



Comhairle Ceantair
**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

March 30th, 2018

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Council meeting to be held on **Monday, 9th April 2018 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire.**

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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Correspondence and Conferences

11.0 Correspondence received from Department for Infrastructure re: Stream Street, Downpatrick - proposed one way traffic order

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12.0 Correspondence received from Ulster Bank re: Closure of Killyleagh Branch

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13.0 Correspondence received from Co-operation Ireland re: Conference - Rural Society in Transition: Planning for 21st Century Rural Potentials and Challenges

Rural areas are diverse, with development affected by the interactions of a range of sectoral policies. Too often rural policy is determined at the edge of more established policies – whether agriculture, environment or planning. Instead, rural policy-making must be cross-cutting. Research tells us that the make-up of rural communities and the rural economy is changing. The population is aging faster than in urban areas; agriculture is no longer the dominant employer; and issues of deprivation, connectivity, access to services and energy supply remain key challenges. Furthermore, relying on communities themselves to build vibrant communities using the asset-base of the rural is no longer sufficient.

A shared challenge for central, regional and local government, together with rural communities, is to co-design and co-deliver vibrant rural societies that are sustainable into the future. And to fully understand the implications of following a 'business as usual' model.

This event aims to begin an all-island conversation on the interventions required to sustain rural societies across Ireland...and not only sustain but build vibrant rural communities. This is not just about economic regeneration; rather, it requires a cross-disciplinary dialogue that has regard to economics, planning, community planning, rural development, social inclusion, heritage, and environmental management / protection. This event will consider the broader challenges and opportunities at play and the policy environment in which rural society must find a defined and legislative context to be an integral part of a Master Plan for "all Society".

If you wish to register now for this event please email your name, organisation and position to cdunbar@cooperationireland.org

There is no fee for this seminar.

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For Noting

14.0 File note of Meeting held with Peter May on 9 March 2018

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Notices of Motion

15.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Savage

"This Council recognises the growing housing crisis in Newry City and in towns and villages across the district and agrees that every citizen has the right to a home. Agrees to make social and affordable housing a priority within the Local Development Plan and pledges to work with Government Departments, the NIHE, Housing Associations, Confederation of Community Groups, the business community, construction sector, Newry Bid, local charities, NGOs and other stakeholders to develop short, medium and long term social and affordable housing solutions for our city and district."

16.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillors Reilly, Taylor, Walker, Macauley, Craig, Hanna, Burgess and Harvey

"That this Council removes the name Raymond McCreesh from the Newry, Mourne and Down Council play facility presently of that name."

17.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Sharvin

"Call on this Council to lead, support and enhance the Saint Patrick's Day festivities in the home of Saint Patrick, and in order to encourage greater connectivity with businesses and local communities to establish an inter-community and business forum for local people to contribute to the festival planning jointly with the Council."

18.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown

"This Council acknowledges the importance of St John's Lighthouse, Killough, and its key role in local maritime heritage. It opposes any attempts to remove and replace the historic rotating beam from the lighthouse and replace it with a less effective LED beam which can have a negative impact on marine epifaunal communities. The original beam should be retained and the Council will take any action within its power to protect the beam in the interests of tourism in the area. It will also write to Clare County Council to fact find regarding their management of Loop Head Lighthouse in Co. Clare."

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ACTION SHEET – COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/037/2018	Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 5 February 2018	<u>C/003/2018 – Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 4 December 2017</u> Members to be forwarded details of the next meeting with the Rainbow Community.	M Lipsett	Date to be circulated once known.	
C/039/2018	Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 29 January 2018	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, subject to the above amendment, and adopted.	D Services	Amended minutes circulated to Members	Y
C/040/2018	Minutes of ERT Committee 12 February 2018	<u>ERT/030/2018 – Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme</u> It was agreed that the Newry DEA Councillors plus representatives from Newry Chamber of Commerce should make up the membership for the Task and Finish Working Group.	M Ward	Updated List of Appointments	Y
C/041/2018	Minutes of SPR Committee 15 February 2018	<u>SPR/025/2018 – Audio Recording of Planning Committee Meetings</u> It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In respect of those planning applications for which consent is not given by any member of the public, including Agents, no recording be made of the entire planning application. • In respect of those planning applications which are deemed to be exempt under Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, no recording be made of the entire planning application. • The Council's operating protocol for audio recording of Council and Committee meetings be amended accordingly and as outlined in appendix 1 as circulated at the meeting. • A review of these arrangements take place in January 2019 which is the date already agreed by Council for a review, or sooner should the need arise. <p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.</p>	E McParland	Actioned	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
C/042/2018	Minutes of AHC Committee 19 February 2018	AHC/037/2018 – Footgolf, Newcastle It was agreed that the matter of Footgolf in Newcastle be deferred to the Mournes DEA grouping for consultation on the future use of Islands Park The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted.	M Lipsett	Adopted	Y
C/043/2018	Minutes of RTS Committee 21 February 2018	Subject to amendment from Councillor Fitzpatrick of RTS/023/2018 – Glass Collection Assessment, who stated that nowhere in the original TEEP report did it state that glass had to be removed and this legislation had not changed , the Minutes were agreed and adopted	R Moore	Adopted	Y
C/044/2018	Correspondence received from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re: Motion on Gambling	The correspondence received from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council was noted and it was agreed that Council accept the invitation from Cuan Mhuire officials to speak to them about the impact of gambling in the local area.	D Services	Actioned	Y
C/045/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown	It was agreed that that the Council support making Newry, Mourne & Down a 'Dementia Friendly' District and develop an action plan for implementation of this policy. This may include encouraging business and transport providers to sign up to having a Dementia Champion and to take part in Dementia awareness training, and working to designate specific towns as 'Dementia Friendly'.	M Lipsett	Ongoing	N
C/033/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Sharvin	It was agreed that the Council fully support the call on the Department of Health to develop and address the need for suicide prevention centres in Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland has the highest suicide rate in the UK and in 2015 had the highest on record, thus highlighting the need for suicide prevention centres that could provide a safe space for those in despair or distress. It was also agreed that Council write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Health, Richard	D Services	Actioned	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		<p>Pengelly, urging for a strategy that will support those with a mental health issue with the services they need.</p> <p>At the request of Councillor Walker, the issue of drug awareness was to be added to the next Active and Healthy Community Committee agenda.</p>		Matter discussed at AHC – 22.03.18	
C/047/2018	Notice of Motion received from Councillors Tinnelly	<p>It was agreed that Newry, Mourne & Down District Council share the revulsion and abhorrence felt by the wider public following the shocking child abuse revelations involving deceased Priest Malachy Finnegan and highlighted recently on the BBC Spotlight programme.</p> <p>It was also agreed that this Council condemns, without hesitation, those who may have been complicit in the cover up of the actions of this man, where protection of the Church's reputation seemed to take precedence over the welfare of those children whose innocence was destroyed. What is wrong in 2018 was no less wrong 30 plus years ago and any person who may have acquiesced in the cover up around these horrific events, indirectly contributed to the suffering that these men endured as children and in so doing potentially lost all their moral authority many years ago.</p> <p>It was also agreed that Council request, as a matter of urgency, a full Public Inquiry into clerical abuse.</p>	D Services	Actioned	Y

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting held on Monday 5 March 2018 at 6pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

In the Chair: Councillor R Mulgrew**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor P Brown
Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr	Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor V Harte
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor R Howell	Councillor D Hyland
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor K Loughran	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahan	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor JJ Tinnelly	Councillor J Trainor
Councillor B Walker	

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
 Mr R Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
 Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer
 Mrs P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

C/035/2018

APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Doran and Macauley.

The Chairperson expressed her thanks to all the services involved during the recent adverse weather conditions for all of their hard work. She also praised the Mourne Mountain Rescue Service who proved invaluable in getting staff to and from their work in hospitals.

The Chairperson stated that following last month's housing symposium, Newry City Councillors and herself met with housing associations in what was a very productive meeting. She advised this would be repeated in the coming weeks with planners, developers and chambers of commerce coming on board to work collectively to address the housing crisis in the Newry area.

The Chairperson advised that 8th March was International Women's Day and stated she was having a fundraising day in the Canal Court Hotel on that day with over 360 women attending. She wished her female colleagues a Happy International Women's Day.

C/036/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C/037/2018 ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 5 February 2018 (copy circulated).

C/003/2018 – Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 4 December 2017

Councillor Byrne asked that although this item may be removed from the action sheet, once a date had been agreed with the Rainbow Community for their next meeting, Members to be forwarded on this information.

AGREED: The Action Sheet from Council Meeting held on 5 February 2018 was agreed and Members to be forwarded details of the next meeting with the Rainbow Community.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR ADOPTION AND SIGNING

C/038/2018 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Minutes of Council Meeting held on 5 February 2018 (copy circulated).

AGREED: The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 February 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Craig, seconded by Councillor Hearty.

C/039/2018 MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2018

Read: Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 29 January 2018 (copy circulated).

Councillor McAteer advised he had raised an important point at the meeting when he questioned whether Mr Boyd would consider resigning from his position if he felt so strongly about the situation schools were in. He said this had not been recorded within the minute.

The Chairperson advised this would be recorded.

AGREED: The Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 29 January 2018 were agreed as an accurate record, subject to the above amendment, and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION

C/040/2018 MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Minutes of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2018 (copy circulated).

ERT/030/2018 – Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme

The Chief Executive advised membership was required for the establishment of a Task and Finish Working Group for the design and delivery (subject to Department for Communities (DfC) funding) of the Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Savage that the Newry DEA Councillors plus representatives from Newry Chamber of Commerce should make up the membership for the Task and Finish Working Group for the design and delivery (subject to DfC funding) of the Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme.

ERT/028/2018 – ERDF/INI Letter of Offer for a Business Growth Mentoring Programme

Councillor Craig welcomed the scheme and asked when consultants would be appointed and ready to begin, and how businesses would be notified of the scheme.

Mrs Ward advised officers anticipated the letter of offer would be received within the next few days. She stated the appointment of a Consultant could then take place, using Central Procurement Directorate, and this could take up to a period of 12 weeks. She advised that officers would be using Council's social media and database to inform businesses, with the scheme being promoted widely. She confirmed that Councillors could feed into this process also.

AGREED: The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Hanna.

C/041/2018 **MINUTES OF STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2018**

Read: Minutes of Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2018 (copy circulated).

SPR/025/2018 – Audio Recording of Planning Committee Meetings

Councillor McAteer stated the minute did not make it clear what had been agreed on this matter.

Mrs Carville advised there had been a proposal to accept the officer's recommendation but this was lost and therefore no decision had been taken by the Committee. She advised a decision was required to be taken by Council.

Councillor Murnin stated the reason the motion was lost was due to the Chairperson of the Committee refusing to allow Councillor's questions to be answered and therefore Members had no choice but to vote against it. He proposed to accept the officer's recommendation within the report presented to the SPR Committee.

This was seconded by Councillor Craig who stated the matter was left in limbo following the SPR Committee meeting with no alternatives being put forward. He stated the officer's recommendation was sensible as it would be meaningless to record only part of a planning application.

Councillor Brown stated the issue was one of transparency and the whole Committee meeting should be recorded, unless exempt under Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act. He said he would propose to accept only recommendation 2 – no recording of the entire planning application for applications which were deemed to be exempt.

Mrs Carville said legal advice had been provided in relation to Council's current obligations under the Data Protection Act and said this would be strengthened in the future following introduction of General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). She said the legal advice provided stated that if a person did not consent to their data being stored in a particular way, the Council could not ignore their wishes.

Councillor McAteer stated it was not a statutory function to record planning committee. He said he had issues with gaining access to Planning Committee recordings, however he believed these were teething problems and was prepared to work with officers to come up with a solution.

Mrs Carville advised Council had no requirement to record any meeting other than Council, however Council had decided made to record all Committees, including the Planning Committee.

Councillor Sharvin said if the legal advice was that Council could not record the full application if an agent/applicant did not wish to be recorded, did this apply to all planning applications they presented. He asked if this meant that these agents/applicants would never be recorded or alternatively if this was on the basis of each application submitted. He also asked if consent was not given would their names still appear within the written minute of the meeting.

Mrs Carville advised the operating protocol outlined the workings of the recordings and consent would be on an application by application basis.

Mrs McParland advised that the names of agents/applicants, regardless of whether they consented to be recorded, would appear on the agenda which was uploaded to the website and their names would be recorded within the written copy of the minute.

Councillor Enright stated the legal advice needed to be revisited as it was ridiculous to say that Council could record an agent/applicant in writing but not on a tape. He said he would agree to second Councillor Brown's proposal.

The Chairperson put Councillor Murnin's proposal to a vote, the result being as follows:

FOR:	30
AGAINST:	4
ABSTENTIONS:	2

The proposal was CARRIED.

- AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Craig to approve the following:
- In respect of those planning applications for which consent is not given by any member of the public, including Agents, no recording be made of the entire planning application.
 - In respect of those planning applications which are deemed to be exempt under Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, no recording be made of the entire planning application.
 - The Council's operating protocol for audio recording of Council and Committee meetings be amended accordingly and as outlined in appendix 1 as circulated at the meeting.
 - A review of these arrangements take place in January 2019 which is the date already agreed by Council for a review, or sooner should the need arise.

SPR/031/2018 – Management Accounts to 31st December 2017

Councillor Enright stated his comments on the role of management accounts had not been recorded and the management accounts should not appear as a footnote on the end of the agenda for noting.

Councillor Byrne stated the accounts were taken in closed session and the recording of comments while discussing exempt items would set a precedent going forward.

AGREED: **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Savage.**

C/042/2018 MINUTES OF ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2018 (copy circulated)

AHC/037/2018 – Footgolf, Newcastle

Councillor Clarke stated the proposal to return Islands Park in Newcastle to parkland would mean Newcastle would lose its previous pitch-and-putt facility. He proposed that the matter be deferred to the Mournes DEA grouping for a consultation on the future use of Islands Park, perhaps as a climate change park. This was seconded by Councillor Devlin.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Devlin that the matter of Footgolf in Newcastle be deferred to the Mournes DEA grouping for consultation on the future use of Islands Park.**

AHC/041/2018 – Sport NI Application for Funding

Councillor Murnin advised the information on locations of Sports Hubs had not been circulated and asked for it to be circulated.

Mr Lipsett advised this should have been circulated and he would follow up on this.

Councillor Byrne stated the issue of the Sports Hubs locations had been discussed by the DEAs at the start of the process and said he was surprised to see that 14 locations had been selected. He asked where the selection process had taken place as it should have been discussed again by the DEAs.

Mr Lipsett advised the Sports Facilities Strategy identified the potential Sports Hubs across the District and officers were proposing that, as part of the SportNI Capital Grant Scheme, this would be reviewed with recommendations being brought back to AHC Committee to consider which, if any of the Sports Hubs, should be brought forward. He stated as part of that process any Sports Hubs identified as part of DEA consultations would be looked at also.

Councillor Byrne stated he was frustrated with the DEA mechanism, as the reports were just agreed and passed on. He stated the information being discussed should come back through the DEA groupings and this was the frustration he had. He said if people from Slieve Gullion asked him where the Sports Hub was likely to be, he would not be able to answer due to the lack of communication.

Mr Lipsett advised there was an issue with timescales from SportNI and therefore there was not a lot of time to carry out consultation on this scheme. He stated he was due to have a meeting, along with Sports Officers from other Councils, with the Chief Executive of SportNI to raise the issue of timelines.

AGREED: **The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and adopted on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Walker.**

C/043/2018 MINUTES OF REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Minutes of Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on 21 February 2018 (copy circulated)

RTS/023/2018 – Glass Collection Assessment

Councillor Fitzpatrick on a point of accuracy stated she had raised the issue of the legislation referred to in slide 3 of the Consultant's presentation to Committee – Council's legal requirements Regulation 18 of the Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland 2011). She said that nowhere in the original TEEP report did it state that glass had to be removed and this legislation had not changed.

Members raised the following queries on the Glass Collection Assessment:

- Welcomed the fact that the co-mingling was going to be rolled out across the District however believed it would have been a lot simpler to have been given the independent report when this was asked for a year ago.
- What was the situation with brown bin deliveries at present?
- What did 'lots of changes in processing waste' mean exactly and why had simple questions asked by Committee Members not been answered previously which could have saved a lot of time in introducing this scheme across the District?
- Was there still a requirement to purchase bespoke bins?
- Would an updated organisational structure be circulated to Members as some Assistant Directors had moved and now dealt with different service areas?
- If no longer purchasing bespoke vehicles, what would happen with the money set aside in the capital budget?
- Congratulated staff on the lifting of bins following the recent spell of wintry weather.
- What was the timeline from this method of collection being too risky and against legislation, to being the best option given that the legislation didn't change?
- Message needed to go out to legacy Down District Council ratepayers that the arc21 contract is still in operation for another year to ensure there was no contamination of the bins at present.

Officers responded to the queries as follows:

- The vast majority, if not all, brown bins had been delivered but this would be further investigated and reported back to the Councillor who raised the matter.

- The point about changes in processing waste would be investigated and reported back to the Councillor who raised the matter.
- Blue bins already existing in the Down legacy area would suffice for collection of glass.
- Assistant Director's roles had not changed. However there had been some changes to the reporting structure, and this would be circulated to Members.
- The purchase of bin lorries was an on-going matter, spread over a 4 year period and the level of expenditure would still occur over this time frame.

COUNCILLORS BURGESS, Ó MUIRÍ AND REILLY LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE DISCUSSIONS – 7.12PM

AGREED: Subject to amendment from Councillor Fitzpatrick of RTS/023/2018 – Glass Collection Assessment, who stated that nowhere in the original TEEP report did it state that glass had to be removed and this legislation had not changed, the Minutes were agreed and adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Trainor.

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES

C/044/2018 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM FERMANAGH & OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL RE: MOTION ON GAMBLING

Read: Correspondence received from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, dated 19 February 2018, requesting support for a Motion calling for a ban of gambling advertisements from television, print media and social media. (copy circulated).

Councillor Murnin declared an interest in this item and left the chamber at this stage – 7.15pm

Councillor Byrne stated whilst he welcomed the motion, he did not agree with a blanket ban on gambling advertisements. He stated there should be more research completed into the targeting of gambling adverts at young people which could lead to mental health issues.

Councillor Ruane advised he had spoken to Cuan Mhuire officials who were content for Council to speak to them about the impact of gambling in the local area and he proposed that Council accept this invitation. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

AGREED: The correspondence received from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council re: Motion on Gambling was noted and it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that Council accept the invitation from Cuan Mhuire officials to speak to them about the impact of gambling in the local area.

Councillor Murnin returned to the chamber at this stage – 7.25pm

C/45/2018 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR BROWN

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Brown:

“This Council supports making Newry, Mourne and Down a Dementia Friendly District and will develop an action plan for implementation of this policy. This may include encouraging business and transport providers to sign up to having a Dementia Champion and to take part in Dementia awareness training, and working to designate specific towns as ‘dementia friendly’”.

In proposing the motion, Councillor Brown said every effort should be made to help retain a good quality of life for the elderly in the area, and that increasing their confidence and empowering them was of paramount importance. He said businesses and transport providers could play a vital role in signing up to dementia awareness training and he referred to a scheme that had been trialled some years ago with traders in Hill Street, and said some of the current traders may have been involved at that time.

Councillor Andrews seconded the motion stating Council should engage with Stormont Departments to drive this forward, he said the ‘I am me’ campaign was very constructive.

Members spoke unanimously in favour of the motion stating the implementation of a Dementia Friendly policy would be a very welcome initiative for the area, however it was important this was more than just a box ticking exercise and it would be vital to link in to the voluntary sector and across the public sector including the PSNI. Training should be made available throughout the district and it was important to work closely with carers in the community.

In summing up, Councillor Brown thanked the members for their unanimous support and welcomed the development of an action plan for the implementation of this policy.

AGREED: It was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Andrews that the Council support making Newry, Mourne & Down a ‘Dementia Friendly’ District and develop an action plan for implementation of this policy. This may include encouraging business and transport providers to sign up to having a Dementia Champion and to take part in Dementia awareness training, and working to designate specific towns as ‘Dementia Friendly’.

C/46/2018

NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR SHARVIN

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Sharvin:

"That this Council fully supports the call on the Department of Health to develop and address the need for suicide prevention centres in Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland has the highest suicide rate in the UK and in 2015 had the highest on record. Thus highlighting the need for suicide prevention centres that could provide a safe space for those in despair or distress.

Furthermore we write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Health, Richard Pengelly urging for a strategy that will support those with a mental health with the services they need."

In proposing the motion, Councillor Sharvin stated the suicide rate in the Newry, Mourne and Down area was the 4th highest within Northern Ireland. The most recent records showed there were 297 suicide cases in Northern Ireland with 41% of these being less than 34 years of age. Increased funding was needed to improve mental health services and he called for a clear policy and strategy. He said people with mental health issues needed access to safe areas and more information in the form of leaflets with useful contacts for people in distress was needed. He stated the youngest person being treated for mental health issues was 7 years of age.

Councillor Murnin seconded the motion stating he had recently attended the 'Life Change Changes Life' (LCCL) event in Downpatrick, this event had been very well attended by young people. He said groups such as this needed more resources.

Members spoke unanimously in favour of the motion stating that services needed to be enhanced and the provision of suicide prevention centres would serve as sanctuaries for people in despair and distress. The records from 1970 – 2017 indicated that 8,158 people in Northern Ireland had taken their own lives. External influences such as drugs and gambling also played a part in people deciding to take their own lives, and people living in deprived areas and people from the LBGT community were also at risk.

Councillor Walker asked that the issue of drug awareness be placed on the Active and Healthy Community Committee agenda.

Councillor Hanna cautioned on the terminology used when discussing suicide saying that referring to a person 'committing suicide' was very offensive as it intimated committing a crime and terminology such as 'dying by suicide' or 'took their own life' should be used instead.

Councillor Clarke advised there were two 'Protect Life and Mental Health Promotion Events' scheduled for 13 March 2018 in the Canal Court Hotel and 27 March 2018 in Newcastle Lodge. He encouraged everyone to go to these events to register their input before the strategy was launched. He said there was a stigma around mental health issues and suicide that needed to be removed.

In summing up, Councillor Sharvin thanked all members for their support and said mental health training for Councillors could be very beneficial.

AGREED: **On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin seconded by Councillor Murnin, it was agreed that the Council fully support the call on the Department of Health to develop and address the need for suicide prevention centres in Northern Ireland. Northern Ireland has the highest suicide rate in the UK and in 2015 had the highest on record, thus highlighting the need for suicide prevention centres that could provide a safe space for those in despair or distress. It was also agreed that Council write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department of Health, Richard Pengelly, urging for a strategy that will support those with a mental health issue with the services they need.**

At the request of Councillor Walker, the issue of drug awareness was to be added to the next Active and Healthy Community Committee agenda.

C/47/2018

NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR TINNELLY

The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Tinnelly:

“Newry, Mourne & Down District Council share the revulsion and abhorrence felt by the wider public following the shocking child abuse revelations involving deceased Priest Malachy Finnegan and highlighted recently on the BBC Spotlight programme.

Furthermore, this Council condemns without hesitation those who may have been complicit in the cover up of the actions of this man, where protection of the church's reputation seemed to take precedence over the welfare of those children whose innocence was destroyed.

What is wrong in 2018 was no less wrong 30 plus years ago and any person who may have acquiesced in the cover up around these horrific events, indirectly contributed to the suffering that these men endured as children and in so doing potentially lost all their moral authority many years ago.”

In proposing the motion, Councillor Tinnelly commended the victims' bravery in speaking publicly on the recently aired Spotlight and Nolan television programmes. He stated there were good people who were inadvertently caught up in these abhorrent revelations particularly the present clergy and people of Clonduff and he also made reference to the parents, pupils and staff of St Colman's College who were clearly distraught at the recent allegations. He continued, saying the vast majority of students who had attended St Colman's College over the years had enjoyed their time there and said this was largely due to the excellent teaching staff

and was the reason why St Colman's College was still regarded as an exceptional school.

Councillor Hyland seconded the Motion and asked that it be amended to include the call for a full Public Inquiry into clerical abuse as a matter of urgency, to show victims they were being listened to. He said he had attended St Colman's College and had happy memories of the school and some excellent teachers. However young pupils at the school were aware of problems with Malachy Finnegan and he has how this had gone unchecked by teachers, both lay and priests. Malachy Finnegan had instead gone on to being promoted within the school and the Church. He said he wished to offer his profound sympathy to the victims.

