry in the last two generations, which demonstrated that this has become a car dominated region even though around a quarter of households in Dungannon and Cookstown have no access to a car or van.

The aim of the lobby group was to restore the Derry-Portadown line which will in turn open the possibility for a circular rail line covering 5 of the 6 counties. If connections were then established with Letterkenny in Donegal it would allow the possibility of funding from the Irish Government.

Into the West are asking MUDC to adopt an ambitious vision for rail within our District, while becoming a consistent and vocal advocate for rail in the area. They want MUDC to work closely and collaboratively with other Councils to achieve objectives of establishing a Rail Working Group within Council to support other improvements to rail on the island.

Councillor Burton advised that she gets lobbied for this a lot which she has raised at NILGA as she felt that rail was a great way of connecting people. She said that she would like to see rail coming the same route as the old Clogher Valley railway line and has been working with other groups in the Armagh area on restoring railway lines. She enquired if the railway track came as far as Armagh then could it progress to Monaghan which she would fully support.

Mr Bradley advised that the Derry route would go through Dungannon providing a spine of rail through Co. Tyrone and would be an economically viable option. This would bind together the larger towns in Northern Ireland and put Mid Ulster at heart of the network. Once rail was back to Omagh it could then be brought to Enniskillen and then onto Sligo.

In referring to query regarding the Clogher Valley, he advised that the train would go to Dungannon with feeder buses from Clogher Valley and could also look at the option of providing better cycle routes to feed people into that rail service.

Councillor Burton stated that a large number of people would already drive to Portadown to access the rail service from there. She said that she was hopeful that the upgrade of the rail network would take place and would fully support it as it was criminal that the train was lost from Clogher Valley to begin with and she wished them well.

Councillor Molloy said that the West had been abandoned by rail and agreed it was criminal. He referenced the loss of the track bed in Mid Ulster which had been lost to private development and the bridge network which had been removed. He said that a sea change in thought was needed as to where the new track between Portadown and Dungannon would go and a need to rethink the network linkages not where it was, but would be fully supported the proposals.

Mr Bradley agreed that he wouldn't be in favour of using the old route but Derry to Portadown has not been built on and was still fully intact and problems arise when

entire route is built on. Rail beds need to be protected in planning so that if a route is still usable and desirable then rail beds can be utilised.

Councillor Kerr advised that he was fully supportive of the INTW campaign and another advantage was to appeal the environmental argument to rebuild the railway. Most nations have plans to eliminate carbon footprints and improving public infrastructure would help this, with consideration being given to electric trains as was the case in USA and other countries. He recalled track imprints in the fields around Coalisland and hoped that these could be restored.

Mr Bradley stated that this was all about choice and in order to use cars less people need more options open to them as people at the minute have no choice as a quarter of local households do not even have access to a vehicle.

Councillor Quinn said it was a fantastic presentation and was keen to see the railway returning back to Coalisland. He said that if people had the foresight to see the benefits of a new rail system that this would be very beneficial as current trains and rail network were currently old fashioned and not fit purpose. He stated that health and environmental advantages from Rail are huge and he asked if Council could investigate old train lines to see what was still intact and available. He advised that he would be fully supportive the INTW proposals.

Mr Bradley agreed that it cost a lot of money, however mile for mile, rail was half the cost of motorway £850 million to restore rail link from Derry to Portadown. He said that he wished to see strong community advocates to make rail connectivity happen.

Councillor Monteith congratulated Councillor Clarke on in term of Chair and said that he was also in favour of seeing the rail network being restored from Derry to Portadown. He enquired if there was a certain team within DfI dealing with rail so that Council could negotiate and arrange a meeting to progress this initiative.

Mr Bradley confirmed that DfI hold the budget. He said that the first stage of the process was that DfI and Finance Ministers consider the benefits of the overall project as there were large sums of money required (Catch Up Cash from Westminster and Dublin). He said that there was a need for Council to become a strong advocate for pushing this forward so that the two ministers previously referenced to bring to London, Dublin and EU to lobby for it. He said that this would take a long time and no short cuts.

The SD: Communities and Place reminded members that reference was made in the Community Plan to Reinstatement of Railways and therefore there are opportunities to bring this conversation forward under Community Planning.

The AD: Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes agreed that it was a very good presentation. She said that Council had lobbied hard for the rail network to be reinstated from Portadown to Dungannon, Cookstown, Magherafelt and onwards to Coleraine. She advised this route would provide a key rail corridor from Coleraine through the heart of Mid Ulster and onwards to Portadown where it would link directly into the Republic of Ireland. This key route carries significant traffic daily and requested this be included as part of Into the West's proposals.

Councillor McNamee referred to the key route from Derry to Portadown and suggested the possibility of Officers touching base with the other Councils involved (Derry & Strabane, Fermanagh & Omagh and ABC) as this would strengthen the campaign as a group going forward.

Councillor Clarke stated that if a circular route was complete it would automatically build demand and usage as a whole across the West. He felt that the project needed serious impetus and drive to get delivered.

Mr. Bradley said there would be opposition to rail within DfI as he was aware of other Councils being told not to include this within their transport plans. He said that there was a need for vocal advocates for rail within communities as times were changing, but was confident however that there would be opposition as was the case in rural Scotland, but they lobbied hard and were successful.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to engage with neighbouring Councils (Derry & Strabane DC, ABC Borough Council and Fermanagh and Omagh DC) to work collectively in progressing the reintroduction of rail transport to the West.

The Chair, Councillor Clarke thanked the representatives of Into the West for their attendance at committee tonight and they withdrew from the meeting at 7.51pm.

Matters for Decision

D094/22 Development Report

The AD: Development presented previously circulated report which provided update and sought approval on the following:

- **Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2022 – 2023**
- **Community Grants Online –** grants review is taking place currently as part of the 3 year review, and a session will be held with members
- **Development Update –** for noting

Councillor Burton declared an interest in Bawn Development Group.

Councillor Ashton asked that PCSP remain the lead on the action to address the ASB issues relating to the memorials in Dungannon and Moy. She advised that a positive DEA meeting with officers had taken place concerning the attacks on the war memorial in Moy and Dungannon and that an update on follow up of agreed actions would be welcomed.

Councillor McNamee advised that this matter had been raised at yesterday's PCSP meeting.

The AD: Development said that she would follow up re the DEA discussions with the relevant officers; exploring installation of railings, community engagement and looking at CCTV to best maximise this.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that a paper be brought to future committee regarding the outcome of discussion on the ASB at Moy and Dungannon War memorials.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved To propose the Development Report as detailed below:

- **Community Grants - Rolling Grants Programme 2022 – 2023**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to approve the allocation of the Community Grants as recommended in appendix 1 of the Officers report.

- **Community Grants Online**

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the Community Grants Online review.

- **Development Report**

The AD: Development wished members to note that SEUPB has provided guidance on the delivery of Peace Plus programme and the Partnership to oversee this. A call via the Council database will take place to seek to get social partners alongside the statutory and Council member partners, and an update paper will be brought to the September committee.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the development report.

D095/22 Consultation on the Department of Health Review of Urgent and Emergency Care Services in NI

The AD: Development presented the previously circulated report which sought approval of the Council's response to the Department of Health's Review of Urgent and Emergency Care Services in Northern Ireland. Report is for members consideration and to submit a response.

Councillor Kerr said that he wished to raise a few issues.

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The first issue concerned GP telephone appointments and highlighted that not all issues can be resolved over the phone and felt strongly that GPs should be urged to facilitate as many face to face appointments as they possibly could. He said that the community were frustrated at the lack of resources within GP surgeries to answer calls and if callers cannot get through early in the morning then all appointments were gone and they have to wait until the following day. He said that more focus was required on staff resources for GP surgeries, more encouragement for student nurses and doctors to move into general practice.

He referred GP services being withdrawn in the Dromore area and hoped it would not happen in the rest of the region.

He also said that ambulance response times needed to improve and that better investment had to take place within the ambulance services as in many areas it was trained community volunteers who are first on the scene of an incident.

