

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018**

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**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF  
THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
IN CIVIC HEADQUARTERS, COLERAINE ON  
TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

**In the Chair:** Councillor Holmes

**Members Present:** Alderman Hillis, Robinson;  
Councillors Baird, Callan, Clarke, Deighan,  
Douglas, Duddy, Knight-McQuillan, McCandless,  
MA McKillop, C McShane, A Mulholland, K  
Mulholland, Nicholl

**Officers Present:** R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development  
P Beattie, Head of Prosperity & Place  
P Thompson, Head of Tourism & Recreation  
W McCullough, Head of Sport & Wellbeing  
N Harkness, SIB Project Manager  
L Scullion, Community Development Manager  
J Welsh, Head of Community & Culture  
N Harkness, SIB Project Manager  
S Duggan, Committee & Member Services Officer

**In Attendance:** T Hogg (Blu Zebra Ltd) Item 4  
Councillor Wilson  
Press (1 no)

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies recorded.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were recorded for Councillors Douglas, Duddy and MA McKillop.

**3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018**

The Chair advised the Minutes of the above meeting were adopted at the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 Council Meeting.

**4. GOOD RELATIONS STRATEGY**

Report previously circulated.

The purpose of the report was to present the Good Relations Strategy 2018-23, Action Plan and Council's contribution to the function for recommendation.

The Chair invited T Hogg to present the Good Relations Audit and Strategy via PowerPoint.

### **Background & overview**

Under Council's Section 75 (2) duty of the Northern Ireland Act '*to have regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group*', Council may avail of the Executive Office's 'District Councils Good Relations Programme'. This scheme resources local authorities (75% of total costs) to deliver a local Good Relations strategy in each of the 11 district councils.

### **Delivery to date - 2015 – 2018 Good Relations Review**

In 2015, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council adopted an interim Good Relations Strategy to fulfil the legal responsibilities and meet the needs of the Causeway area.

As part of the Good Relations Programme, a total of 50 projects were delivered between April 2015 and March 2018.

The aim was to engage 6084 direct participants; however this was exceeded with at least 9,685 people directly participating in the projects. In addition there have been over 20,584 indirect participants through people attending Good Relations events, exhibitions, performances and other Good Relations related / funded activities, alongside 47 grants that were provided to local groups to deliver Good Relations activities at a local level. Additional information in relation to outcomes was provided in Annex A, circulated. The programme measured levels of attitudinal and behavioural change, civic engagement, confidence, cultural awareness and tolerance within its 4 key priority themes.

### **Audit and Strategy Development**

In order to receive financial support as part of the District Council Good Relations Programme, The Executive Office requires councils to carry out an audit of need and develop a Good Relations Strategy and Action Plan every 3-5 years.

Blu Zebra Ltd was therefore commissioned in 2017 as part of the plan to undertake an audit of the good relations activity and service provision within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough and develop a 5-year strategy and a 2 year action plan.

A needs assessment for good relations intervention, including a research process was undertaken. This included both desk based research alongside substantial direct consultation, including: engagement with Council's Section 75 consultee list, street surveys; community, voluntary, private and public sector stakeholder interviews, focus groups and public meetings; a council workshop and council staff workshops. A total of 868 people contributed to the process.

A comparative analysis was also carried out to consider how the new strategy will complement The NI Executive's strategy 'Together: Building a United Community' and other relevant government policy. This process also examined how the strategy can add value and complement other relevant local strategies both within Council and externally.

### **Findings**

The audit findings were analysed against each of the Executive's Good Relations (TBAUC) strategic themes and considered both the qualitative issues from the consultation process and the quantitative issues from both online and street surveys. A detailed analysis of the findings were contained within the strategy as Annex B, circulated. The main conclusions from the audit were set out.

Furthermore, the audit revealed support for approaches for the council to consider in addressing good relations through the strategy and action plan, as set out in the report.

