

Title of Report:	NI 2021 Centenary Working Group
Committee Report Submitted To:	Council
Date of Meeting:	7th July 2020
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	Director of Leisure & Development Head of Community & Culture

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	No budget set
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for recommendations made from the first meeting of Council's Northern Ireland 2021 Centenary Working Group which took place on the 18th June 2020, in order to allow the group's actions to progress.

2.0 Background

At the November 2018 Corporate Resource & Policy committee meeting a Notice of Motion was carried and subsequently agreed at the Council meeting held in the same month, stating:

'That this Council establish a working group, consisting of 6 members by d'Hondt, to explore a programme of events and activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Northern Ireland in 2021.'

The inaugural meeting of the group took place on the 18th June, during which a Terms of Reference and series of themes were agreed by the working group for Council's consideration. Both Museums Service and Good Relations provided an overview of projects under development within the respective service areas pertaining to the centenary and the broader historical perspective. Notes of the meeting are attached in *Annex A*.

3.0 Purpose of the Group

The Terms of reference agreed by the group (attached in *Annex B*) states that the purpose of the group is:

- To advise Council on a programme of events, initiatives and commemorative activity planned to mark the centenary in an appropriate manner.
- To represent the community and key stakeholders in order to develop a programme of events and initiatives related to the centenary, which will be inclusive and engage all sections of the community.
- To identify and recommend to the Council a budget to deliver the programme.
- To contribute expertise, skills and knowledge from specific areas for the benefit of work of the group.
- To engage with others who are planning similar activity to mark the centenary across Northern Ireland.

4.0 Membership

Membership is comprised of the following:

- a. Six Elected Members nominated by d'Hondt.
- b. Representatives from Key Organisations/key stakeholders (to be confirmed by members as the programme develops).

The group will be attended by relevant council officers pertinent to the themes and associated programmes which will be developed as part of the remit of the group.

Additionally, Members requested that both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be invited to participate in the group to enhance programme development in terms of civic events that would be developed over the forthcoming period.

5.0 Proposed Programme Themes

The group agreed the following themes would provide a framework on which to build a programme of events and activities, which will require input from a range of council departments and external stakeholders (yet to be considered):

- Heritage and Culture,
- Great Northern Ireland Minds and Innovation,
- Sport & Wellbeing and Community Development,
- Food, Drink and Entertainment.

5.1 Budget

No budget was proposed at this point and would be subject to resources available and the nature of the events to be developed.

6.0 Recommendations

To approve the key recommendations as agreed by the working group, namely:

1. To adopt the Terms of Reference agreed by the Working Group as contained within the report.
2. To invite the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to participate in the working group due to the civic events that will be developed as part of the programme.
3. To adopt the 4 key themes as contained within the report as a framework to allow the working group to develop relevant activities and events for the centenary.

 <p>Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council</p>	<p>Report of NI 2021 Centenary Working Group Thursday 18th June 2020, at 6pm Virtual Meeting via MS Teams</p>
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Present

Members: Alderman J. McCorkell, Councillors, A. Callan, M. Knight-McQuillan, A. Mulholland, L. Peacock

Officer: R. Baker, DLD, J. Welsh, Head of Community & Culture, P. Harkin, Good Relations Manager, H. Perry, Museums Development Manager, Z. Curry, Business Support Officer

NO.		ACTIONS
1.	APOLOGIES	
	Councillor Darryl Wilson	
2	NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR	
	<p>Chair Alderman James McCorkel Proposed by Cllr A. Callan Seconded by Cllr A. Mulholland</p> <p>Vice-Chair Councillor Leanne Peacock Proposed by Cllr A. Mulholland Seconded by Cllr M. Knight-McQuillan</p>	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None declared	
4.	AGREE PURPOSE OF THE GROUP / PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE	
	<p>Head of Community & Culture informed members the quorum of meetings should be 50% of members.</p> <p>Terms of Reference previously sent to members were discussed. It was agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference Proposed by Cllr. L Peacock Seconded by Cllr A. Mulholland</p> <p>Amendment to Terms of Reference</p> <p>Proposed to the terms of reference to include the Principles for Commemoration for Decades of Anniversaries as devised by Community Relations Council and Heritage Lottery Fund as provided by Cllr Peacock and contained within the Background Information Paper</p>	

NO.		ACTIONS
	<p>Vote recorded</p> <p>2 for 3 against</p>	
5.	CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER BODIES	
	<p>It was agreed to hold the confirmation of representation from other bodies.</p> <p>Members agreed to invite external bodies as they move through the planning as advisors who would have the expertise and knowledge required.</p>	
6.	SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS REGARDING PROGRAMME	
	<p>Background Information was previously circulated. The Background Information informed Members of planned programming to date by the Musesum Services and Good Relations, along with what other Councils are planning.</p> <p>Members discussed including themes in the Programming;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heritage and Culture, 2. Great Northern Ireland Minds and Innovation, 3. Sport & Wellbeing and Community Development, 4. Food, Drink and Entertainment. <p>Each theme to be covered in each quarter, Jan - Mar, Apr - Jun, Jul - Sept and Oct - Dec.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr A. Callan Seconded by Cllr M. Knight-McQuillan</p>	
7.	BUDGETARY PROVISION	
	<p>DLD advised Members he was not in a position to advise on a budgetary provision until the 19/20 financial year has been closed off and the Recovery Planning budget phase due to COVID-19 has been completed.</p>	
8.	ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS	
	<p>Members discussed, Mayor and Deputy Mayor to be invited on the Working Group.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr. A. Callan Agreed by all</p>	
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	<p>6pm 23rd July 2020 (TEAMS invite to follow)</p>	

Meeting closed at 7pm

Northern Ireland Centenary Working Group
DRAFT Terms of Reference

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 - c. Six Elected Members nominated by d’Hondt
 - d. Representatives from Key Organisations (to be confirmed by members)
 - e. Other relevant stakeholders as per agreement of Council
- ii. The quorum of the Working Group shall be 3 Elected Members and **xxxx** others.
- iii. The Chair of the Working Group will be appointed from the Elected Members present at the first meeting.

4. Meetings

The first meeting of the Working Group will be held on Thursday 18th June 2020 and thereafter as agreed by the Working Group.

5. Communication & Reporting

The group will be facilitated by Council staff who will feed back recommendations through the Leisure & Development Committee on a regular basis.