He felt that more investment was needed within the area of mental health, especially as Covid has had a huge impact on people's mental health and wellbeing.

The AD: Development advised that she would note all Councillor Kerr's issues and update the report accordingly.

Councillor Molloy made reference to an earlier point raised in the meeting about a section of the population within the area not having access to vehicles. This would pose difficulties if people have to travel further to hospitals or for Out of Hours services particularly in this area given that that particular service is not reopening in Dungannon.

Councillor Monteith said he held similar concerns to Councillor Molloy and proposed that Council seek an urgent meeting with the Southern Health Trust regarding the loss of the Out of Hours facility in Dungannon. He said that further reduction of services within this area cannot be allowed.

Proposed by Councillor Molloy
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to

- i) Include additional comments from Members and approve Council's response to the Department of Health's Review of Urgent and Emergency Care Services in Northern Ireland as detailed in the officers report.
- ii) Council to seek an urgent meeting with Southern Health Trust regarding loss of Out of Hours Facility in Dungannon

D096/22 Strategic Development Update

The AD: Development presented the previously circulated report in respect of Support to alleviate cost of living pressures and Mid Ulster Poverty Plan and sought approval for measures outlined in the undernoted resolve.

Reference was made to continuing to liaise with the other Councils regarding their interventions.

Councillor Monteith welcomed the report and accepted that there was no easy solutions. He said that some support has been undertaken but that more innovation solutions are required; even to consider schemes from previous such as the fuel stamp initiative, as this was very positive to help as many as possible. He also referenced the grants to community groups for running of facilities that these would not be sufficient in terms of meeting costs such as energy etc. He is aware that this cannot be amended now but needs considered as more people are availing of community buildings during the day to keep warm; again asked for flexibility to be shown and to think of different ways to alleviate all of these concerns.

Councillor Kerr thanked the AD: Development for her report and concurred with Councillor Monteith's comments regarding supporting school children initiative as this last few months there seemed to be constant bad news with cost of living going through roof. He said that it was important to be flexible and innovative to support people on low incomes as it was a matter of heat or eat. He welcomed a report to help residents of Mid Ulster.

Councillor McNamee agreed with previous comments and said what there was a need to see the Executive up and running to try and get funding out into communities.

Councillor Burton stated that families in general were really struggling, often these are the "working poor". Some of these people are in professional/good jobs however are not entitled to any kind of financial support like childcare and enquired what was out there for them. Working poor are struggling as much and if not more that lower income groups and enquired was there anything the Council could do to help those people also.

The AD: Development advised that all the main poverty programmes do seek to support all people including the working poor as they have been identified as struggling. It not noted that some of the tailored programmes did focus on free school meals and noted that consideration would be given within the poverty plan of how issues such as childcare costs could be addressed to include the "working poor" as they are being impacted.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to

- (i) Note the update in respect of officer engagement with Derry and Strabane District Council regarding their current consideration to provide support around pressures associated with cost of living increases;

- (ii) Agree that the Council continues to provide ongoing support with the cost of living challenges through our already established strategic network;
- (iii) Agree that any funding allocation from the Department, aimed to provide additional support, continues to be channeled through strategic network partners;
- (iv) Note the progress associated with the delivery of the Mid Ulster Anti-Poverty Plan and agree that this plan be used to continue to lobby government for additional support to help alleviate ongoing cost of living/poverty pressures.

D097/22 Affordable Warmth Scheme 2022-2023

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report which provided an update to Members on communications received from the Department for Communities (DfC) on the Affordable Warmth Scheme 2022-2023, the proposed changes to the number of referrals that can be made to the Scheme and resultant implications for Council.

He advised that this initiative had been delivered since 2014 targeting low income households so in line with the letter the budget position has an impact on spend as DfC can only fund 20 referrals per month from June 2022 onwards, reducing it from 360 to 260 this year. He said that the officer team were continuing to work on this programme and would work with those applicants who could not be referred but would signpost them to other relevant schemes. He advised that the report would be kept under review with a further review being carried out in Quarters 2 and 3.

Councillor Monteith said it was a very worthwhile project and staff were excellent in this role in referring, helping people and simplifying a daunting process, but felt there was a need for better publicity regarding the scheme availability. He said that if we were not in a position to create a cost of living scenario then this was a very real mechanism and suggested no one loses out. He said that there was a need to look at this to see if any further funding was available to increase this scheme as it makes a very real difference. The Council could take the initiative to make this more open to people on low incomes who are working as this was an excellent project that can be built upon if we can't do a cost of living grant. The key part of this thinking could be used for years to come. We do have a capital budget some of which could be improvements to people's homes which could be a great initiative and not just for facilities.

Councillor Kerr said there needs to be a revolutionary mind-set by local authorities to make changes to people's homes as the cost of living crisis was not going anywhere soon. There needs to be intervention to show Mid Ulster residents that Council wasn't just about lifting bins and cutting grass we want to improve lives.

Councillor Ashton referred to the reduction in referrals and said she would have thought they would have been aware of family pressures and asked we should push back and enquire if the project could be increased.

Councillor Molloy referred to evaluation the referrals and what difference they make to people's pockets and felt that this needed to be looked at as money in reserves needed to be spent.

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing clarified that Council did not give out the grants. He said that Council refer on to NIHE and the Department who can make an application up to £7,500 for windows or up to £10,000 for cavity walls, referrals are based on the number that's carried out by officers. The grant Council receive is to facilitate officer time and our role as this is a task and initiative for department, but we can continue working on this. He advised that officers would continue to voice comments to the Department as outlined in point 8. Important to reach out to the Department.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Ashton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council that

- (i) Members note the content of this report;
- (ii) Approve the current arrangements and meet the shortfall in funding through in year efficiencies; and
- (iii) Approval to carry out a review in quarter 3 and 4 in line with the annual rates estimates process on the ongoing viability of programme delivery should further funding not be achieved.

D098/22 FMT Chamber of Commerce Service Level Agreement

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report asking Members to consider a proposal to enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce for caretaker and cleansing duties within the Round Lake and surrounding facilities along with Fivemiletown Market Yard.

Councillor Burton felt that this was money well spent as Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce carry out hard work for the town and this SLA would give local people ownership of the area which had suffered from antisocial behaviour when it was first opened.

Proposed by Councillor Burton
Seconded by Councillor McNamee and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the content of the report and give approval to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Fivemiletown Chamber of Commerce to provide on-site support services on a daily basis equating to 2 hours per day, 7 days per week on a flexible rota at an approx. cost of £144.23 per week/ £7,500 per annum. This is for the period July 2022 – March 2023 only and will be reviewed for effectiveness and extension in line with other annual Service Level Agreements in support of Council's leisure and outdoor recreation services.

D099/22 Request for Support

The Chair advised that consideration of the report had been postponed.

Councillor Monteith said he would have been happy to support the proposals in the report. He then referenced letters of support required to Dungannon Rugby Football Club (DRFC) and proposed Council Officers reach out to the club to ascertain their needs and would be happy to support their proposals.

Councillor Wilson felt that officers should not be approaching an organisation to advise them to request a letter of support however if the club contacted a Council Officer then this could be facilitated.

Councillor Burton stated she had been asked for something similar from Clogher Valley Rugby Football Club (CVRFC).

The Chair, agreed that a request needed to come from the club.

Councillor Monteith enquired if can Dungannon Rugby Football Club could receive a letter of support.

The SD: Communities and Place stated that his understanding of what was being proposed by Councillor Monteith was that should the Council receive any request for letters of support under the levelling up fund, these would need to be considered by Council.

Councillor Monteith agreed but said officers should reach out to Dungannon Rugby Club after advising them that this would have to be brought to full Council. The group to be advised that a letter be sent corporately to Council to get the letter in and dealt with. He said that it was important for groups which are trying to access extra funding to be facilitated.

Councillor Wilson said that although he agreed with Councillor Monteith, he would still have an issue with our Officers going to an organisation asking them do they require a letter of support and those Councillors which received emails should contact Dungannon themselves and that way the whole process is followed properly.

