



<b>Subject:</b>	Local Investment Fund – Recognition Ceremony
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<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the arrangements for an event/dinner to mark the extent of the projects delivered under the Council's highly successful £9m Local Investment Fund (LIF) Programme which was agreed by the SP&R Committee in April.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• note that the event will take place on the <b>evening of <u>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October</u> in the City Hall</b></li></ul>

- note that all Groups who have received funding under the LIF programme will be invited to the event along with all current and previous councillors involved in the Programme and all staff. Given numbers, it is recommended that two reps from each Group are invited.
- agree that the event is not badged as a traditional awards ceremony but as a **recognition ceremony where a number of projects** (proposed 12) **are highlighted for special recognition** on the evening due to the significant contribution that their projects have made in local areas and projects which have delivered significantly against the outcomes under the Belfast Agenda
- note that the projects receiving special recognition will be determined by an internal Panel (made up of the DD Group members) and will be based upon the original outcomes identified in the LIF project proposal form together with the outcomes evidenced following the monitoring visit. It is proposed that the projects which receive special recognition will also reflect the spread of the different types of projects funded under LIF (i.e sports and leisure focus; tourism and culture focus; children and young people focus; older people focus; social economy and employment)

### 3.0 Main report

#### Key Issues

- 3.1 Members will recall that they agreed, in May 2018, that an event to mark the success and extent of the LIF Programme was held. The purpose of the event being to **provide an opportunity to showcase projects which received funding under LIF, the invaluable role that Members have played in LIF which reflects their civic leadership role and to recognise the efforts and hard work of staff from across the organisation in supporting the process.**
- 3.2 Members are asked to note that the proposed date for the LIF event is the **evening of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October in the City Hall** (dress code business smart) with the format being a pre drinks reception, dinner and a recognition ceremony.
- 3.3 It is proposed that all Groups who have received funding under the LIF programme will be invited to the event along with all current and previous councillors involved in the Programme and all staff. Given numbers, it is recommended that two representatives from each Group are invited. Members are asked to actively encourage Groups to attend the event. The Project Sponsors who worked closely with the Groups will also work with Groups to ensure attendance.
- 3.4 Members are asked to note that the original intention was to hold a traditional awards ceremony with categories and a winner/runner-up per category. However, Members will acknowledge that the scale and scope of LIF projects means that it is not possible to easily pick a

'winner/runner-up' in terms of a project or to easily determine categories for projects. The £9million of funding under LIF has funded a vast array of projects – from small-scale building refurbishments through to the development of new buildings to the development of outdoor space and new community gardens. The projects themselves ranged in investment from £15,000 up to £250,000 which again makes it difficult to judge one project against another. Many of the projects funded are also unique in nature and therefore not easily comparable to other projects. The nature of this funding therefore means that each project is extremely well deserving in its own right and all the projects which have received funding under LIF have made a transformational change and have helped to regenerate local areas in keeping with the objectives of LIF.

3.5 Recognising this, it is therefore proposed that the event is not badged as a traditional awards ceremony but as a recognition ceremony where **a number of projects (proposed 12) are highlighted for special recognition on the evening due to the significant contribution that their projects have made in local areas and projects which have delivered significantly against the outcomes under the Belfast Agenda.**

3.6 Members are asked to note that the projects receiving special recognition will be determined by an internal Panel (made up of the DD Group members and Project Sponsors who have an in-depth knowledge of the projects) and will be based upon the original outcomes identified in the LIF project proposal form together with the outcomes evidenced following the monitoring visit. It is proposed that the projects which receive special recognition will also reflect the spread of the different types of projects funded under LIF (i.e sports and leisure focus; tourism and culture focus; children & young/older people focus; social economy and employment)

3.7 Members are asked to note that, although a number of projects will receive special recognition on the evening, it is proposed that case studies and a video are produced which will showcase a range of projects. Officers will be in contact with the Groups in the coming weeks to follow this up.

3.8 Financial & Resource Implications

*Financial* – As previously agreed the budget for the LIF Event will be covered by minor underspends which have been secured from a number of the LIF projects which have been completed and/or as these continue to complete

*Resources* – Resources from Property & Projects and appropriate departments in arranging the event

3.9 Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None