



20 July 2022

To: Each Member of the Council

Dear Member

MEETING OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBIEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

A meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will be held on **Monday 25 July 2022 at 6.30 pm.**

You are requested to attend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Dixon".

Jacqui Dixon, BSc MBA
Chief Executive, Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

Refreshments will be available in the Café from 5.15 pm

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AGENDA

- 1 Bible Reading and Prayer (In accordance with Standing Orders, Members are not required to attend for this part of the meeting and, following this part of the meeting, Members outside the Chamber will be called to the meeting).
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 To take as read and confirm the minutes of the proceedings of the Council Meeting of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council held on Monday 27 June 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5(a) To take as read and confirm the Part 1 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 July 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
- 5(b) To approve Part 2 of the minutes of the proceedings of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 July 2022, a copy of which is **enclosed**.
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6 ITEMS FOR DECISION

6.1 A/GEN /13 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

The following schedule of dates for Council and Committee meetings are proposed for the period 1 January – 31 December 2023.

Meetings marked in **red** are held at Antrim Civic Centre, while those in black are held at Mossley Mill. All meetings commence at 6.30 pm with the exception of Planning Committee which will start at 6 pm.

Council / Committee Meetings	Date of Meeting
Operations Committee	Monday 9 January 2023*
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 10 January 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 16 January 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 23 January 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 30 January 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 6 February 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 7 February 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 13 February 2023
Special Council Meeting	Monday 13 February 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 20 February 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 27 February 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 6 March 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 7 March 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 13 March 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 20 March 2023
Audit Committee	Tuesday 21 March 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 27 March 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 3 April 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 4 April 2023
Community Planning Committee	Wednesday 12 April 2023*
Planning Committee	Monday 17 April 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 24 April 2023
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS	Thursday 4 May 2023
Annual Meeting	Monday, 15 May 2023
Planning Meeting	Monday 22 May 2023
Council Meeting	Tuesday 30 May 2023*

Council / Committee Meetings	Date of Meeting
Operations Committee	Monday 5 June 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 6 June 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 12 June 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 19 June 2023
Audit Committee	Tuesday 20 June 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 26 June 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 17 July 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 31 July 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 14 August 2023
Council Meeting	Tuesday 29 August 2023*
Operations Committee	Monday 4 September 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 5 September 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 11 September 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 18 September 2023
Audit Committee	Tuesday 19 September 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 25 September 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 2 October 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 3 October 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 9 October 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 16 October 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 30 October 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 6 November 2023
Policy & Governance Committee	Tuesday 7 November 2023
Community Planning Committee	Monday 13 November 2023
Planning Committee	Monday 20 November 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 27 November 2023
Operations Committee	Monday 4 December 2023
Policy & Governance	Tuesday 5 December 2023
Community Planning Committee	Wednesday 6 December 2023*
Planning Committee	Monday 11 December 2023
Audit Committee	Tuesday 12 December 2023
Council Meeting	Monday 18 December 2023*

* Denotes change of date due to bank/public holiday.

RECOMMENDATION: that the 2023 Schedule of Meetings for Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council be approved.

Prepared by: Member Services

Agreed by: Liz Johnston, Deputy Director of Performance and Governance (Interim)

Approved by: Sandra Cole, Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance

6.2 ED/ED/165 BEST PRACTICE VISIT TO THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING RESEARCH CENTRE (AMRC) IN SHEFFIELD

On 30 June, a delegation including The Mayor, Alderman Ross, Alderman Cosgrove, Councillor Goodman, Councillor Webb and Officers joined Queen's University representatives to visit the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) in Sheffield. The purpose of the visit was to see first-hand the original facility built in 2004 and the subsequent growth which has taken place. The AMRC shares many characteristics with the AMIC facility to be built at Global Point as part of the Belfast Region City Deal and the team involved were able to share valuable insights into the strategic development of the site, the model and the governance of the overall operation.

Background

The AMRC was established as an organisation in 2001 as a £15 million collaboration between the University of Sheffield and aerospace giant Boeing, with support from Yorkshire Forward and the European Regional Development Fund. The AMRC Site 1 was developed in 2004 on the former Orgreave Colliery site, owned by British Coal, with AMRC acquiring the first acre for £1. It is noteworthy that costs per acre now are closer to £60,000 as a result of the economic activity taking place on site and the demand for space from relevant industries.