Councillor Burton advised that Clogher Valley Rugby Club contacted her seeking a letter of support also. She said that it was important that one should not be put above another and a balance shown.

Councillor Monteith said that it was important that this matter is dealt with as a matter of urgency otherwise it would be September before it's done and proposed that in principal that if a request is received from either club that Council facilitate that at full Council at the end of the month.

Councillor Molloy clarified that both clubs referenced are liaising with Council Officers directly at present regarding other funding available, namely discretionary grants, which was the case and was aware that Clogher Valley was doing the same in terms of accessing funding for various things.

Councillor Kerr referred to Service Level Agreements and asked for an update report to be taken to the next meeting of this Committee on Washingbay as he had been contacted by some local residents and committee members about traffic issues in the area. He said these had been raised with previous officers and would like to see the issues progressed.

Proposed by Councillor Monteith
Seconded by Councillor Molloy and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council

- i) That should Members be contacted regarding letters of support for Levelling Up that the groups be asked to make contact with Council Officers directly and the requests will then be brought to the next full Council for consideration due to the imminent funding deadline
- ii) Washingbay Community Group: that Officers engage with relevant parties/agencies regarding traffic issues at the junction of the site.

D100/22 Lease Extension Requests

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report seeking approval to progress lease extensions regarding:

- (i) Tobermore Playing Fields – extend the lease with the landlord to 2045 to ensure it is co-terminus with the football clubs proposed extension.
- (ii) Benburb Community Playgroup – execute a further 25 year extension.
- (iii) Land for Brocagh Playpark – execute a 25 year lease with possibility of extension.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to progress lease extensions

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- (iii) Land for Brocagh Playpark – execute a 25 year lease with possibility of extension.

D101/22 Sports Representative Grants

The Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing presented previously circulated report to present to Members the proposed community grant allocations for the Sports Representative Grant – Teams and Individuals.

- 2 Individual application were received during this period
- Proposal to award a total of £450 in respect of the above 2 eligible applications.

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved That it be recommended to Council to note the contents of the report and grant approval for the sports grant allocations a total of £450 in respect of 2 eligible applications outlined in the report.

Matters for Information

D102/22 Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 May 2022

Members noted Minutes of Development Committee held on 12 May 2022.

Councillor Kerr referred to D083/22 and referred to Castlebay and formally proposed that a report was brought back for an enhancement scoping report on its potential and not to be forgotten about like the other areas of Lough Neagh.

Agreed that an Enhancement Scoping report for Castlebay be brought back to committee on its potential.

Councillor Doris enquired if there was any further update on development for Drumcairne and forestry licences for Cappagh and Altmore forests. If not available could this be kept on the Agenda to see if something could come back next month.

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing Health advised that previously funding applications submitted through TRPSI and as yet Council were yet to receive an outcome. He advised that once an update was received regarding the funding applications an update would be brought back through this committee.

D103/22 Clean Neighbourhood Action Plan

Members noted the report providing an update on the Clean Neighbourhood Action Plan.

Councillor Milne congratulated Councillor Clarke on his position of Chair of this committee for the incoming year.

He said that there was now a six monthly review on progress and would like to see this take place.

Councillor McNamee said that he would be supportive of Councillor McNamee's request as discussions were needed with all members as some people get off with fines and others do not and felt that there needed to be a balance for all areas.

Councillor Monteith said that it was quite clear that Dungannon and Cookstown were being adversely targeted with over 90 percent of notices being issued and clear to be seen they are being targeted more than the other areas. The report has been extremely generous when we talk about the increase of dog fouling, it was an increase of 2. He stated that this initiative was failing on dog fouling as this was an

issue consistently being raised and still is, a review would be timely as he felt this was a mitigated disaster.

Councillor Corry referred to Lough Fea which was previously a hotbed but has improved and a very well done on the big improvements.

Councillor Quinn said that it was hard to argue with Councillor Monteith as this was not what we intended as dog fouling was still out of control. He felt it targetted high areas of population and taking the easy way out, but complaints are about dog fouling and not other issues.

Councillor Burton advised that as someone who lives in a rural area the amount of glass bottles and chip papers is huge. She said that cigarette butts were still litter and there was a need to do something in relation to amount of rubbish we are still fairly early into this process but we do need to give it a bit of time and she felt that while we may not see butts as a big issue it is still litter at the end of the day. She agreed that that review would tell us what's going on but there were still a lot of rural villages which would like enforcement officers like this group. She said that we had to do something and WISE officers are targeting any form of litter just what they were asked to do.

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing advised that the review meeting built within the approval a mechanism to have a review and officers will liaise with Democratic Services to convene a meeting before the end of summer. He said that this was a 12 month pilot scheme and discussion was now needed to determine if this scheme continues or not.

The AD: Health, Leisure & Wellbeing advised that officers would organise a meeting and anticipate to have a date before September for members.

Resolved That it be recommended to Council for Officers to convene a meeting with Members and WISE representatives to review the pilot to date and to determine the next appropriate steps.

D104/22 Leisure Participation

Members noted the report providing an update on leisure participation.

D105/22 Departmental Service Plan 2022/23: Communities and Place

Members noted the Departmental Service Plan 2022/23: Communities and Place.

D106/22 Economic Development Report

Members noted the Economic Development Report providing an update on

- Economic Development and Tourism Achievements 2021/2022
- Hidden Heritage Tours

D107/22 Chief Executive's Departmental Service Plan Report 2022-2023

Members noted the Chief Executive's Departmental Service Plan Report 2022-2023

Live broadcast ended at 8.41pm.

Local Government (NI) Act 2014 – Confidential Business

Proposed by Councillor McNamee
Seconded by Councillor Burton and

Resolved In accordance with Section 42, Part 1 Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 that Members of the public be asked to withdraw from the meeting whilst members consider items D108/22 to D111/22.

Matters for Decision

D108/22 Tender to supply willow to Cookstown Leisure Centre
D109/22 Economic Development Report – CBFD

Matters for Information

D110/22 Confidential Minutes of Development Committee held on
 12 May 2022
D111/22 Mid South West Region Growth Deal Report

D112/22 Duration of Meeting

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and concluded at 20:55pm.

Chair _____

Date _____

Annex A – Introductory Remarks from the Chairperson

Good evening and welcome to the Council's [Policy & Resources/Environment/Development] Committee in the Chamber, [Dungannon/Magherafelt] and virtually.

I specifically welcome the public watching us through the Live Broadcast. The Live Broadcast will run for the period of our Open Business but will end just before we move into Confidential Business. I let you know before this happens.

Just some housekeeping before we commence. Can I remind you:-

- If you have joined the meeting remotely please keep your audio on mute unless invited to speak and then turn it off when finished speaking
- Keep your video on at all times, unless you have bandwidth or internet connection issues, where you are advised to try turning your video off
- If you wish to speak please raise your hand in the meeting or on screen and keep raised until observed by an Officer or myself
- Should we need to take a vote this evening please raise your hand in the normal way and keep raised until advised to lower it
- When invited to speak please introduce yourself by name to the meeting
- For any member attending remotely, if you declare an interest in an item, please turn off your video and keep your audio on mute for the duration of the item
- If referring to a specific report please reference the report, page or slide being referred to
- Lastly, I remind the public and press that taking photographs of proceedings or using any means to enable anyone not present to see or hear proceedings, or making a simultaneous oral report of the proceedings are not permitted

Thank you and we will now move to the first item on the agenda.