Councillor Craig said his Party would be supporting the Motion and he registered his disgust at the depravity.

Councillor Taylor said he commended Councillor Tinnelly for bringing forward the Motion and his thoughts were with all affected by this.

Councillor Casey said Sinn Fein endorsed the sentiments of the Motion and said the actions of Malachy Finnegan were reprehensible. He said there was a systemic failure to protect the victims and the Church had a responsibility to give to the PSNI and Police Ombudsman details of their response from when this abuse had come to their attention.

Councillor Savage said no words would bring back the lost childhoods. He said the abuse was shocking and the community must support the victims, whose voices must be heard to make sure that this type of abuse can never happen again. He said the Church need to ensure transparency and removal of any veil of secrecy as only then would victims be able to move on.

In summing up, Councillor Tinnelly thanked the Members for their unanimous support and said as a local authority it was obliged to give a voice to the victims. He encouraged all victims to come forward and said it was important the shortcomings of all parties related to this investigation were identified. The amendment to the motion, put forward by Councillor Hyland, was accepted.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Hyland that Newry, Mourne & Down District Council share the revulsion and abhorrence felt by the wider public following the shocking child abuse revelations involving deceased Priest Malachy Finnegan and highlighted recently on the BBC Spotlight programme. It was also agreed that this Council condemns, without hesitation, those who may have been complicit in the cover up of the actions of this man, where protection of the Church's reputation seemed to take precedence over the welfare of those children whose innocence was destroyed. What is wrong in 2018 was no less wrong 30 plus years ago and any person who may have acquiesced in the cover up around these horrific events, indirectly contributed to the**

suffering that these men endured as children and in so doing potentially lost all their moral authority many years ago.

It was also agreed that Council request, as a matter of urgency, a full Public Inquiry into clerical abuse.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.28pm.

Signed:

Chairperson

Chief Executive

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**NMD/SC/****Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 26 February 2018 at 6pm
in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick****In the Chair:** Councillor R Mulgrew**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor R Burgess
Councillor S Burns	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr	Councillor C Casey
Councillor D Curran	Councillor L Devlin
Councillor C Enright	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor M Larkin	Councillor K Loughran
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor M Savage	Councillor G Sharvin
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor B Walker	

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning
 and Performance
 Mr A Beggs, Head of Evidence and Research
 Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Dr. Tracy Power)
 Dr. Jos Ijpelaar) NISRA

SC/007/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Bailie, Brown, Craig, Harte, Quinn, Tinnelly and Trainor.

SC/008/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SC/009/2018 BEST WISHES

The Chairperson said this would be the last meeting attended by Councillor Stephen Burns who was resigning as a Councillor. She thanked Stephen for all his hard work and wished him all the best in the future.

Councillors Reilly, Devlin, McMurray, Harvey and Macauley also thanked Councillor Burns and extended best wishes to him and his family for the future.

Councillor Burns thanked the Chief Executive and staff for their dedication and assistance to him during his time as a Councillor. He also paid tribute to his fellow Councillors and particularly those from his own party for their help and support.

SC/009/2018 PRESENTATION BY NISRA

The Chairperson welcomed Dr. Tracy Power and Dr. Jos Ijpelaar to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation. **(Presentation attached).**

Dr. Power and Dr. Ijpelaar thanked the Chairperson for the invitation to attend the meeting and highlighted the following in relation to Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures 2017:

- Main improvements
- How the measures could be used
- The 100 most deprived areas in Northern Ireland
- Information on the other domains (income domain and access to services domain had been greatly improved)
- Other products, online resources/user engagement.

Members raised the following issues:

- This information was very useful for funding applications as there was a direct reference to statistics – only drawback was that the statistics were done at a higher level and could therefore mask issues at lower village levels. **(NISRA – intend to produce some data for small areas – NISRA will continue to work to produce data for smaller areas whilst protecting confidentiality – hopefully by March this year).**
- An entire DEA represented by a Councillor scored very highly on all the domains including income and access to services – there needed to be more help and support for these Wards to improve them. **(NISRA - agree with these comments – the issue of availability and speed of broadband was an interesting one also).**
- How was the domain table decided on? **(NISRA – some of the domains were revised from the first time e.g. proximity to services was changed to access to services due to the inclusion of broadband).**
- Now 18 years into the process – generally those areas which were in the 100 most deprived areas category were still there despite funding being targeted towards these wards. Does the money being pumped into these areas ever get them out of deprived status? **(NISRA – over the years funding has been directed to the top multiple deprivation areas. Funding for all types of policy was not sensitive enough and policy makers should look at other domains in order to impact on policy related funding to each of the areas – do not take a blanket approach. NISRA's hope is that the statistics be used more intelligently to target specific areas).**

- What particular elements were considered for the measures for children. Target smaller areas. **(NISRA – income domain affects children up to the age of 15 – beyond this issues such as health and education also affects children. Some domains such as crime cannot be factored in as the age of the victim is not known.**
- Do the new boundary changes skew the figures in any way? **(NISRA – will be able to show the deprivation that is there in the new Wards).**
- Frustration expressed that the statistics show almost no change in the 100 most deprived areas over the past 10 years and the policy was simply not working. The decisions being made by Government and the Council were not rural proofed and policies should be based on the figures and statistics that NISRA have produced. **(NISRA – completely agree and that is why the statistics have been presented this way).**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.05 pm.

For confirmation at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 9 April 2018.

Signed:

Chairperson


Chief Executive

Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures 2017 (NIMDM 2017)


Dr Tracy Power, Brian Green,
Dr Jos Ijpelaar and Claire McCann



Purpose of the presentation





- To introduce the latest set of Northern Ireland Deprivation Measures (NIMDM 2017)
 - Background
 - Framework
 - Governance
 - Public Consultations
 - Main Improvements
 - How the measures can be used
 - Headline Results
- To highlight online visualisation packages developed to make the results easily accessible




Background

- Spatial deprivation measures have been used in Northern Ireland since the 1970s
- 2001, 2005, 2010 & 2017 measures are all based on the 'Noble' methodology (as in rest of UK)

Framework for 2017 measures

- 2010 indicators should only be revised where:
 - there is a strong rationale to do so and appropriate data are available
- Proposed indicators in each domain must:
 - be **specific** to one of the seven individual domains of deprivation and represent a **major feature** of that form of deprivation
 - be **available for all of Northern Ireland** and collected in a consistent form
 - represent a **direct measure** or **good proxy** of that form of deprivation
 - be statistically **robust at the small area level**
 - Be as **up to date** as possible to provide information on current deprivation
 - be considered in the context of the 36 recommendations that arose from the 2010 work




Governance

- NISRA Project Team**
 - Tracy Power – Director of Analysis
 - Brian Green – Head of Demographic Statistics
 - Jos Ijpelaar and Claire McCann - Demographic Statistics
- Supported by seven domain expert groups**
 - including a group to consider any urban/ rural bias
 - role included: provision of professional advice on the indicators, securing access to data
- Authoritative Steering Group, responsible for all major decisions, comprising representatives from:**
 - All NI Departments
 - Belfast City Council
 - Causeway Coast & Glens District Council
 - Derry City & Strabane District Council
 - Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
 - Southern Health & Social Care Trust
 - Ulster Farmers' Union
 - Northern Ireland Rural Development Council
 - Rural Community Network
 - Equality Commission
 - NI Housing Executive
 - NIQVA



Public Consultations

- Two public consultations
- First - Main geography for the outputs**
 - Issued February 2016 - **paper**
 - Detailed report published
 - Steering Group decision
 - Continued use of SOAs as main geography
- Second - Proposals for the updated measures**
 - Issued November 2016 - **paper plus 4 Information Events**
 - Detailed Blueprint document published
 - Steering Group decisions
 - 38 indicators to be used
 - No change to domain weights used in 2010 measures



Main Improvements

- **Income Deprivation Domain:** Using income data instead of benefit data
- **Employment Deprivation Domain:** Including people with no income from employment, nor benefits associated with employment deprivation
- **Health Deprivation & Disability Domain:** Including people on multiple and repeat prescriptions to reflect complex and prolonged health needs
- **Access to Services Domain:** Using data relating to travel times to a wider variety of services by both private and public transport, and access to broadband
- **Living Environment Domain:** New indicators on energy efficiency, road quality, flood risk, over crowding and suitability of housing for the disabled
- **Crime & Disorder Domain:** Including an additional indicator relating to theft

How the measures can be used

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What the measures **can** be used for

For each of the individual domains of deprivation and the overall MDM, the rankings can be used to:

- Explore the **relative deprivation** of small geographical areas by comparing them with each other
- Explore which small geographical areas are the **most or least deprived**
- Examine the **spatial distribution** of small geographical areas that are the most or least deprived, however defined
- Explore which small geographical areas have **joined, left or remained** in the most or least deprived areas over time

This can be done for Northern Ireland as a whole, or for each individual Local Government District or for other geographies.

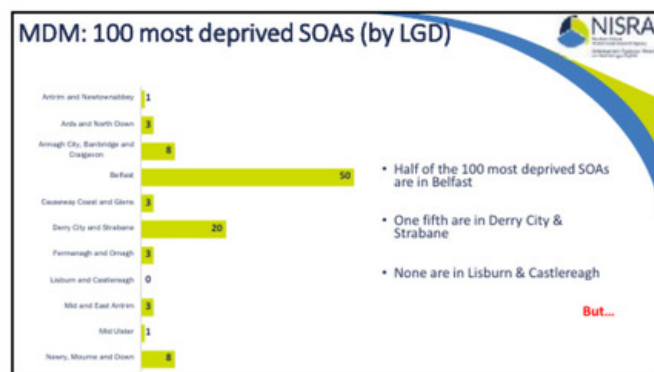
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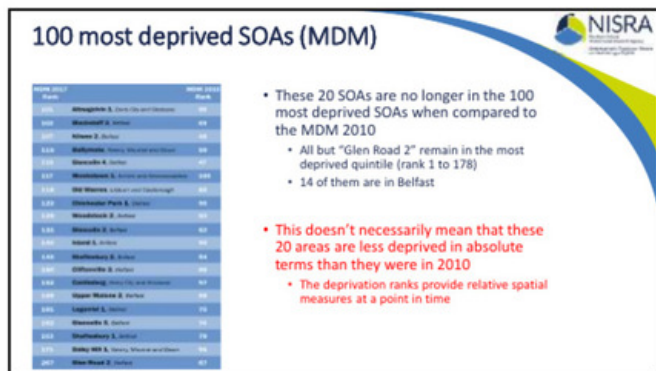
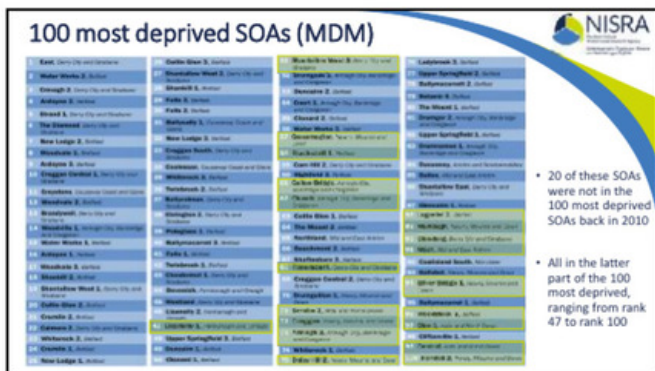
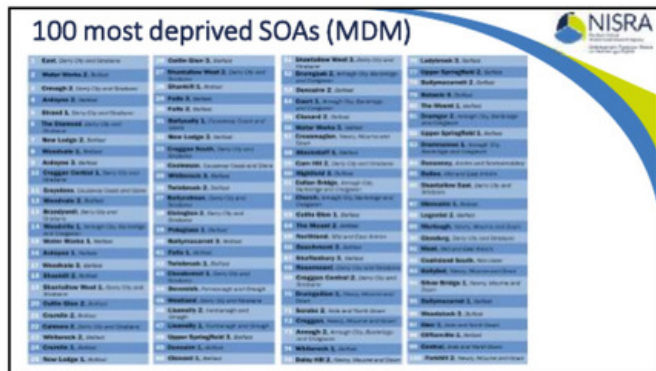
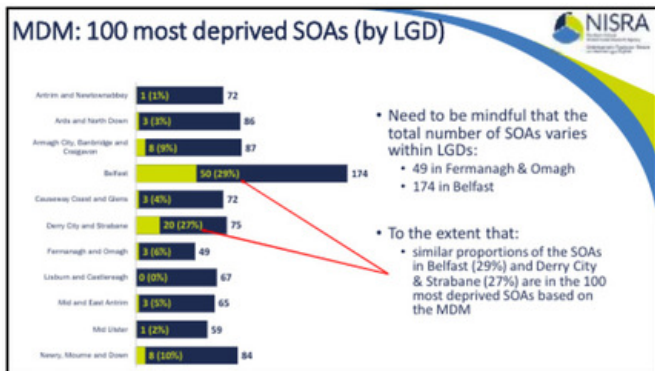
What the measures **cannot** be used for

- Identifying deprived individuals or groups of people – these are **area based** spatial measures
- Quantifying the **extent** to which a small geographical area is deprived – they provide relative rankings of areas
- Quantifying the extent to which one area is **more or less deprived** than another – they provide relative rankings of areas
- Assessing how **absolute deprivation** in a small geographical area has changed over time – they provide a spatial ranking at a single point in time
- **Measuring affluence** – lack of deprivation is not the same as being affluent
- Undertaking UK comparisons – each UK country has a different set of indicators, time periods, domains and domain weights

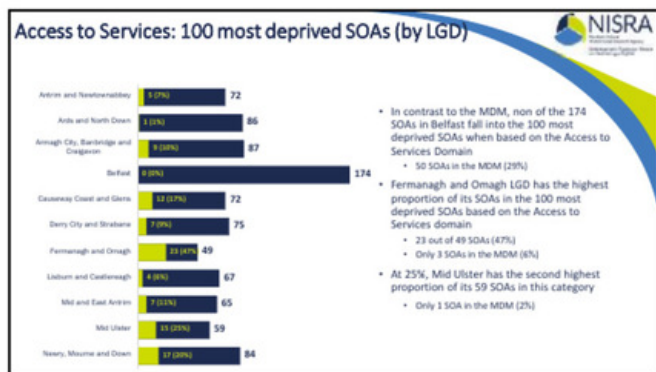
Where are the 100 most deprived areas in Northern Ireland?

(Based on the MDM)






What about the other domains?



Comparison across domains (MDM)



Domain	Rank
Income	511
Employment	53
Health and Disability	40
Education, Skills & Training	125
Access to Services	756
Living Environment	122
Crime & Disorder	47
Multiple (MDM)	127

Outside the 100 most deprived (MDM)


Domain	Rank
Income	84
Employment	437
Health and Disability	586
Education, Skills & Training	490
Access to Services	38
Living Environment	99
Crime & Disorder	788
Multiple (MDM)	210

Outside the 200 most deprived (MDM)

Domain	Rank
Income	82
Employment	622
Health and Disability	712
Education, Skills & Training	561
Access to Services	97
Living Environment	378
Crime & Disorder	694
Multiple (MDM)	522

Outside the 300 most deprived (MDM)

Comparison across domains (MDM)




Domain	Rank
Income	4
Employment	3
Health and Disability	14
Education, Skills & Training	14
Access to Services	559
Living Environment	127
Crime & Disorder	76

Domain	Rank
Income	10
Employment	4
Health and Disability	36
Education, Skills & Training	201
Access to Services	829
Living Environment	3
Crime & Disorder	10

Domain	Rank
Income	20
Employment	16
Health and Disability	23
Education, Skills & Training	31
Access to Services	695
Living Environment	32
Crime & Disorder	198


Comparison across domains



- The circles below depict the overlap between the MDM and the individual domains
- The overlap represents the number of SOAs that have a rank in the top 100 for both the MDM and the relevant domain
- For example, 61 of the 100 most deprived SOAs based on the MDM are also in the 100 most deprived SOAs according to the Income Domain


Newry, Mourne and Down

100 most deprived SOAs (MDM)



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- 8 of these SOAs were in Newry, Mourne and Down LGD
- 6 of which are new to the 100 most deprived
- 8% of the 84 SOAs in Newry, Mourne and Down LGD

Small deprived SOAs within NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN LGD

NISRA

- As the deprivation measures are relative measures it is possible to look only at the SOAs within Newry, Mourne and Down LGD.
- This allows you to explore specific types of deprivation within the area and not just the MDM.

Other Products

NISRA

Online Resources / User Engagement

NISRA

- 8 measures across 890 SOAs, within 11 LGDs
- That's a lot of information (over 7,000 ranks)
- Deprivation team has developed online resources to make all the information readily accessible – **demos to follow**
 - Plus summary sheets for 100 most deprived (MDM) and 10 most deprived in each domain for each LGD
- We have started our programme of user engagement to:
 - To provide support to central and local government, the voluntary sector, academia etc.
 - Outline the results and how they can be accessed
 - Educate users on how they can and cannot be used
- We have factored in 6 months for these outreach activities

Still to come

NISRA

- Measures for Small Areas
 - 4,537 of these, which nest within SOAs
 - Helpful in identifying pockets of deprivation within SOAs
 - Average size of 410 people
- Estimated measures for the new electoral wards
- Deprivation measures for children
- Recommendations for future updates
- Exploring the link between population decline and deprivation

