

Title of Report: COVID-19 Community Recovery Plans	Officer Presenting: Director of Health & Community Author: Head of Community Development & Leisure
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To provide Members with details of the COVID-19 Community Recovery Plans received from the 8 Local Community Growth Partnership Boards.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware of the additional finance provided to Council from the Voluntary Community Division of the Department for Communities via the Community Support Programme. This funding has been provided to assist Council to support Community and Voluntary organisations undertaking actions in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Members had previously approved the allocation of £160,000 to the Local Community Growth Partnership structures (HC144/20). Each of the 7 DEAs and Strabane Town have been allocated £20,000 each to develop a Community Recovery Plan for each of the Local Community Planning areas.
- 2.2 The Local Community Growth Partnerships Boards have been established to ensure the development and implementation of the Local Community Growth Plans which outline the key issues and needs in each of the 8 LCP areas. Similar to the process for the Strategic Growth Plan, the local community planning process strives to ensure that people and communities are genuinely engaged in the decisions which affect them; allied to a commitment from organisations to work together, to provide better public services. Local Community & Voluntary Organisations have played a key role in providing vital local services during the COVID -19 pandemic.
- 2.3 In keeping with the Co-Design approach of Community Planning, each of the 8 LCGPBs have been requested to develop a Community Recovery Plan to respond to and address some of the emerging needs within their communities as a result of coronavirus pandemic.
- 2.4 Each of the Partnerships have presented a Recovery Plan to Council based on the £20,000 funding allocated.
- 2.5 The Foyleside Recovery Plan has not received the consensus of the full board. Three plans were presented to members of the Growth Partnership Board and the decision on which plan to present was subsequently taken on the majority of partnership members who voted through this process.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The environment in relation to Covid-19 is ever changing and in light of this, there will be a requirement to be flexible within the budget headings so that communities are equipped to respond to emerging needs. Council officers will liaise closely with each of the 8 Local Community Growth partnership boards to ensure that there is as much flexibility as possible to re-profile funding subject to spend restrictions within the Departmental funding allocation and requirements of Good Governance.
- 3.2 Letters of offer will be issued to each of the Lead Partners identified within the Community Recovery Plan for each DEA. An initial 50% will be paid in advance, with a further 30% following vouching of the first allocation and a final 20% on completion.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

- 4.1 The allocation of £160,000 has been provided from additional funding received from the Voluntary and Community Division of DfC as part of the Covid-19 funding provided to Council (HC144/20). There is no requirement for match funding from Council.
- 4.2 There are no equality, legal, HR or improvement implications.
- 4.3 Each of the three Rural DEAs of Sperrin, Derg and Faughan have a dedicated Community Recovery Plan.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members note the contents the COVID-19 Community Recovery Plans for the 7 DEAs and Strabane Town.

Background Papers

- Appendix 1: Recovery Plan – Strabane Town
- Appendix 2: Recovery Plan – Sperrin
- Appendix 3: Recovery Plan – Derg
- Appendix 4: Recovery Plan – Faughan
- Appendix 5: Recover Plan – Waterside
- Appendix 6: Recovery Plan – Ballyarnett
- Appendix 7: Recovery Plan – Foyleside
- Appendix 8: Recovery Plan – Moor

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