



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Requests for Funding</b>
<b>Date:</b>	25th March, 2022
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	<p>This report asks the Committee to consider the following two requests for funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In Appendix 1, Glór na Móna requests the Council to make a one-off financial contribution to secure Irish Medium Youth Services for the 2022/23 financial year.</li><li>2. In Appendix 2, the Belfast Malone Tornadoes Rugby Football Club asks the Council to make a financial contribution to help secure the team's full participation in only the third <b>International Mixed Ability World Cup Rugby Tournament (IMART)</b> being held this year in Cork between 5th and 10th June, 2022.</li></ol>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider the attached requests.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Deputy Chief Executive has received two requests for funding, as attached in Appendices 1 and 2.
3.2	In Appendix 1, Glór na Móna is seeking funding to secure Irish Medium Youth Services in the 2022/23 financial year.
3.3	Glór na Móna asks the Council to consider contributing £86,000, following a decision by the Education Authority that there was no budget for the youth club in Upper Springfield.
3.4	It states that the funding will secure five posts and secure Irish Medium Youth Services in the area.
3.5	The request in Appendix 2 is from Malone Tornadoes Rugby Football Club, which is planning to attend the third <b>International Mixed Ability World Cup Rugby Tournament (IMART)</b> being held this in Cork between 5th and 10th June, 2022.
3.6	The Club asks the Council to consider contributing £10,000 towards the estimated overall cost of £30,000 - £35,000. This contribution will help secure the teams full participation in the tournament and will help to cement and further promote mixed ability sport going forward within our communities as a force for good.
3.7	The Committee is asked to consider both requests.
	<p data-bbox="256 1541 770 1574"><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="256 1641 1442 1727">3.8 The requests fall under the Council’s discretionary expenditure policy, however, Members are asked to note that there is no established budget for this.</p> <p data-bbox="256 1794 1442 1879">The overall expenditure limit under this policy is £416,328, to date, the Council has approved requests totalling £163,790, details of which are provided in Appendix 3.</p>

3.9	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment</u></b> None
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 - Request from Glór na Móna  Appendix 2 - Request from Malone Tornadoes Rugby Football Club  Appendix 3 - Discretionary Spend to date  Appendices 4a and 4b - Framework for Discretionary Spend