The audit findings were then considered alongside the good relations responsibilities of council services and other service providers/potential partners, to identify existing resources and opportunities for enhanced collaborative opportunities to maximize its potential impact.

### **Themes, strategic aims, outcomes and associated projects**

The table set out the proposed strategic priorities and approach (themes, aims, outcomes and related approaches/projects). These are set against the policy priorities which are based on TEO's 'Together, Building a United Community' strategy, audit findings and planning assumptions. Further details relating to the proposed projects were contained within the strategy document, circulated as Annex B.

Monitoring and evaluation of the Good Relations Programme will be carried out on an ongoing basis, complying requirements as set out by The Executive Office (TEO) and in line with the Outcomes Based Accountability Framework which the Department has adopted. In order to ensure a consistent and robust approach to monitoring, all funded projects will be expected to take part in specific OBA monitoring and evaluation training.

### **Next Steps**

The draft strategy has been screened in accordance with Council's Equality Scheme. The strategy and action plan aim to promote better relationships between people from different political, religious/faith and ethnic backgrounds. In respect of all of the Section 75 equality categories and/or good relations or disability equality duties, the strategy was deemed to have no adverse/negative impacts and therefore should be screened out.

In accordance with Council's policy development process, Council is now asked to consider approving the draft strategy, subject to an additional

eight week consultation period. Following this period, the final strategy will be reconsidered by Council alongside any revisions if necessary. Following final approval, the strategy will then be published, implemented and monitored.

**The recommendation** is that Council approve as a draft, the Good Relations Strategy for 2018-23 and that subject to any revisions, the final strategy will be presented for approval following an eight week consultation period.

Following the presentation, Councillor Baird sought progress of the Housing and Social Housing Issue and whether the sustainability of the Project was being built in. T Hogg sought to define Shared Spaces within a single identity area and referred to the Coleraine Family Centre as an example, with the view to transforming an area from the inside out; T Hogg advised sustainability of the Plan was budget bound and required collaborative gain, working together with the Community Plan to enhance the stability of good relations.

Councillor Callan requested clarification of, 'anticipated budget'. The Head of Community and Culture clarified Council were awaiting final sign off and Letter of Offer for match funding. Councillor Callan further sought detail of the measurement of 'positive attitudes'. The Head of Community & Culture outlined the Programme process and methodology applied.

Councillor Mullholland, on behalf of Sinn Féin stated their support progressing to consultation stage.

Councillor Duddy requested an explanation of terminology used within the Report and outlined concerns of a negative message based on anecdotal evidence. T Hogg offered an explanation of the terminology applied.

Proposed by Councillor K Mulholland

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

**AGREED** - to recommend that Council approve as a draft, the Good Relations Strategy for 2018-23 and that subject to any revisions, the final strategy will be presented for approval following an eight week consultation period.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote, 8 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion carried.

- \* **Councillor Nicholl arrived at the meeting at 7.10 PM during consideration of the Item.**

- \* **Councillor Douglas arrived at the meeting at 7.11PM during consideration of the Item.**
- \* **T Hogg left the meeting at 8PM.**

## **5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION GRANTS**

- \* **Councillor Duddy left the meeting at 8PM.**

Report previously circulated.

The purpose of the report was to provide the outcome of the assessment of applications received to the Community Development Grant Programmes for 2018-19, and to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the two programmes:

- 1. Community Development Support Grant (CDSG)**
- 2. Social Inclusion Grant (SIG)**

Approximately 50% of the Community Development Support Grants are provided through the annual Department for Communities (DfC) District Council Community Support Programme. The amount of funding from DfC through the Community Support Programme (excluding the monies ring fenced for Advice Provision) has been reduced by £5,047.59 in 2018-19.

### **Background**

Information Roadshows were held in early December in four locations across the Borough in order to provide potential applicants with detailed information and guidance about the detail of the individual grant programmes.