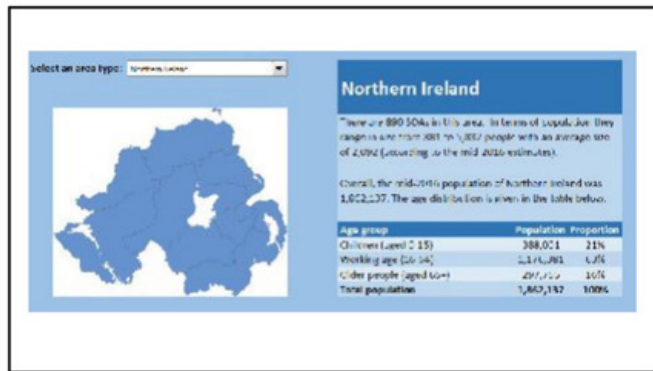
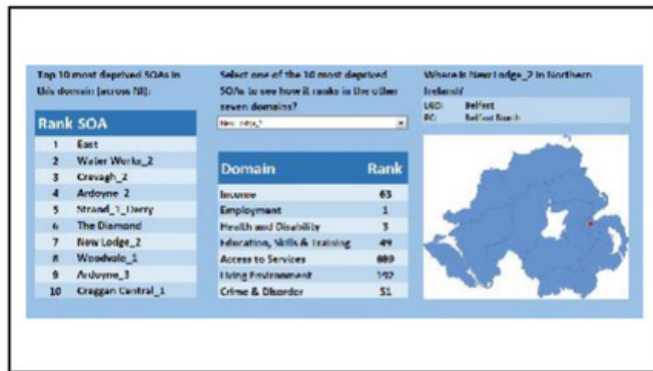
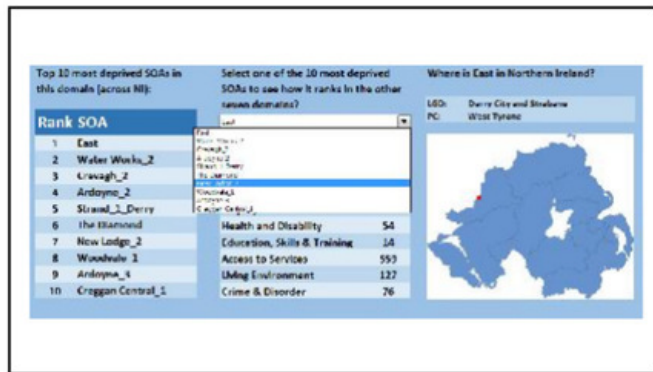
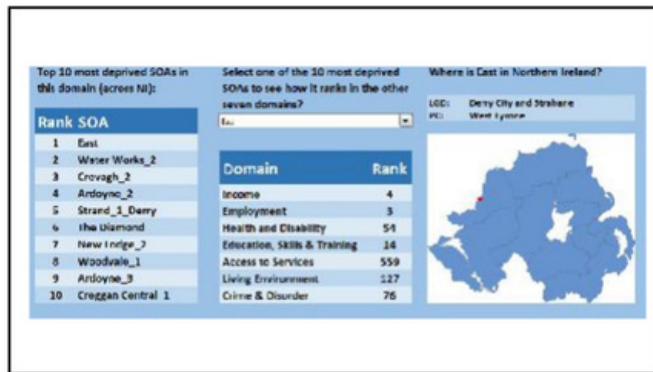
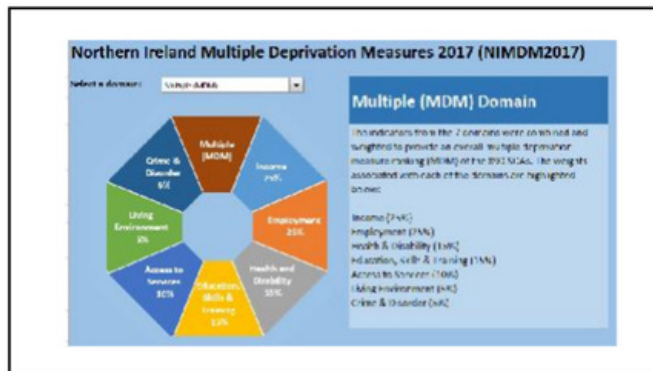
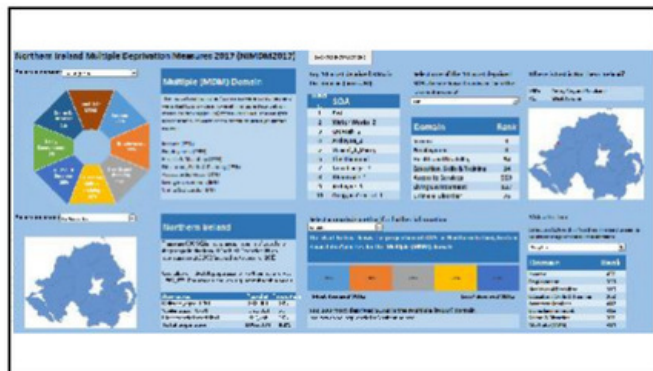
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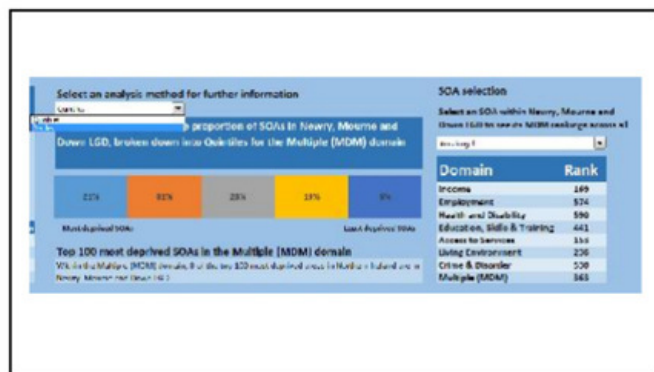
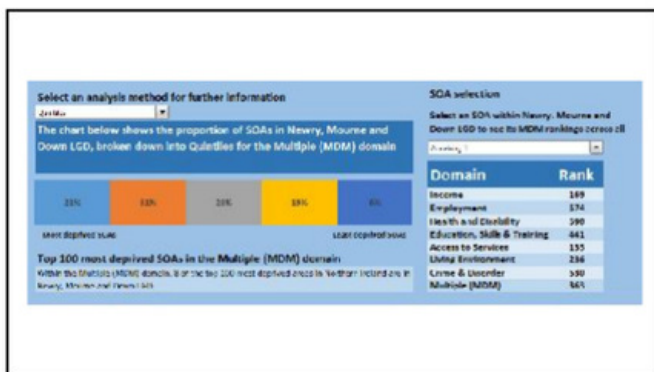
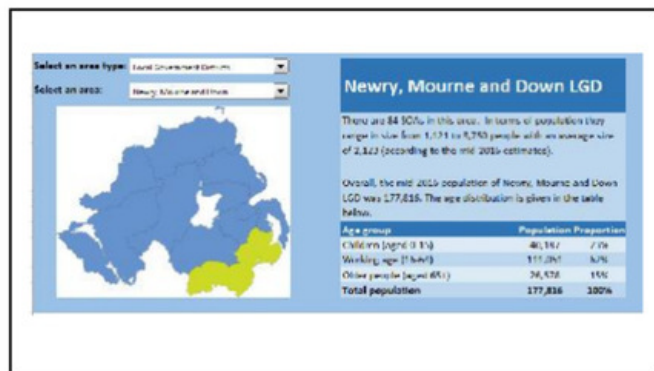
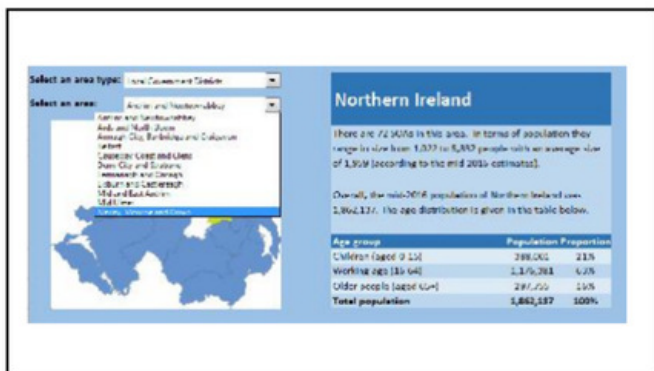
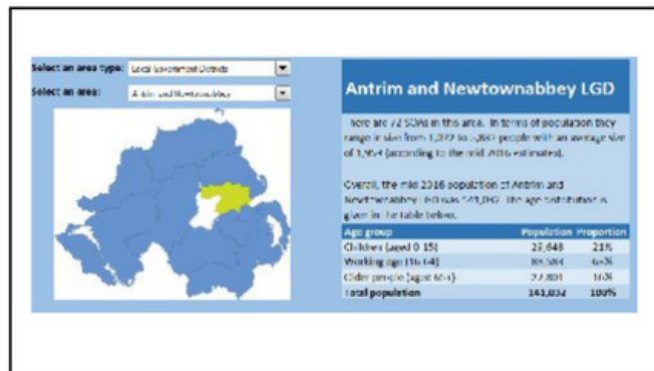
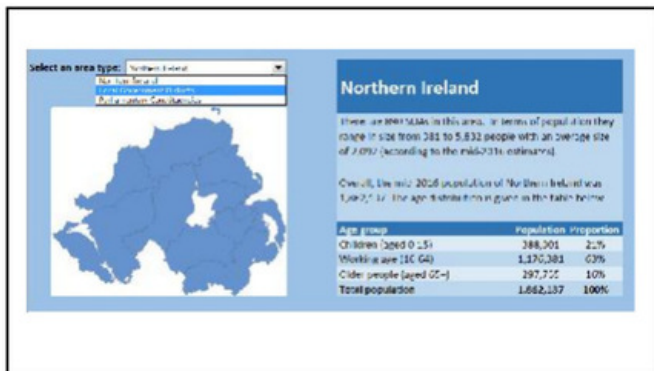
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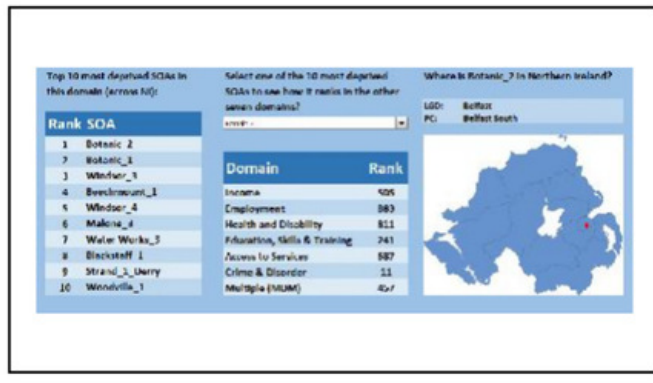
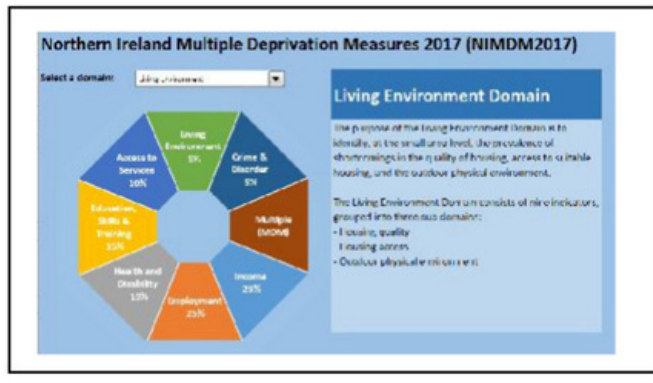
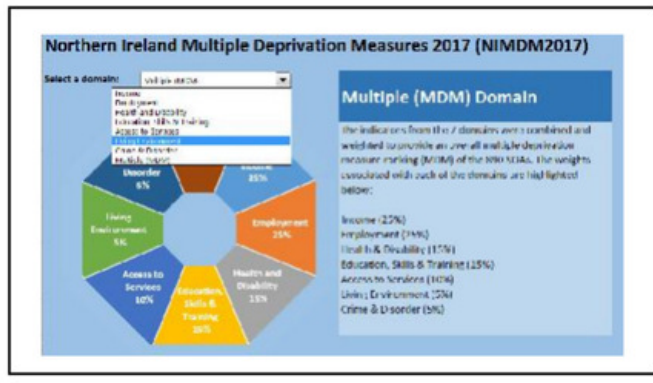
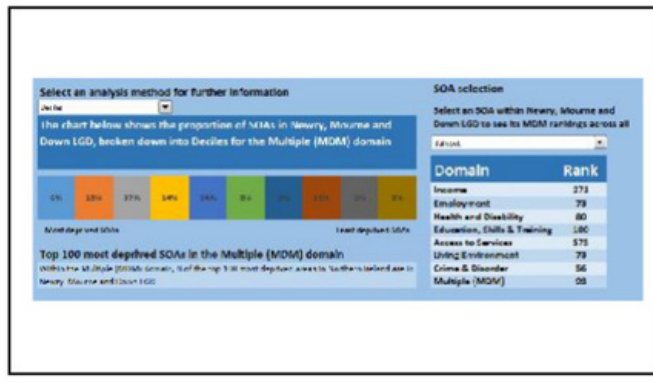
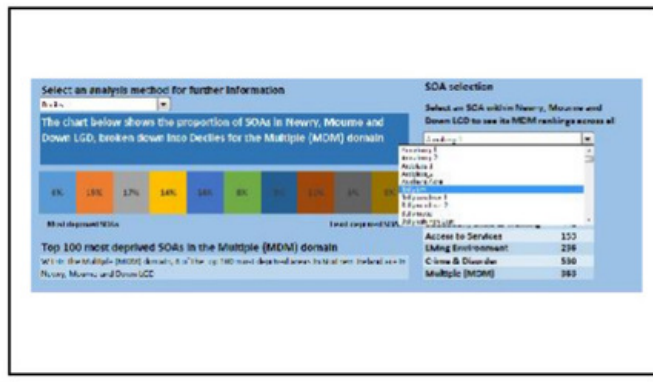
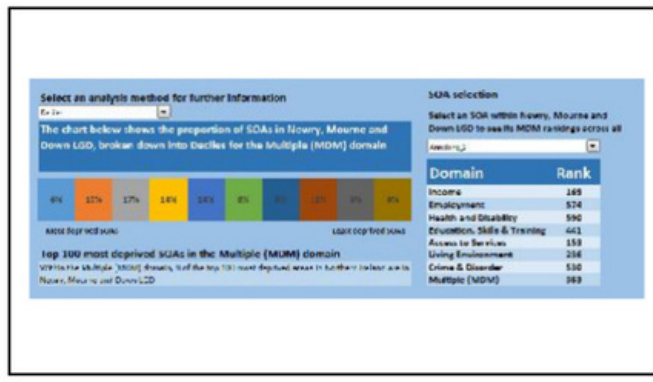
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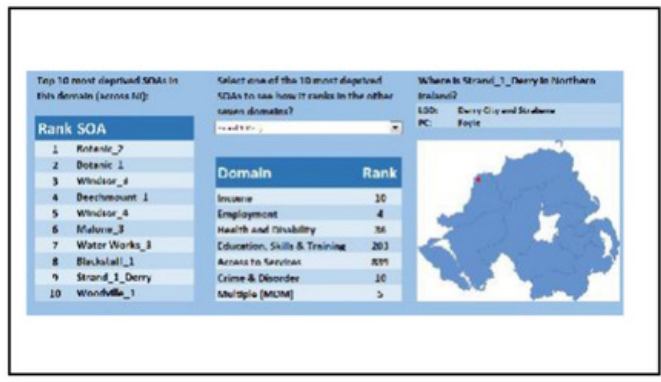
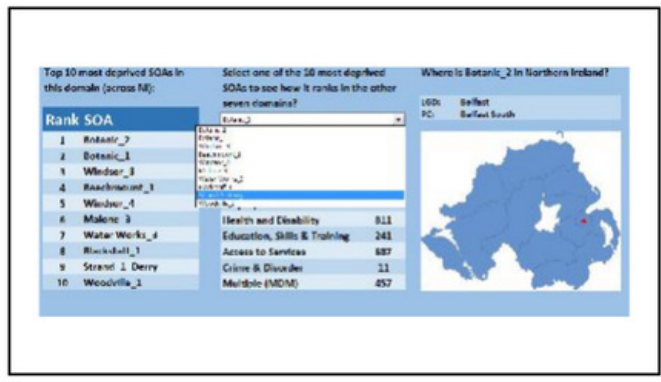
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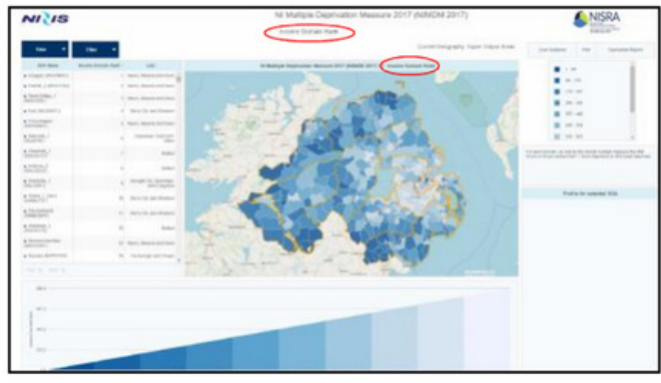
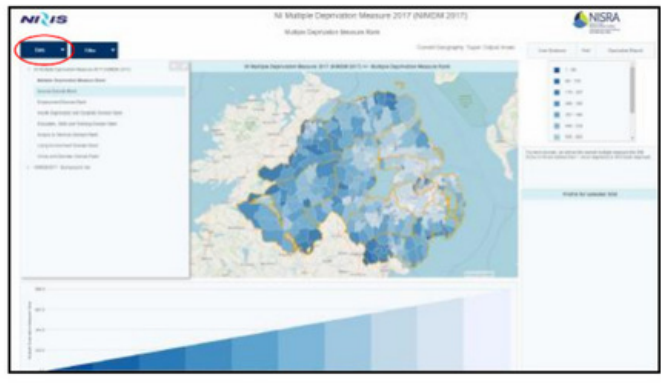
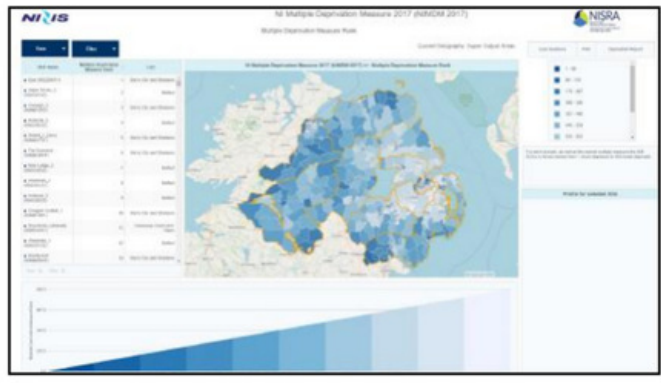


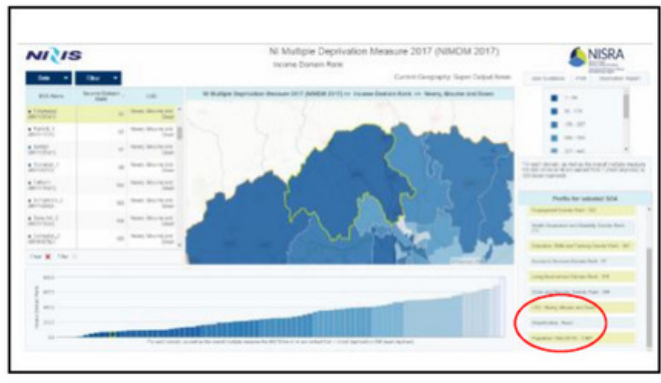
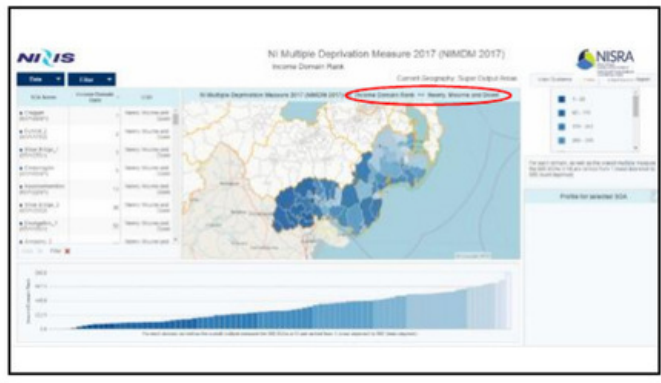
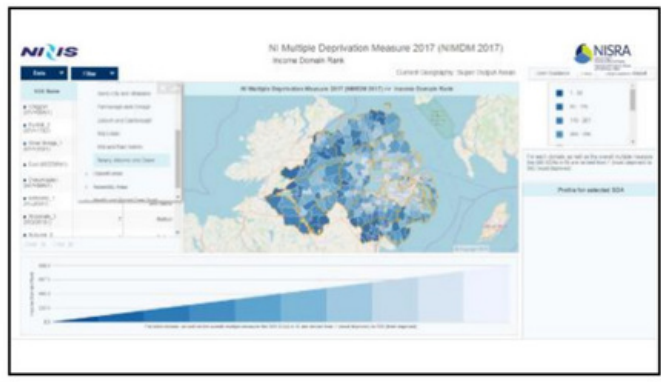
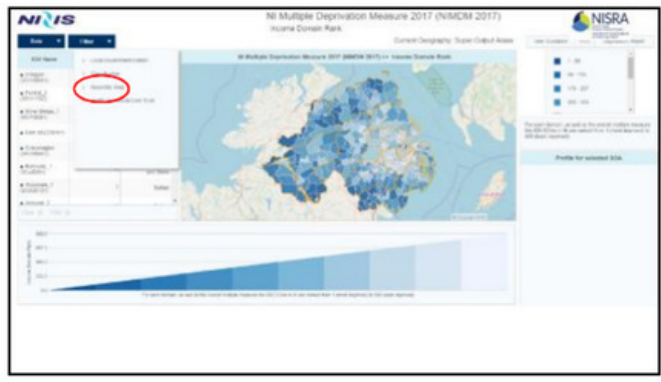






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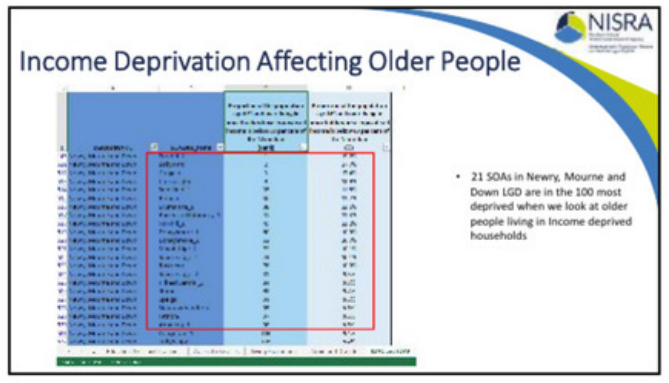
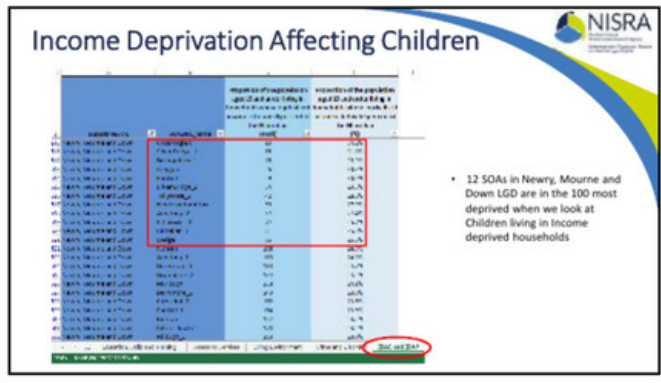
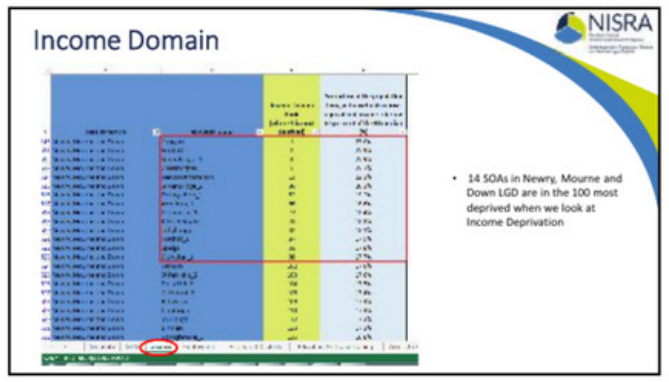
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Questions

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**NMD/SC/****Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on Monday 26 March 2018 at 6.10pm
in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick****In the Chair:** Councillor R Mulgrew**In attendance:****(Councillors)**

Councillor R Burgess	Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr	Councillor W Clarke
Councillor G Craig	Councillor D Curran
Councillor C Enright	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor H Harvey	Councillor T Hearty
Councillor R Howell	Councillor M Larkin
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon	Councillor A McMurray
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor B Quinn	Councillor J Rice
Councillor M Ruane	Councillor M Savage
Councillor G Sharvin	Councillor G Stokes
Councillor D Taylor	Councillor JJ Tinnelly
Councillor B Walker	

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Mr F McKillion, Northern Ireland Electricity Networks
Ms C Kelly, Northern Ireland Electricity Networks

SC/010/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Bailie, Brown, Devlin, Doran, Loughran and Trainor.

SC/011/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest

SC/012/2018 PRESENTATION FROM NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY NETWORKS

The Chairperson welcomed the delegation to the meeting and invited them to make their presentation.

Mr McKillion thanked the Chairperson for the invitation and advised that Northern Ireland Networks were responsible for power cuts, network maintenance and development, meter reading, connecting renewables and connections. He stated they had 860,000 customers and over 1200 employees with 300 major substations and 49,200km of network. (copy of the presentation attached to these minutes).

Members asked the following questions:

- It was disappointing that wind turbines in the Cullaville area were deemed as unsuitable for the network to take power from them.
- Why were connection fees for new properties so huge and sometimes doubled following receipt of quotes from the network?
- Were other measures in place for the security of supply at Kilroot and Ballylumford Power Stations?
- How long should it take for alterations when electricity supply had been cut off due to health and safety issues?
- When a quote was sent out for new properties, would it be for other competitors or just for the network?
- Was there to be additional works carried out in the Warrenpoint area in Newry Street?
- With the plan to shed up to 90 jobs, would this impact upon service delivery?
- How can NIE Network ensure that the Independent Connection Providers (ICPs) were maintaining the quality standards?
- What providers were the Network working with to provide energy storage in the future?
- What plans were in place for an increase in windfarms and renewable energy?
- With the introduction of ICPs, would remote areas now be able to establish connections?

COUNCILLORS CLARKE, RUANE, CURRAN, BURGESS, ENRIGHT, MACAULEY, TAYLOR, MCMURRAY AND TRAINOR LEFT DURING THE ABOVE DISCUSSIONS – 6.51PM, 6.56PM, 6.59PM AND 7.01PM

Mr McKillion responded to the queries as follows:

- On a windy day, 67% of Northern Ireland's electricity is generated, that electricity then had nowhere to go at night, this was a huge problem in rural areas as the networks were built in the 60s to bring electricity supplies to rural farms. Lots of substations were back-fed through power stations to customers and there was nowhere for the additional electricity to go to, this was why the North-South and Moyle Interconnectors were so important. There needed to be more work done on how to get more renewables connected.
- Cost of electricity hook-up had surprised a lot of customers as in the past every time there was a new supply or increased load, this was spread across Northern Ireland with a 40% discount from NIE, however the regulator stopped that discount and encouraged competition with the introduction of Independent Connection Providers (ICPs).
- Kilroot power station cannot close as there still would need to be gas, coal and oil in place. Northern Ireland was not at risk at present, however it was important to investigate more renewable opportunities, the most recent being battery storage.

- NIE would only cut-off a supply if it was dangerous or unsafe. He encouraged the Member to speak to himself and Ms Kelly following the meeting.
- Quotes would be for any new supplies or increased loads on existing supplies.
- Unsure whether additional works were planned in Warrepoint, there were issues with intermittent blackouts in the Annalong area, however these were minimised to 25 minutes at a time.
- There should be no impact upon service delivery with the reduction of 90 posts. This was ongoing with a review of what roles could be amalgamated and what roles were not required any longer. He stated that 174 people requested exit under the voluntary scheme.
- ICPs must be Lloyds registered and accredited companies. All those currently in NI were registered correctly.
- The target for renewables was 2020 and NIE had almost achieved the target at this stage. Need additional conductors in order to get electricity supply back to substations.
- ICPs give customers an option to get a supply that may have been too expensive in the past. If customers in an area apply together there may be potential for shared schemes. NIE had a scheme in place whereby if you establish a connection that someone connects to within 5 years, you receive a refund.

COUNCILLORS HEARTY, MURNIN, Ó MUIRÍ AND WALKER LEFT DURING THE ABOVE DISCUSSIONS

The Chairperson thanked the delegation for their presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.31pm.

For adoption at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 9 April 2018.

Signed:


Chairperson

Chief Executive



WORKING IN YOUR AREA

Presented to Newry Mayor & Council



NIE Networks is the electricity network business in Northern Ireland



- Power cuts
- Network Maintenance and Development
- Meter reading
- Connecting Renewables
- Connections

What we do

- 860,000 CUSTOMERS
- OVER 1,200 EMPLOYEES
- 300 MAJOR SUBSTATIONS
- 49,200KM OF NETWORK
- NETWORK CHARGES ARE LESS THAN A QUARTER OF THE ELECTRICITY BILL
- £100 MILLION INVESTED IN THE NETWORK ANNUALLY

Working in your area

£15.5 million investment since 2012 (RPI-X)

- Major asset replacement schemes
- 1000s of Distribution Substations
- Water main renewal schemes completed
- Agreements between Electricity and Water
- Agreements between Electricity and Highways
- Underground cables in dangerous exposed conditions
- New protected live busbars in substations and feeders
- Asset & Storm overhaul the infrastructure
- Major replacement programme

Currently fixing around 40 roads from 10 major dedicated Storms. Resolving 15 in 2018



Recent power cuts

Intermittent fault affecting customers in Killybegs, Ballymartin & Anahoning areas:

- Some customers experienced a number of outages in February & March
- Technology used to pinpoint exact location of the fault after a long period of out of service time
- Broken insulator found following a pole inspection and repaired on 15 March
- Further pole and insulator replacement carried out on the line on 16 March
- Full restoration scheduled early 2019
- Line workers
- Insulators
- Insulating to protect in areas of the cut to keep them up to date with a changing

Storm response

- Emergency plan activated annually to deal with
- Ability to mobilise technical resources
- 24 emergency teams & 2000 staff
- 22 Local Incident Teams across NI





Preparation & Resources

- Storm prevention capabilities each year
- Arrangements in place for additional 4th services and resources
- Regional training across all NI's companies each year
- Seasons focused on previous stormy winter and its preparations

Our 2018 costs

Local Service	Field	Call Handling	Total
£300	£750	£200	£1,250

Other resources

- £58 million through Emergency Response Agreement
- £80 million resources available by agreement (NIE/SNC)
- Other third party contractors
- Direct National Infrastructure Provider (NIP) Mutualised Process

Restoring power to your community

Others in NI safe to go to emergency teams, local help, supply, damage and cost records

Process of restoration

- High voltage transmission lines
- Major power lines that serve a large number of customers
- Distribution power lines that serve a smaller number of customers
- Individual homes and businesses and individual power



Major events

- Storm Dora - February 17
- Over 2,000 customers in the Newry area
- Ex Hurricane Ophelia - October 17
- Over 15,000 customers in the Newry area
- Storm Eleanor - January 18
- Over 2,000 customers with fault



RP6: Our investment plans for 2017-2024

Plans agreed with Utility Regulator
Work started on 1 October 2017



INVESTING FOR THE FUTURE

RP6 Outputs – Customer Focus

c.145,000 OUTPUTS	105,493,000 HOURS FOR CUSTOMER SUPPORT	April 2017 COMPETITION IN CONNECTIONS
£55 MILLION EFFICIENT SPENDING	250,000 METERS REPLACED	£60m ESQR

Open market for connections

CONNECTIONS – A new market for connections is being introduced, allowing customers to choose their preferred connection provider. This will help to reduce costs and improve service quality.

