



Community Fellows at Ulster University	19 June 2018
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with strategic partners to deliver our vision for this Council area
Lead Officer	Head of Policy and Community Planning
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Ulster University are launching a Community Fellowship programme which will be open to any person working in the third sector (community, voluntary and social enterprise sectors).
- 1.2 One Community Fellow will be appointed in each Council area and this person will link into the nearest Ulster University campus. The project will be co-ordinated by the University's Centre for Flexible Education.
- 1.3 The focus of the project is to ensure a needs based curriculum approach for under-represented communities, families and individuals within the University through having a clear voice from each Council area feeding back into the University.
- 1.4 Appointments to the Community Fellow posts will be made on the basis of an application and interview process.

2.0 The Role of the Community Fellow

- 2.1 Community Fellowship posts have never existed before within the University and the aim is that they will help build cohesive community networks with Ulster University as part of its 5/50 plan
- 2.3 The Community Fellow posts will be an honorary type position for one year (a pilot year) where these individuals will work with the University for around 10 to 12 days per year. They will receive an annual stipend of £500 plus associated expenses and mileage costs in line with current University policy.

2.4 They will be provided with support from an experienced University colleague who will act as their point of contact in providing advice, support, supervision, guidance and feedback as appropriate.

2.5 The Community Fellows will be expected to commit to:

- Public engagements
- Attendance at graduation ceremonies
- Providing reports to University
- Contributing to workshops and events
- Attendance at community engagement meetings

3.0 Support from Council

3.1 Ulster University is seeking support from the Council for this Community Fellow initiative and this support would include the following:

- Help the University raise awareness of the initiative, eg through community databases, social media, etc.
- Provide a room for interviews for the position of Community Fellow.
- Host a session for all 11 Community Fellows in year 2 of the project.
- Provide a point of contact for the Community Fellow with the Community Planning Team for the Causeway Coast and Glens area.
- Liaise with officers at Ulster University for reports and updates.

No financial assistance has been requested.

3.2 The University also wish to identify the Council as a named partner in the initiative and wish to use the Council logo on the advertisements for the position of Community Fellow, as well as on pop up stands, information leaflets, etc., relating to this initiative

4. Recommendation

4.1 **It is recommended** that the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee recommend to Council approval of the support sought from Council by Ulster University as outlined in section 3 of this report.