



Title of Report:	Limavady Town of Culture 2028 Expression of Interest Application
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 February 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed in Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Local Economy. Healthy and Engaged Communities
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Head of Community & Culture

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	31 March 2026

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£6k
Included in Current Year Estimates	No
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	Included within existing budgets.

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	No
Legal Opinion Obtained	No

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

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update Members on work being undertaken to complete a Town of Culture 2028 Expression of Interest Application for Limavady.

2.0 Background

2.1 Members will note that a Notice of Motion was brought to the February Full Council meeting stating:

‘That Council instructs officers to develop a comprehensive submission to the UK Town of Culture 2028 competition on behalf of Limavady, with the objective of positioning the town as a strong candidate for this prestigious national award’.

Council officers have already commenced with writing the application form, but additional external support is considered appropriate in order to secure the required buy in from potential partners and complete further consultation regarding possible additional storylines/ideas.

The EoI Application form is split into the following sections:

SECTION 1: BID INFORMATION

- The Bidder
- The Geographical Area

SECTION 2: YOUR STORY (clarify the unique story and culture of Limavady)

- Vision
- Local Needs
- Empowerment

SECTION 3: CULTURE FOR EVERYONE (how we will design a cultural programme for all which will provide visible, accessible culture that boosts the profile of Limavady)

- Quality & Innovation
- Opportunity
- Accessible
- Communication

SECTION 4: MAKING IT HAPPEN (how we will deliver a successful programme)

- Partnerships
- Programme Management
- Financial Management
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Legacy

3.0 Proposal

3.1 It is proposed that the Community & Culture team who are leading on the development of the EoI application form are supported by an officer from SIB to ensure that the strongest possible application can be submitted.

3.2 Council Officers will also provide the Limavady DEA Members with a draft version of the application form in advance of the submission date (31 March 2026), so that their comments can be incorporated into the final document.

4.0 Recommendation

Members are asked to note the contents of this report and furthermore to approve the appointment of an SIB officer to support the development of a strong application at a cost of approximately £6k.