

Report on	Request(s) to Illuminate Council Property – October 2021
Date of Meeting	Thursday 7 th October 2021
Reporting Officer	P Moffett, Head of Democratic Services
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	<p>To consider request received to illuminate/light up the Council's three designated properties to raise awareness of and mark;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Diabetes Day: Sunday 14th November 2021 • World Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day: Thursday 18th November 2021 • NSPCC Walk for Children Day: Tuesday 21st December 2021
1.2	Details on request received are set out below
1.3	To provide members with correspondence from Northern Ireland Office (NIO) on plans to light up buildings across the UK on Friday 22 nd October 2021 (refer to appendix A)
2.0	Background
2.1	The Council has a policy and procedural arrangements in place to facilitate the illuminating/lighting-up of its designated properties from requests made by charitable organisations for charitable causes. The designated properties are the Bridewell, the Burnavon and Ranfurly.
2.2	The policy confirms that requests are considered by the Council's Policy & Resources Committee. Should the scheduling of the committee not permit requests being considered within the timeframes to make a determination they can be presented to monthly Council.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>Requests for consideration and recommendation by Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To illuminate the three designated properties on Sunday 14th November 2021 - to mark World Diabetes Day - the colour be Blue 2. To illuminate the three designated properties on Thursday 18th November 2021 – to mark World Pancreatic Cancer Day – the colour to be Purple 3. To illuminate the three designated properties on Tuesday 21st December – to mark the NSPCC Northern Ireland's walk for children – the colour to be Green

3.2	<p>The policy scope extends to requests made by charitable organisations for the promotion of its charitable cause on a given date or set of dates.</p> <p>Letter from NIO</p>
3.3	<p>The Council has received correspondence from a Deputy Director of the NIO giving notification that the UK plans to light up buildings across the UK in blue and green on Friday 22nd October as part of the Northern Ireland Centenary Programme, entitled 'a moment of reflection. Please refer to appendix A.</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: Not applicable
	Human: Not applicable
	Risk Management: Not applicable
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	<p>Equality & Good Relations Implications:</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
	<p>Rural Needs Implications:</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>That the Committee considers making recommendation to light up the designated properties to mark World Diabetes Day on Sunday 14th November; World Pancreatic Cancer Day on Thursday 18th November; and NSPCC Walk for Children on 21st December.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Letter from Deputy Director, Northern Ireland Office



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29 September 2021

Adrian McCreesh
Chief Executive
Mid Ulster District Council

Dear Adrian McCreesh

A moment of reflection: UK Government's plans to *Light up Buildings* across the UK on Friday 22 October (6pm-midnight)

On behalf of the UK Government the Northern Ireland Office is inviting all local councils in Northern Ireland to take part in a very special *Lighting Up Buildings* event as part of the Northern Ireland Centenary Programme this year.

In March, the Prime Minister unveiled details of the UK Government's plans to mark the Centenary of Northern Ireland across 2021. An extensive programme of events and projects is this year showcasing the very best of Northern Ireland and shining a light on its people, places and products.

On Friday 22 October, there will be a coordinated lighting up of buildings across the UK, in blue and green (see below). We aim to create a unique moment of reflection, hope and inspiration, alongside public recognition of the enduring contribution to civic and cultural life of all the buildings involved.

Should your council wish to take part, please let us know by Friday 8th October, confirming which building/s will be taking part.

All buildings taking part will be listed on the *ourstoryinthemaking.com* website so that as many people as possible can enjoy the lighting up wherever they live.

Further details of the Centenary programme can be found at <https://ourstoryinthemaking.com/events-programme>.

I very much hope that you can take part in this special programme.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name "Clare".

Clare King
Deputy Director - Northern Ireland Centenary
Northern Ireland Office

Colour Shades: 722 Bray Blue and 735 Velvet Green (or similar)
(<https://www.leefilters.com/lighting/colour-list.html>)