PHASE 1 – The first phase of the market will be implemented in 2017, covering a range of connection types.

PHASE 2 – The second phase will be implemented in 2018, covering a further range of connection types.

PHASE 3 – The third phase will be implemented in 2019, covering a further range of connection types.

Conclusion

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We are a 24/7 customer focused business
Our employees are working in your area everyday

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NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on
Monday 12 March 2018 at 3.00pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices,
Monaghan Row, Newry**

Chairperson: Councillor P Byrne

In Attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor R Burgess
Councillor M Carr
Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty
Councillor D Hyland
Councillor D McAteer
Councillor O McMahon
Councillor B Quinn
Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes

Officials

in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Mr J McGilly, Asst. Director of Enterprise, Employment &
Regeneration
Mr A Patterson, Asst. Director, Tourism Culture & Events
Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer
Ms P McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

Also in Attendance: Mr M O'Neill, AV Browne
Mr M Dunne, AV Browne
Ms N Waite, Tourism NI

ERT/040/2018: APOLOGIES / CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Apologies were received from Mrs M Ward.

ERT/041/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Byrne declared an interest in Item no. 5 – Forkhill Former Barracks Site as he was a member of the Steering Group.

Councillors Clarke and Hanna declared an interest in Item 9 - SLAs Tourism 2018/19 as they were both on the Board of the Mourne Heritage Trust.

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**ERT/042/2018: ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2018**

Read: Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 February 2018.
(Copy circulated)

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Harvey it was agreed to note the Action Sheet arising out of the Minutes of the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 January 2018.**

ERT/043/2018: JOINT PRESENTATION BY AV BROWNE & TOURISM NI RE TOURISM MARKETING PLAN 2018

The Chairperson welcomed the representatives from AV Browne and Tourism NI and invited them to deliver their presentation.

Following the presentation there was a question and answer session and the following points were raised:

- The promotional video shown as part of the presentation showcased the District in an extremely positive way.
- Consideration should be given to attractions and tourism stakeholders in Newry, such as The Canal Court Hotel, for inclusion in the marketing presentation. .
- The 2017 NISRA statistics showed a 27% increase in visitor numbers to N. Ireland.

- Although Downpatrick didn't feature on the video shown, there was a separate video that showcased an upcoming festival in Downpatrick that could be made available to Councillor Curran.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives from AV Browne and Tourism NI and they left the meeting.

ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION

ERT/044/2018: FORKHILL FORMER BARRACKS SITE

Read: Report dated 12 March 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding DFC sale of former Forkhill Barracks Site. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed that:**

- 1. Council Officials continue to work closely with DFC to ensure that Councils interest in the site is maintained and any follow up Business Cases are completed and submitted to the Department for Communities.**
- 2. Council Officials and DEA reps on the Forkhill Site Development Steering Group to liaise closely with DFC and any other registered government departments to ensure that a balanced mixed use development of the site takes place.**

ERT/045/2018: DFC YEAR END UNDERSPEND

Read: Report dated 12 March 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Planning for DFC year-end underspend.

Discussion took place among Members. There was general agreement there was a need for more investment in the smaller towns and villages throughout the District. The addition of floral displays would enhance these areas and make them more attractive to visitors.

Mr McGilly advised the DFC funding for regeneration was allocated for main urban centres in the district and DFC Officials were working closely with Newry BID and were keen to invest in concepts put forward by Newry BID that could spend money before end of this financial year. He agreed to note the comments put forward by Members and said this issue could possibly be addressed via the Village Renewal Scheme for areas not covered by DFC funding. Mr McGilly added that although the issue of funding for floral displays did not come under the ERT Committee remit, input could be put forward on the concerns expressed to the relevant Committee –

RTS Committee, via the appropriate officers who had responsibility for this service.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Casey it was agreed that:

1. Council Officials continue to work up a Call Off Capital List of smaller projects that would be eligible for potential DFC under-spend in 18/19 financial year.
2. Council approve a Letter of Offer for £15,000 that will come from DFC in regards to small elements of Newry City Christmas Illuminations, Dereliction Decoration and Floral Planters that they wish to fund in 17/18.
3. Report back to ERT Committee in due course on progress with the longer term 18/19 underspend list across our urban centres.
4. A report regarding the provision of floral displays across smaller towns and villages in the district be sent to the RTS Committee and brought back to ERT Committee in due course.

TOURISM, CULTURE & EVENTS ITEMS

ERT/046/2018: TOURISM MARKETING PLAN 2018/19

Read: Report dated 12 March 2018 from Mr Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Marketing Plan and Campaign Development. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Stokes it was agreed to consider and approve the attached Marketing Plan to implement specific campaigns and initiatives, that will drive tourism growth in the Newry, Mourne and Down district in the 2018/19 Year.

ERT/047/2018: COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT TWO INTERNATIONAL GOLF TRADE SHOWS

Read: Report dated 12 March 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Council attendance at two international Golf Trade Shows. **(Copy circulated).**

Noted: Councillor Carr said it was important to promote the smaller golf

clubs in the District and they are encouraged to attend the trade shows in partnership with NMDDC.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to consider and approve the attendance of one council officer at the two international golf trade shows detailed in this paper.

ERT/048/2018 **SLA'S TOURISM 2018/19**

Read: Report dated 12 March 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Service Level Agreements for 2018/19. **(Copy circulated)**

Mr Patterson advised Members the funding allocated to groups for the 2018/19 year would remain the same as the 2017/18 year and the figures quoted in the report would be checked and verified to ensure this is the case.

During general discussion Councillor Quinn requested SLAs for the previous two years be made available to the Committee in order that comparisons could be made.

Councillor McAteer stated the National Trust were trying to prohibit pony trekking in the Murlough National Nature Reserve area and said that prior to granting them funding of £9,000 it would be prudent to look at what prohibitions they were intending to put in place. Mr Patterson advised that a meeting had been arranged with National Trust to look at this issue.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Burgess seconded by Councillor Curran it was agreed to consider and approve the list of Service Level Agreements for 2018/19 as detailed within this report.

Service Level Agreements for previous two years (2016/17 and 2017/18) to be made available to Members

FOR NOTING

ERT/049/2018: **SOUTH ARMAGH OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

Read: Report dated 12 March 2018 from Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism regarding Implementation of Outdoor Recreation Action Plans within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Casey, the following was agreed to agree the

contents of the South Armagh Outdoor Recreation Action Plan**ERT/050/2018 UPDATE IN PERFORMANCE ON NI BUSINESS START UP**

Read: Report dated 12 March 2018 from Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration regarding NI Business Start Up Programme: Update. **(Copy circulated)**.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

ERT/051/2018 WARRENPOINT PARK STEERING GROUP

Read: Report dated 27 February 2018 from Seamus Crossey regarding Warrenpoint Park Restoration Task and Finish Steering Committee. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Carr it was agreed to note the contents of the report.**

ERT/052/2018: TOURISM EVENTS FUNDING CALL

Read: Report dated 12 February 2018 from Andy Patterson, Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture and Events regarding Financial Assistance Programme: Tourism Events Fund. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor McAteer asked if it would be possible to have more information regarding the names of applicants and proposed amounts allocated to each of them. Mr Patterson replied this was a preliminary report that would go to full Council after which the full details of applicants and specific funding would be available to Members.

Discussion took place regarding the awarding process and although Councillors Ruane, Quinn and Clarke agreed it was good governance not to be aware of the identity of the applicants during the invigilating process, Councillor Quinn said he would like to know the identity of the applicants before the Letters of Offer were issued. He also stated that applicants should be advised there is an appeals process should they be unsuccessful in their application.

Councillor Ruane proposed that the fund should be reopened for a further round of applications when feasible. Councillor Carr expressed concern that too much emphasis was based on ensuring the application form was completed correctly as

opposed to the contribution the event would make to the District. The Chairperson advised more discussion would take place surrounding this issue at the next ERT Committee Meeting.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to note the contents of the report, and that officers should open the fund for a further round of applications when feasible.

ERT/053/2018 **SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Read: Scheme of Delegation report for ERT from April 2017 to end March 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation report for ERT from April 2017 to end March 2018.

ERT/054/2018: **ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET**

Read: Action Tracker Update including January ERT 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Harvey seconded by Councillor McAteer it was agreed the Action Tracker Update Sheet be noted.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.00pm.

Signed: _____
Councillor P Byrne
Chairperson of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

Signed: _____
Ms M Ward
Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of Strategy Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on Thursday 15
March 2018 at 5.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre,
Downpatrick.**

In the Chair: Councillor T Hearty

In Attendance: Councillor R Burgess Councillor P Byrne
Councillor M Carr Councillor S Doran
Councillor C Enright Councillor D Hyland
Councillor O McMahon Councillor A McMurray
Councillor M Murnin Councillor B Ó Muirí
Councillor M Ruane Councillor M Savage
Councillor G Sharvin Councillor W Walker

Officials in Attendance: Mrs D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director, Estates & Project
Management
Mr J McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning &
Performance
Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Corporate Services
(Administration)
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director, Facilities Management &
Maintenance
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer

SPR/032/2018 APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

There were no apologies received.

SPR/033/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**SPR/034/2018 ACTION SHEET OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY AND
RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY
2018**

Read: Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources (SPR)
Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2018 (circulated).

SPR/236/2016 – Right of Way Proposal at Ballyedmond, Killowen, Rostrevor

Councillor Hyland asked how much of a cut-off there was likely to be with regard to the proposed Killowen Coastal Path and why this was taking place.

Mrs Carville advised she would revert to the Councillor with the requested information as soon as possible.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that the Action Sheet of 15 February 2018 be noted.**

CORPORATE PLANNING AND POLICY

SPR/035/2018 CREDIT CARD POLICY

Read: Report from Mr G Byrne, Audit Services Manager, dated 15 March 2018, regarding NMDDC Credit Card Policy (copy circulated).

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doran to approve the amendment to the Credit Card policy to include the provision of a credit card for the Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism.**

FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

SPR/036/2018 LAND AT LINKSIDE PARK, NEWCASTLE

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services, dated 15 March 2018, regarding Land at Linkside Park, Newcastle (copy circulated)

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Ruane to agree to regularise an encroachment adjacent to 12 Linkside Park, Newcastle prior to a transfer of the remainder of lands back to NIHE, subject to the conditions set out in the circulated report.**

SPR/037/2018 HOUSEHOLD SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning & Performance, dated 15 March 2018, regarding Stakeholder Surveys – Residents' Survey (copy circulated)

Councillor Byrne commended officers on the paper presented and stated writing to householders in advance was a very sensible proposal.

Councillor Hyland asked that officers provide a summary of the changes that had occurred as a result of Belfast City Council's surveying exercise. Mr McBride advised he would endeavour to provide Councillor Hyland with this information as soon as possible.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the commissioning of a Residents' Survey was agreed.

SPR/038/2018 **DRAFT PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES 2019-2020**

Read: Report from Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement, dated 15 March 2018, regarding Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2019-2020 (copy circulated)

Councillor Byrne queried why the 12 week consultation period had been reduced again this year.

Mr McBride advised there was provision with the equality scheme to reduce a consultation period from 12 to 8 weeks as identified priorities had already been consulted on. He stated this was to avoid a situation of consultation fatigue with members of the public.

Councillor Enright queried whether Councillors had been involved in the formulation of the document, as correct governance would indicate that Councillors should have been involved in the process.

Mr McBride advised the document was prepared by officers, taken through the committee structure for the input and consideration of Councillors, with any comments on the objectives being taken on board at that stage. The document would then go out for public consultation with any additions brought back to the Committee for final approval.

Councillor Hyland asked whether the statistics regarding economically inactive people within the District were reviewed.

Mr McBride advised source data, both qualitative and quantitative was used such as the updated measures of multiple deprivation in order to inform the actions outlined within the report.

AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hyland, seconded by Councillor Doran to approve the draft performance improvement objectives 2018-19, 'supporting actions' and 'measures of success' and the proposed approach and timetable for developing and publishing the Performance Improvement Plan 2018-19, by 30 June 2018, including authorisation to proceed with an eight week public consultation on 23 March 2018.

SPR/039/2018 **REPORT OF HOUSING NEEDS SYMPOSIUM – 22 JANUARY 2018**

Read: Report from Mr J McBride, Assistant Director Community Planning and Performance, dated 15 March 2018, regarding Draft Report – Social Housing Need Symposium, 22 January 2018 (copy circulated)

Councillor Savage welcomed the document stating that since the symposium he had attended a number of housing meetings with Newry BID. He stated that Council need to look at the number of approvals given where developers were seeking to revoke social housing clauses and adopt a zero tolerance policy.

Councillor Byrne stated the problems surrounding identification of a site for the travelling community needed to be reflected within the action plan.

Councillor Carr advised he had not proposed the immediate next steps and that it was Councillor Savage.

Mr McBride advised this would be amended.

AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Hyland, subject to the agreed amendment, the report of the Social Housing Need Symposium, held on 22 January 2018 was agreed.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

SPR/040/2018 TRANSFER OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER A DEED OF CHARGE – TOURISM FACILITY AT TRASSEY, NEWCASTLE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services, dated 15 March 2018, regarding Transfer of Obligations under a Deed of Charge – Tourism Facility at Trassey, Newcastle (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Byrne, to consent to the transfer of obligations under the Deed of Charge relating to the tourism facility at Trassey, Newcastle from current holders, trading as Meelmore Lodge, to the person named in the Officer's Report, subject to the completion of all necessary legal formalities.

It was also agreed to consent to the postponement of Council's existing Charge in favour of a new Charge by the lender of the transferee, subject to there being no effect on Council's Charge and to Council remaining as second Charge holder.

COUNCILLOR Ó MUIRÍ ENTERED THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE DISCUSSIONS – 5.28PM

SPR/041/2018 PROPOSED LEASING OF NEWRY SPORTS CENTRE CAR PARK TO SOUTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report from Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director, Facilities Management & Maintenance, dated 15 March 2018, regarding proposed leasing of Newry Sports Centre car park to Southern Regional College (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Ruane to approve the recommendations contained in paragraph 3.1 of the Officer's Report and seek a rental valuation from Land and Property Services for the former Newry Sports Centre car park and then to proceed in line with the recommended way forward in relation to short-term use.

COUNCILLOR SHARVIN ENTERED THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE DISCUSSIONS – 5.42PM

SPR/042/2018 UPDATE ON DOWN LEISURE CENTRE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report from Mr C Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management, dated 15 March 2018, regarding Down Leisure Centre - Update (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve the additional projected final costs outlined in paragraph 3.1 of the Officer's Report and to grant authority to Council Officers to take appropriate action to investigate the potential for recovery of the additional costs incurred by Council as recommended in paragraph 3.2 of the Officer's Report.

SPR/043/2018 REPORT ON PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS FOR DOWN LEISURE CENTRE

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report from Mr T McClean, Head of Capital Projects, dated 15 March 2018, regarding Provision of Renewable Energy at Downpatrick and Newry Leisure Centres (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Burgess, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murnin, seconded by Councillor Walker and by 11 votes to 1, to approve the recommendations contained in paragraph 2.1 of the Officer's Report in relation to the installation of PV panels at Newry Leisure Centre, at the costs detailed in the Officer's Report, subject to the correction detailed by the Officer to Committee in relation to the level of KW for panels at Newry Leisure Centre.
In relation to Down Leisure Centre it was agreed to proceed in line with Option 1 as detailed in the Officer's Report.

FOR NOTING

SPR/044/2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION-DISSOLUTION FUNDING AND CONTINUING OPERATIONS 2018-19

Read: Correspondence received from Local Government Staff Commission, dated 22 February 2018, regarding Dissolution Funding and Continuing Operations 2018/19 (copy circulated).

Councillor Sharvin asked whether the Council had a choice in whether to pay the dissolution funding.

Mrs Carville advised Council was obliged to pay which would incur a slight budgetary overspend as there had only been budget included for 6 months rather than the full year.

Councillor Byrne stated it was an outrage that this organisation can demand funding at an increased rate when the Northern Ireland Executive had already stated that the body was not required any longer. He said there should be some mechanism for questioning how they were able to ask for increased funding.

Councillor Hearty suggested that the Council's Chief Executive could speak with those of the other 11 Councils to see what their position on the matter was, and consider collectively questioning this continued payment by Councils.

NOTED: **The correspondence was noted.**

SPR/045/2018 DRAFT COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MINUTES – 30 JANUARY 2018

Read: Draft Community Planning Partnership Board Minutes from Meeting held on 30 January 2018 (copy circulated).

NOTED: **The minutes were noted.**

**SPR/046/2018 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP – MINUTES
OF MEETING - 14 FEBRUARY 2018**

Read: Local Development Plan Steering Group Minutes from Meeting held on 14 February 2018 (copy circulated).

Councillor Byrne asked that the papers for the next meeting on 27th March 2018 would be circulated to Members early.

Mrs Carville advised she would ask that the papers were circulated as soon as possible to Members.

NOTED: **The minutes were noted.**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.28pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on 9 April 2018.

Signed: **Councillor Terry Hearty**
Chairperson

Signed: **Dorinnia Carville**
Director of Corporate Services

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ref: AHC/2018

**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 22 March 2018 at 5.10pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire
Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

Chairperson: Councillor Walker – 5.10pm-6.16pm
Councillor Taylor – 6.16pm-6.29pm**In attendance:** **(Councillors)**
Councillor Andrews Councillor Doran
Councillor Enright Councillor Fitzpatrick
Councillor Harte Councillor Howell
Councillor Kimmins Councillor Loughran
Councillor McMurray Councillor Quinn
Councillor Trainor**Officials in attendance:** Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy
Communities
Mrs J Hillen, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy
Communities (Community Engagement)
Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure
Miss S Taggart, Democratic Services Officer**Also in attendance:** Ms C Ferris, OBE, ORNI**AHC/052/2018 APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown and Ó Muíri and from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director of Active & Healthy Communities (Health & Wellbeing)

- The Chairperson welcomed Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure and Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure who would be deputising for Mr R Moore during his appointment as Interim Director of Neighbourhood Services.
- The Chairperson congratulated the following new postholders within the Outdoor Leisure and Community Engagement sections:
 - Declan Crilly – Outdoor Leisure Officer
 - Colleen Morrison and Ryan Flynn – Sports Development Officers
 - Michelle McKeown – Community Services Manager West
 - Joe Deegan – Community Services Manager East
 - Paul Pickering – Caretaker/Driver East

- The Chairperson advised the following centres would be closed on Easter Sunday, 1st April 2018:
 - Kilkeel
 - Ballymote
 - St Colmans Newry
 - Newry Leisure Centre
 - Down Leisure Centre
 - Newcastle Centre and Seasonal Facilities open normal business hours
- The Chairperson congratulated the Programmes Unit team who successfully completed the roll out of the 'Work It' Programme and had exceeded all of their targets.
- The Chairperson welcomed Councillor Roisin Howell to the Committee.
- The Chairperson raised the issue of drug abuse within the District and asked that officers come back to Committee with proposals for awareness sessions, through the DEA co-ordinators, to be held in each DEA to assist those struggling with drug and alcohol addictions.

AGREED: **It was agreed that DEA co-ordinators bring back proposals for drug and alcohol awareness sessions to be held in each DEA to a future Committee Meeting.**

- The Chairperson proposed that officers bring a report back to Committee on an Annual Carers Award for those carers throughout the District who go the extra mile 365 days a year. This was seconded by Councillor Andrews.
Members discussed the issue and advised it may not be appropriate to just choose one carer when they were all so worthwhile and suggested to investigate how the Trust operates their Carer of the Year Award.

AGREED: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Andrews that officers investigate potential ways of recognising the contribution made by carers in the District and bring a paper with proposals back to a future Committee Meeting.**

Councillor Trainor entered the meeting during the above discussions – 5.27pm

AHC/053/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

AHC/054/2018 ACTION SHEET OF THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Action Sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 February 2018. **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: It was agreed to note the action sheet.

PRESENTATIONS

AHC/055/2018 PRESENTATION BY ORNI RE: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

The Chairperson welcomed Ms Caro-lynn Ferris, OBE to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation.

Ms Ferris thanked the Chairperson for the invitation to present to Committee. She stated that ORNI had been working through an SLA with the Council for the last two years on the development and delivery of Community Trail Plans and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council were the first Council to establish these trails.

Ms Ferris provided some background to what a Community Trail was and outlined the process being followed as well as the work that had been completed for Council, which included Community Trails having been completed for five DEAs and Plans in place for the other two DEAs. (copy of the presentation appended to these minutes).

The Chairperson thanked Ms Ferris for her presentation and invited questions from Members.

Members asked the following questions:

- Due to time constraints on the Council's Countryside Officer and lack of resources within the legal department, would it be possible to outsource the assertion of routes throughout the District to ORNI to progress?
- How can the Community Trails be linked with tourism on a more strategic basis?
- Would Islands Park in Newcastle, being used as a pump track for Mountain Bike Trails be more beneficial than placing same in Tipperary Wood, Newcastle?

Ms Ferris and Mr Lipsett responded to the queries as follows:

- The purpose of having the SLA with ORNI was to assist with the identification of pathways throughout the District, however the Council's Countryside Officer and Legal Departments would still need to assert these routes when discovered.
- The relationship between community trails and tourism was linked however it was more important to begin with the community. Under Scottish legislation, every town, village, settlement in Scotland must have a core path around it for the local community to access a walking route from their front door. However, within the Cairngorms, these individual settlement paths were linked to others for tourism purposes.
- If Islands Park in Newcastle was being developed as a community resource then it would be more beneficial to have the pump track in the middle of the park as a space for families to access.

Mr Lipsett advised it was his intention to bring the SLA to Committee next month for approval on the basis of the presentation and if Members had any other aspects to add they should forward to him.

Agreed: Members to revert to the Director if they have any additions to

make to the SLA with ORNI.

Councillor Kimmins entered the meeting at this stage – 5.52pm

It was agreed to take item 14 at this stage.

AHC/056/2018: BALLYNAHINCH OLYMPIC, KILMORE PLAYING FIELDS

Read: Report from Mr D Morgan, Outdoor Leisure Officer, dated 22 March 2018 regarding Ballynahinch Olympic, Kilmore Playing Fields (copy circulated).

Councillor Fitzpatrick queried whether the officer's recommendations would encroach on the times allocated for other teams that used the pitch.

Mr Haughey advised currently Ballynahinch Olympic Reserves utilise the pitch on a Saturday afternoon so the club would be using the same bookings and the Youth League would still take place on a Saturday morning.

Councillor McMurray queried whether there would be any displacement of the cricket team or if they would be accommodated on the pitch also.

Councillor Walker advised the cricket season was during the summer months when there was no football so both sports could be accommodated.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Howell, to:**

- **allow officers to work with Ballynahinch Olympic to establish shared use of the pitch, with primacy, along with current users of the facility at Kilmore Playing Fields;**
- **to allow Ballynahinch Olympic to erect a temporary fence and improvements to changing rooms under Council's specification and the Club to maintain and insure.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/057/2018: ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW FOR 2017/18 – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Read: Report on Annual Business Plan Review for 2017-18 – Community Engagement (copy circulated).

Noted: **The Annual Business Plan Review for 2017-18 – Community Engagement was noted.**

AHC/058/2018: DEA FORA UPDATE REPORT

Read: Report from Mr D Brannigan, Head of Engagement, dated 22 March 2018 regarding DEA Fora Update (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews,**

seconded by Councillor Doran, to note the DEA Fora Update report and agree the following action sheet from the DEA Forum Private Meeting:

- **Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 27 February 2018**

AHC/059/2018: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 22 March 2018 regarding Financial Assistance Update (copy circulated at meeting).