Report on	Private Tenancies Act (Northern Ireland) 2022
Date of Meeting	6 th July 2022
Reporting Officer	Kieran Gordon, Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing
Contact Officer	Anne Caldwell, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the introduction of the Private Tenancies Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.
2.0	Background
2.1	A consultation on Notice to Quit periods ran for 9 weeks from 1st December 2021 to 25th January 2022. Previously in January 2022, Members at the Development Committee resolved to approve the submission of a consultation response on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council by the deadline of 25th January 2022 (minute reference: D010/22).
2.2	Previously in April 2022, Members were provided with the Government response, published in February 2022, to the consultation exercise on Notice to Quit periods carried out by the Department for Communities (minute reference: D067/22).
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Private Tenancies Bill focuses on the role and regulation of the private rented housing sector. The Bill passed the final stage in the Assembly on 15 th March 2022 and received Royal assent on 27 th April 2022.
3.2	The Environmental Health service within Councils have had a long tradition of involvement in the private rented sector, primarily through its role in regulation of housing standards but also in respect of its statutory duties under the Public Health Acts. The enhanced powers devolved to district councils under the Private Tenancies (NI) Order 2006 (PTO) along with the transfer of the regulation of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in 2018, confirms the importance of the evolving role that district councils have in regulating the private rented sector.
3.3	The decisions taken by the Department relating to areas that impact in the development of a long-term strategy for the private rented sector, will have a significant impact on the existing and evolving regulatory and advisory roles of Councils and other stakeholder in relation to its statutory housing functions.
3.4	Previous emergency protection for tenants granted by the Private Tenancies (Coronavirus Modifications) Act (Northern Ireland) 2020 imposed on landlords the requirement to provide tenants with a 12 weeks' Notice To Quit (NTQ) period, ended on 4 th May 2022.

3.5	The Private Tenancies Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 makes changes to the Private Tenancies Order (Northern Ireland) 2006. Not all changes will come in at the same time.								
3.6	<p>The only immediate change is to the length of notice to quit that landlords and tenants are required to give as set out in the tables below. These notice periods apply from 5 May 2022.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Length of tenancy</th><th>Notice to quit</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tenancy not been in existence for more than 12 months</td><td>No less than 4 weeks' written notice</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tenancy has been in existence for more than 12 months but not more than 10 years</td><td>No less than 8 weeks' written notice</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tenancy has been in existence for more than 10 years</td><td>No less than 12 weeks' written notice</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Length of tenancy	Notice to quit	Tenancy not been in existence for more than 12 months	No less than 4 weeks' written notice	Tenancy has been in existence for more than 12 months but not more than 10 years	No less than 8 weeks' written notice	Tenancy has been in existence for more than 10 years	No less than 12 weeks' written notice
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3.7	Notice to quit requirements may change again in the future as the act allows for longer notice to quit periods to be implemented in due course.								
3.8	<p>Any revised longer notice periods will not take effect until further regulations have been made. The regulations will likely include exceptions to these notice periods and may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • substantial rent arrears • serious antisocial behaviour • certain criminal offences 								
3.9	The Private Tenancies (Northern Ireland) Act 2022 also contains a number of other changes and the Department will continue to work on Regulations and Commencement Orders for other Sections of the Act. They will also produce guidance and other materials.								
3.10	Members are reminded of comments made in a previous committee report that whilst the additional regulation of the privately rented sector is to be welcomed, the resourcing of these additional powers, potentially being granted to Councils, will require to be evaluated. There is no indication from the Department that any additional funding will be made available to Councils and that the introduction of some fixed penalty offences is not an adequate model, or sufficiently evidenced to fund the additional resources required.								
3.11	There will be additional and new work for Councils if they are required to undertake this role. To date there has been no evaluated analysis of the impact on Councils undertaken and no suitable funding model has been identified and agreed.								
3.12	The Department have advised that they will continue to engage with stakeholders to keep them updated in good time to make preparations for any further changes before they occur. It is expected that Council will have further opportunity to raise any concerns through these engagement processes, should the Department propose to grant additional powers be to Councils. Members will be kept informed of any future consultations in this respect.								
4.0	Other Considerations								

4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None anticipated at this juncture however future resourcing and revenue budget considerations may need to be explored should further roles and responsibilities be passed to Council.
	Human: Staff time.
	Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant Council policies and procedures.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: To be considered by the Department coordinating these changes.
	Rural Needs Implications: To be considered by the Department coordinating these changes.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the content of this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A

Report on	1. Tourism Summer Campaign 2022 2. Tourism Development Group Minutes 12.04.2022 3. Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 23.03.2022 4. UK Tentative List Process of World Heritage Sites
Date of Meeting	6 th July 2022
Reporting Officer	Assistant Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Strategic Programmes

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

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>Tourism Summer Campaign 2022 The Council continues to support the recovery of the tourism industry within Mid Ulster, and to extend the reach of the 'Embrace A Giant Spirit' campaign. The previous spring campaign has kick started the tourism season in Mid Ulster (typically March through to October), and the proposed summer campaign will continue to promote the new 'Visit Mid Ulster' website and social media channels and in so doing further consolidate the Unwinding Time brand.</p>
2.2	<p>Tourism Development Group Minutes 12.04.2022 The Tourism Development Group (TDG) was established to create a working forum between Council and private sector businesses. The TDG will assist with policy development and support the implementation of Council's Tourism Strategy and associated work in order to create economic growth, increase visitor numbers and create employment. The group meet on a bi-monthly basis and as per the agreed Terms of Reference, all business will be reported to Council through the Development Committee.</p>
2.3	<p>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 23.03.2022 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>
2.4	<p>UK Tentative List Process of World Heritage Sites The Department for Communities contacted Council to inform us that the UK Government had launched an exercise to review and renew the UK Tentative List of World Heritage sites. This list is reviewed every ten years. Following the</p>

	submission of an Expression of Interest the Council has been asked to progress on to the next stage and submit an application.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Tourism Summer Campaign 2022</p> <p>The campaign will position Mid Ulster as an ideal staycation destination for NI domestic markets and a key gateway destination for ROI markets, focusing on Mid Ulster's unique offering of water based sites and activities which provide a chance to escape and get away from it all.</p> <p>The key focus of the campaign will be 'Stories from the Shore' as content will profile lough shore and river based water product which has not, to date, featured heavily in previous campaigns.</p> <p>This product includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The re-imagining of Ballyronan Marina with the unusual accommodation option provided by the on-water glamping pods, which as yet have not been extensively promoted. (let's go story fishing is a title of one of the interpretation panels and content can expand on the legends of the lough product associated with the site) • The redevelopment of Ballyronan Wood, the 5 acre wet woodland on the shores of Lough Neagh (telling the stories of nature and animals that are abundant at the site). • Rich in family stories, heritage, biodiversity & breath-taking beauty, on the shores of Lough Neagh and bordered by the Ballyinderry River, Jigsaw Farm is a designated RAMSAR Special Conservation Area. Working Farm packages and seasonal themed events allow visitors to experience life on the farm as little or as much as they would like to. • Lough Neagh Stories Boat Tours tell the stories of the Lough and its shorelines and the nature that inhabits them; its traditional, skilful, resilient people, especially its fishing people, and the legends that make up the history of the place. • Set in wild mountain scenery, Lough Fea is one of the many delightful lakes dotted throughout the Sperrins Region. Covering 180 acres this natural beauty spot is an anglers dream and also supplies the entire area and beyond with fresh water. The 4.15km (approx. 1 hour) walkway around Lough Fea is a haven for local walkers and tourists alike. A mix of panoramic scenery and calming waters make this the ideal place for an idyllic evening walk. • Seamus Heaney Open Ground and in particular, the Strand at Lough Beg and the riverside walk along the Moyola River, where Seamus Heaney walked, fished and thought, is now also more accessible to visitors who can

meander alongside those same river banks, retracing the steps of the poet who was 'at home on the water in all sorts of ways'.

- Following the journey of Irish immigrants who left the shores of Lough Neagh, and travelled across the ocean to a new shore, **The Emigrants Walk** is a 6K walking tour to the summit of Carntogher mountain led by local guide, Cathy O'Neill which follows in the footsteps of emigrants from the shores of Lough Neagh as they start out on their journey.

Channels

The Council wishes to use a broad range of channels for the campaign to reach the above target segments, with an emphasis on those which are digital.

The campaign will provide an opportunity to further grow the new Visit Mid Ulster social media channels with a clear and consistent call to action that will drive traffic to the Visit Mid Ulster web site.

