



October 6th, 2017

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on **Monday, 9th October 2017 at 5:00 pm** in **Boardroom, Monaghan Row.**

Chair: Cllr. P Byrne

Vice: Cllr. D Hyland

Members:

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

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This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

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ACTION SHEET – ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 11 September 2017

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/152/2017	PRESENTATION FROM MARK O'CONNELL SPORTS TOURISM	As per ERT/156/2017	Marie Ward		
ERT/153/2017	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FORUM ACTION SHEET	<p>(a) Adopt the amended International Relations Policy, Framework and Terms of Reference.</p> <p>(b) Approve participation in the music programme exchange with Southern Pines in April 2018 with attendance by the six children who participated in July 2017 (substitutions to be agreed if required), the Chair of Council, two Council Officials to travel with the children and supervise the programme.</p> <p>(c) Approve the Chair of Council, one Council Official and one representative from the education sector attending the anniversary celebration of School No 7 in Kirovsk.</p> <p>(d) Approve the development of Sioux Falls agreement with an emphasis on business and trade.</p>	Marie Ward	Ongoing	

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		<p>(e) Approve further consideration of the City of Pawtucket request with a paper to be brought back to a future ERT Committee .</p> <p>(f) Membership of the International Relations Reference Group to be amended to include one Councillor from the Alliance Party so that there is representative from SDLP/Sinn Fein/ DUP/ UUP/ Independents.</p>			
ERT/154/2017	BREXIT PAPER	<p>(a) To note the contents of the report and the research document.</p> <p>(b) To approve the attendance by the Chair of Council and one Council Official at the Brussels launch and to also appoint Councillor P Byrne, as Chairperson of the ERT Committee to attend.</p> <p>(c) To invite a speaker from the N Ireland Food and Drink Association to a future meeting of the ERT Committee.</p>	Marie Ward	Progressing as per approval.	
ERT/155/2017	CITY DEAL	<p>(a) To note the contents of the report and to consider membership from Newry, Mourne and Down on the political steering group.</p>	Marie Ward		

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		<p>(b) Due to the short lead time it was recommended that the members of the party representative's forum, the Chair and Deputy Chair of Council and the Chair of the Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee form the membership for this Council.</p>		Ongoing as per actions.	
ERT/156/2017	SPORTS TOURISM OUTDOOR FRAMEWORK	<p>(a) To accept the Sports Tourism Framework and link delivery with Marketing plan implementation.</p> <p>(b) Overgrown grass along the towpath would be reported for attention by the relevant section of Council.</p>	Andy Patterson	Progressing as per approval.	
ERT/157/2017	DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM BRITISH MUSEUM PROPOSAL 2018	<p>(a) That Committee and Council support the request by Down County Museum to go ahead with important loans of material for two proposed major displays from the British Museum, relating to the world of St Patrick (in 2019) and the world of Sir Hans Sloane (in 2020).</p> <p>(b) If this approval is given, work will be undertaken to determine the extent and full cost of the required improvements to Gallery 5 and Gallery 6 at Down County Museum in 2018, in order to maximise the potential of the Museum to attract major loan exhibits and</p>	Andy Patterson	Progressing as per approval.	

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		consequently major publicity and visitor attendance in 2019 and 2020. Work to the galleries would be subject to the rates process.			
ERT/158/2017	TOURISM MARKETING PLAN DEVELOPMENT	(a) Approval to tender for the services of a marketing agency to develop a marketing plan, and to implement specific campaigns and initiatives, that will drive tourism growth in the Newry, Mourne and Down district, for a period of 1 year with the option of renewal for a further two years on an annual basis subject to satisfactory performance.	Andy Patterson	Progressing as per approval.	
ERT/159/2017	GREEN TOURISM - TOP 100 DESTINATIONS ON EUROPE	(a) Council note the content of the report and approve the attendance of the Chair of Council and One Official at the Global Green Destinations conference and Gala Dinner on 28-30 September 2017 in Cascais, Portugal.	Andy Patterson	Complete	Y
ERT/160/2017	SPORT NI OUTDOOR INCLUSIVE BEACHES	(a) To agree to a formal agreement between Newry, Mourne and Down DC and Mae Murray Foundation to facilitate the preparation of a business case to Sport NI to provide an inclusive destination at Cranfield Beach subject to agreeing logistics of storage and letting of equipment. (b) Subject to a successful bid to Sport NI	Andy Patterson	Ongoing	