The regeneration stimulated by AMRC is such that a new town (Waverley) is being developed in close proximity to the site which, alongside shops and pubs, will have up to 5,000 new homes and a primary school specialising in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) skills.

Growth

In 2008, AMRC's Factory of the Future was completed and since then the AMRC Park has continued to grow on surrounding lands and now incorporates 125-plus industrial partners range from global giants such as Boeing, Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems, McLaren and Airbus to small companies.

The AMRC Park itself now provides around 3,000 high value jobs on site whilst AMRC employs over 600 highly qualified researchers and engineers from around the globe, on the Advanced Manufacturing Park and Sheffield Business Park in South Yorkshire. Two other locations have also been established to help further drive innovation in the region in AMRC Cymru (in partnership with the Welsh Government) and AMRC North West.

A key learning is how AMRC utilised adjacent available lands to expand its operations and related high value manufacturing operations from across the globe to co-locate on site. The presentation (**enclosed**) provides an overview of the operation which now spans across Sheffield and Rotherham Council areas.

Operating Model

AMRC has a turnover in the range of £50m per annum and its funding is sourced from three broad areas: a third from UK Government, a third from

collaboration on Research and Development and working with Innovate UK, and the final third coming from its commercial work.

With more than 120 companies the AMRC runs a membership basis for its operating model in addition to its commercial operations. There is a tiered approach to membership ranging from £30,000 (Tier 2) with limited governance involvement to £200,000 (Tier 1) which guarantees a seat on the Board amongst other benefits. The membership subscription can be paid in cash or in in-kind support (e.g. provision of software or supply of relevant equipment / tools).

Training

The ASMRC Training Centre has been built within the site and is regarded as the 'Centre of Excellence' for apprenticeship and CPD delivery within the Yorkshire & Humber region. The state-of-the-art centre offers the very best in practical and academic training. Working with employers, AMRC can identify and provide the skills required that manufacturing companies need to compete globally, from apprenticeship through to degree level.

Since opening in 2013, more than 450 employers from across the Sheffield City Region and beyond have asked AMRC to train more than 1,700 apprentices. The training centre has a link with Barnsley College and offers a number of different pathways into engineering apprenticeships some of which are sponsored by employers with a bespoke 12 week training programme before entering employment.

The key learning from the visit has been the need to future proof the development of Global Point ensuring that there is sufficient future land for growth and related services such as training etc. The importance of learning from those who are at a more advanced stage was also highlighted as critical therefore being part of the UK High Value Manufacturing Catapult network as well as building on our existing linkages with Arizona State University was viewed as essential.

RECOMMENDATION: that

- (1) discussions be progressed with Invest NI regarding the development of the remaining land at Global Point;**
- (2) consideration be given to the suitability of other land in the vicinity of Global Point to facilitate future development;**
- (3) the relationship between Arizona State University and Queen's University be advanced with an invitation extended to representatives from Queen's to attend the outward visit to Gilbert in November 2022.**

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth

6.3 ED/ED/154 RURAL TRPSI FUNDING AWARDS

Members are reminded that in February 2022 it was agreed to deliver a Rural Business Development Grant Scheme through the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Scheme (TRPSI), alongside all other Councils in Northern Ireland. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's available grant aid budget under this scheme is up to £62,000. In addition, a budget of 10% of Letter of Offer value will be provided from DAERA to the Council to administer the scheme.

The key aim of the Scheme is to provide small capital grants of up to £4,999 to support micro businesses located in rural areas with under 5,000 population to invest in new equipment or capital items. The objective of the fund is to enable them to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic, remain sustainable or to grow. The maximum grant-funding rate is 50%, with 50% match-funding provided by participating businesses.