Councillor Walker advised Council was a victim of their own success as so many groups were now being successful when applying for Financial Assistance, which was evidence that the capacity building workshops were working. He asked what the likelihood of finding additional revenue this year would be to fund all of the successful groups and how much additional money would be required to do so?

Mrs Hillen advised that in-year savings were unlikely due to the budget constraints and if Committee were minded to fund 50% of every successful application it would equate to an additional £48k being required. She stated that to fund all at 100% an additional £250k would be required.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Doran to:**

- **Score and rank projects with the available funding awarded in line with rank until full budget is allocated. Applicants that have received a pass score and do not receive funding, will be informed that they may be reconsidered and allocated funding should it become available at a later date;**
- **Approve to fund applications in Call 1 for the 2018-2019 periods as per the Appendices circulated;**
- **Approve Financial Assistance Call 2 (subject to the confirmation of budgets)**

AHC/060/2018: SOUTH ARMAGH/SOUTH DOWN PEACE CENTRE

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 22 March 2018 regarding South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre (copy circulated)

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Loughran to appoint consultants at an estimated cost of £10,000 to:**

- **engage with the local PUL community and to assist with the preparation of information in relation to project's sustainability and potential displacement;**
- **re-submit application for the South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre, provided that PUL participation is secured and evidenced.**

AHC/061/2018: PEACE IV LOCAL ACTION PLAN

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 22 March 2018 regarding Peace IV Local Action Plan (copy circulated).

Councillor Fitzpatrick queried whether there would be opportunities for those groups that lost out in the Financial Assistance funding to be awarded some of this funding. Mrs Hillen advised she would investigate whether this would be possible.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Harte, to accept the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as follows at a total cost of £166,750:

- Capacity Building Projects for disengaged, hard-to-reach young people – Tender programme and appoint specialist provider. Estimated cost: £30,000
- Youth Led Citizen Programme – Tender programme and appoint specialist provider. Estimated cost: £130,000
- Addressing Community Tensions – Procure and appoint required facilitators for Castlewellan Culture Programme – Play with Irish Language Awareness. Estimated cost: £6,750
- Shared History and Culture Programme – To appoint a facilitator for community engagement on the Ballykinlar Hut project. Estimated cost: £40,000

Councillor Andrews left the meeting at this stage – 6.12pm

AHC/062/2018: COMMUNITY CENTRE SCALE OF CHARGES 2018/19

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 22 March 2018 regarding Community Centre Scale of Charges 2018/19 (copy circulated).

Councillor Enright queried how far officers had progressed with identifying those villages and towns that have not yet got a community centre in place.

Mrs Hillen advised the recommendations had been approved through the Community Centre Review process and officers were currently developing a framework to define what a community centre was.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor Kimmins, to recommend the Community Centres Scale of Charges for 2018/19 financial year.

AHC/063/2018: KITTY'S ROAD BUSINESS CASE

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 22 March 2018 regarding Replacement Community Centre at Kitty's Road (copy circulated).

Councillor Doran stated this was brilliant news for the community and asked how long it would take before building would commence.

Mrs Hillen advised officers were keen to get the building work started and it would follow the natural process of procurement etc. She advised officers would keep in close contact with Councillors and the community group through all stages of the process.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Quinn, to recommend the procurement and subsequent appointment of contractors for construction of a new community centre at Kitty's Road, Kilkeel and amendment of the Capital Programme as below:

- Officer time – Community Engagement section and Estates Department;
- Funding of £350,000 for the scheme had previously been agreed as part of the Council's Capital Programme;
- Use savings in the Capital Programme to fund the additional £100,000 cost of the scheme.

The Chairperson left the meeting at this stage and the Vice-Chairperson, Councillor Taylor assumed the Chair – 6.16pm

AHC/064/2018: REQUEST TO INVITE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE CARD SHOP, MARGARET STREET, NEWRY AND LAND TO THE REAR OF BESSBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Read: Report from Ms J McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events, dated 22 March 2018 regarding request to invite expressions of interest for the Card Shop, Margaret Street, Newry and land to the rear of Bessbrook Community Centre (copy circulated).

Mrs Hillen stated she had been advised the owner of the Card Shop, Margaret Street, Newry, was interested in renewing their lease therefore officer's would follow up before expressions of interest were advertised.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Harte, to recommend approval to proceed with a public advertisement for expressions of interest for the site to the rear of Bessbrook Community Centre.

It was agreed that officers follow up with the owner of the Card Shop, Margaret Street, Newry before expression of interest was advertised.

Councillors Doran & Harte left the meeting at this stage – 6.17pm

LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/065/2018: ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW FOR 2017/18 – LEISURE

AND SPORT

Read: Report on Annual Business Plan Review for 2017-18 – Leisure and Sport (copy circulated).

Noted: **The Annual Business Plan Review for 2017-18 – Leisure and Sport was noted.**

AHC/066/2018: MAYOBRIDGE PLAY PARK

Read: Report from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, dated 22 March 2018 regarding Mayobridge Play Park (copy circulated).

Councillor Fitzpatrick paid tribute to the Director and his team stating there was huge excitement in the village at the prospect of the new play park.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Loughran to:**

- **approve the findings of the consultation process;**
- **proceed with the lease arrangements;**
- **Council to approve a new budget of £120k for this park;**
- **Council to commence work to build this new play park in Mayobridge**

AHC/067/2018: SLA BETWEEN COUNCIL AND THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION NEWRY, DOWN AND SOUTH ARMAGH (SANDSA)

Read: Report from Mr P Power, Sports Development Manager, dated 22 March 2018, regarding SLA between Council and the Sports Association Newry, Down and South Armagh (SANDSA) (copy circulated).

Councillors Fitzpatrick and Kimmins stated many local clubs were not aware of the work undertaken by SANDSA and that they should sign up to be members and asked that a brief synopsis of the organisation be drawn up and circulated to Members so that they can encourage clubs to sign up.

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick to approve the SLA between Council and SANDSA and that a synopsis of the organisation be circulated to all Members.**

AHC/068/2018: HOSPITAL ROAD CAPITAL PROJECT

Read: Report from Mr D Crilly, Outdoor Leisure Officer, dated 22 March 2018, regarding Hospital Road, Newry (copy circulated).

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Loughran, that the budget was brought forward into the 2018/19 financial year to install the following:**

- **1.8mt fence on the Hospital Road and Carnagat Gardens**

entrance to the site;

- 1.2mtr fence erected at the end of the cul-de-sac in Carnagat Gardens;
- Final part of ball-stop fencing at Parkhead Crescent.

AHC/069/2018: MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY – SPORTS HUB

Read: Report from Mr P Power, Sport Development Manager, dated 22 March 2018, regarding Multi-Sports Facility – Sports Hub (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kimmins, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick to submit expressions of interest applications for the 3 Sports Hubs (Newry Leisure Centre, St Peter's GAA, Warrenpoint and Tollymore FC, Newcastle), recommended within the study to Sport NI Multi-Sports Funding Stream.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

AHC/070/2018: ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW FOR 2017/18 – HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Read: Report on Annual Business Plan Review for 2017-18 – Health and Wellbeing (copy circulated).

Noted: The Annual Business Plan Review for 2017-18 – Health and Wellbeing was noted.

AHC/071/2018: CONSULTATION ON WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES – IMPLEMENTING GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL

Read: Report from Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing, dated 22 March 2018, regarding Consultation Working with Communities – Implementing Geological Disposal (copy circulated).

Councillor Trainor stated that Council need to put their views across strongly to any proposals for the implementation of Geological Disposal.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Enright, to return the circulated response to the consultation on Working with Communities – Implementing Geological Disposal.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

AHC/072/2018 NEW DOWN LEISURE CENTRE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Loughran, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Read: Report from Mr K Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure, dated 22 March 2018, regarding New Down Leisure Centre Staffing Requirements (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Trainor, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairperson advised that it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor Trainor, to approve:

- new staff structure for Down Leisure Centre as circulated;
- commence recruitment of additional posts;
- continue consultations with staff and trade unions over proposed changes to hours and shift patterns.

FOR NOTING – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AHC/073/2018: SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

Read: Report from Ms J McCabe, Programmes Manager, dated 22 March 2018, regarding Social Investment Fund Update. (copy circulated).

Noted: **The Social Investment Fund Update was noted.**

FOR NOTING – LEISURE AND SPORTS

AHC/074/2018: SANDSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Read: Report from Mr P Power, Sports Development Manager, dated 22 March 2018, regarding SANDSA Executive Committee Appointment. (copy circulated).

Noted: **The SANDSA Executive Committee Appointment was noted.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.29pm.

For consideration at Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be held on Monday 9 April 2017.

Signed: Councillor W Walker
Chairperson

Signed: Mr M Lipsett
Director of Active and Healthy Communities



What are Community Trails?

Formal trails that connect –

- Communities to local outdoor spaces
- Different communities together

Includes –

- Linear routes – Community Trails
- Site based trail systems – Community Trail Hubs

Community Trails link together to create –

- A Community Trail Network

What does a Community Trail look like?

Must be accessible to the public.

Community Trail Planning - 7 stage process

1. Development of Community Trail plan
2. Assessment of potential trails, with Plan - document
3. Design & consultation of access route
4. Project development - identify access funding
5. Delivery
6. Promotion
7. Ongoing management & maintenance



Work completed – Stage 1

Community Trail Plans complete for 5 DEAs –

- Downpatrick
- Donaghadee
- Croisneave
- Mourne
- Slieve Croob

Community Trail Plan currently being developed for remaining DEAs –

- Newry
- Slieve Gullion

Stage 2 - Assessment of potential Community Trails

Key criteria –

- Is there a local demand?
- Is landowner permission in place or likely in short term?

Produced –

- Summary document
- Map for each settlement

Slieve Croob DEA - proposed linear Community Trails

Route	Access Route	Category/Type	Cost Community Trail	Total
Longh (Ahracree)	25	25	15	55

Sieve Croob DEA - proposed Community Trail Hubs

Hub name	Hub size	Location	Hub type	Hub status
1. Rosneath Hill	1	Walking	Linear	Yes
2. Ballinacorney	2	Walking	Linear	No
3. Galloway Hill	3	Walking	Linear	Yes
4. Carr Hill	4	Walking	Linear	No
5. Duffry Hill	5	Walking	Linear	Yes
6. Mullacorney Hill	6	Walking	Linear	No
7. Mullacorney Hill	7	Walking	Linear	Yes

Mourmes DEA - potential Community Trails

- Linear Community Trails
- Downpatrick Road to South
- Downpatrick Road to North
- Downpatrick Road to East
- Downpatrick Road to West
- Downpatrick Road to South-East
- Downpatrick Road to South-West
- Downpatrick Road to North-East
- Downpatrick Road to North-West
- Downpatrick Road to East-West
- Downpatrick Road to South-North
- Downpatrick Road to East-South
- Downpatrick Road to West-North
- Downpatrick Road to East-West
- Downpatrick Road to South-North
- Downpatrick Road to East-South
- Downpatrick Road to West-North

Work to be completed 2018 - 2019

Management Plan

Develop a trail management model, agree with Council to include -

- Management requirements e.g. inspections
- Management requirements
- Insurance
- Resources required to implement - staff, volunteers, revenue budget

Stage 2 - Assessment of potential Community Trails

Downpatrick, Rowallane, Crotlieve, Newry & Sieve Gullion

Key criteria -

- Is there a local demand?
- Is landowner permission in place or likely in short term?

Produce -

- Summary documents
- Map for each settlement

Round 2 consultation

For each settlement -

- Consultation with key community representatives
- Site visit
- Attend DEA Town meetings

Apply community led approach to -

- Identify local demand - promote trails & hubs with local community
- Identify issues
- Identify landowners

Community Trails - linear and hubs

- Develop access agreements
- Permissive Path Agreements
- Public Right of Way
- Complete trail design with full costs
- shovel ready projects

Community Trails - linear and hubs

- Secure project funding
- Project delivery
- Promotion - walkers.com, outsource.com
- Community trail maps
- Signage on ground

Outputs 2018-2019

2 community trails or hubs shovel ready (see DEA) with full design and costs identified

Funding secured for 5 hubs (Sieve Croob)

Work towards delivery of trails and hubs

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

RTS/M

Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 6.00 pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**Chairperson:** Councillor J Trainor

Members:

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor D Curran
Councillor G Fitzpatrick	Councillor V Harte
Councillor L Kimmins	Councillor J Macauley
Councillor J Rice	Councillor M Ruane
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor
Councillor J Tinnelly	

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr R Moore, Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services
 Ms M Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Mr L Dinsmore, Assistant Director (Acting) Neighbourhood Services (Waste)
 Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations
 Mr A McKay, Chief Planning Officer
 Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance
 Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

RTS/027/2018: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

An apology was received from Councillor Craig.

RTS/028/2018: DECLARATIONS OF "CONFLICTS OF INTEREST"

There were no declarations of "Conflicts of Interest".

RTS/029/2018: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21 February 2018. *(Circulated)*.

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the Action Sheet.**

A number of Members expressed concerns regarding the negative scrutiny that the R&TS Committee had been coming under in recent weeks, as a result of their decision following the review of the co-mingled MDR collection service across the District and asked what action the Chairperson of Committee or Management would be taking to address this.

In response Mr Hannaway and Mr Moore confirmed that an Internal Review was being prepared following the request at the Council Meeting of March 2018 and when completed it would be circulated to all Councillors. They could not give a definitive timeline on when the report would be ready but hopefully it would be within a couple of weeks.

Mr Hannaway advised that the Committee's role was to agree decisions but if Members felt there were any issues of concern in terms of governance, or the procedures followed, once the Review Report was presented, they could then refer the matter to the Audit Committee for investigation.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked that the report address the issue that the cheaper option of including glass in blue bins had not been shown to Members.

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION – BUILDING CONTROL AND LICENSING

RTS/030/2018: STREET TRADING DESIGNATION AT MARY STREET/THE SQUARE, ROSTREVOR

Read: Report dated 21 March 2018 from Mr Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Department regarding street trading designation at Mary Street/The Square, Rostrevor. The report recommended the designation of one site at Mary Street/The Square, Rostrevor for street trading with the next step being to advertise for potential traders and physically mark out the trading bay. *(Circulated)*.

Councillor Tinnelly proposed not to accept the above recommendation on the basis that he did not see the need for a second pitch as there was already a designated street trading pitch in the Square which was only utilised part of one day each week; a second proposed space would take up 1 or 2 much needed parking spaces in Rostrevor and whilst the proposal was advertised existing traders who pay high rent/rates may not have seen it.

In response to a query from Councillor Ruane, Mr Jackson said in the legacy Council arrangements had been in place whereby if a trader only used their pitch on certain days, they could, with agreement, share the trading pitch with another trader. He said he could see no reason why such an arrangement could not be put in place with the existing trading pitch in Rostrevor, providing all parties were in agreement.

Councillor Tinnelly indicated he would withdraw his proposal.

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Tinnelly, it was agreed to recommend that a resolution designating Mary Street/The Square, Rostrevor, for street trading be deferred to allow Officers to engage with the owner of the present pitch and the applicant for the proposed new pitch, to see if sharing arrangements could be agreed. If no agreement could be reached the issue be brought back to Committee.**

RTS/031/2018: ROAD CLOSURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Read: Report dated 21 March 2018 from Mr Colum Jackson, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Department regarding road closures for special events. (*Circulated*). The report recommended:-

- To note the contents of this Report and approve a decision to offer a 50% concession on the administration costs to all voluntary organisations. This is in addition to the previous decision to waive the fees for all Council Community Associations and Registered Charities.
- Agreed to approve a second recommendation to share the advertising cost between a number of organisations if Officers were in a position to do so.
- Issue a refund to those voluntary organisations that have already submitted an application to date.
- The original fees were set at £600 for a large event and £400 for a small event, these costs include an administration fee and £200 advertising costs.
- A further review of fees will be carried out after a further 6 months to determine if fees were appropriate.

Councillor Andrews proposed and Councillor Clarke seconded that the first part of the recommendation should not be approved but instead that it be agreed to recommend the Council offer a 100% concession on the administration costs to all voluntary organisations. This is in addition to the previous decision to waive the fees for all Council Community Associations and Registered Charities. All other recommendations to remain the same as listed in the report.

In response to a query Ms Ward advised there would be resource implications as a 50% subsidy meant a £15k budget deficit and a 100% subsidy would therefore equate to a £30k cost to the Council.

Councillor Tinnelly proposed an amendment that the Officer's recommendations in the report be accepted but there was no seconder for this proposal.

The proposal from Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke, was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:-

FOR:	13
AGAINST:	NIL
ABSTENTIONS:	1

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to recommend: -**

- **To note the contents of this Report and approve a decision to offer a 100% concession on the administration costs to all voluntary organisations. This is in addition to the previous decision to waive the fees for all Council Community Associations and Registered Charities.**

- **Agreed to approve a second recommendation to share the advertising cost between a number of organisations if Officers were in a position to do so.**
- **Issue a refund to those voluntary organisations that have already submitted an application to date.**
- **The original fees were set at £600 for a large event and £400 for a small event, these costs include an administration fee and £200 advertising costs.**
- **A further review of fees will be carried out after a further 6 months to determine if fees were appropriate.**
- **Relevant officers, including the DEA Co-Ordinators work with the Council's events team to prepare a draft template which organisations could use for their Traffic Management Plan.**
- **Officers to prepare a report detailing the economic benefits to the District in terms of spend as a result of these events being held.**

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION – PLANNING

RTS/032/2018: FEBRUARY 2018 – PLANNING COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT

Read: Report on Planning Committee Performance for February 2018.
(Circulated)

Mr McKay said there had been a slight blip in performance over December/January which was due largely to staff absences. However two new temporary staff had now joined the team and a third would be starting next week and he said this would help to reduce any backlog and processing times.

In response to a query from Councillor Andrews, Mr McKay said there were now only 67 applications in the system which pre-dated the Council coming into existence, with one application dating back to 2001, but he was confident these would exit the system very shortly.

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.**

Agreed: **It was also unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Casey, that the Director and Chief Planning Officer undertake a review of the back log of applications and how applications were prioritised, particularly those that bring economic benefits and business growth to the area. A report on the outcome of this review and proposals to move forward to be tabled at the May Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting.**

RTS/033/2018: RECORD OF MEETINGS BETWEEN PLANNING OFFICERS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES 2017-2018

Read: Report of Meetings between Planning Officers and Public Representatives.
(Circulated)

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

RTS/034/2018: CURRENT APPEALS – FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Report of current appeals in February 2018. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: It was unanimously agreed to note the above Report.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION
– FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE**

RTS/035/2018: BUS SHELTERS

Read: Report dated 21 March 2018 from Kevin Scullion, Assistant Director Facilities Management and Maintenance, regarding bus shelter requests.
(Circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Tinnelly, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed to recommend approval of the following:-

- Bus shelter at Belfast Road, Newry (Belfast Bound) - **a cantilever type bus shelter (no side panels, unless agreed otherwise with TNI) to be erected subject to Mr Scullion liaising with Translink NI regarding any impact on this bus shelter in terms of the recent planning approval obtained for a Park and Ride facility at Sheepbridge.**
- New bus shelter at Newry Road, Forkhill - **A bus shelter should not be erected at this location as it does not fulfil all the criteria as per Council policy. Usage numbers in a rural location must be a minimum of 10 during the course of a day which is not at this location and at least one third or more of home owners in the vicinity objected to the proposed bus shelter**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Curran to recommend approval to replace the existing bus shelter on Downpatrick Road, Killyleagh.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Casey, to recommend approval to replace the existing bus shelter on Old Warrenpoint Road, Newry.

Agreed: It was also agreed to note Table 3 which listed bus shelter requests under consideration with comments on progress to date. Mr Scullion advised he would bring a further report to a future Committee Meeting giving an update on progress by Translink on bus shelter requests being considered by them previously reported as progressing to stage 2 assessment.

Agreed: At the request of Councillor Kimmins that Mr Scullion investigate a request for a bus shelter at Fathom Crossroads in Killeen (route used by the 43b bus).

Noted: Councillor Taylor referred to the planning approval granted for a new park and ride facility at Sheepbridge and said one of the stipulations agreed by the Planning Committee was that a representative from Translink would meet with objectors and himself prior to work starting on the scheme. However work had started and no meeting had been held and Councillor Taylor advised he would be raising this with the Chief Planning Officer.

(Councillors Casey, Kimmins and Harte left the meeting – 7.00 pm).

FOR CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION – WASTE MANAGEMENT

RTS/036/2018: IMPLEMENTATION OF A CO-MINGLED COLLECTION SERVICE ACROSS THE COUNCIL DISTRICT

Read: Report dated 21 March 2018 from Liam Dinsmore, Assistant Director (Acting) Neighbourhood Services (Waste) regarding the implementation of a co-mingled collection service across the Council District. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Project Plan for the completion of the standard system of a co-mingled collection service across the District to be implemented by 1 April 2019, at the latest.**

RTS/037/2018: REPORT RE: WASTE MANAGEMENT SCALE OF CHARGES 2018-19

Read: Report dated 21 March 2018 from Liam Dinsmore, Assistant Director (Acting) Neighbourhood Services regarding waste management scale of charges 2018-19. *(Circulated)*. The report recommended agreement to:-

- Scale of Charges for Purchase of Wheeled Bins
- Scale of Charges for Waste Collection Services; Trade Waste 2018/19
- Scale of Charges for wastes received at Civic Amenity Sites

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Andrews, it was agreed to recommend approval of the Proposed Waste Service Scale of Charges 2018/2019 as set out in section 2.1. of the report circulated.**

Agreed: **It was unanimously agreed that the date for the free issue of brown bins be extended for a further 3 months to the end of June 2018.**

Agreed: **At the request of Councillor Ruane it was also unanimously agreed that the list of locations from which Food Waste bags could be collected by the public be circulated to all Councillors for their information (Warrenpoint Town Hall was raised specifically).**

FOR NOTING

RTS/038/2018: 6 MONTHLY REPORT FROM BUILDING CONTROL

Read: 6 Monthly Report from Building Control. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: It was agreed to note the 6 monthly Report from Building Control.

RTS/039/2018: LICENSING REPORT

Read: Licensing Report. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Licensing Report.

RTS/040/2018: HISTORIC ACTION SHEET

Read: Historic Action Sheet. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: It was agreed to note the historic action sheet.

RTS/041/2018: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes dated Friday 23 February 2017. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting Minutes held on Friday 23 February 2018.

RTS/042/2018: ARC 21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MONTHLY BULLETIN 23 FEBRUARY 2018

Read: Arc 21 Joint Committee Members Monthly Bulletin 23 February 2018. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: It was agreed to note the Arc 21 Joint Committee Members Bulletin dated 23 February 2018.

ITEM TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

RTS/043/2018: SCALE OF CHARGES APPLICABLE TO arc21 CONTRACTS

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Stokes, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014.

Read: Paper detailing the scale of charges applicable to arc21 Contracts. *(Circulated)*

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Clarke, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

Agreed: **When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported it had been agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran seconded by Councillor Stokes to note the Scale of Charges applicable to arc21 Contracts.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.10 pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 9 April 2018.

Signed: **Councillor John Trainor**
Chairperson of Regulatory & Technical Services Committee

Signed: **Mr R Moore**
Acting Director of Neighbourhood Services



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Dear Sir/Madame,

U6001 Stream Street, Downpatrick – Proposed one way traffic order from the junction of St Patrick’s Avenue to the junction with Vianstown Road and Racecourse Hill.

In the interest of traffic progression and road safety the Department purposes to make Stream Street, Downpatrick a one way street in a Southerly direction, in conjunction with the upgrading of the existing traffic signals at the junction known as Collins Corner.