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		provide partnership funding of 25% equating to £4675.60 and assistance with planning application by Mae Murray Foundation if required.			
ERT/161/2017	GATEWAY TO MOURNES STUDY	(a) Approval of the vision document and progression to the next stage of development of the project which may include undertaking a detailed traffic management survey; detailed market, financial and economic feasibility study and developing designs in more detail for Environmental Impact Assessment, as required.	Andy Patterson	Ongoing	
ERT/167/2017	Arts & Craft Provision – Slieve Gullion Forest Park	(a) Closed Session Item Agree to a sublease by Forest Service of lands at Slieve Gullion Walled Garden for an Arts and Crafts unit, subject to agreeing the operational details around opening times in peak service.	Andy Patterson	Progressing as per approval.	Y
END					

Report to:	ERT Committee – Oct 2017
Subject:	Greenway Development Proposals
Date:	9 th October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Catherine Murphy and Heather Wilson, Countryside / Rights of Way Officers

Decisions Required

Council approval to work up project bids and detailed designs for the Department of Infrastructure's Capital Grants Programme for Greenways should the Programme become available. (This could be funded from next year's budget 2018-19)

1.0 Purpose and Background

Background to Greenways Project

Building an Active Travel Future for NI

An Active Travel Strategy was published by the Department for Regional Development in 2013 as part of the Executive's wider initiatives to improve Public Health and the Environment. The vision set out in the strategy aims to put walking and cycling at the heart of local transport arrangements, encouraging a healthier, less stressful alternative to the car for many shorter daily journeys.

A Strategic Plan for Greenways

In November 2016 the Department for Infrastructure published a Strategic Greenway Plan paving the way for the development of a greenway network across Northern Ireland, which it is hoped will result in the development of a greenway network along Northern Ireland's disused railway network. The proposed greenway network would connect major cities and minor towns over a 25-year period.

Small Grants Programme for Greenways Competition The Department for Infrastructure offered Councils across Northern Ireland a small grant towards the cost of feasibility studies for Greenway Proposals.

Under Stage two of the competition NMDDC was awarded grants to carry out three technical feasibility studies

- Downpatrick to Ardglass
- Downpatrick to Newcastle
- Downpatrick to Comber

Those successful in stage two were invited to develop their designs for stage three of the competition with a fully worked up project bid submitted.

	<p>Two of the Greenways were placed joint fourth in the competition but were not selected to proceed to Stage 3. These were Newcastle to Downpatrick and Downpatrick to Comber.</p> <p>The Feasibility study for the Downpatrick to Ardglass Greenway was placed fourteenth in the competition was not therefore selected to proceed to Stage 3. Feedback from the Department indicated that the Feasibility Study for this Greenway was scored low because it did not show that it was an active travel option and was a poor fit within the National Cycling Network and Eurovelo.</p> <p>However, as the Department has started work on the development of a Capital Grants Programme for Greenways they have suggested that Councils may wish to consider developing the Greenway Schemes further, with a view to applying for a capital grant. The Capital Grants Programme will be open to all Council projects that have a fully worked up project bid and a detailed design of their scheme showing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - evidence that the design is technically robust; - detailed information about land issues; and - details of costs and materials; (including other 3rd party funding sources)
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Capital Grants Programme has not yet been agreed by the Department so if NMDDC worked up a bid it would be doing so at risk. • A vital part of this project relates to the agreement of the landowners to the development of the greenway. • Negotiation with the landowners will determine the route of the proposed greenway and the accommodation works required. Contacts have yet to be made with landowners. • Detailed design and costing for the project will therefore follow on from any agreed line of the path. • Considerable staff time will need to be devoted to contact and negotiate with landowners, as well as identifying those areas of land which are unregistered. This will also involve other departments such as legal services in the development of access agreements and GIS to map any agreed route and accommodation works.
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council approval to work up project bids and detailed designs for the Department of Infrastructure's Capital Grants Programme for Greenways should the Programme become available.</p> <p>Council explores how the work relating to the negotiation with landowners can be progressed</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost to work up a project bid and a detailed design for the two Greenways which scored highly in the competition Downpatrick to Newcastle and Downpatrick to Comber Greenway = approximately £50,000 (this of course is subject to Ards and North Down agreeing to a joint application on the Downpatrick to Comber application and sharing the cost)

	<p>-This involves negotiating land ownership agreements, identifying accommodation works required, producing business plans and designs for each Greenway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff time to negotiate access agreements with landowners, work up a bid and detailed design. - Projected cost to actually construct the three Greenways =£18,688,657 (not including any required Land costs)
5.0	Equality and Good Relation Implications all equality and good relations implications considered
6.0	Appendices

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Oct 2017
Subject:	Northern Ireland European Social Fund Programme 2014-2020
Date:	Monday 9 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Martin Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer

Decisions Required

The Council authorise Council officials to engage with relevant organisations to develop potential ESF applications and report back to Council.