The Scheme was open for applications from 4 May to 31 May 2022 for projects to be completed by 31 October 2022. A total of 23 applications were received in the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough and 22 of these were deemed eligible to proceed to full assessment. One application withdrew prior to assessment. To be successful in securing a grant, businesses applying must score a minimum of 65% in their application assessment. The assessment was completed by Officers as enclosed in Appendix 1. In a number of cases the grant awarded is less than the request as items are not eligible or the grant award is based on the procurement presented.

The 20 projects detailed in Appendix 1 met the minimum scoring threshold of 65% and are eligible for funding through the Programme for £59,554 of funding, which is within the budget available to the Council area.

The projects that were deemed ineligible or did not meet the threshold or criteria for the programme will be notified of this outcome and offered business support through other Economic Development programmes where relevant.

RECOMMENDATION: that the TRPSI Rural Business Development Grants detailed in Appendix 1 be approved and be awarded at a maximum value of £59,554 for expenditure by 31 October 2022.

Prepared by: Emma Stubbs, Business Development Manager

Agreed by: Michael McKenna, Head of Investment & Business Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth & Planning

6.4 CE/GEN/095 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR FUNDING APPLICATION

Members are reminded that it was reported to the May Council meeting that a number of groups had approached the Council to request assistance with significant funding applications for submission to Round 2 of the UK Levelling Up Fund. It was agreed at this meeting that the Council entered into an appropriate partnership arrangement with Impact NI and Crumlin United Football Club and appoints a consultant to progress these projects.

Members are advised that Ballyclare Comrades have recently met with the Mayor and Officers and have ambition to develop a Capital Project including a Community Clubhouse and have identified Levelling Up Round 3 or Peace Plus as potential funding opportunities to support this. They have requested that the Council provide consultancy support to enable them to develop a detailed business case for the project.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council appoints a consultant to progress this project.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.5 PK/BIO/044 IDENTIFICATION OF BATHING WATERS, REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS - UPDATE

Members are reminded that in October 2021, Council agreed to nominate Antrim and Jordanstown Lough Shore Parks (including Hazelbank) as formally identified bathing waters as part of the review of Bathing Waters 2022/2023 being carried out by Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA).

Correspondence, **enclosed**, has been received advising that the Department has now completed the public consultation phase of the review. The consultation resulted in potential sites being nominated by the public, which included those already nominated by Council, as well as an additional site at Cranfield. In addition, the consultation also sought views on the length of the bathing season, with the overwhelming view of respondents requesting that the bathing season be extended from the current period of 1 June to 15 September to year round bathing.

Council has previously confirmed that it would undertake the Bathing Water Operator responsibilities at the nominated sites of Antrim and Jordanstown Lough Shore Parks should they be named as designated Bathing Waters. The Department has also requested confirmation that council is willing to undertake the same responsibilities at Cranfield.

Members are reminded that the responsibilities which Council would assume as an Operator include:

- ensuring that signage at the bathing water includes the require information
- In the event of pollution incidents/abnormal situations/exceptional weather events that could be considered a risk to human health
 - consult with the Department
 - inform the pollution hotline
 - take appropriate management measures to protect bathers health;
 - provide information to the public;
 - where necessary, remove any waste;
 - if necessary, issue temporary advice against bathing
- Where the Department has issued a notice requiring compliance with the Bathing Water Regulations
 - comply with and implement the measures which are specified in the notice;
 - provide the Department with any information it requires in carrying out its functions under the Bathing Water Regulations.
 - display the current classification of the bathing water provided by DAERA and where appropriate, any advice against bathing.
- Where a bathing water receives a poor classification:
 - in the following bathing season, signs must display the appropriate classification and the symbol advising the public against bathing be used including provision of information stating why the site is not recommended for bathing.

Due to concerns discussed at the Operations Committee assurances were subsequently sought from the Department in relation to pollution and changing. It was subsequently confirmed that in relation to (i) pollution, that Council would not have any additional liability in relation to clearing any pollution than already exists - with primary responsibility resting with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency.

In relation to Changing Facilities – the only responsibility which Council would have is to ensure that where there are changing facilities in place, signage must be put in place stating this. There is no requirement to provide changing facilities at a nominated bathing water location.

Finally, the Department is also seeking Council's view on the potential extension of the bathing season. As there are groups of bathers currently swimming in both Loughs year round, it would be beneficial for the season to be extended.