Due to delays in receiving confirmation of DfC funding and advice from DfC to expect significant reductions in Department funding, the opening of the 2 grant programmes was delayed until early April until confirmation of the exact amount of funding was received from the Department. When the Letter of Offer from DfC was received, CDSG and SIG were then opened on 9<sup>th</sup> April with a closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> May, allowing 6 weeks for completion and submission of applications.

The Community Development team assessed the grant applications received against the criteria as stated in the guidance notes for each programme. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be recommended for funding, in line with Council's Grant Funding Policy. An extract from the guidance notes for the 2 grant programmes, detailing eligibility and assessment criteria, is attached at **Annex A**.

### **1. Community Development Support Grant**

**1.1 Purpose of Grant Programme:** To contribute to the running costs/overhead costs incurred by core community development organisations.

**1.2 Levels of Grant available:** Community Development groups with premises could apply for grants of up to 75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £2,000. Community Development groups without premises could apply for grants of up to 75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £1,000.

### 1.3 Applications Received:

No. of applications received	67
No. of ineligible applicants	6
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	6
No. of successful applications (scoring 65% and above)	55
<b>Total maximum eligible amount of CDSG funding requested</b>	<b>£92,544.57</b>

A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount was listed in Table 1, circuated.

**1.4** Seven applicant organisations were deemed to be ineligible as the applicant organisation did not meet the criteria for the grant programme ie. *'Groups must be multi-purpose, providing or hosting a number of different activities and services for the benefit and to meet identified needs of their whole community, not just for a specific group and/or single issue within that community.'*

**1.5** Seven of the applications did not score high enough to meet the minimum threshold required for the CDSG i.e. 65%. Community Development Officers will provide feedback to these organisations and capacity building support will be provided to these groups in order to increase their capacity to develop projects and prepare future funding applications.

### 1.6 Garvagh Development Trust

Garvagh Development Trust (GDT) has submitted an application to the CDSG Programme for £10,500. In addition a request in writing was received from GDT asking that Council gives special consideration to continue to support its operations in 2018-19, as in previous years, in order to meet the shortfall of their running costs for Garvagh Community Building.

The centre provides accessible community facilities to Garvagh and the surrounding rural area and also has a number of business units that it leases to local businesses. Approximately 60 organisations totalling 15,000 people made use of the facility during the past year.

GDT received funding of £10,000 from the legacy Council of Coleraine from its establishment in 2001. For the past three years GDT has submitted a requested to Causeway Coast and Glens Council to continue this financial arrangement. Council considered a number of options in terms of the level of financial support provided to GDT and, in 2015-16 and 2016-17, made the decision to approve the award of funds of £9,000 to GDT, subject to successful assessment against the criteria of the Community Development Support Grant.



A similar decision was taken for 2017-18, to award the Trust an amount of £10,000, on the condition that the organisation participate in Council's Community Development Sustainability Mentoring Programme, and in doing so, develop a sustainability plan. A business support mentor worked with the Trust and carried out an Organisational Diagnostic Review and developed recommendations for the future strategic development of the organisation. Key recommendations were made in relation to increasing the income generated by GDT and ensuring a more sustainable community service. These recommendations are currently being considered by GDT Board of Directors.

Council has agreed the Grant Policy and associated grant programmes for the period 2018-19. This includes provision for support to community development organisations towards running costs associated with the operation of community facilities, up to a maximum level of £2,000 through the Community Development Grant Programme.

The award of amounts of £9,000-£10,000 to GDT in previous years are not in line with Council's Grant Policy. GDT is the only organisation operating a community building that receives an award in excess of £2,000 through the CDSG Programme. Moore Stephens carried out an Internal Audit within Council in May 2017 and highlighted the following:

*"We noted that in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 applications for Community Development Support, the Leisure and Development Committee took a decision to grant one group significantly more funding than the maximum available under the grant programme (£9k and £10k respectively, compared with the maximum £2k available under the programme). This grant was made following a request by the group, provision of a report regarding the matter by officers to the Committee and discussion and approval by the Committee and Council.*

*Where funding provided to community and voluntary sector groups in excess of the maximum available under the grant funding programmes, there is a risk that this sets a precedent for other applications (leading to an uncoordinated approach to grant funding) and a significant reputational risk if there is a perception that the grant policy is not adhered to or there is a lack of equality in decisions being made.*

*In instances where a grant is being considered above the maximum available for the grant scheme, Council should ensure that due consideration has been given to (and is well documented): whether alternative mechanisms for providing financial support would be more appropriate; equality assessment of the proposed decision; fit with Council's broader strategic priorities; and impact on the funding programme and on other priorities in taking the proposed decision."*

There are no other grant programmes that accommodate the level of intervention requested and there is no additional funding to increase the level of grant awarded, particularly since the amount of funding awarded by DfC through its Community Support Programme has been reduced by over £5,047.59 in 2018-19.

Taking into account the auditors recommendations and considering the impact that such a large contribution to one organisation has on the overall pot of funding for other organisations operating community buildings, it is

recommended that in 2018-19 the amount awarded to GDT is in line with the maximum award available for all other community development organisations applying to the grant programme. Continued support can be provided to GDT through the Community Buildings Mentoring Programme to implement the recommendations of the sustainability report.

## 2. Social Inclusion Grant

**2.1 Purpose of Programme:** To provide small grants to local community and voluntary organisations that are involved in activities that encourage people within their community, particularly those that are socially isolated, to participate in social and recreational activities.

**2.2 Levels of Grant:** 85% of costs up to a maximum grant of £500

### 2.3 Applications Received:

No. of applications received	40
No. of ineligible applications	6
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	8
No. of successful applications scoring 65% or more	26
<b>Total maximum eligible amount of SIG funding requested</b>	<b>£12,619.50</b>

A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount was listed in Table 2, circulated.

**2.4** Five applications were ineligible as they had already applied for and were eligible to receive a Community Development Support Grant and as stated in the Guidance Notes, '*organisations that intend to apply for a Community Development Support Grant from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council are not eligible to apply for a Social Inclusion Grant.*' The remaining one ineligible application was not deemed to be an eligible activity through SIG and will be directed elsewhere for support.

**2.5** Eight applications did not score sufficiently high enough to be awarded a grant. Community Development Officers can provide feedback and capacity building support to these groups in order to increase their capacity to develop projects and prepare future funding applications.

## 3. Summary

Total Budget for Community Development Grants (CDSG & SIG) in 2017-18	£110,000
Total Budget for Community Development Grants (CDSG & SIG) in 2018-19	£104,952.41
Total amount of CDSG recommended for funding in 2018-19	£92,544.67
Total amount of SIG recommended for funding in 2018-19	£12,619.50

Total amount of CDSG and SIG recommended for funding in 2018-19	£105,164.17
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#### 4. Recommendations

- i. Approve awards for funding through Community Development Support Grant as detailed in Table 1.
- ii. Award CGSG of £2,000 to Garvagh Development Trust and continue to provide support through Community Buildings Mentoring Programme.
- iii. Approve awards for funding through Social Inclusion Grant as detailed in Table 2.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan outlined the issues at Garvagh Development Trust, that it needed extra support in terms of funding, whilst appreciating they had taken part in the mentoring programme, had not had time to consider and implement the recommendations and findings.

Councillor Knight-McQuillan observed the total budget for Community Development Grants was £110,000, whilst the total amount recommended for funding was £105,164.17 and proposed that in addition to supporting the Report recommendation, the surplus of £4,835.83 is additionally awarded to Garvagh Development Trust.

Councillor Baird seconded Councillor Knight-McQuillan's proposal however stated she did not endorse the whole report.

#### Motion

Proposed by Councillor Knight-McQuillan  
Seconded by Councillor Baird

- to recommend that Council

- i. Approve awards for funding through Community Development Support Grant as detailed in Table 1.
- ii. Award CGSG of £2,000 to Garvagh Development Trust and continue to provide support through Community Buildings Mentoring Programme and in addition award CGSG budget surplus of £4,835.83
- iii. Approve awards for funding through Social Inclusion Grant as detailed in Table 2.

Councillor Nicholl referred to the layout of the Table; there appeared to be disparity between how the recommended amount had been arrived

at, considering the total score. Councillor Nicholl queried whether there was any Community in a similar situation to Garvagh Development Trust.

The Head of Community & Culture outlined the scoring process, eligible and ineligible costs.

The Director of Leisure and Development detailed 10 Community Groups which were broadly similar situation to Garvagh Development Trust.

Councillor K Mulholland drew on concerns, the Motion that would be ignoring procedure, policy, and application of criteria and proposed the Officer recommendation as an Amendment. Councillor Deighan stated his support for the Amendment.

### Amendment

Proposed by Councillor K Mulholland

Seconded by Councillor Nicholl

- i. - to recommend that Council Approve awards for funding through Community Development Support Grant as detailed in Table 1.
- ii. Award CGSG of £2,000 to Garvagh Development Trust and continue to provide support through Community Buildings Mentoring Programme.
- iii. Approve awards for funding through Social Inclusion Grant as detailed in Table 2.

The Chair put the Amendment to the Committee to vote, 5 members voted For, 7 Members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Amendment lost.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote. 7 Members voted For, 5 Members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion carried.

**AGREED** - to recommend that Council

- i. Approve awards for funding through Community Development Support Grant as detailed in Table 1.
- ii. Award CGSG of £2,000 to Garvagh Development Trust and continue to provide support through Community Buildings Mentoring Programme and in addition award CGSG budget surplus of £4,835.83

iii. Approve awards for funding through Social Inclusion Grant as detailed in Table 2.

\* **Councillor Duddy re-joined the meeting.**

## **6. NOMINATIONS TO THE MUSEUMS COUNCIL**

The Director of Leisure & Development delivered the report previously circulated.

The Northern Ireland Museums Council (NIMC), established by the Ministerial Order in 1993, is charged with supporting local museums across Northern Ireland in maintaining and improving their standards of collections care and services to the public. The Council is constituted as a company limited by guarantee with charitable status.

The Museum Council's board reserve places for three local councils that maintain an Accredited Museum, with places being allocated on a rotational basis according to the date the first museum was accredited within the council area.

NIMC have therefore invited Council to nominate a representative to sit on the board, to serve for a period of three years from the AGM in September 2018 until September 2021.

### **Recommendation**

That consideration be given to nominate a representative through D'Hont, to serve on the board of the Northern Ireland Museum Council for a period of three years, effective from September 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Callan

Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council nominate a representative through D'Hont, to serve on the board of the Northern Ireland Museum Council for a period of three years, effective from September 2018.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote, 13 Members vote For.

The Chair declared the Motion carried.

## **7. ENTERPRISE FUND**

The Head of Prosperity & Place delivered the report, previously circulated.

The report updated Committee on the level of applications and scoring panel decisions in respect of the Enterprise Fund 2018 – 2019.

The grant opened on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April and closed at noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, with expenditure to be completed and claimed by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Initial criteria along with Pre-Application Support guidelines and background information was circulated.

### Enterprise Fund Scoring

Of the 15 applications received at closing, totalling £111,626.79, 2 were deemed ineligible and the remaining 13 progressed to scoring panel held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

### Applicants to the £10,000 Scheme

Name of Business	Project Description	Percentage Score	Award
Q Review	App & Website Development	100%	£9,000
Fiona Shannon Ceramics	Equipment	92%	£7,768.11
Riana's Performing Arts Academy	Equipment	84%	£4,497.75
SAND Marketing	Platform, Licences & Accreditation	78%	£10,000
Irish Black Butter Company	Marketing & Brand Awareness	76%	£9,480
Cochrane Dental Care	Digitised System	72%	£8,254.14
Giant Tours Ireland	Equipment	62%	-
Infuse	Furnishings & Marketing	56%	-
Finmondo Limited	Product Development & Marketing	52%	-
Sun Harvester	Equipment	46%	-
Yellow Ferret	Equipment	36%	-
Causeway Kayaking Tours	Website & Mobile Assets	22%	-
			<b>£49,000</b>

### Applicants to the £1,000 Scheme

This aspect of the Enterprise Fund was under-subscribed. 1 application was received and assessed, achieving the minimum threshold of 65%, as per the agreed criteria and guidelines, as follows.

Name of Business	Project Description	Percentage Score	Award
Bliss	Website Development & Laptop	94%	£1,000
			<b>£1,000</b>

## Ineligible Applicants

As per the scheme criteria, 2 applicants were deemed ineligible.

Name of Business	Issue
Euro Autospare	Not within 2 years
NJM Detailing	Not eligible under Creative

**It is recommended** that Council awards Enterprise Fund grants to businesses 1- 6 under the £10,000 Scheme and business 1 under the £1,000 Scheme, totalling £50,000.

Councillor Duddy stated concern that a Healthcare practice had been deemed eligible and in the interests of fairness, he felt the criteria required reassessing. The Head of Prosperity & Place advised that the criteria for eligibility was and will be revised annually.

In response to a comment from Councillor Deighan, the Head of Prosperity & Place agreed to bring an update report on previous successful Applicants.

Councillor Baird disagreed with Councillor Duddy's assessment, that all businesses employ and attract people to the area.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy  
Seconded by Councillor Clarke and

**AGREED** - to recommend that Council awards Enterprise Fund grants to businesses 1- 6 under the £10,000 Scheme and business 1 under the £1,000 Scheme, totalling £50,000; and  
- to recommend that Council review the criteria and guidelines to apply to the Enterprise Fund.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote, 13 Members voted For, 1 Member voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion carried.

## 8. DRAFT PITCHES INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Report previously circulated.

The report updated Members on the revised Section 4: Strategic Recommendations, of the Draft Pitches Investment Strategy and to seek approval to progress as previously recommended:

- Approval for the Draft Investment Strategy and Strategic Recommendations.
- Proceed to a 12 week, S75 compliant, public consultation in advance of decisions relating to:
  - Any need for a full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA); and
  - The formally adoption of the Strategy.

**It is recommended** that Members:

- Give indicative approval for the Draft Pitches Condition Survey & Investment Strategy with the inclusion of the amended Section 4 as attached at Annex A.
- Approve officers to initiate a S75 compliant, 12 week public consultation on the Draft Investment Strategy (excluding cost estimates).

Councillor Douglas stated there were no pitches within the Roe Valley for people within small rural areas that he had lobbied for a playable pitch at Burnfoot, however, to date, had been unsuccessful.

Councillor Deighan outlined concern switching £1.5M from football to GAA and advised the GAA would like a fund to enable Clubs to thrive to take the provision away from Council.

Councillor Callan queried recent publicised health concern surrounding 3G Pitches, the Head of Wellbeing and Sport advised Council had taken guidance from Sport NI.

In response to comments surrounding specific Clubs, the Head of wellbeing and Sport advised Council would react accordingly to any future changes.

Councillor C McShane requested a second Pitches Strategy Workshop to better inform the decision making process.

Councillor Duddy felt the stated underspend should be put towards football pitch provision at Burnfoot. The Director of Leisure & Development outlined the challenges faced at Burnfoot around finding a flooding solution; that a meeting was taking place there within the next 2 weeks and the relative DEA Members would be invited to attend.

Councillor Clarke stated Section 4 had been reworked and queried whether a further consultation process had taken place; Councillor Clarke put on record his concerns. The Head of Wellbeing and Sport advised a 12 week consultation process would now take place, with the option of going to a full EQIA, if challenged.



Proposed by Councillor K Mulholland

Seconded by Councillor C McShane and

**AGREED** - to recommend that Council

- Give indicative approval for the Draft Pitches Condition Survey & Investment Strategy with the inclusion of the amended Section 4 as attached at Annex A.
- Approve officers to initiate a S75 compliant, 12 week public consultation on the Draft Investment Strategy (excluding cost estimates).

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote, 7 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against, 7 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion carried.

## **9. PEACE IV ACTION PLAN DELIVERY**

The Head of Prosperity & Place delivered the information report, previously circulated.

The report updated Members on the progress and delivery of the Peace IV Programme.

### **Progress**

The Causeway Coast and Glens PEACE IV Action Plan is in full programme implementation mode to include all Council-led and contracted tenders. Additionally the Peace IV secretariat is back to full-complement with a Peace IV Coordinator, Finance & Verification Officer and Officer in place.

Additional resources - Following a rebid that was submitted at the end of January 2018, Council received SEUPB approval for the additional monies. £56,863.89 has been approved under Shared Spaces & Services, which will be invested into the "Sharing Your Community Space" project, allowing an additional 3 community facilities to benefit from the minor capital works & dialogue sessions programme. Additionally £142,477.59 has been approved under Building Positive Relations, for a Cross-Border Programme. It is anticipated that this Programme will be tendered out.

Following CCGBC Peace IV Partnership approval in January 2018, an additional rebid for £109,000 has been submitted to SEUPB under the

theme of Children and Young People, it is currently being assessed and the proposal is going through a period of clarifications and queries.

### **Projects Update**

The Peace IV action plan remains on target for delivery. The four Council-Led Programmes have begun delivery in earnest with a substantial amount of programme activity taking place across the three themes (Good Relations Outside of School (CYP), Sharing Your Community Space & Shaping Our Place (SSS) and Understanding Our Area (BPR)).

The other 6 tendered programmes have begun delivery, have presented to the Peace IV Partnership and are providing regular progress reports and submitting claims. The Peace IV secretariat is in regular contact with the contractors to check on progress and any challenges presenting.

### **Governance**

Following the resignation of three Partners from the Peace IV Partnership, a targeted recruitment exercise took place and the members have been replaced.

The Peace IV Sub-Committees continue to meet across the three themes of Children & Young People, Shared Spaces & Services and Building Positive Relations, a further sub-committee meeting of Communications, Evaluation & Monitoring is due to take place in mid-June.

## **10. PROSPERITY AND PLACE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Head of Prosperity & Place delivered the information report, previously circulated.

The purpose of the report was to provide the mid-year review of activity under the current Economic Development Programme.

The current programme was put in place in 2015 to manage the transition from the previous four-council model to Causeway Coast and Glens. Most of the activities were transitional, or a continuation of existing programmes already in place. In addition, this programme was put in place to manage Council's obligations while the new staffing structure was determined.

While this took much longer than was envisaged, a range of activities have been completed and several targets fulfilled. As of November the final staff members are now in position.

Table 1 (circulated, Annex A) follows the themes and activities agreed by members in 2015, and subsequent action plans presented for consideration since, and delivered by team members over the past year.

## **Issues**

While there has been progress on many fronts over the past year, as noted in the table following, the team – in conjunction with others – is aware that over the coming year, several issues will continue to require a careful path forward:

- The focus for Northern Ireland still feels Belfast-centric.
- The lack of an Assembly is beginning to affect higher level business decisions in terms of (some but by no means all) Departmental interactions.
- Rural Development is still beset by huge administrative barriers to business and community alike.
- The area's GVA remains stubbornly low, despite apparent growth and interest in the area – this is possibly a 10 year task – or more.
- Economic Inactivity besets all of Northern Ireland, despite falling claimant counts, and the fallout in changes to benefits remains to be seen.
- Brexit means hesitancy in some investments, while for Council our role is still to ensure that businesses are best-prepared as the picture unfolds.
- New and imaginative approaches to developing our town centres in the face of massively changing shopping and leisure patterns need to be found against a backdrop of decreasing budgets.

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Over the coming year, the team will conclude some final legacy schemes, continue to implement our ongoing programmes, and develop some new directions in partnership with those agencies and organisations with whom there is now a positive working relationship. The administrative background to this will be the development of a new Prosperity and Place Workplan for the next few years. Members will have seen the work undertaken so far by University of Ulster; the next step of consultation is the Big Small Business Survey in May, with follow up on several consultations which have taken place to date.

The Head of Prosperity & Place responded to questions surrounding increasing Targets and skills provisions in the area.

## **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Councillor Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Baird and

**AGREED** – that Committee conduct the remainder of the business ‘In Committee’.

\* **Press left the meeting at 9.15PM.**

## **11. EVENTS STAFFING REQUIREMENTS**

Confidential Report previously circulated.

The purpose of the report was to standardise the process in which Council’s events are supported through the use of additional Council staff.

The aim, to regularise the arrangements from the four legacy Councils that utilised Council staff to assist in event delivery. No additional budget was being requested as the cost of the provision already exists within budget headings.

The Head of Tourism & Recreation responded to queries.

Proposed by Councillor Duddy

Seconded by Councillor MA McKillop and

**AGREED** – to recommend that Council approve the provision of Casual Events Attendants and Casual Events Supervisors.

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote; Committee voted unanimously in favour.

## **12. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12. (O)**

Upon the request of Alderman Hillis, the Chair declared a recess from 9.25PM – 9.35PM.

\* **Councillors Deighan, Douglas, MA McKillop and C McShane did not re-join the meeting.**

In accordance with Standing Order 12. (O) Alderman Hillis gave notice of the following:

*Council have agreed to allow the public realm contractors F G McCann to use part of the recreation grounds for storage and site offices. This was agreed subject to there being no impact on the Pipe Band*

*competition held in August. I have been written to by the Project Manager of The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association stating that the recreation grounds would not be available in a safe condition to hold the Championship. Can we please have an update on how this serious problem is going to be resolved?*

The Director of Leisure & Development advised a solution to the issue was being found, that Members would be kept informed and kept in the discussion.

Councillor Clarke stated the issue was required to be resolved this week to avoid serious reputational damage to Council and requested a Report on the matter.

Proposed by Councillor Clarke

Seconded by Councillor Duddy and

**AGREED** - to recommend that Officers bring a report to the Council meeting in June.

The Director of Leisure and Development outlined the timeline of events and an overview of the situation that led to the Council decision being enacted.

Councillor K Mulholland stated a Point of Order and felt that a proposal could not be made on an Any Other Relevant Business Item. Councillor Duddy referred to recent Guidance issued by the Chief Executive in relation to a similar matter that had been allowed.

The Chair ruled the Motion could be made.

At the request of Alderman Hillis, Land and Property Sub Committee Members recalled the Land and Property Sub Committee meeting at which a stipulation had been made that the Pipe Band Contest should not be disrupted as a result of Council leasing the land; that it was unfortunate this had not been communicated or reflected in the wording of the resolution.

Discussion took place on the merit of recording of all Council Committee meetings.

\* **Councillor Nicholl left the meeting at 10PM during consideration of the Item.**

The Chair put the Motion to the Committee to vote, 8 Members voted For, 0 Members voted Against, 0 Members Abstained.

The Chair declared the Motion carried.

**MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC**

Proposed by Councillor Duddy

Seconded by Councillor Knight-McQuillan and

**AGREED** – that Committee conduct the remainder of the business 'In Public'.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 10.19pm.

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Chair