

<b>Title of Report:</b>  <b>Social Investment Fund: Community Premises Support Programme</b>	<b>Officer Presenting: Director of Health &amp; Community</b>  <b>Author: Head of Community Development &amp; Leisure</b>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the Social Investment Fund Community Premises Support Programme.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The lead partner Council, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC) will deliver a programme of renovation/upgrading of Community buildings within the council areas of FODC, Derry City and Strabane District Council and Causeway Coast & Glens Council (HC152/16).
- 2.2 In July 2016 Fermanagh and Omagh District Council received a revised Letter of Offer from the Executive Office for £709,316.
- 2.3 Following an open call 90 Expressions of Interest to the Programme, broken down as follows: Fermanagh – 24, Omagh – 31, Strabane – 24 and Limavady – 11 were received.
- 2.4 All Expressions of Interest have been scored and ranked by a panel of officers, including officers from the partner Councils.
- 2.5 The second stage of the Assessment process involved the top scoring/ranked projects receiving an initial premises inspection from a lead Consultant, appointed by FODC, working under the guidance of the Central Procurement Directorate (CPD). The Consultants then provided the Council with recommendations around the feasibility of the proposed renovation works.

## **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 A total of 31 initial premises inspections have now been completed across the 4 areas. These 31 projects fall within the total available programme budget.

- 3.2 Lead consultants were appointed to carry out site inspections during the summer period.
- 3.3 FODC has received Feasibility reports for all 31 projects and all have been deemed feasible and viable by the lead Consultants.
- 3.4 The successful groups/organisations will not receive any monies directly as the lead partner, is responsible for all procurement under the Programme. FODC are required to approve the recommended lists of projects at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Subject to this approval officers will progress procurement of contractors to undertake the renovation works under the guidance of the Central Procurement Directorate.

#### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications**

- 4.1 None. This Programme will be delivered within the Community Services department of FODC and there is provision within the contract for associated management costs.

#### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That Members note the contents of the report.

#### **Background Papers**

Appendix 1: List of recommended projects in Fermanagh, Omagh, Strabane and Limavady legacy areas.

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