RECOMMENDATION: that,

- i. In addition to undertaking Bathing Water responsibilities at the Lough Shore Parks at Jordanstown (including Hazelbank) and Antrim, that Council agrees to become a Bathing Water Operator at Cranfield as requested by the Department;**
- ii. Council supports the proposed extension of the current bathing season for designated Bathing Waters to year round bathing.**

Prepared by: Matt McDowell, Deputy Director of Parks & Leisure

Approved by: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

6.6 AC/EV/17 ENCHANTED WINTER GARDEN 2022

Members are reminded that it was agreed at the April Council meeting to deliver of the Enchanted Winter Garden event in 2022 as outlined at a cost of £46,000. It was also agreed to apply admission fees of £7.50 per adult, £5 per child, £22 per family of four with an exploration of methods to enable Borough residents to avail of a 'ticket price freeze' to be explored further with proposals brought back to a future meeting. In addition, it was agreed to deliver a 'soft opening' of the event free of charge to selected residents in partnership with the Community and Voluntary sector with proposals brought back to a future meeting.

Members are advised that delivery of the event in 2022 is planned for 18 evenings from Saturday 26 November to Tuesday 20 December at 4pm to 9.30pm. The launch of tickets for the 2022 event is planned for Thursday 1 September. Borough residents will be able to avail of the 2021 tickets fees of £6 per adult, £4 per child and £18 per family of four by using their postcode when booking tickets.

The 'soft opening' event of Enchanted Winter Garden is planned for Friday 25 November. The capacity of this event will be kept at 5000, lower than the normal capacity and all additional attractions will be free of charge. It is proposed to identify recipients of the invitation to this event by engaging with Elected Members as well as Community and Voluntary Groups across the Borough, who the Council has been working with to support the community with a variety of initiatives particularly over the period of the pandemic.

Members are advised that the Council has been offered £7,200 in funding from the Tourism NI (TNI) Events Sponsorship Scheme 2022/23 for the event having submitted an application for £30,000. Officers have had a meeting with the Chief Executive of TNI to discuss support for the event and were advised of the financial constraints facing the organisation and over subscription to this specific funding programme. Given the commitment required if the offer of funding is accepted, it is proposed to decline this offer and instead work with TNI on a range of cross promotional initiatives for the Borough without the constraints and commitments of a funding agreement, which would place significant obligations upon the Council for a limited return.

At the January 2022 Council Meeting it was agreed to accept a proposal from Food NI to deliver the food element of Garden Show Ireland including a payment of £6,000 to the Council. This arrangement worked very effectively for the Garden Show ensuring both the 'Food to Go' offer at the event as well as traders and producers showcased the excellent range of Northern Irish produce and hospitality. Food NI have submitted a similar proposal (**enclosed**) to deliver the 'Food to Go' element of Enchanted Winter Garden, which includes a commitment to make the food element of the event a high quality visitor experience that fits into the event look, feel and 'enchanted' theme. They have proposed a payment to the Council of £3,000.

The food element of Enchanted Winter garden has been outsourced each year to a third party provider and a payment of £3,000 was received from the provider in 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: that

- (a) the proposed arrangements for Enchanted Winter Garden 2022 including application of a resident price freeze and a soft opening event be approved.**
- (b) the outcome of the two applications to the Tourism NI Events Sponsorship Scheme be noted and the offer of £7,200 for Enchanted Winter Garden be declined with officers to engage with TNI on alternative means to provide support.**
- (c) the acceptance of the Food NI proposal to deliver the 'food' element of Enchanted Winter Garden, including a payment of £3,000 to the Council, be approved.**

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.7 CP/CP/113 BARNARDOS THE THRIVE PROJECT

Members are reminded that following a presentation to the Community Planning Committee in November 2019 it was agreed to provide £15,000 in financial assistance to Thrive for 2020/21.

It was agreed at the Community Planning Committee in November 2021 to provide additional assistance of £25,000 (£15,000 from DfC COVID-19 Community Support Fund) to Thrive for 2021/22 and that Officers engage with Thrive to explore external funding opportunities in relation to their financial plan for 2022/23.