Install On Street Waiting Restriction

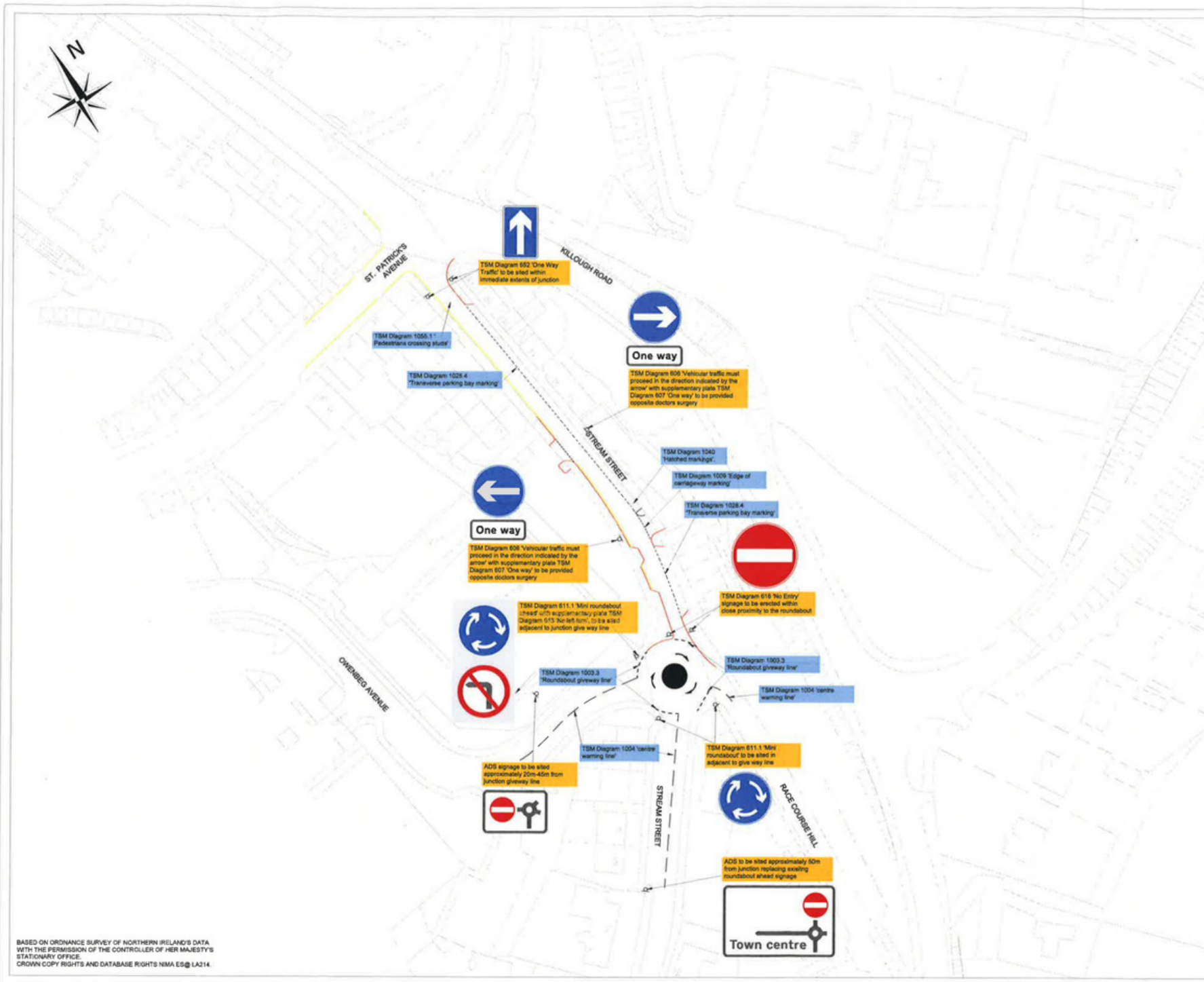
<p>U6001 Stream Street, Downpatrick</p>	<p>Install a permanent one way order to run for 135m in Southerly direction from the junction of the B1 St Patrick’s Avenue to its junction with U0318 Vianstown Road and U6001 Racecourse Hill.</p>	<p>From a point at the junction of the B1 St Patrick’s Avenue for a distance of 135m in a Southerly direction.</p>
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I enclose a plan of the above proposals for your information and should clarification be required on any specific points, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number.

Yours Faithfully,

Mark Stephenson
 Network Development Section





- NOTES
1. Drawing is for information purposes only. No attempt should be made to scale of this drawing.
 2. All road signage are in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) Chapter 3 & Chapter 4 and the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997.

NO.	REVISION	DATE
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Project: **STREAM STREET, DOWNPATRICK**

Title: **OPTION 2 ONE WAY STREET BETWEEN ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE & LINK ROAD**

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Dear Mr Hannaway

Re: Closure of Ulster Bank branch in Killyleagh

Thank you for your letter regarding our decision to close our Ulster Bank Killyleagh branch which we received on 18 December 2017.

We have identified that we did not respond to your letter at the time and I apologise sincerely for our oversight.

I was sorry to learn of your concern at our decision to close our Killyleagh branch. I note that a meeting with Newry, Mourne and Down councillors from the Rowallane DEA took place on 21 February 2018 in Downpatrick. I trust that the councillors found this to be beneficial.

Your Local CEO, Terry Robb and his team are here to support our customers. Terry can be contacted on 07766 071 082 or at terry.robb@ulsterbank.com. Terry will be able to give further details on the support he and his team can offer our customers prior to the Killyleagh branch closing.

I do appreciate that some of our customers will be disappointed by our decision. However, we are committed to supporting our customers through this difficult time. We will do everything we can to ensure they continue to be able to access quality local and face-to-face banking options.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Mike Purves
 Chief Executive Office



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Rural Society in Transition: Planning for 21st Century Rural Potentials and Challenges

Thursday 26th April 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dundalk

PROGRAMME

09.00-10.00	Registration & Refreshments
Session 1: Rural Society in Transition	
10.00 – 10.20	<p>Welcome & Opening Remarks Chair: Ms. Kate Clifford, Director, Rural Community Network</p> <p>Mr. Peter Sheridan, Chief Executive, Co-operation Ireland Ms. Caroline Creamer, Director, ICLRDR</p>
10.20 – 10.50	<p>Keynote Address: Rural Potential and Challenges in the 21st Century: An Island of Ireland Perspective Dr. Ruth McAreavey, Senior Lecturer, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University</p>
10.50 – 11.10	<p>Rural Society in Transition: A Practitioner's Perspective Mr. John Higgins, JH Public Affairs Ltd.</p>
11.10 – 11.30	<p>Rural Policy: A Coherent Approach or Mis-mash? Mr. Eugene Cummins, Chief Executive, Roscommon County Council</p>
11.30 – 11.45	Q&A
11.45 – 12.15	Refreshments
12.15 – 12.35	<p>Through a Rural Lens: Programmes, Policy & Practice - Developing or Supporting the Rural? Dr. Karen Keaveney, Assistant Professor of Rural Development, School of Agriculture and Food Science, University College Dublin & Research Associate, ICLRDR</p>
12.35 – 12.55	<p>Brexit and the Rural Economy: Challenge or Opportunity for Rural Society? Speaker TBC</p>



12.55 – 13.15	Q&A
13.15 – 14.15	Lunch
Session 2: Reimagining Rural Society - We all have a Role!	
14.15 - 14.25	Welcome from the Chair Chair: Dr. Patricia O'Hara, Adjunct Professor, Maynooth University & Chair, National Statistics Board
14.25 – 14.45	The Rural Town: Where the Solution Lies? Mr. Leonard Cleary, Director of Rural Development, Clare County Council
14.45 – 15.05	Finding a Place for Community Planning in Ireland Prof. Deborah Peel, Professor Emeritas, University of Dundee
15.05 – 15.20	Q&A
Session 3: Building Vibrant Rural Communities – Tools to Inform	
15.20 - 15.25	Introduction by Chair: Dr. Patricia O'Hara
15.25 – 15.45	Rural Vibrancy Tool: Enabling Rural Society to Best Meet its Potential Dr. Brendan O'Keeffe, Director, Institute for Action Research & Research Associate, ICLRDR
15.45 – 16.05	The Role of Digital Technologies in Sustaining Rural Society: Making the Rural Click Speaker TBC
16.05 – 16.30	A Standard for 'The Place' Mr. Diarmaid Lawlor, Director of Place, Architecture and Design Scotland
16.30 - 16.45	Q&A
Plenary Session & Close	
16.45 – 17.00	Closing Remarks Mr. Anthony Tohill, Chief Executive, Mid-Ulster District Council
17.00	End Conference

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

File Note: Meeting with Peter May, Permanent Secretary DFI; and Simon Richardson, Heather Bradley and Liam McEvoy from Dfi Roads held on Friday 9 March 2018 at 2.00 pm in the Commedagh Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick.

Chair: Councillor W Clarke

In Attendance:

Councillor S Doran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor J Macauley	Councillor B Quinn
Councillor H Reilly	Councillor G Sharvin

Officials in Attendance: Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
Ms C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

Also in Attendance: Mr Peter May, Permanent Secretary
Mr Simon Richardson, Divisional Roads Manager
Ms Heather Bradley, Dfi
Mr Liam McEvoy, Dfi

PRESENTATION – DOWNPATRICK EASTERN DISTRIBUTOR ROAD FEASIBILITY STUDY

Councillor Clarke welcomed Mr Peter May and the representatives from Dfi to the Meeting. Mr McEvoy then gave a presentation on the outcome of the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road Feasibility Study. **(Presentation attached together with Executive Summary).**

At the conclusion of the presentation it was noted that the Feasibility Study confirmed that:-

- The Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road was predicted to have limited impact in addressing traffic issues within Downpatrick town centre.
- Accordingly, from a Dfi perspective, there was no economic justification for the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road,
- However the economic justification for Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road increased significantly when traffic from the Area Plan Zoned Development was taken into account. This suggested that the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road was more appropriately considered a developer-led scheme.

A question and answer session followed during which Members raised a number of issues including exploring the possibility that the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road would be a developer led built road; the role of the Council in bringing together interested parties and their role as the authority for the Planning system; what does the Department intend to do to address congestion in Downpatrick.

At the conclusion it was agreed that further discussions had to take place on how the road was going to be built and that it would be a developer led built road.

ACTION

1. Dfi issue the findings of the feasibility study to the Council; MP and MLAs for the area.
2. Councillors and relevant officials review the findings of the feasibility study.
3. Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive, prepare a report for consideration by the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee setting out options on the way forward in relation to the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road, to include proposals to meet with Developers/Landowners etc. and what mechanism could be used to access revenue from developer contributions to ensure the road was built.

OTHER KEY TRANSPORT PROJECTS, INCLUDING BALLYNAHINCH BY-PASS

Mr May the Department's overall budget for 2018/2019 had just been announced and it was reasonably healthy in the region of £500m. He said a lot of money would be going towards Executive projects – the A5 and A6 and the Belfast Rapid Transport Plan.

Mr May acknowledged that there had been a lot of deterioration in the condition of roads this winter. He confirmed officials had not yet finalised their capital funding projects but it was hoped to put some additional funding into roads that were in a bad state.

Southern Relief Road

Mr Richardson said an options paper had been presented to the Council and a lot of work had been done in terms of engaging with the community in the area. He said the proposed line of the Southern Relief Road was quite challenging from an engineering point of view but he was confident that the project was moving forward on both sides. There were a number of options on the table and all would have to be considered.

Mr Hannaway said the Council were very keen to support the delivery of the Southern Relief Road which made sense in terms of the City Deal Proposals. He said with the onset of Brexit it was critically important to mitigate against potential negatives and maintain existing cross border economic links.

A1 Belfast to Dublin Road

Mr Richardson outlined the proposal to do 4 fly over type junctions on the A1 Belfast-Dublin dual carriageway which would mean that motorists could not cross the carriageway to turn right. He also said that a crash barrier would be installed.

Ballynahinch By Pass

Mr Richardson advised the Ballynahinch By Pass project had been progressed to the stage where it could go no further until funding was secured. He said a Public Enquiry had been held giving notice of intention to proceed and ground conditions surveys and procurement work had been carried out. The next stage was to identify construction money and move forward but there was significant wide range of cost estimate between £70m-£130m.

BUDGETARY PRESSURES ON Dfi AFFECTING POTHoles, STREET LIGHTING ETC.

Mr May said the Department had not been given enough funding to deliver services, particularly in terms of roads maintenance and there continued to be significant issues in

2018/2019. He could not yet give precise details of what funding would be available in 2018/2019 but confirmed that it was likely there would be sufficient funding to maintain all street lights and none would have to be switched off.

Mr May said the Department would still be operating a restricted roads maintenance service but the Department would continually look to see if they could get additional funding from Government.

Mr Richardson said he had previously met with Councillors to discuss the issue of the deterioration of rural roads. He confirmed the current position was that a defect had to be 4" deep before it was fixed but added that there was additional funding in the capital programme for the incoming year which would mean the Department could fix larger sections of badly affected roads.

Mr Richardson said this was not where the Department wanted to be but they did not have sufficient revenue money and therefore could not carry out all the repairs that were needed.

Members present then raised a number of issues with Dfi representatives:-

- The deteriorating condition of the roads in the Mourne area which have suffered from neglect over many years, particularly the main Newcastle to Rostrevor Road. Concern expressed regarding potholes and lack of cutting back of overgrown bushes and hedgerows which have led to "pinch points" along the route. This is particularly damaging to the tourism industry in the Mourne area with campers and caravans affected; cyclists and other outdoor pursuits. The road is particularly narrow at Killowen where it is almost impossible for two large vehicles to meet. There were also issues with overhanging vegetation/grass verges close to the Bloody Bridge, Newcastle.
- Deteriorating condition of the Rooney Road, Kilkeel which is the main road into Kilkeel Harbour.
- Cranfield Road at Dunavil – contractor did work on the road and the road has now sunk – Officials to investigate this.
- Important to ensure that all agencies who dig up the road network to provide utilities etc. liaise with Roads Service to ensure roads are not being dug up, resurfaced and then dug up again.
- Roads Service to look at the way verges were cut – certain areas need cut more than others and certain areas could be left for bio diversity at particular times of the year.
- The need for traffic management arrangements in Newcastle, particularly during the summer months. Main issues were the roundabout at the Dundrum/Newcastle entrance and the location of pedestrianized crossings.

Mr Richardson responded to the issues raised by Members and said he was particularly aware of the issues relating to the A2 Rostrevor to Newcastle route which had been raised by Members before. He advised that each Division get their portion of funding based on an equation and the allocation of funding was fairly based.

Mr Richardson also said that all statutory agencies had an undertaking to co-ordinate activities which involved digging up roads but a lot of money came into the Department at the end of the financial year and it was difficult to co-ordinate schemes with utilities.

ACTION

1. Mr Richardson investigate the issues raised by Members as listed above.
2. Mr Richardson follow up on the pilot project carried out in the North Down area in relation to verge cutting and report back to Council.
3. A meeting be arranged with representatives of Transport NI and Mourne Councillors to discuss traffic management issues in Newcastle.

Councillor Clarke thanked Mr Peter May and the representatives from Dfi for attending the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.40 pm.

Signed: Liam Hannaway
 Chief Executive

Project Name Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Amey was commissioned by TransportNI (now Department for Infrastructure – Roads) to undertake a feasibility study of a proposed Eastern Distributor Road in Downpatrick. The aim of this study was to gather existing traffic conditions, establish the potential traffic usage of the proposed distributor road if constructed, and determine what relief it would provide to Downpatrick Town Centre. This information has all been presented in this report. In addition, this feasibility report provides an engineering constraints review of a preliminary route in order to provide a cost estimate that would assist DfI-Roads in future discussions with key stakeholders.

In the Ards and Down Area Plan 2015 the proposed alignment of the Eastern Distributor Road is only indicative, due to land zonings and further land investigations being required. For this study, a preliminary Eastern Distributor Road route has been developed by using the descriptions provided in the Area Plan. The route has been designed off-line in an eastern direction from the Strangford Road towards the Saul Road and then south towards the upgraded Struell Wells section of road towards the Ardglass Road.

The proposed route is approximately 2.9km in length with the carriageway cross-section accommodating a 7.3m single carriageway route with 2 metre footways and verges provided along either side of the route. The single carriageway route has been designed to a DMRB 70kph design speed. Three new roundabout junctions, a priority junction and a staggered cross-road junction have been proposed at the new route intersections. The estimated project cost (at 2017 prices) for this preliminary design and alignment is £18.3M. This estimate includes £4.25M of optimism bias (approximately 44% for works and 10% for land costs). To assist with the cost estimate exercise for the scheme, engineering analysis and a desk based geotechnical and environmental constraints assessment have been undertaken.

To help determine the potential traffic usage of the proposed Eastern Distributor Road if constructed, and what relief it would provide to the town centre, a be-spoke SATURN transport highway model was constructed for the Downpatrick study area. The AM and PM network peaks modelled in the study were 08:15-09:15 and 17:00-18:00, these network peaks were identified from the traffic surveys undertaken in Downpatrick. A validated base 2017 model was constructed and a 2030 forecast year and a forecast '2030 + development', was modelled.

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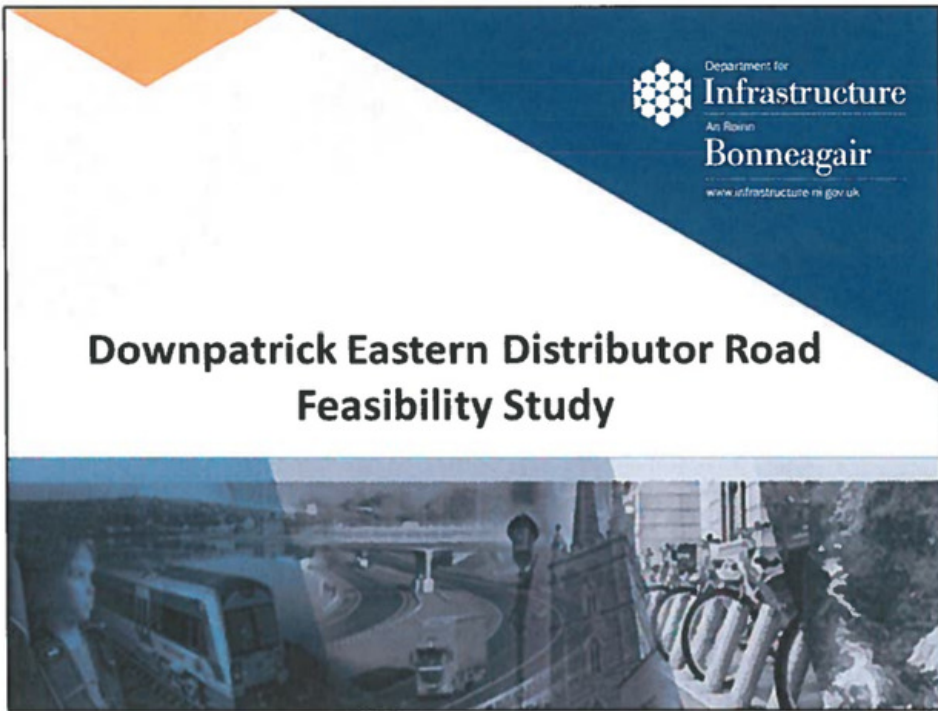
A net difference comparison has been undertaken comparing the 'Do Minimum' and 'Do Something' network models for each of the 2017 base and forecasted traffic scenarios. This net comparison of vehicles has been displayed, highlighting the resultant re-assignment of traffic in Downpatrick following the full construction of the Eastern Distributor Road from the Strangford Road to the Saul Road and to the Ardglass Road.

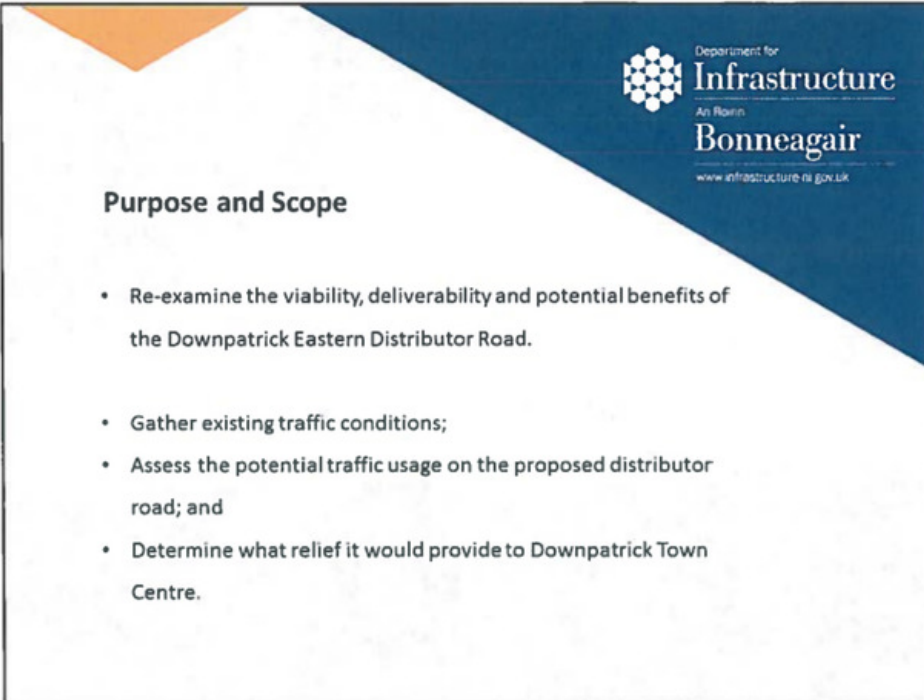
Using the latest version of TUBA software (Version 1.9.9) an economic assessment for the proposed full construction of the Eastern Distributor Road has been undertaken as part of this study for the 2030 forecast scenario and '2030 + development' traffic scenarios. The results of the economic analysis indicate that the scheme is predicted to provide poor value for money, with predicted benefits lower than overall scheme costs.

Table 1-1 summarises the economics summary for each of the forecast scenarios. The study's economic results indicate that the Eastern Distributor Road construction will generate more user benefits for new development users from land zonings DK-07, DK-08, DK-12 and DK-13 compared to strategic Downpatrick background traffic.

Table 1-1: Economic Summary

Value (£000s)	2030 Forecast Scenario No Development	2030 Forecast Scenario + development (1630 dwellings)
Net Present Value (PVB-PVC)	-10,838	-1,347
Benefit/Cost (PVB/PVC) Ratio	0.300	0.913





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Purpose and Scope

- Re-examine the viability, deliverability and potential benefits of the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road.
- Gather existing traffic conditions;
- Assess the potential traffic usage on the proposed distributor road; and
- Determine what relief it would provide to Downpatrick Town Centre.

The overall purpose of the feasibility study was:

- to re-examine the viability and deliverability of the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road;
- and to explore the potential benefits that it could bring to Downpatrick traffic.

The scope of the study was:

- to establish an understanding of the existing traffic patterns and travel behaviours within the study area;
- to assess the potential traffic usage on the proposed distributor road; and
- to determine what relief the proposed road could provide to traffic conditions within Downpatrick Town Centre.

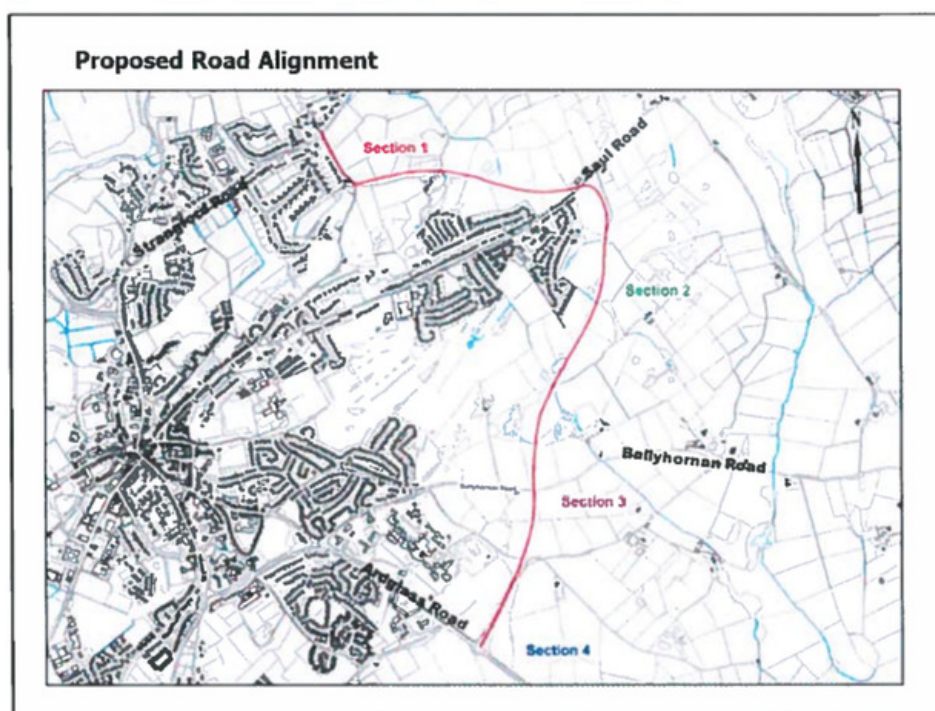


This feasibility study explored the engineering, environmental and traffic issues associated with the construction of a proposed Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road.

