



Title of Report:	Garvagh Museum
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure and Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 th April 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Contained within report
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	Arts/Museums
Staffing Costs	n/a

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes	Date: August 2016 (CAH strategy, of which this project forms a part)
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date: n/a
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes	Date: 2019
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes	Date: 2019
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a brief summary of the previous Partnership Agreement 2016-2021 with Trustees of Garvagh Museum within the context of Council's Cultural strategy and, in the context of the pandemic, outline the new proposed Partnership 2021 – 2023.

2.0 Background/Context

In 2016 Council agreed to support Garvagh Museum, a community and volunteer led museum, with £7500 annually until 31st March 2021 on the understanding that the Trustees would deliver on agreed actions and targets in support of Council's Culture Arts and Heritage Strategy under a partnership agreement.

In addition, there were a number of conditions agreed including maintaining UK Accreditation Standard for Museums and providing annual reports and yearly accounts, which the Trustees have met.

The agreed actions and targets 2016 – 2021 with annual reporting, are as follows:

Agreed activity	Agreed outputs	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019 -20	2020 -21*
Collections and programme development	Up to 3 exhibitions	2	1	3	3	Reopening post lockdown New displays
	3 public events	1	1	5	-	N/A due to COVID19
	Up to 5000 visitors/participants	1750	500	1700	1555	45 after reopening Impact of COVID19
Support to local organisations	2 groups supported	3	3	6	2	N/A due to COVID19
Community engagement	2 projects delivered	2	1	2	-	N/A due to COVID19
	14 group visits	14	3	19	33	N/A due to COVID19
Volunteering	200 volunteer hours	800	800	506	600 +	280
	1 training programme provided	0	1 attended	1 attended	3 attended	Online training attended

*2020 -2021 has been a challenging year not least for the museums sector. Garvagh Museum Trustees had to refocus towards keeping volunteers and their visitors safe by closing the museum for approximately 10 months in line with Government Covid 19 restrictions. However, the Trustees and their volunteers have been carrying out facilities management work, collections management and preparing to reopen whilst keeping their team safe.

From the table above it can be demonstrated that whilst there have been challenges to some targets prior to 2020, the Trustees have not only met but overachieved on a number of their targets as agreed by Council in 2016.

The period of the partnership agreement with Council has now been completed.

The Trustees will be presenting at the April committee meeting to report on their work and to seek Council support to renew their partnership arrangement with Council.

3.0 Proposal

The proposed partnership agreement would continue to support the Council's Culture Arts and Heritage Strategy as before. This would include actions that deliver on the Council's Strategic Themes of:

- Theme 1: Enhancing our Cultural Assets.
- Theme 3: History Heritage and Tourism.

Standard Conditions of the contract/agreement would include:

- Provide a six monthly and an Annual Report with Accounts to Council.
- Acknowledge Council support in all communications including website, flyers and social media.
- Maintain Accreditation (any reporting or reviews are currently paused by Arts Council UK and the Museums Association for at least 2021 - 2022).
- Maintain annual insurance, providing copy to Council.

For 2021 -2022 plans for the Museum are dependent on when museums are allowed to open within the NI Executive Covid 19 regulations. The actions and targets of the previous agreement are therefore not appropriate at this time.

Proposed 2021- 2022 targets:

- Prepare to reopen to the public.
- Up to 1000 visitors or participants either through the door or online.
- Maintain venue and collection.
- Participate in at least 2 training sessions.
- Up to 150 hours volunteering.

Officers will meet with the Trustees to review the annual targets in line with forthcoming strategic priorities, and provide subsequent proposals for Council's consideration.

4.0 Recommendation

Subject to annual review and in line with forthcoming strategic priorities, Council agree to continue the partnership with Trustees of Garvagh Museum for a 2 year period, in line with the remaining term of council and to provide support of £7,500 per year.

Garvagh Museum Causeway Coast and Glens Council Strategic Partnership



What we do

.....& what makes Garvagh Museum unique

01

CONNECTING
COMMUNITIES

02

PRESERVING
MEMORIES

03

PROMOTING
EDUCATION

04

TOURISM ASSET

Connecting Communities

- ❖ Public Events
- ❖ Building Collections
- ❖ Tourism
- ❖ Harness support from local businesses
- ❖ Connections with groups province wide



Preserving Memories



- ❖ Building a Collection
- ❖ Collections Management
- ❖ Improving accessibility of collection online
- ❖ Interpreting collection for visitors
- ❖ Developing genealogical research facilities

Promoting Education

- ◇ Local Schools
- ◇ Queens University Belfast
- ◇ Ulster Historical Foundation
- ◇ External Community Groups
- ◇ Ongoing volunteer training
- ◇ Local talks and events



Tourism Asset

“Benefit to the local economy

- *Support for our local community*
- *Protection and enhancement of the built and natural environment”*

(CCG Tourism Strategy)



Finances

- ❖ Running Costs
- ❖ Training
- ❖ Events
- ❖ Maintenance

❖ Utilities/Insurance.....	£2.4k
❖ Advertising/Printing/stationery.....	£2.3k
❖ Building/Display/Grounds Maintenance..	£4.4k
❖ Accountancy/Bank.....	£0.5k
❖ Staff.....	£0.0
❖ Total 2019.....	£9.6k
❖ CC&G contract income.....	£ 7500
❖ Entrance Fee (No charge).....	£0.0
❖ Donations.....	£2983
❖ Voluntary labour 500+ hours p.a.	

Strategic Partnership Activities

Activity	Agreed outputs	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019 -20	2020 -21
Collections and programme development	Up to 3 exhibitions	2	1	3	3	From August Restricted opening post lockdown 5 x New static displays
	3 public events	1	1	5	2	Not Achievable due to COVID19
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Challenges Ahead

- ◇ Public Health crisis COVID and the impact on museums
- ◇ Finances
- ◇ Maintaining Accredited Status
- ◇ Capital Investment
- ◇ Ongoing maintenance
- ◇ Succession Planning





“A Unique Museum Experience”

“History on your doorstep”

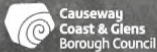
“A treasure trove of memories”

The Museum for the
Bann Valley and the Sperrins



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and take a peek*

www.garvaghmuseum.com



Garvagh Museum & Causeway Coast and Glens Council Strategic Partnership 2022 and Beyond.....