The Thrive Project is a collaboration of local parents, schools, community and voluntary organisations and statutory agencies working together to help children and young people in Macedon and Threemilewater DEA's to achieve their full potential and have the best start in life.

An elected member from each of the Macedon and Threemilewater DEA's was nominated to serve on the Thrive Project Board at the January 2021 Community Planning Committee.

Correspondence has been received from Thrive outlining the impact of their work in 2021/22 and a copy is enclosed for Members' information.

Officers have been working with Thrive and other Community Planning partners to explore a delivery and financial model for 2022/23. Thrive have requested that the Council consider provision of £25,000 in financial assistance during 2022/23. A breakdown of the 2022/23 project funding secured is enclosed for Members' information.

RECOMMENDATION: that provision of £25,000 financial assistance to Thrive for 2022/23 be approved subject to a quarterly performance report being provided to the Council.

Prepared by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.8 AC/GEN/037 ARTS & HERITAGE GRANT AID

Members are reminded that a revised Arts and Heritage Grant Aid Programme was approved by the Council in April 2022.

To be successful, applicants must score a minimum of 50% in their application and all proposed awards are subject to the receipt of all relevant supporting documentation or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

The grants are delivered on a rolling funding programme linked to the financial year or until the funding for the year is exhausted. Two applications have been assessed by officers under the appropriate funding category and maximum award available. A summary of the applications is set out below along with the proposed award:

Group Individual	Funding Category	Funding Purpose	Score	Amount Awarded
Jemma Browne / Jemma Millen Ceramics	The attendance or participation in an arts event either by invitation or qualification	Contribution towards Showcase, Promotion & Attendance at International Ceramics Festival 2022 at the MIC International Museum of Ceramics, Faenza, Bologna, Italy, from 31 August – 6 September	90%	£500
Emily Shiels	The attendance or participation in an arts event either by invitation or qualification	The attendance or participation in an arts event either by invitation or qualification, specifically the Ulster Youth Orchestra residential course at Greenmount College from 11-20 August 2022.	55%	£250

RECOMMENDATION: that the Arts and Culture Grant Awards be approved.

Prepared by: Simon Goldrick, Head of Arts, Culture, Tourism and Events

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.9 ED/ED/080/VOL4 REVIEW OF COUNCIL EVENTS

Members are reminded that it was agreed at the January 2021 Council meeting to implement an events plan for 2021, which would be kept under review with regular updates to be presented to the Council. A proposed Council Events Plan for 2022 was approved at the Council meeting in January 2022 and it was agreed that the plan to be kept under review and any updates brought to future meetings as required.

An updated events plan for 2022 is **enclosed** for Members' information. Members are advised of the following changes:

- Antrim Live – Scheduled to take place on 2 and 3 September 2022
- Elmer's Big Trail – Scheduled to take place in Antrim Castle Gardens on 3 and 4 September 2022
- Spinning Yarns – Scheduled to take place in Mossley Mill on Saturday 1 October 2022
- Spooked Out at V36 – Scheduled to take place at V36 at The Valley on Saturday 29 October 2022
- Screams and Tricks at V36 – Scheduled to run from Friday 28 October to Sunday 6 November in V36 at The Valley

The events delivered to date have been well attended with positive feedback received and have contributed to the civic, economic and community life of the Borough whilst enhancing the reputation of the Council.

Members are also advised of the following additional updates to the 2022 Events Plan:

Antrim Festival Group – The Group delivered a ticketed Halloween Walk in Antrim Castle Gardens in 2021, which included animation and food stalls in Market Square leading into Antrim Castle Gardens with a themed walk around Her Ladyships Pleasure Gardens. The Group would like to deliver a similar event in 2022 in partnership with the Council on 29 and 30 October 4pm to 9pm.

Whiteabbey Village Fair Taste and Sea – In 2021 in consultation with the Whiteabbey Village Business Association as an alternative to the Shoreline Festival four Taste and Sea events were delivered in the village and Loughshore Park from June to September. For 2022 the Business Association would like to work with officers to deliver the Whiteabbey Village Fair Taste and Sea on 27, 28 and 29 August.

Antrim Castle Fire Centenary – Antrim Castle was destroyed by a fire on 28 October 1922. Members are aware that one of the secondary aims of the Clockwork Garden installation, as reported to the Council in January, was to mark the centenary of this event with a lasting legacy in Castle Gardens. In addition, Members are advised that the original play set in 1922 'Carson and The Lady' running at the Lyric Theatre in August, an exhibition in relation to the Castle and Massereene family is being developed for launch in October and officers are exploring the potential for guided walks and lectures in relation to the history of the Castle and its inhabitants over the period of the centenary.

Meanwhile use Space, Glengormley - Following the demolition of the former Police Station in Glengormley a meanwhile use space has been developed while plans are prepared and approved for the long term redevelopment of the site. A number of family fun events will take place from August until October aimed at activating the site prior to its redevelopment.

In addition to the events listed Members are advised that a range of local town centre animations, including music and urban markets are planned for delivery across the Borough from now through to the Autumn in a continued effort to support the business community.

RECOMMENDATION: that the updated Council Events Plan for 2022 be approved with the plan to be kept under review and any updates brought to future meetings as required.

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.10 ED/ED/140 GROW SOUTH ANTRIM LOCAL ACTION GROUP MINUTES

A meeting of the GROW South Antrim Local Action Group was held on Friday 25 March 2022 and the minutes recorded at the meeting are enclosed.

Members should note that some commercial business details have been redacted in line with operational requirements.

RECOMMENDATION: that the minutes of the GROW South Antrim Local Action Group Meetings be noted.

Agreed by: Michael McKenna, Head of Investment & Business Development

Approved by: Majella McAlister, Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth & Planning

**6.11 CP/CD/440 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID PROGRAMME
SMALL GRANTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS 2022/2023**

Members are reminded of the Small Grants Programme, which was agreed by the Council in October 2014 as part of the new Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Community Development Grant Aid Programme.

The purpose of the Small Grants programme is to provide financial assistance to groups within the Borough of up to a maximum of £1,000 (revised and approved by Council in October 2021) towards seeding costs and/or insurance or a small activity and/or insurance. Members are advised that groups who apply for a small grant are not permitted to apply for any other funding available under the wider Community Development Grant Aid Programme during the course of the 2022/23 financial year.

In December 2019 Members agreed that from 1 April 2020 all Small Grant requests of £500 (now £1,000) or less be assessed on the basis of Pass/Fail against eligibility criteria and not subjected to a scored assessment process. All proposed awards are subject to the receipt of a Group Constitution, List of Committee Members, Bank Statement, Annual Accounts and a signed disclosure from the group confirming that all other appropriate supporting documentation is in place and can be provided on request or the offer of funding will be withdrawn.

During the month of June, 4 applications totalling £3,496.30 were received and assessed by Officers as outlined below.

Group Name/Project Promoter	Project Description/Title	Pass/Fail	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Templepatrick Action Community Association	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Annual Insurance	Pass	£500.00	£500.00
Roughfort Heritage and Cultural Preservation Society	Small Seeding Grant Insurance, Room Hire and Office Equipment	Pass	£999.30	£999.30
Rathcoole (CREW)	Small Seeding Grant Insurance, Room Hire, Stationary	Pass	£997.00	£997.00
Ballycraig Environmental Development Association	Small Activity/Insurance Grant Insurance and Equipment	Pass	£1,000	£1,000
Total			£3,496.30	£3,496.30

RECOMMENDATION: that the 4 Small Grant applications outlined above be approved at a total cost of £3,496.30.

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.12 CP/CP/178 DEA MEMBER ENGAGEMENT GROUP MEETING DUNSILLY

Members are advised that a meeting of Dunsilly DEA Members took place on 27 June 2022 in Mossley Mill to discuss specifically support for the annual community funded Toome Fair event. A representative of TIDAL and relevant officers were also in attendance.

The minutes are **enclosed** for Members' information.

RECOMMENDATION: that the draft minutes of Dunsilly DEA Member meeting of 27 June 2022 be approved.

