

<b>Report on</b>	Sandford Awards Ceremony 2019
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Tony McCance
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b> If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	Yes	
	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To advise Members that the Education Programme at Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre been awarded a Sandford Award 2019 and seeks approval for two representatives from Council (one officer and Chair or Deputy Chair) to attend the Sandford Awards Ceremony in London on Monday 18 November 2019.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	The Sandford Award is an independently judged, quality assured assessment of education programmes in museums, historic houses, galleries, archives and collections, places of worship, natural heritage sites and wildlife parks across the UK and Ireland. The Award celebrates and promotes heritage learning and is named after its founder, Lord Sandford.
2.2	The Education Programme at Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House received its first Sandford Award in 2014. This award has a duration of five years.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	In December 2018 the Education Officer at Hill of The O'Neill & Ranfurly House Arts & Visitor Centre applied to the Sandford Awards for a reassessment of the Education Programme.
3.2	Judging took place on 24 May 2019 by Mr Robin Clutterbuck, a heritage consultant from Devon who was representing the Sandford Awards. On 21 July this centre was delighted to find out that the Education Programme had received its second Sandford Award.
3.3	In the citation in the Sandford Award Judge's Report Mr Clutterbuck says:  "Once the capital of Ulster, the Hill of The O'Neill is a very important site and has been linked with significant events up to the present day. The education service rises to the challenge of interpreting the site through an impressive range of learning activities using the arts, historical enquiry and environmental study. The

	<p>well-equipped facilities of Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor Centre are used by school groups as well as wider audiences and the enthusiastic feedback from teachers and students indicate that the centre is well deserving of a Sandford Award”.</p>
3.4	<p>As Mid Ulster District Council/Hill of The O’Neill &amp; Ranfurly House Arts &amp; Visitor Centre is to receive a Sandford Award Certificate, the event organisers have offered Council two complimentary tickets to attend the Sandford Awards Ceremony on:-</p> <p>Date: Monday 18 November 2019  Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm  Location: V &amp; A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PA</p>
3.5	<p>Whilst entry to the awards ceremony is free, there will be travel and subsistence costs incurred, should Council decide to send two representatives to attend.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	<p>Financial:  Financial: Tickets to the Award Ceremony are complimentary and free of charge. Travel and subsistence costs will be incurred for two people.</p>
	<p>Human:  Human: Member/Education Officer time to attend the events.</p>
	<p>Risk Management: N/a</p>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	<p>Equality &amp; Good Relations Implications:  N/a</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:  N/a</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	<p>It is recommended to Members that two representatives (one officer and Chair or Deputy Chair) attend the Sandford Awards Ceremony taking place at the Victoria and Albert Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PA on 18 November 2019, in line with Council’s established practice and protocol regarding representation of elected members at events.</p>

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
	None