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TO: An Cathaoirleach and each Elected Member

FROM: Mary Mulholland, Director of Services

Report to Council on the Graveyard Grant Scheme 2017 (Round 2)

25 applications have been received for the Graveyard Grants Scheme 2017. Overall funding sought amounts to over €65,000 and the budget allocation is €10,000. There is a separate budget allocation of €5,000 for burial ground improvements.

13 applications were approved for funding (Round 1) at the May 2017 Council Meeting. 7 further applications are now being recommended (Round 2) for approval at the June 2017 Council Meeting (see summary overleaf).

The balance of the applications and works are premature as they will require further liaison with the Department of Arts, Rural, Regional and Gaeltacht Affairs (DAHRRGA), the Conservation Officer and the Heritage Officer. They are therefore not being recommended for funding at this time. These applicants will be advised to seek the necessary information so that funding can be considered (Round 3).

The amount of funding approved under Round 1 was €7,970. €3,500 is now recommended under Round 2. As the amount recommended under Round 2 exceeds the €10,000 budget, it is proposed to allocate the balance from the €5,000 Burial Grounds Improvements budget.

Recommendation:

Approval is sought for a funding commitment of €3,500 for 7 Graveyards.

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