The campaign will use the following channels:

Channel	NI Domestic Market	ROI Market
Digital Advertising incorporating Open Ground and Outdoor recreation video assets	√	√
Local Radio Advertising U105 to include digital elements	√	
Social Media Content using Visit Mid Ulster social media channels as primary source and other Council owned channels as secondary sources where appropriate.	√	√
Influencer Partnership	√	√

Timescales

The campaign will run from Wednesday 15 June until Wednesday 13 July 2022 to maximise opportunities to tap into the school holiday planning, summer day tripping and staycation market readiness.

3.2	A media calendar is included below.	
	Activity	Spend
	Production of campaign video footage for use on social media channels	£3,000
	Digital Advertising	£2,500
	Radio Advertising	£4,000
	Influencer Partnership	£2,500
	TOTAL SPEND	£12,000
3.3	Tourism Development Group Minutes 12.04.2022 Minutes of the Tourism Development Group meeting held on 12 th April 2022 are attached on Appendix 1 .	
3.4	Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 23.03.2022 Minutes of meeting of Cookstown Town Centre Forum held on the 23 rd March 2022 are attached on Appendix 2 . UK Tentative List Process of World Heritage Sites Each country is required by UNESCO to maintain a 'Tentative List' of potential world heritage sites and to review this list every ten years. As part of the process, an expert panel will review applications to the UK list. Councils and site management organisations are free to nominate a cultural or natural site that they feel might meet the 'Outstanding Universal Value' test for addition to the World List. To find out more: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/unesco-world-heritage-sites-uk-tentative-list-review . Following the mandatory attendance at an online seminar the process was explained, including the significant costs involved and the constraints that apply if a site were to be inscribed. To be considered for the UK's Tentative List, an expression of Interest form was submitted by Friday 6 th May 2022, with the final application to be submitted on 15 th July 2022. The location for the MUDC area will be the Dark Sky Park area around Davagh Forest and Broughderg previously known as the Heart of Ancient Ulster located in an Area of Outstanding Nature Beauty. Gerry Darby Consultancy has been appointed at the value of £2,500 to complete the application with the support of the Tourism Team.	
4.0	Other Considerations	
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications Financial: Tourism Summer Campaign 2022 £12,000 in respect of 2022/23 expenditure.	

	<p>Tourism Development Group Minutes 12.04.2022 Projects noted are within existing Council tourism budget</p> <p>UK Tentative List Process of World Heritage Sites £2,500 from existing Tourism Budget</p>
	<p>Human: Tourism Summer Campaign 2022 Current staff structure sufficient to manage the project.</p> <p>Tourism Development Group Minutes 12.04.2022 Officers time</p> <p>UK Tentative List Process of World Heritage Sites Officers time to assist consultant to complete application</p>
	<p>Risk Management: Tourism Summer Campaign 2022 The project will be managed in accordance with MUDC policies and procedures</p> <p>Tourism Development Group Minutes 12.04.2022 N/A</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Rural Needs Implications:
	Equality & Good Relations Implications:
5.0	Recommendation(s)
	It is recommended that Members:-
5.1	<p>Tourism Summer Campaign 2022 Note the content of the Tourism Summer Campaign and the mediums used within the campaign.</p>
5.2	<p>Tourism Development Group Minutes 12.04.2022 Note Tourism Development minutes dated 12.04.2022</p>
5.3	<p>Cookstown Town Centre Forum Minutes 23.03.2022 Note Cookstown Town Centre Forum minutes dated 23.03.2022</p>
5.4	<p>UK Tentative List Process of World Heritage Sites Note update regarding Council's application to UK Tentative List of World Heritage Sites needing to be submitted by 15th July 2022 for the OM Dark Sky Park area around Davagh Forest and Broughderg previously known as the Heart of Ancient Ulster, located in an Area of Outstanding Nature Beauty.</p>

6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1 – Minutes of Tourism Development Group Meeting 12.04.2022 and Officers Cluster Reports</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Minutes of Cookstown Town Centre Forum 23.03.2022</p>

Appendix 1

Minutes of Tourism Development Group Meeting dated 12th April 2022 and Officers Cluster Reports

Present

Cllr Frances Burton	Chair of meeting
Martin Graham	TNI Representative
Aaron Ballantyne	Northern Regional College
Norman Bell	Killymoon Castle
William Burke	Lough Neagh Partnership
Gerry Darby	Lough Neagh Partnership
Eimear Kearney	Lough Neagh Partnership
Simon Wiggins	South West College
Brian McCormick	SHHP
Cllr Niamh Doris	Mid Ulster District Council
Cathy O'Neill	Friels Bar
Dermot Friel	Friels Bar
Hugh McCloy	Embrace Tours
Richard Mullholland	Seamus Heaney Cluster
Claire Doherty	An Carn
Ciaran Bradley	Walsh's Hotel

Fiona McKeown	MUDC
Mary McKeown	MUDC
Allison O'Keefe	MUDC
Mary McGee	MUDC
Grace Booth	MUDC
Martha Beattie	MUDC
Genevieve Bell	MUDC
Charmain Bell	MUDC
Anne Reid	MUDC

	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
	<p>Welcome Cllr F Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies Terry McCrory Crafts Sector Anne Birt McCartney Northern Regional College Sarah Cox South West College Claire Murray Deli on The Green</p>	
1.	<p>Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd February 2022 Circulated in advance of the meeting</p> <p><i>Proposed: Norman Bell Seconded: Simon Wiggins</i></p>	

2.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>N Bell noted the date of the Cookstown 100 on 22nd & 23rd April 2022.</p> <p>M McGee said there would be a restructure of the TDG group. This would go out to industry and they would seek new nominees.</p>	
2.1	<p>Martin Graham – Tourism Northern Ireland</p> <p>M Graham discussed the consumer sentiment analysis and recent growth in the NI and ROI markets with huge opportunities to draw from the Southern market. He noted there is an increase in optimism for travel to the Island of Ireland and an increased confidence to travel (internationally).</p> <p>There is strong demand for travel in spring months.</p> <p>Key motivations to stay in NI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relaxation • Having fun • To unwind coming out of post Covid environment • Increased living costs and Ukraine war has had an impact on travel • 50% of people taking trips are coming to NI. <p>M Graham also highlighted the following trends in the industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceptions of the quality of places to eat and drink in NI has been positive. • There are more people booking indoor activities such as indoor events and eating indoors. • Outdoor activities still popular, with demand still for walking trails, cycling etc. • There are short leading times with people booking closer to date of travel due to Covid & cancellation policies. • Refunds remain a key incentive for booking short breaks • Other incentives to attract more people to Mid Ulster, include package offerings, accommodation and discounts. • TNI perspective – “linger longer experience” encourage visitors to stay longer, focus on quality. • Grow the idea to come for more than 1 day • Uplift of £30 million to deliver programmes. • Mid Ulster at forefront of receiving funding for programmes e.g. market led programme. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with department of economy and capital projects <p>M Graham also outlined key industry challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to sustain domestic demand • International bounce back at a slower pace due to rising cost of living • It could be 2024 before we meet 2019 standards • Challenges around skills and retention & recruitment. • TNI budget position, facing 5% cut in budget going forward. <p>F Burton gave thanks to TNI for their work and support.</p> <p>N Bell asked about the issue of P&O ferries being cancelled, and the challenges this poses for people coming over to the Cookstown 100. M Graham advised that TNI were working closely with Tourism Ireland to establish other routes for ferries and acknowledged this was difficult due to certain access routes. He advised that there is no solution at the minute however they were also working with Stena on the issue.</p> <p>M McKeown acknowledged the challenging times facing the industry and mentioned how tourism could pull offers together and get them promoted by pushing them through the marketing campaigns. M Graham said offers can be used for The Green Button campaign and they can work with MUDC and Tourism Ireland to target the correct consumer market.</p> <p>M Graham addressing question on Tourism NI developing large scale projects at Lough Neagh commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lough Neagh is bordered by a range of Council areas. • There are infrastructure challenges • It is important to facilitate cross Council forums and foster collaborative working on the project <p>Member asked about the core themes within the Sustainable Regenerative Tourism Programme and about the opportunities around the Lough Neagh?</p> <p>M Graham noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a boost of community tourism and development of experiences in local areas. People 	
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<p>3.</p>	<p>are interested in local human stories, this helps to keep people employed in rural areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TNI held an internal staff day looking at regenerative tourism and educating people on sustainable tourism and this will be rolled out to the industry. <p>M Graham briefly outlined the 10X programme and how we can improve the GDP of Tourism and reposition tourism as a higher priority.</p> <p>F Burton noted how other Councils are pushing better connections with rail travel and the need to make it easy for collaborative working.</p> <p>M Graham exited the meeting at 12:30pm</p> <p>Update from Lough Neagh Partnership – Gerry Darby G Darby displayed presentation on screen and gave an overview of The River Blackwater.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage project around the lough, restoring signs • Protect and restore bogs, working with Council and private sector • Addressed issue of travelling through Lough Neagh and navigation issues. • Develop projects and brand whole lough destination • Study on Blackwater, dredging the mouth of river, link with DFI to do this and work with ABC AND MUDC. • There are opportunities to go up the Blackwater River and stop in Moy, The Argory and Blackwater Town. • There are wider issues of navigation and ownership to consider • Ensure economic and people benefits • Cross party political support for development of lough <p>F Burton said she was keen to work with G Darby and incorporate this into the Tourism strategy going forward. F Burton thanked G Darby for his presentation.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Industry Update – TDG Members</p> <p>Killymoon Castle N Bell gave thanks to Council for work going on in Killymoon Castle and mentioned the American US army</p>	

