

Report on	SHHP Bellaghy Bawn Writers Residency Project
Date of Meeting	15 May 2025
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to: 1. Approve the Bellaghy Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan.
2.0	Background
2.1	As members will be aware officers have been working with a range of partners to develop an All-Island Writers Residency at Bellaghy Bawn. In parallel with this HomeBawn Limited has been established to develop the future governance arrangements for the Writers Residency at Bellaghy Bawn and Seamus Heaney HomePlace.
2.2	In November 2024 The Paul Hogarth Company was appointed to develop a Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan for Bellaghy to maximise opportunities from the development of Bellaghy Bawn for the village.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Bellaghy Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan has been developed to support the future of Bellaghy. The strategy brings together a series of practical place-based projects shaped by engagement with local people, schools, community groups and stakeholders.
3.2	The plan outlines clear actions across five themes: 1. Paths of Place, which focuses on walkability and connections. 2. Echoes of Bellaghy, celebrating local culture and storytelling. 3. Gather & Belong, creating welcoming spaces for community life. 4. Reimagine Bellaghy, breathing new life into underused buildings. 5. Moving Through Bellaghy, improving transport, signage and accessibility.
3.3	A detailed Action Plan outlining specific timelines, delivery partners and potential funding streams associated with each project identified in the Strategy is also included in the document.
	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/A

	Human: N/A
	Risk Management: A Project Board has been established and risk is considered as part of this process.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Equality Screening Completed.
	Rural Needs Implications: Rural Needs Assessment Completed.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That the Draft Bellaghy Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan at Appendix 1 is approved.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 - Draft Bellaghy Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan