



Title of Report:	Stendhal Festival 2020
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	18th August 2020
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Promote our tourist offer locally and internationally
Outcome	Improve prosperity To provide a balanced portfolio for major events across the Borough and facilitate partnership with other event promoters
Lead Officer	Head of Tourism and Recreation

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£60,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	n/a	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	n/a	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	n/a	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	n/a	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	n/a	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	n/a	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the cancellation of the Stendhal Festival and to make recommendations on the award of grant-aid for eligible expenditure.

2.0 Background

In March 2020 officers presented the Tourism Events Funding recommendations for the 2020-21 period. This report was not ratified by Council due to the Covid19 pandemic. Subsequent to the report, all of the events, with the exception of Stendhal, were cancelled by the event organisers.

In June 2020 Council agreed awards for the events cancelled as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. Successful applicants were awarded funding towards eligible expenditure incurred up to a maximum of the grant recommended to the Leisure & Development Committee in March 2020. (Table 1)

As Stendhal had not notified council of a cancellation the decision to award the full letter of offer for Stendhal in the amount of £60,000 was agreed.

Table 1

Organisation Name	Total Eligible Costs incurred to date
Armoy Motorcycle Road Racing Club	£13,192.29
Coleraine & District Motor Club Ltd.	£61,800.00
Derry & District Youth Foyle Cup	£0.00
Stendhal Festival Ltd	£60,000.00
SuperCupNI	£27,712.00
Heart Of The Glens Festival	£2,327.35
Portrush Heritage Group	£912.14
Totals	£165,943.78

On 14th August 2020 the Directors of Stendhal Ltd notified Council of their decision to cancel this year's planned festival. The decision was taken based on advice given to Stendhal Ltd from the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Michael McBride and the Chief Scientific Officer, Professor Ian Young.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Elected Members, in line with awards made in June 2020 to cancelled events for eligible expenditure, agree to permit the use of the grant award for Stendhal to cover eligible expenditure incurred up to the date of cancellation of the event.