	<p>basement exhibition opening in future. Local hotels are booking up with international travellers coming over for the Cookstown 100 on 22nd and 23rd April 2022.</p> <p>C Bell mentioned the work completed through the market led programme and how Tourism have been able to retain their authentic experiences. Market Led has enhanced the Killymoon cellar exhibition, notably with work completed by Redhead Exhibition. C Bell gave thanks to TNI and market led funding project.</p> <p>Friels Bar D Friel commented on the FAM Trips great success & how C O'Neill has launched her famine walk experience with great success. C O'Neill said that Emigrants walk is now brand aligned.</p> <p>South West College S Wiggins said that SWC have launched a level 2 award in Barista Skills starting in Dungannon on Monday 9th May 2022 for 6 weeks in evening time. SWC are also promoting a foundation degree in Culinary Arts, they are the only college in NI to offer this degree.</p> <p>Walsh's Hotel K Bradley noted that the hotel has recently had their ensuites updated and they have launched 5 new lodges. They are still experiencing staffing issues.</p> <p>Seamus Heaney HomePlace B McCormick said business has picked up, their Arts programme is up and running, operating at full capacity and they have had five sold out events over the past few months. SHHP is launching a new programme next week for summer season. Exhibition visits and bookings for conferences have increased. They have developed an Open Ground experience with tour guides from The HomePlace from early summer. Fam trips, thanks to Bronagh Mallon hosted the NI tour guides last weekend, 28 tour guides, great opportunity to target these businesses and attract more tour groups to Mid Ulster.</p> <p>Aaron Ballantyne New Creative Media class Level 3. Trained tour guides over last few years, with Business Engagement team, very successfully. Sought examples of projects students could work on.</p> <p>Embrace Tours Not as many public bookings but an increase in private bookings. Wand making was a success through The</p>	<p>Tourism team to circulate to businesses and to hospitality industry.</p> <p>Promote opening of launches through Council</p>
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	<p>Market Led Programme and was popular at Meet The Buyer.</p> <p>A Reid exited meeting at 1pm</p>	
5.	<p>Business Engagement Programme – Mary McGee M McGee continuing to link in with tourist providers and site visits with new potential hospitality businesses. The Tourism Team have completed Rural Needs training. M McGee mentioned the TNI board meeting in Cookstown with M McKeown thanking the team and trade for work for their hard work on the evening.</p> <p>M McGee outlined a range of different projects that Tourism have been working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet The Buyer workshop • Hosting of Meet The Buyer Fam Trips • Lough Neagh Shore Line experience • Event in Rosehill House • Poems and Painting experience, Tyrone Crafted Glass, Emigrants walks and Symphonia Gin experience. • Working on Slieve Beagh Partnership • 145 people engaged in WhatsApp group • The IMAP opportunity for businesses to go out into the marketplace is available through Tourism Ireland currently. 	<p>M McKeown will raise Sliabh Beagh and The Market Led Programme at the next meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Cluster Reports Previously circulated prior to meeting. M McGee shared officer reports on screen. F Burton invited people to ask questions regarding reports.</p> <p><u>Seamus Heaney – Mary McGee</u> Report shared on screen. No further comments.</p> <p><u>Archaeology, History & Heritage – Genevieve Bell</u> G Bell agreed dates for Hidden Heritage Trips on Saturday 18th June at Killymoon Castle & on 2nd July 2022 ‘If the Cross Could Talk’ (new product developed with Kate Taylor) and on 8th October 2022 An Emigrants Walk.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Activities – Allison O’Keefe</u> Report shared on screen. No further comments.</p> <p><u>Hoteliers – Charmain Bell</u> Report shared on screen. No further comments.</p>	<p>Euro Heritage open days will feature US Grants and Bridewell – circulate to Communications Team</p>
7.	<p>Brown Signage – Genevieve Bell</p>	

	<p>G Bell suggested to formulate a terms of reference and to recruit a company to look at existing brown signage in the Mid Ulster area. G Bell advised this could be a 9-12 month project. Transport NI have no list of brown signage. M McKeown said that core funding comes from the tourism budget and a report will be sent to Council for approval. There needs to be a review of the current budget as no funding body will pay for this piece of work. Issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing signage • Scenic driving routes • Faded signs • Damaged signs <p>8. Spring Marketing Campaign 2022 Update – Mary McKeown</p> <p>M McKeown gave a brief overview of the Tourism Spring Marketing Campaign 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unwinding time brand launched on social media with new photos and videos • Last 2 weeks the goal was to develop the unwinding time website. She gave thanks to A O’Keefe, A Berryman and K Robinson. • Touch screens at each of the visitor sites • Website received a reach of 160,000 with over 80,000 engagement, through hashtags and positive comments. • Over 10,000 new clicks to website in first 2 weeks. • TV and Cinema advertising was launched in mid-march, Cinema advertising in Belfast Derry etc., and across border counties. • Billboard campaign and radio advertising launched 14th – 21st March 2022. • As part of the Spring Campaign a competition was launched for the new boathouses at Ballyronan, which included a trip to the Lough Shore. The winners were from Trillick and Omagh. • We had launched an Influencer campaign (Jill McDowell). She visited a range of our experiences in Mid Ulster, creating social media content and promoting our experiences. • Next steps include running a summer campaign with the need for offers and packages (add-on) and also to get into the Green Button campaign. <p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>M McGee mentioned the launch of the Unwinding Time brand and also the launch of the ‘A Taste of Mid Ulster Banquet’ on Wednesday 27th April 2022 on The Hill of The</p>	
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	<p>O'Neill. The Tourism team had recruited 17 restaurants across the district to take part in the programme. This included receiving chef training and filming and photography of their signature dishes to feature on the Unwinding Time website. They also had the opportunity to be part of the digital food trail map.</p> <p>C Murray from The Deli on The Green will be providing the catering for the banquet, using local produce. There is an extensive guest list of Tour operators & the MICE market who have been invited. It is also a fantastic opportunity for trade to showcase their products.</p> <p>C Bell hosted Tourism Ireland Media Fam, Hidden Gems. Filming for Hidden Ireland, (Beaghmore Stone Circles & Lough Neagh Stories) commencing at the end of May 2022. M McKeown mentioned that OM had been selected as part of the Tourism Ireland project. Martin McKenna was the photographer, with a feature on the BBC going out mid May.</p> <p>F McKeown mentioned the LMP Programme (Labour Market Partnership Programme), with funding received from The Department of Communities and The Economy. It is a large scale project aiming to get people into employment. It will fill skills gaps and needs in the Hospitality sector.</p> <p>The Cookstown Continental Market is running on 28th and 29th May 2022. It will operate on Saturday 10am – 8pm & on Sun 11am – 5pm with approximately 40 traders coming over.</p> <p>A O'Keefe stated that we now have a facility on our new website to promote events.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 10am via zoom or hybrid</p>	
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Mid Ulster Council Tourism Development Group Officers Cluster Report – 12 April 2022