The study included:

- A Preliminary analysis of Engineering issues;
- Collection and Analysis of Traffic patterns within Downpatrick;
- And the Development of Present Year and Forecast Traffic Models to test the potential impacts of the new road.

I will give a brief overview of each of these key stages.



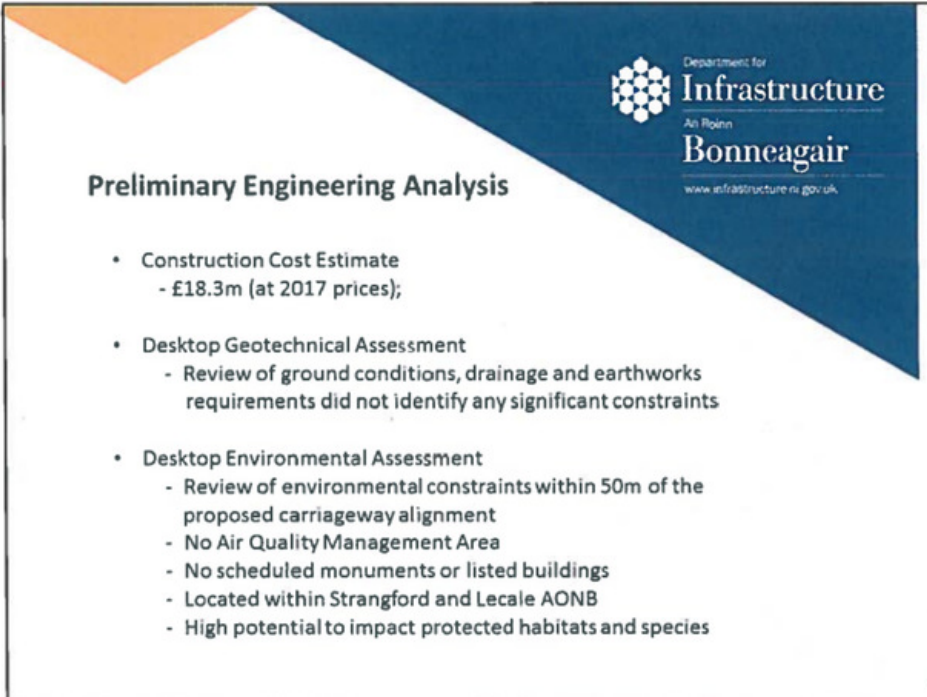
As part of this feasibility study, we have developed the Area Plan line into a preliminary design.

The preliminary design for the new road is:

- a 7.3m wide single carriageway;
- with a design speed of 70kph;
- and 2m footways and verges provided along either side.

It is approximately 2.9km long;

- Beginning at a new 3-arm roundabout at Strangford Road;
- then heading south along an upgraded stretch of the Rathkeltair Road.
- From a new 3-arm roundabout on Rathkeltair Road;
- the design heads east on a newly constructed road towards Saul Road.
- The new road design connects with the western section of Saul Road at a new 3-arm priority junction;
- And with the eastern section of Saul Road at a new 3-arm roundabout.
- The Eastern Distributor Road then heads south connecting with Ballyhornan Road at a new 4-arm roundabout;
- Crossing Struell Wells Road at a staggered cross-road junction.
- And finishing at the existing roundabout on the Ardglass Road.



Preliminary Engineering Analysis

- Construction Cost Estimate
 - £18.3m (at 2017 prices);
- Desktop Geotechnical Assessment
 - Review of ground conditions, drainage and earthworks requirements did not identify any significant constraints
- Desktop Environmental Assessment
 - Review of environmental constraints within 50m of the proposed carriageway alignment
 - No Air Quality Management Area
 - No scheduled monuments or listed buildings
 - Located within Strangford and Lecale AONB
 - High potential to impact protected habitats and species

Based on this preliminary design, we have worked up a scheme cost estimate of £18.3M.

This estimate includes construction costs, land costs and optimism bias.

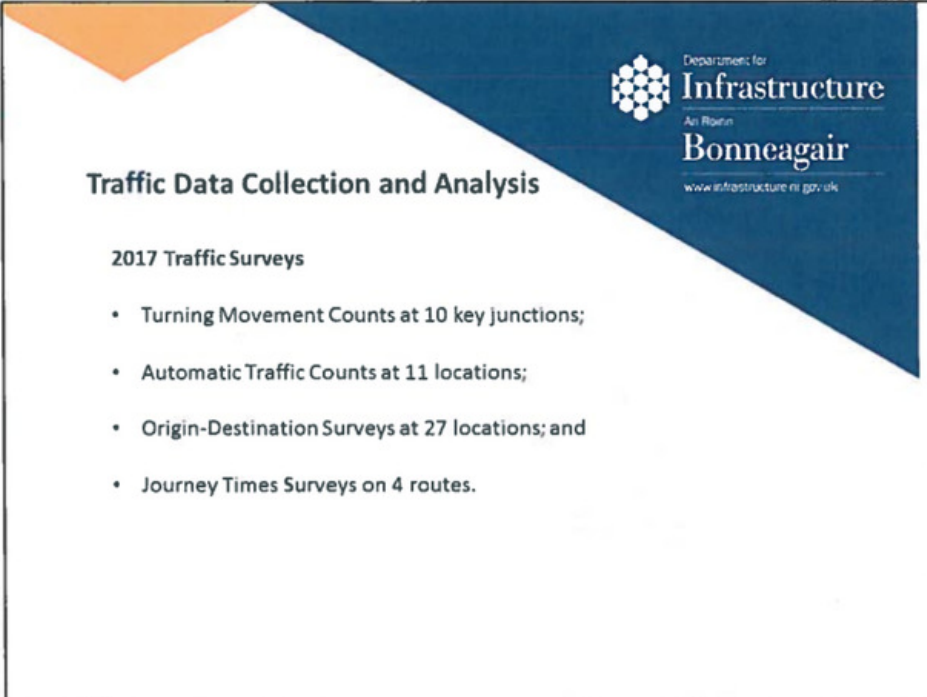
A desk based geotechnical assessment has been undertaken to identify any ground engineering constraints relating to the proposed road.

- An examination of ground conditions,
- and an assessment of drainage and earthworks requirements has not identified any significant constraints.

A desk based environmental assessment has also been carried out to identify any environmental constraints within 50m of the proposed road alignment.

The main points highlighted within the environmental assessment include:

- The scheme does not lie within or close to an Air Quality Management Area.
- There are no scheduled monuments or listed buildings located within 50m of the proposed alignment.
- The scheme is located within Strangford and Lecale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- And there is a high potential for the scheme to impact protected habitats and species, due to the rural location of the proposed scheme.



Traffic Data Collection and Analysis

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2017 Traffic Surveys

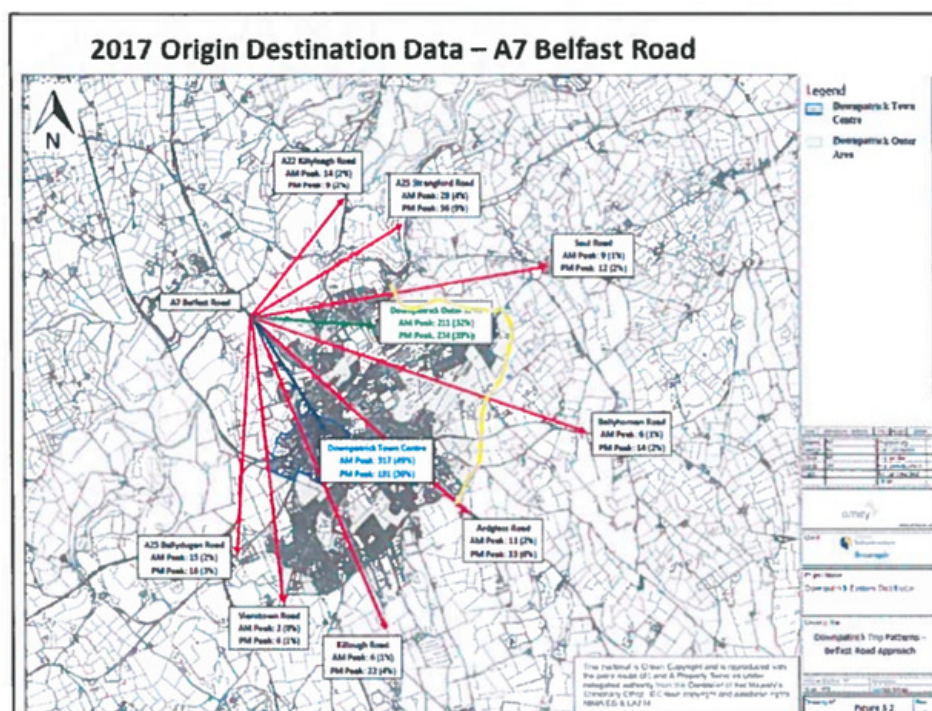
- Turning Movement Counts at 10 key junctions;
- Automatic Traffic Counts at 11 locations;
- Origin-Destination Surveys at 27 locations; and
- Journey Times Surveys on 4 routes.

The Traffic Data Collection and Analysis undertaken for this feasibility study has taken account of the traffic data gathered for previous Downpatrick Transport Studies.

The existing traffic data has been supplemented by a further comprehensive set of new 2017 traffic surveys which included:

- Turning Movement Counts at 10 key junctions;
- Automatic Traffic Counts at 11 locations;
- Journey Times Surveys on 4 routes through the town; and
- Origin-Destination Surveys using Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras at 27 locations on approach roads to Downpatrick.

Surveys were all undertaken on Wednesday 8th March 2017.



The origin destination surveys provide a very insightful understanding of traffic patterns within the Downpatrick.

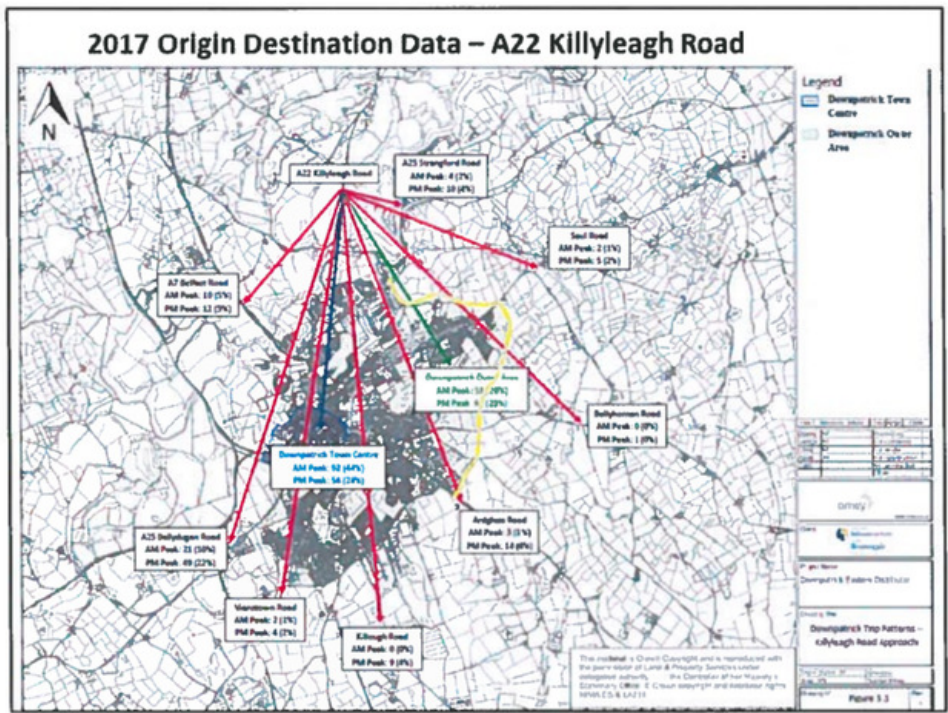
Automatic Number Plate Recognition allows us to collect accurate traffic data from various locations throughout the road network.

This data allows us to track traffic within the study area noting the entry point, the route through the network, and either the destination zone within the study area or exit point from the network

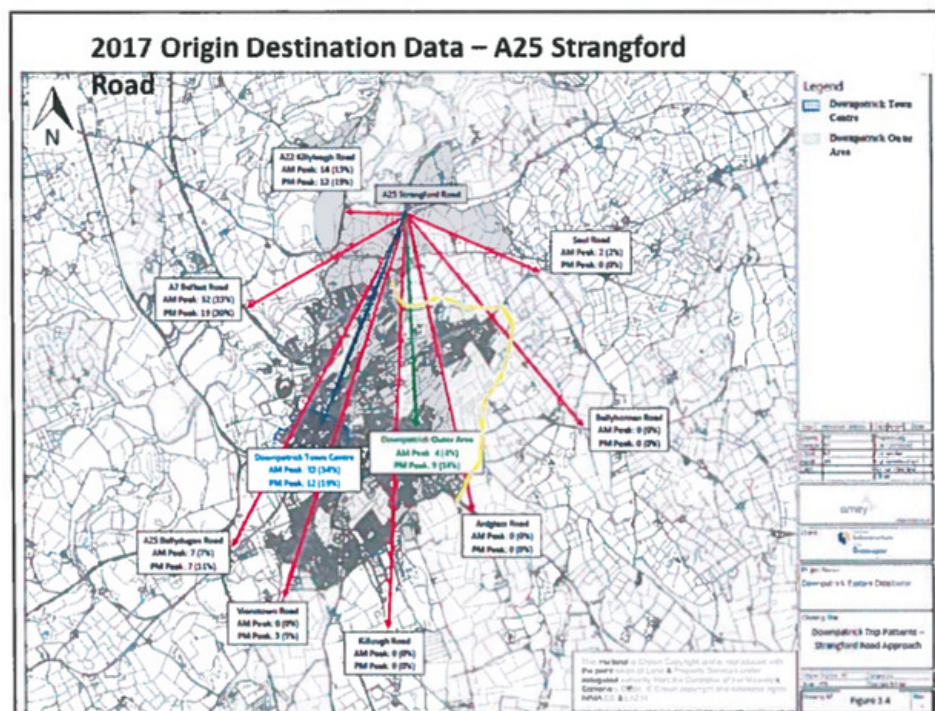
These next few slides show the desire lines (where traffic wishes to travel from and to) on each of the main radial routes into Downpatrick.

This first slide shows traffic entering Downpatrick on the Belfast Road and shows that:

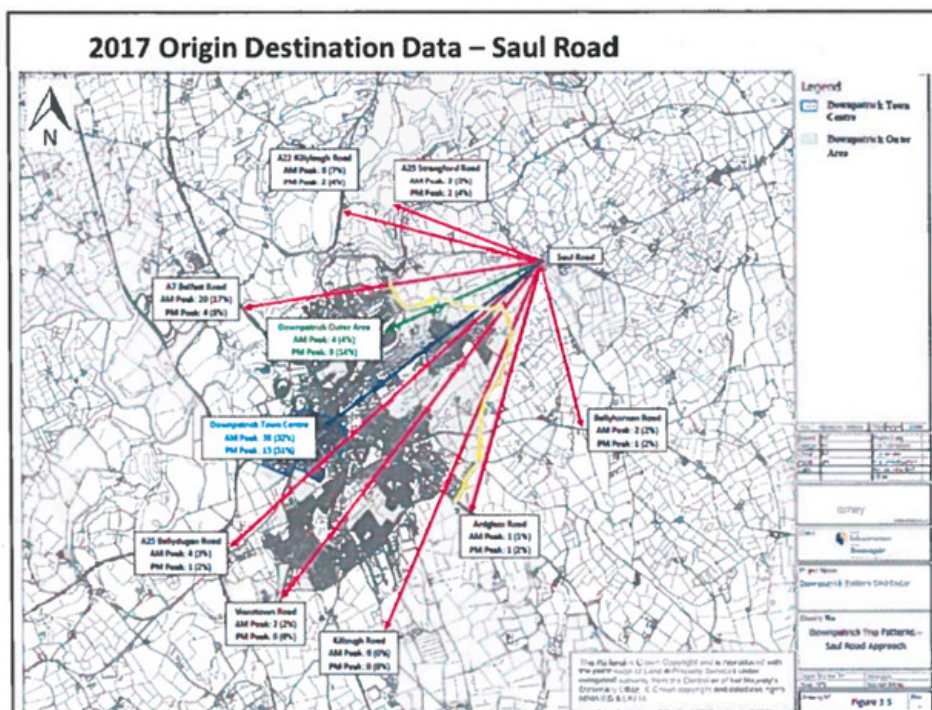
- BLUE- 50% of traffic in the morning peak hour is heading for Downpatrick town centre;
- GREEN - 32% of traffic is destined for the wider Downpatrick area;
- Leaving a relatively small proportion of traffic from the Belfast Road travelling through Downpatrick.



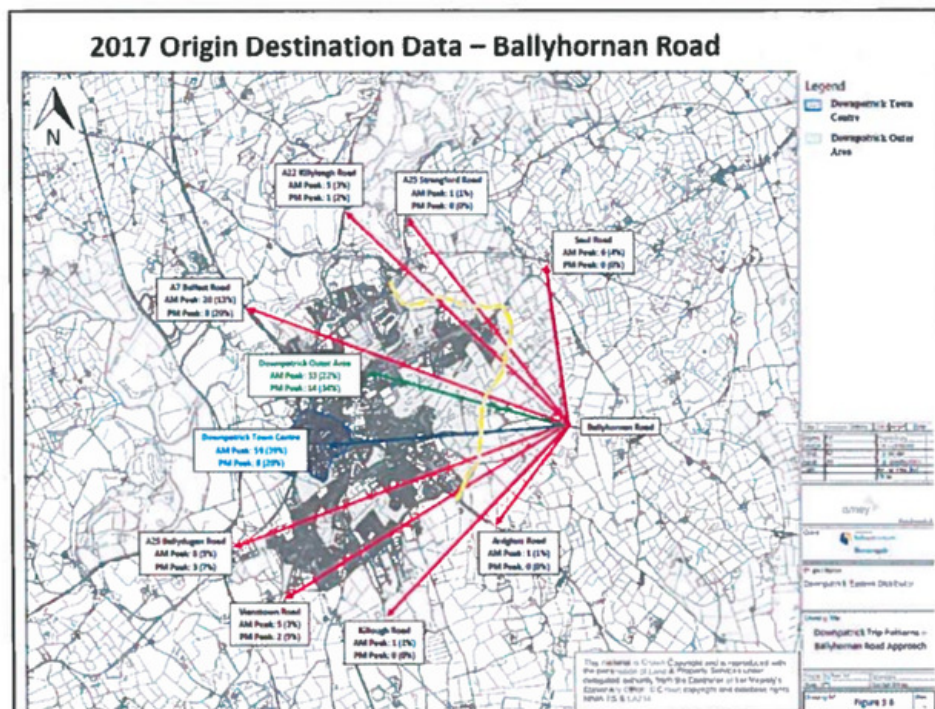
We have collected this information on all 9 of the main radial routes into Downpatrick.

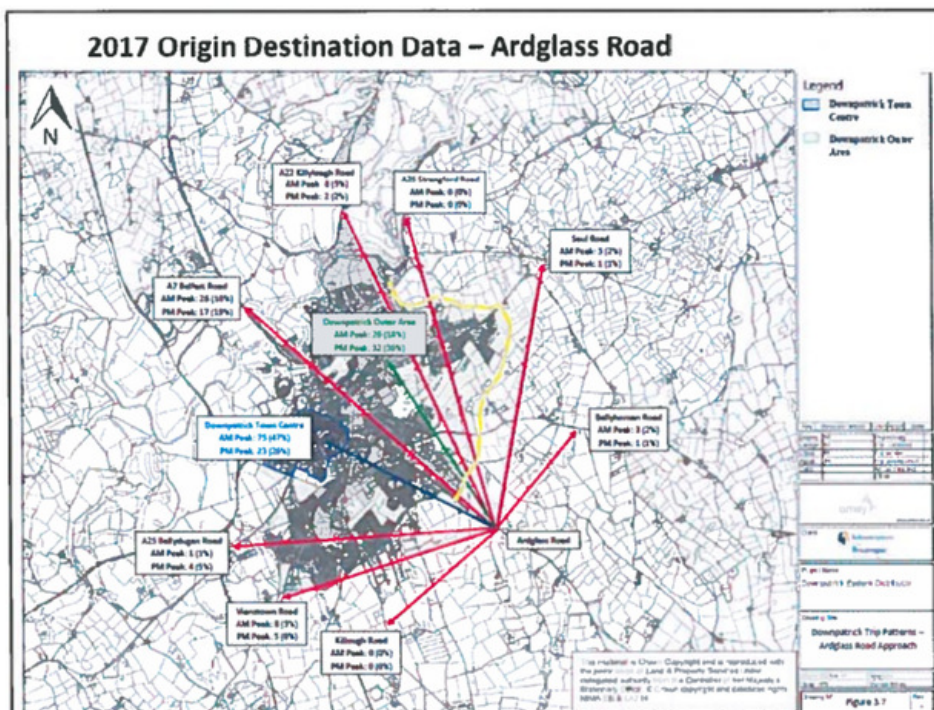


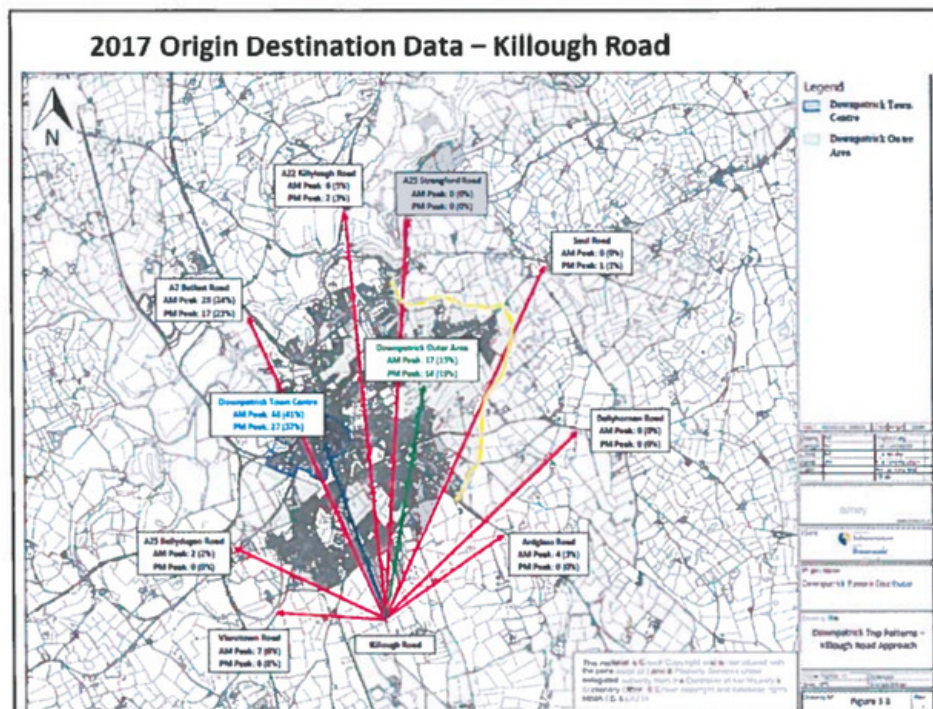
Each shows a similar proportion of town centre, outer urban and through traffic.