Prepared and Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.13 CP/CD/443 COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2022/2024

Members are advised that further correspondence **enclosed** has been received from the Department for Communities revising a previous offer of funding with the offer of additional financial assistance totalling £94,091.47 specifically from the Social Supermarket Fund for 2022/23. The Council's Social Supermarket service is being developed as part of the overall Community Support Programme.

The total amount of financial assistance awarded for the delivery of Councils Community Support Programme for the two year period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2024 is £704,464.39 which includes £247,652.16 for Community Support in general such as: staff salaries, the Community Development Grant Aid Programme and Community Capacity Building Initiatives, £362,720.76 for Advice Services and now £94,091.47 for the development of a Social Supermarket in the Borough.

RECOMMENDATION: that the revised Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities, in relation to the delivery of the Community Support Programme for the period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2024 be accepted.

Prepared by: Jonathan Henderson, Community Services Co-ordinator

Agreed by: Ronan McKenna, Head of Community Planning

Approved by: Ursula Fay, Director of Community Planning

6.14 PK/GEN/103 FOREST SERVICE – WALKING TRAILS

Members are reminded that Officers had been asked to engage with Forest Service to initiate discussions in relation to improvements to paths and wayfinding in Forests.

A meeting was arranged with the Chief Executive and Senior Officers from the Forest Service during which the three forests in the Borough were discussed; Rea's Wood, Tardree and Randalstown. It was confirmed that if Council had any interest in applying for funding for enhancements in any of the three locations that it would be beneficial to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Forest Service for the three sites and a phased approach could be taken to any planned improvements. What the Memorandum of Understanding facilitates is the opportunity to explore funding and ideas for enhancing paths for walking trails.

A pro forma Memorandum of Understanding is **enclosed** for Members' consideration.

In relation to the three forests in the Borough, Members are reminded of Council's recent investment in improvements along the Council owned section of the path at Rea's Wood including the viewing platforms as well as improvements to the path. The Forest Service section of the path has not had any investment in recent years and it is therefore proposed that, subject to approval by Council, that Rea's Wood is the first area which is prioritised for improvements to the path and signage, subject to securing funding.

RECOMMENDATION: that Officers proceed to explore signing a Memorandum of Understanding for the Rea's wood, Tardree Forest and Randalstown Forest with a view to seeking funding to improve access for walking.

Prepared by: Geraldine Girvan, Deputy Chief Executive of Operations

7 ITEMS FOR NOTING

7.1 FI/GEN/037 SOCIAL VALUE IN COUNCIL CONTRACTS – ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Members will be aware that from June 2022, the Council is required to attribute at least 10% of contract award criteria to Social Value where construction contracts exceed £4.7M and service contracts exceed £123,000.

The Members will be aware of the ambitious Capital Development Programme that the Council is progressing and in particular the opportunities that the Construction of the new Business hub in Glengormley will present for the residents of the Borough.

The Council is required to assess the following social value themes when awarding any construction contract:

1. Increasing secure employment and skills
2. Delivering zero carbon
3. Building ethical and resilient supply chains
4. Promoting well-being

The tender evaluation panel will assess and score the quality of the Social Value criteria responses in the same way as any other evaluation criteria used to assess the submissions.

In terms of increasing secure employment and skills, officers are proposing to include the following priority groups in the specification for the tender:

- a) Unemployed
- b) Socially disadvantaged
- c) Gender or age inequality groupings
- d) Those with disability

The tender specification will make it clear that the priority groups must be resident in the Borough. Bidders will have the flexibility to choose which of these non-mandatory initiatives they deliver against, but the tender specification will make it clear that the successful contractor will be required to engage with the Council to implement social value commitments in their contract.

The Tender specification will ask bidders for details of the following:

- Timescales for delivery of the social consideration requirements
- The resources, both internal and external, that they will undertake including how they will engage with key stakeholders e.g. DEA members, voluntary organisations for the DEA, community sector within the DEA
- Confirmation that their planned activities are additional to activities the tendered already undertakes; and
- How the tenderer will monitor and report on the delivery of social value requirements and address on performance issues – this may be for example through 'Project Board Meetings'

The performance against social value outcomes will be reported to Members on a quarterly basis.

RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted

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