1. SEAMUS HEANEY CLUSTER – M MCGEE/C BELL

Invest NI Collaborative Growth Project

The tender process and interviews for the recruitment of a Phase 2 Collaborative Growth facilitator has been completed. Lara Goodhall Consultancy was successfully appointed and attend an initiation meeting with the cluster at Ballysullion Park on 10th February 2022. This was the first in-person meeting since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Lara introduced her team and talked the cluster through each work stream. Representatives from Invest NI also attended the meeting. Lara has already commenced working through the work streams.

Branding

The procurement process for recruiting a company to complete the commercial brand exercise has been completed. McCadden Design was successfully appointed last week. The first in-person meeting with McCadden and the cluster is scheduled for Friday 15th April 2022.

NI Tour Guides Fam Trip

NI Tour Guides completed their trip on 2 April 2022. There was a group of 22 NI tour guides present and they visited Seamus Heaney HomePlace, Lough Neagh stories and Glenshane Country Farm.

2. ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY & HERITAGE CLUSTER – G BELL/MCKEOWN

The cluster group met virtually on Wednesday 30th March 2022.

DEARA Collaborative Experiential Programme – Rural Tourism, Heritage

Kate Taylor's contract finished on 31 March 2022. The feedback has been excellent with the experiences trialled by Council staff, Tour Operators, DEARA and TourismNI.

The 3 experiences that will be brand aligned to Embrace the Giant Spirit are:

An Emigrants Trail (a walk up Carnogher Mountain telling the very emotive history of the famine, then visiting Friel's in Swatragh to see an original famine pot and sample nettle soup).

Poetry and Prayer (a tour that will allow time to disconnect from the world around us and reconnect to our inner self, taking in the monastic sites along the shores of Lough Neagh which include the Round Tower in Antrim, the old church ruins and holy well at Cranfield Point, Ardboe Cross and graveyard, Washingbay and the Priory in Benburb)

Poetry and Painting (the experience takes place in Donaghmore and Parkanaur over a weekend. Emma Heatherington, an international bestselling author will deliver a creative writing course and Jim McKee, an artist who will show you how to do Plain air painting in Parkanaur Forest).

Tourism NI, Delivery of Market Led Product Development Programme 2021-22TNI

The Experience Development Programme, a market lead programme is also coming to a close comprising of 4 programmes through experiences – Living history and script writing support, new costumes and a food trail / food circle. 15 scripts developed by Emma Heatherington are near completion and the Lyric Theatre are working on 23 costumes for the 15 locations.

The Banquet on Hill of The O'Neill will take place on 27 April 2022.

New videos have been produced for OM: The Christmas Show and 'To the Moon and Back'.

Repairs had been made to the solar walk and the red lights had now been installed.

Update from Cluster Members

Interaction in the group continues to be positive and most cluster members are continuing to improve on their product and experience. A number of businesses have indicated bookings for the Spring-Summer season 2022 are on the up.

3. OUTDOOR & EVENTS CLUSTER – A O Keefe/ C Bell

A report has gone to Council to contribute to a joint Sperrins Partnership Hill Walking Festival with the 4 Council areas that make up the Sperrins region; Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Derry City and Strabane District Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Mid Ulster District Council, one programme delivered in each Council area.

Suitably qualified professional guides / organisations are being invited to quote to plan and deliver two-day walking events on 4 separate weekends across the 4 Council areas that make up the Sperrins region, that will develop and co-ordinate outdoor recreation participation programmes for the local community and visitors alike, resulting in increased participation and ultimately improve physical and mental health.

The professional guides/organisations will liaise with each of the Council's marketing/communications team to promote and cross-sell each event. Evaluations will also be carried out to develop the festival further. It is anticipated the suitable organisation/guide will be in place beginning of May 2022 and marketing/promotions will commence June 2022.

Tourism will promote, on our new Visit Mid Ulster platforms, all walks across the district in conjunction with the Mid Ulster element that will be held on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September 2022. Due to the increase of visitors looking to experience open spaces tourism have developed a video of hill walking in the Sperrins. The video will be used for promoting the Hill Walking festival.

4. HOSPITALITY CLUSTER – CBELL/M MCGEE

The rollout of Taste Mid Ulster continues successfully as part of the Tourism NI FUNDED Market Led Programme.

To date we have delivered the following:

1. 3 Christmas Market Cookery Demos across Mid Ulster in Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt
2. Recruitment of 17 restaurants as part of Taste Mid Ulster
3. Development of at least 17 signature Mid Ulster dishes across the businesses
4. Chefs training programme (2 workshops initially) delivered by Sean Owens
5. Mystery shopped all restaurants included in the Taste programme

6. Photography to include interior, exterior and dining experience in each business
7. Filming of a selection of producers and restaurateurs to give a real Mid Ulster flavour
8. All businesses and signature dishes included on a new Taste Mid Ulster Section of Visit Mid Ulster website
9. New Taste Mid Ulster Food Trail map in development online
10. Taste Mid Ulster banquet themed around the marriage of Hugh O'Neill and Mabel Bagenal on historic Hill of the O'Neill, Dungannon planned for Wednesday 27 April 2022. We will launch Taste Mid Ulster at this event also.

This is very much Phase 1 of our work with these businesses, we plan to further develop and promote Taste Mid Ulster in this current year and into the future. We have made a good start.

Appendix 2

MINUTES OF COOKSTOWN TOWN CENTRE FORUM MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2022 AT 12.30PM VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present:

Councillor McNamee	Mid Ulster District Council
Councillor Wilson	Mid Ulster District Council
Sharon McGowan	Department for Communities
Ursula Marshall	Disability Forum
Paul Wilson	Large Independent Retailer
Conall McKee	DRD Roads Service
Mary McCullagh	Mid Ulster District Council

In attendance: Deborah Ewing Mid Ulster District Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Joe Connaghan, PSNI and Tom Jebb, Vintners Association.

Cllr McNamee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF TOWN CENTRE FORUM MEETING 19 JANUARY 2022

It was proposed by U Marshall and seconded by Cllr McNamee to ADOPT the minutes of the Town Centre Forum Meeting held on 19 January 2022.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. UPDATE ON TOWN CENTRE RECOVERY PLAN/MID ULSTER TOWN CENTRE PROJECTS

The Town Centre Managers Progress Report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. M McCullagh provided an update on Mid Ulster Town Centre Projects as follows:

a) Marketing & Promotion

The marketing and promotion planned for the next couple of months includes:

- Promotion of Mid Ulster Gift Card through social media and a leaflet drop to local businesses.
- Cookstown Continental Market – promotion will take place via billboards, radio, local press and social media. This will be the first corporate event to be held in Mid Ulster since March 2019.

b) Business Support

(i) Mid Ulster Gift Card Scheme

Miconex have been employed to develop and deliver the Mid Ulster District Council's Gift Card Scheme for a minimum term contract of 3 years with break clauses annually.

To date 191 businesses/venues have signed up to the Scheme and Council continue to liaise with local businesses encouraging them to sign up and advising on the free participation whilst locking in spend to the local economy. A leaflet drop will be conducted in the town within the next 2 weeks, which will also be used as an additional tool to encourage businesses to sign up.