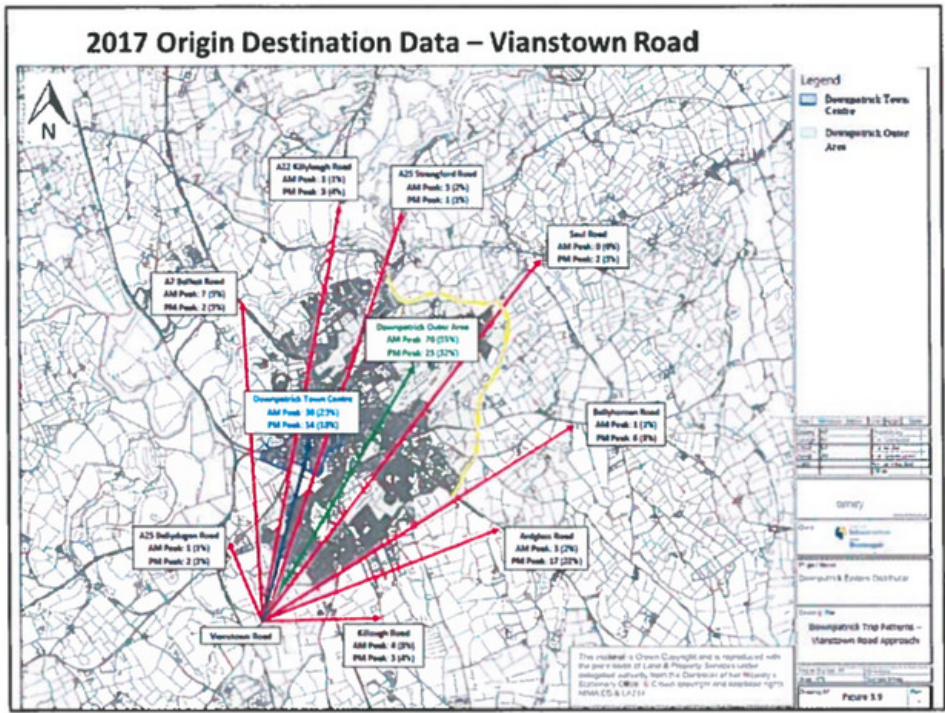


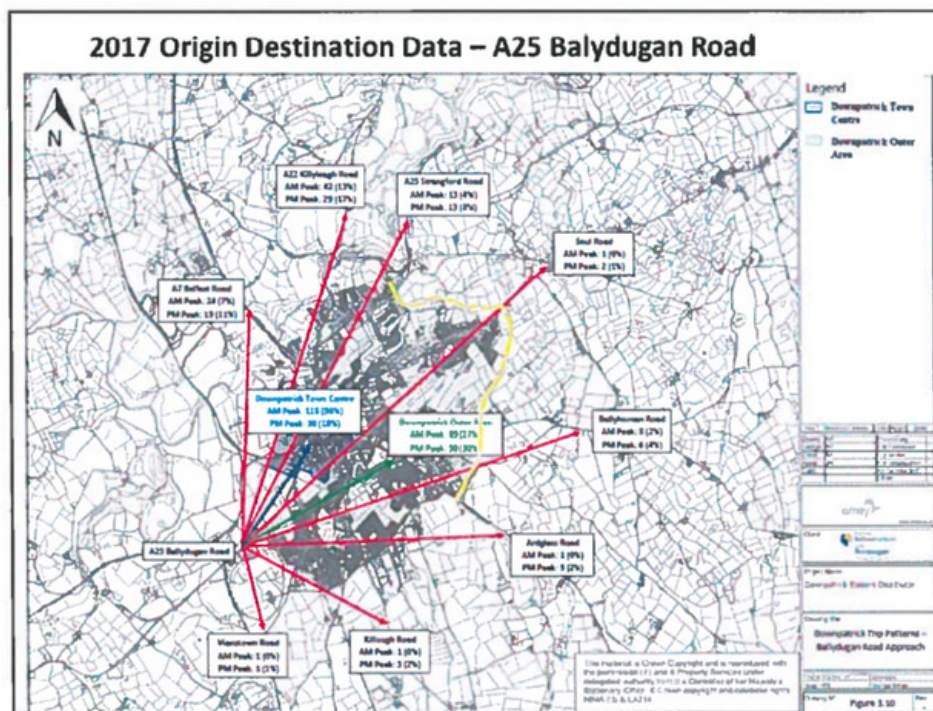
The origin destination data also provides a useful indication of traffic movements which could potentially re-route to use the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road which is highlighted in yellow.











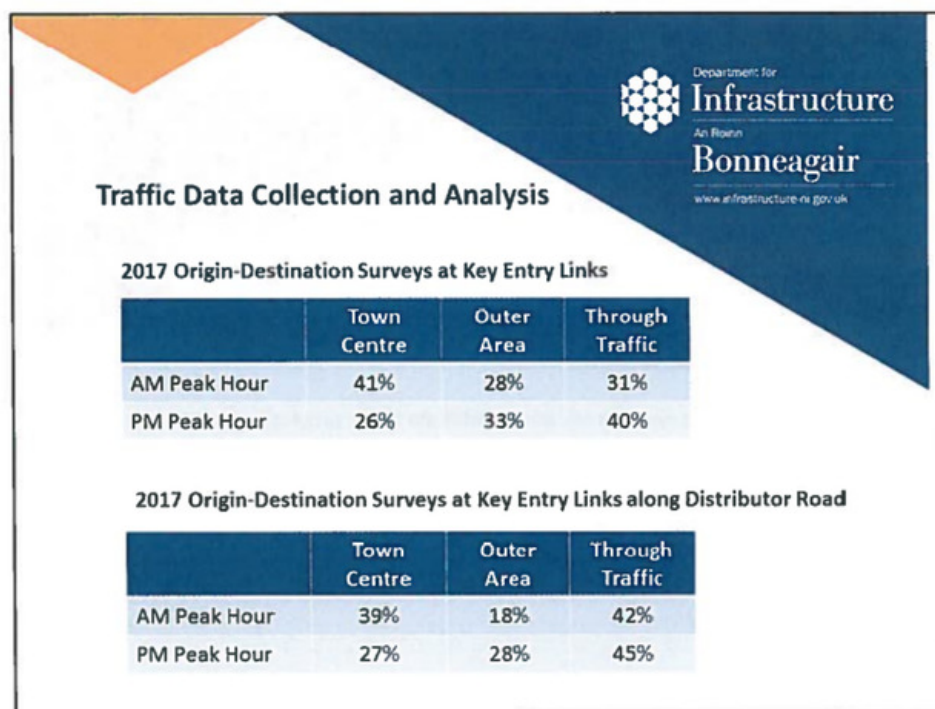
In addition to the 9 main radial routes highlighted within these slides,

ANPR Origin destination data was also collected at a further 18 survey sites

Equating to a cordon around town centre (blue area)

And a cordon around the edge of the Downpatrick Urban Area (green area)

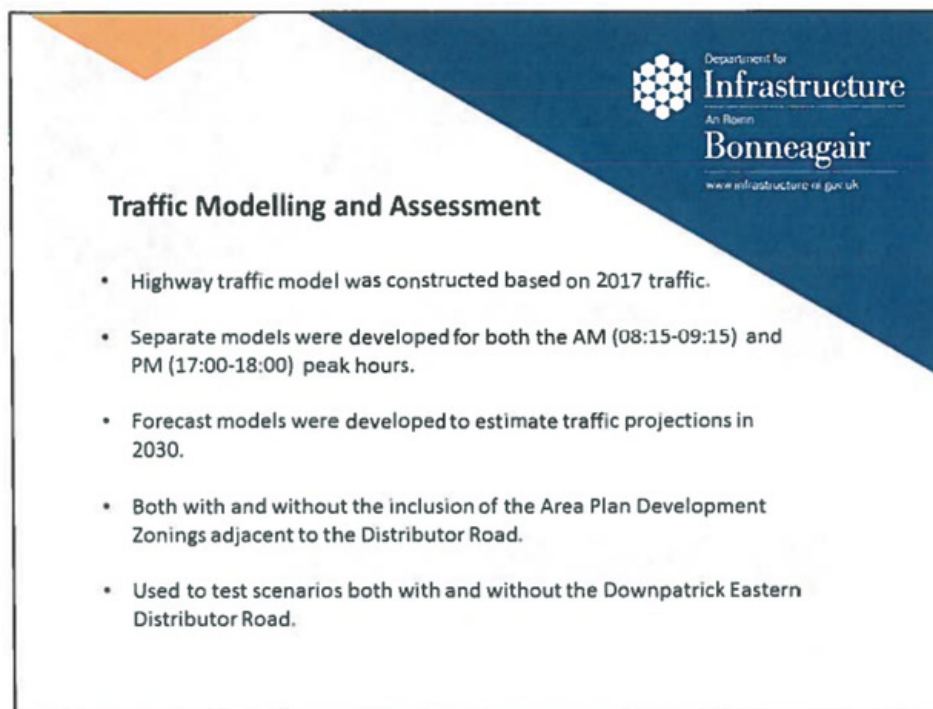
This survey data has provided a comprehensive understanding of current traffic patterns within Downpatrick.



In summary, the 2017 Origin Destination data confirms the role of Downpatrick as a key destination within its own right.

- With almost 70% of all traffic entering in the morning peak hour having destination in the town.
- And a similar percentage of approx. 60% originating from the town in the evening peak hour.

When you consider only the roads closest to the proposed Distributor Road, (from Strangford Road round to Killough Road), the travel patterns are not dissimilar although the proportion of through traffic on these roads is slightly higher.



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Traffic Modelling and Assessment

- Highway traffic model was constructed based on 2017 traffic.
- Separate models were developed for both the AM (08:15-09:15) and PM (17:00-18:00) peak hours.
- Forecast models were developed to estimate traffic projections in 2030.
- Both with and without the inclusion of the Area Plan Development Zonings adjacent to the Distributor Road.
- Used to test scenarios both with and without the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road.

To help determine the potential traffic usage of the proposed Eastern Distributor Road, and to assess what potential relief it could provide to Downpatrick town centre, a be-spoke transport highway model was constructed for the Downpatrick study area.

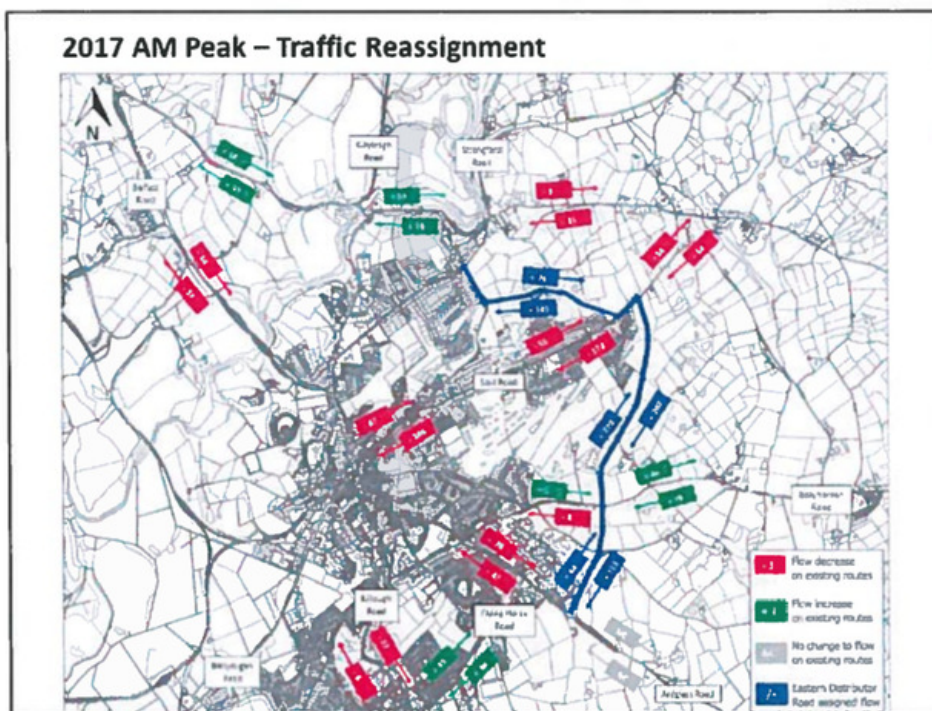
Separate models were developed for both the AM and PM peak hours.

To assess the impact of traffic growth, future year models were developed to estimate traffic projections in 2030.

Two separate 2030 forecast scenarios were developed - with and without the introduction of Area Plan Development Zonings adjacent to the Distributor Road.

The future year models were then used to test scenarios both with and without the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road.

The following figures highlight the resultant re-assignment of traffic when the proposed Eastern Distributor Road is included in the network.



The red figures show key links on the existing network on which traffic flows have reduced.

And the green figures show key links on the existing network on which traffic flows have increased.

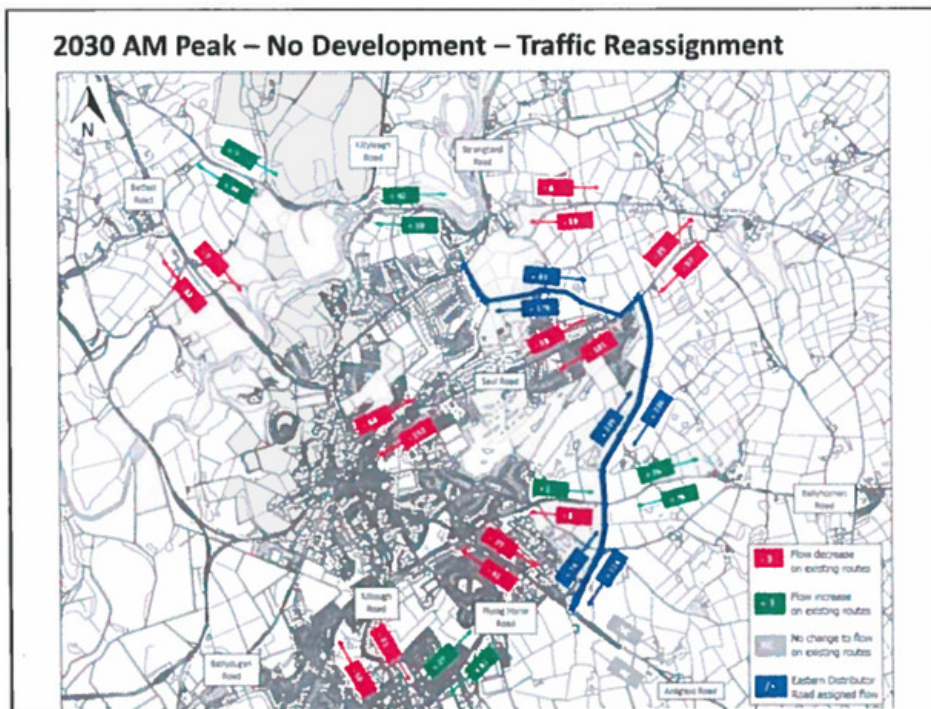
The blue figures show the traffic flows projected on the proposed Eastern Distributor Road.

The 2017 AM Peak test run shows approx. maximum total of 427 PCUs are attracted to new road.

Key routes that benefit from traffic re-routing to the new road are:

- o **Saul Road** – In the AM peak, 227 less PCUs will travel on Saul Road;
- o **Ardglass Road** - 117 less PCUs will travel on the Ardglass Road;
- o **Edward Street**- and 169 fewer will travel on Edward Street.

In town centre - 221 less PCUs will travel on Church Street, however the model suggested no change to traffic on along Market Street or Ballydugan Road.



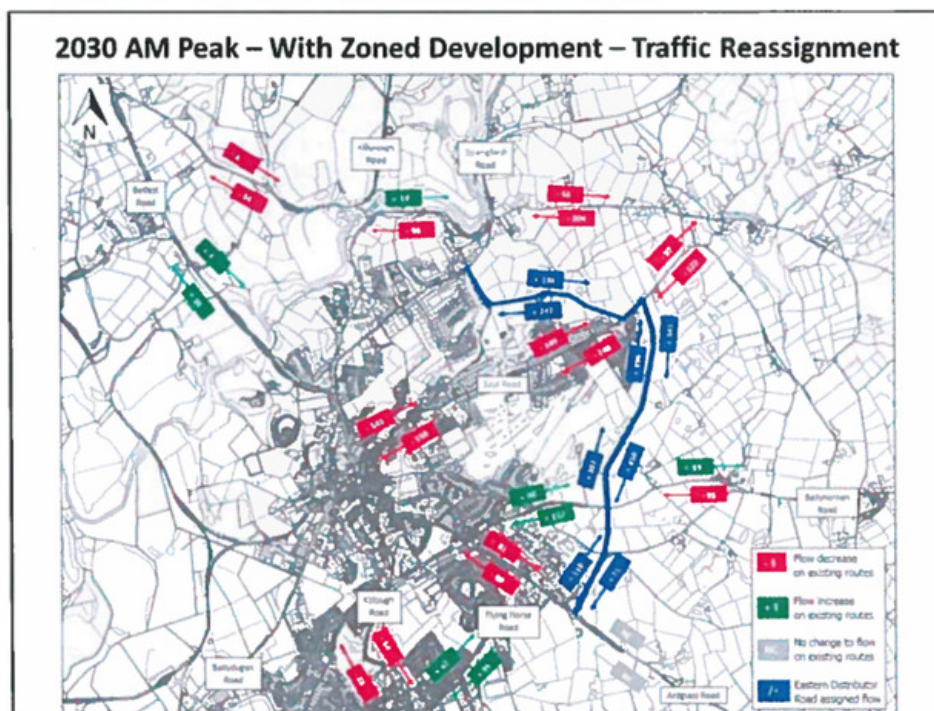
The 2030 AM Peak test run without the Area Plan Zoned Development is very similar to the 2017 AM peak model results.

With traffic flows of just over 200 PCUs in each direction attracted to new road along its busiest stretch – south of Saul Road.

And similar redistribution of traffic on the rest of the highway network with the Eastern Distributor Road provides an alternative route for traffic travelling between the northern, southern and eastern areas of Downpatrick and appears to ease traffic volumes on existing routes such as Saul Road and Ardglass Road.

Traffic flows on:

- o **Saul Road** – are 238 PCUs less in the AM peak; and ;
- o **Ardglass Road** – traffic is reduced by 118.

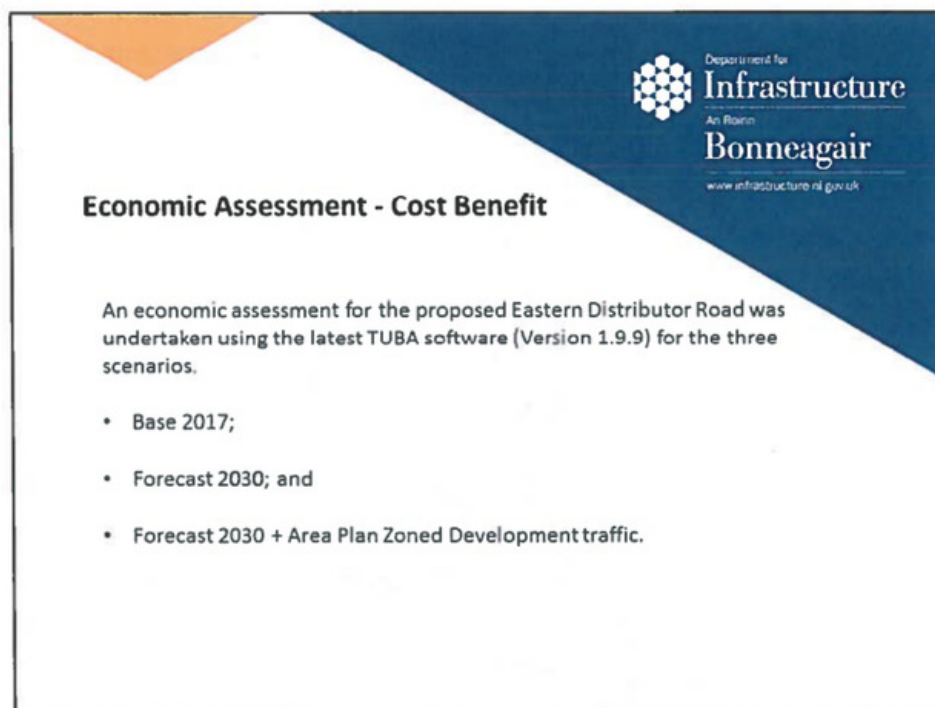


The 2030 AM Peak test run with the Area Plan Zoned Development is somewhat different.

With the traffic generated from the development lands along the Distributor Road included, the model estimates an AM peak hour two-way traffic flow of 385 PCUs on the new road between the Strangford Road junction and Saul Road.

The busiet section of the proposed Eastern Distributor Road, is predicted to be south of Saul Road where the road attracts AM peak hour two-way traffic flow of 757 PCUs.

This is a significant increase in traffic on the distributor road compared to the scenario without the Area Plan Zoned Development



The economic assessment for the proposed Eastern Distributor Road provides a monetary evaluation of the benefits that the new road is predicted to deliver over a 60 year period.

The economic assessment compared the predicted value of these benefits with the estimated cost of providing the scheme

The economic assessment has been prepared for three scenarios.

- Base 2017
- Forecast 2030
- and Forecast 2030+ Development traffic

The following table summarises the overall economic summary results for each scenario.

Economic Assessment - Cost Benefit Summary

Value (£000s)	2017 Base Scenario	2030 Forecast Scenario No development	2030 Forecast Scenario With Development traffic
Present Value of Benefits (PVB)	4,850	4,655	14,146
Present Value of Costs (PVC)	15,493	15,493	15,493
Net Present Value (PVB-PVC)	-10,643	-10,838	-1,347
Benefit/Cost Ratio (PVB/PVC)	0.313	0.300	0.913

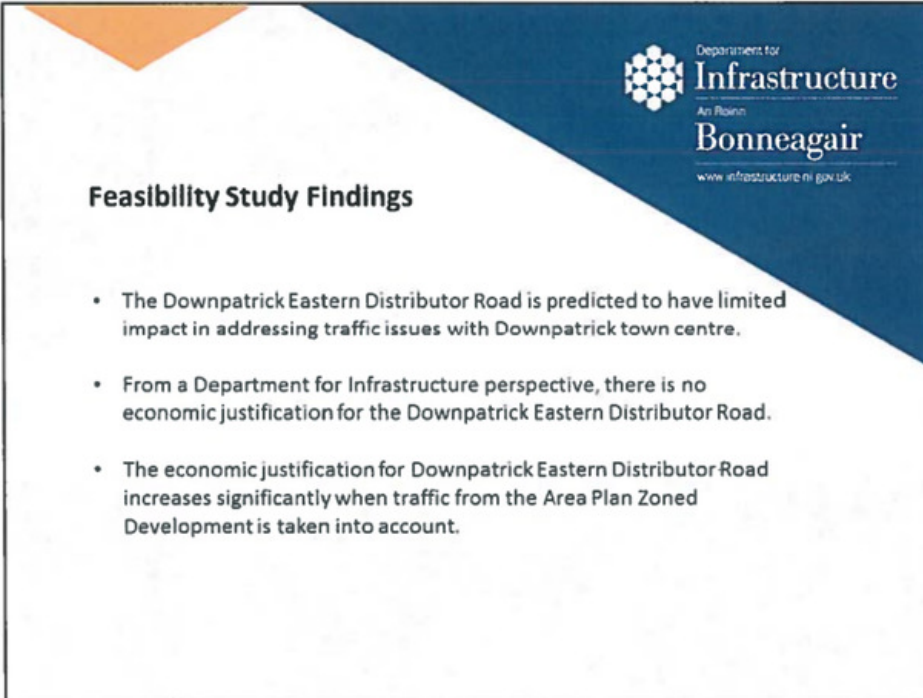
The results of the economic assessment indicate that the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road is predicted to provide relatively poor value for money

- with predicted benefits of between £4.5m - £5m significantly lower than costs of the proposed road
- resulting in a Benefit to Cost Ratio of approx. 0.3 for both scenarios which do not include the Area Plan Zoned Development.

The results suggest that the Eastern Distributor Road will provide only limited benefit to wider Downpatrick Town Centre traffic.

However when the traffic associated with the Area Plan Zoned Development is included,

- the economic assessment indicates that the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road would deliver significantly more benefits – over £14m
- which is almost getting to the point where value of the benefits is similar to the value of the scheme cost as the Benefit Cost Ratio approaches 1.



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Feasibility Study Findings

- The Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road is predicted to have limited impact in addressing traffic issues with Downpatrick town centre.
- From a Department for Infrastructure perspective, there is no economic justification for the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road.
- The economic justification for Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road increases significantly when traffic from the Area Plan Zoned Development is taken into account.

The findings of the Feasibility Study confirm that:

- The Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road is predicted to have limited impact in addressing traffic issues with Downpatrick town centre.
- Accordingly, from a Department for Infrastructure perspective, there is no economic justification for the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road.
- However, the economic justification for Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road increases significantly when traffic from the Area Plan Zoned Development is taken into account.
- Which suggests that the Downpatrick Eastern Distributor Road is more appropriately considered a developer-led scheme.