Cards can be purchased online or blank cards are available from Council venues – namely Burnavon Arts & Cultural Centre, Cookstown; Ranfurly House, Dungannon; and Bridewell, Magherafelt. Money must be uploaded to the cards online. The cards are for single use and cannot be topped up – if looking for additional value then a new card must be purchased.

To date there has been approximately £24,000 purchased on Mid Ulster Gift Cards.

(ii) Mid Ulster Business Marketing Scheme

M McCullagh advised that the small grants 'Mid Ulster Business Marketing Scheme' closed for applications on Monday 10 January 2021 at 4pm. Council officers are in the process of processing claims which need to be complete by the end of the financial year.

c) Town Centre Events

(i) Cookstown Continental Market

Cookstown Continental Market is returning on Saturday 28 (10am – 8pm) to Sunday 29 (11am – 5pm) May 2022. It will take place on William Street, Cookstown with a road closure taking place from 6.30pm on Friday 27 May 2022 with it re-opening by 10pm on Sunday 29 May 2022.

Specifications are being issued for various elements of the market and regular meetings are being held with Marketplace Europe and MUDC Events Team. There will be a licensed area again this year which is currently going through the process at present.

As per previous years, Council will be providing entertainment alongside the market with additional entertainment being provided on Saturday along James Street to make it more livelier for the regular Saturday market traders.

Cllr McNamee asked what the situation will be for the regular Saturday market traders as Council now have the rights to the market. M McCullagh stated that this will be working the same as previous years with the regular traders being located to James Street. Kieran Gordon, Assistant Director Health, Leisure & Wellbeing, is currently in the process of requesting Council waive the fee for traders for the Continental Market week as has been done during previous years by Philip Orr.

M McCullagh advised members that she would be able to provide more information on the participating traders at the next meeting.

d) Physical Regeneration/Improving Infrastructure

(i) Rural Regeneration Projects

Under the Rural Development Programme a total of 37 villages accessed funding to develop and deliver projects identified through their respective village plans. To date projects have been identified through the village planning process and consultation with the local community groups to determine projects that can access grant aid through the Programme.

A professional led design consultancy team was appointed to commence design schemes for the various projects identified in the villages. A cross council working group has been established for the lifetime of the project. Economic Development Officers are working alongside Technical Services to deliver the schemes.

36 villages works have been completed. Assistance has been provided to 10 of the 11 villages in the former Cookstown District Council area. Projects have been completed in Ardboe, Ballyronan, Orritor, Lissan, Drumullan, Coagh, Rock, Sandholes, Moortown and Pomeroy. Broughderg is the only outstanding village at present and works are now nearing completion.

(ii) Mid Ulster Town and Village Spruce Up Scheme

Mid Ulster Town and Village Spruce Up Scheme offers discretionary grants of up to 75% eligible costs, capped at £5,000 per property for external and/or internal improvements.

The Scheme was available to both occupied commercial premises and vacant/derelict units within the town centre boundary of each of the towns and development limits of the eligible villages as per the proposed Mid Ulster Settlement Report and the draft Local Development Plan (2030), published in February 2019, under the Mid Ulster Settlement Hierarchy, with the additional village of Moygashel.

Knox & Clayton Architects were appointed to assist in the delivery of the Scheme which is now in year 3, Phase 3. Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects are now complete. In April 2021, 79 Letters of Offer were issued to businesses under Phase 3 to a total value of £250,000. To date 51 have been completed to the value of £188,305.18.

Phase 4, which is the remaining projects on the ranked reserve list will receive Letters of Offer in April 2022. A new Architect has been appointed to deliver Phase 4 as the previous contract period has come to an end. Hamill Architects, Dungannon was the successful tenderer.

(iii) Cookstown Saturday Market

Marketplace Management Limited have been appointed to conduct a scoping study and develop an action plan for Cookstown Saturday Market. The consultation process is near completion with a few remaining consultations to be completed.

It is anticipated that a draft report will be ready within the next few weeks. A presentation on key findings can be provided and a separate meeting can be organised to update members on the report. Overall the consultants have advised that the feedback has been positive and that they are happy with the level of participation.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Cookstown Town Centre Membership

M McCullagh advised members that as per agreement at the previous meeting she had approached the two businesses as per previous meetings request - Julie Black from Blacks Shoes who has accepted membership to the Cookstown Town Centre Forum. Cllr Wilson proposed and P Wilson seconded the acceptance of Julie Black as a new member of Cookstown Town Centre Forum.

It was noted that the other business was grateful for the nomination but at present wished to decline membership.

Cllr McNamee requested that consideration is given to the additional position on the Forum. M McCullagh will forward details to members requesting nominations for additional membership.

U Marshall asked if there was any additional way that members can be encouraged to attend meetings. M McCullagh advised that she had telephoned those members with poor attendance and letters were issued to those who she was unable to speak with. As previously discussed some of those members are unable to attend virtual meetings but are willing to attend meetings in person. Cllr McNamee suggested the possibility of conducting meetings which are a mixture of virtual and in person, similar to the Council meetings. M McCullagh will check if this is feasible with ICT Department and advise members accordingly.

M McCullagh agreed to contact those members who did not attend today's meeting with a follow up phone call to clarify their membership. U Marshall stated that attending one meeting annually is not enough.

(ii) Utility Works

M McCullagh advised that a meeting has been scheduled to take place the first week in April with Fibrus and elected members. Cllr Wilson advised that there has been major issues with the works conducted by Fibrus namely on the Lomond Road, Monrush and Fountain Road. There has been issues around where they have been parking their vehicles which has caused disruptions with residents and the general flow of traffic. C McKee stated that DRD Roads have regular meetings with Fibrus and advised members that DRD Roads only have one officer who is available to review and manage the utility works which take place in the Mid Ulster area. He stated that there is a large programme of work but that the utility companies have to request lane closures and the use of traffic lights in advance. He requested that Cllr Wilson and any other elected members contact himself or Neil Bratton and they will take the issue further. He advised that there should not be any works on main roads during school core times and if this has been happening then members should notify him straight away.

U Marshall stated that she participated on a consultation in relation to pavement parking and Fibrus had been mentioned during this. The vehicles are causing an obstacle for pavement users as well as traffic and this is a major issue. C McKee advised that he will raise this issue with Fibrus, stating that Fibrus currently operate with 4/5 contractors.

Cllr Wilson thanked C McKee for the comments and the availability to inform them of any issues as they arise. He also stated that the meeting with Council members and Fibrus will take place after the issues in Cookstown have been dealt with but is content that they are raised to stop any similar issues in the other Mid Ulster areas.

M McCullagh requested that the contact details for Fibrus are forwarded to her from C McKee. She will also request that the meeting with Fibrus is brought forward if possible.

M McCullagh advised members that there is SGN works proposed to take place on Morganshill Road on Sunday 27 March 2022. The works are to re-tar the top of the mini roundabouts and a stop and go system will be in place. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by lunchtime.

C McKee advised that there is resurfacing work taking place on the A29 Dungannon road (from Loughry roundabout and Drum Road junction) from 7pm – 7am Sunday 3 April. Works should complete by Friday 8 April. Cllr McNamee requested that details on these works are issued to M McCullagh who will advise relevant members.

M McCullagh expressed her thanks to C McKee and N Bratton for their assistance in the road closure to accommodate for the Royal visit.

(iii) Other Business

M McCullagh updated members on the information provided by J Connaghan, PSNI. He stated that there has been a low level of anti-social behaviour within the town centre which they are aware of and are monitoring. He also advised that there has been a few concerns raised from residents regarding the reopening of the night time economy. He advised that licensed premises and bars are working well with the PSNI.

P Wilson advised that there is anti-social issues taking place at the Fairhill park. This has resulted in broken glass and other debris being located throughout the park. Cllr McNamee agreed with this stating that this is an ongoing concern for the area. M McCullagh stated that she will raise this with the appropriate Council officer to take forward.

6. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Cllr McNamee thanked members for attending. The next meeting date has been agreed with members and is due to take place on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 12.30pm. The venue will be confirmed and a meeting request circulated where appropriate.

The meeting ended at 1.05pm