Council provide £50,000 per annum within the 2018/19, 2019/20 & 2020/21 financial years to match fund and lever in potential new economic and employment projects under the European Social Fund programme 2014 - 2020. This would be made available within the economic development budget.

1.0 Purpose and Background

The strategic aim of the European Social Fund (ESF) Programme 2014-2020 in Northern Ireland is to combat poverty and enhance social inclusion by reducing economic inactivity and to increase the skills base of those currently in work and future potential participants in the workforce.

A new call is open and the ESF Call 2 is split into four Thematic Objective / Investment Priorities:

1. Unemployed and Economically Inactive;
2. Young people aged 16-24 not in employment, education or training (NEET)
3. Supporting People with a Disability
4. NEETs aged 16+ within families on the Community Family Support Programme (CFSP)

2.0 Key Issues

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council currently participate in a number of European Social Funded economic and employment projects. These include for example, 'Exploring Enterprise 3', 'Get Started' and 'Positive Directions'. These are employment programmes with outputs ranging from mentoring, personal and business development planning, bespoke accreditation training, work placements and youth volunteering programmes. More than 500 individuals and organisations have been engaged within the projects and have proved successful throughout the District.

We would now like to have the opportunity to partner with relevant organisations and have access to a budget to lever in the ESF Programme funding to implement a number of new projects. The Council budget contribution if agreed has the potential to lever in an additional 65% European Funding.

3.0 Recommendations

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (a) authorise Council officials to engage with

	relevant organisations to develop potential ESF applications and report back to Council in due course and (b) provide £50,000 per annum within the 2018/19, 2019/20 & 2020/21 financial years to match fund and lever in potential new economic and employment projects under the European Social Fund programme 2014 - 2020. This would be made available within the economic development budget.
4.0	Resource Implications £50,000 per annum as per regeneration budget 2018/19, 2019/20 & 2020/21.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications Any future projects will be required to meet the policy.
6.0	Appendices N/A

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Oct 2017
Subject:	Rural Development Programme Broadband Application
Date:	Monday 09 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Michael Forster – Enterprise Development Officer
Decisions Required	
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept the RDP Letter of Offer from Rural Development Programme to conduct this feasibility study; 2. Implement project as per application and report back to committee in February 2018 with a report on recommended outcome and way forward. 	
1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>An application submitted to the Rural Development Programme under the Rural Broadband scheme to match fund a feasibility study and needs assessment of Rural broadband has been successful. Through this project a suitable consultant will undertake research into rural broadband provision across the district to determine what kind of community based solutions may help overcome broadband “not spots” in the Newry, Mourne and Down district area.</p> <p>Research will be conducted on all relevant postcodes located in District (excluding settlements with a population of over 5,000). The aim of the project is to determine if it is feasible to use Rural Development Programme funding for potential community broadband projects where broadband does not currently exist nor is likely to over the next 3 years.</p> <p>The application to match fund 25% of total project costs was approved at the ERT Committee on Monday 15 May 2017.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>The key aim of the project is to provide examples of three potential pilot projects in the Mourne, Lecale and Slieve Gullion areas where conventional Broadband and Fibre are not available. A budget of £230,000 through RDP for three pilot projects (£75,000 each) to redress the challenges of rural broadband is available. The aim of this study is to determine whether there may be potential projects that could avail of this funding and whether the potential projects presented are feasible and provide value for money.</p> <p>The objectives of this feasibility study will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the Newry, Mourne and Down District area with regards to internet connectivity (ASDL, Broadband and Fibre) with particular reference to the Department of Economy’s Annex B postcodes within the district which are not earmarked for improvement • Collate data from both primary and secondary research (OFCOM) and produce a series of heat maps highlighting areas with good coverage and broadband blackspots or notspots with below average speeds in the district. • Engage with local communities in South Armagh, Lecale and the Mourne areas that may avail of a Community Broadband solution utilising MGL funding. • Explore, document and cost new potential service models that may be launched as

	pilot projects in the Mourne, Lecale and Slieve Gullion area where conventional Broadband and Fibre are not available in order to offer a rural broadband solution.
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>It is recommended that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Accept the RDP Letter of Offer from Rural Development Programme to conduct this feasibility study; 4. Implement project as per application and report back to committee in February 2018 with a report on recommended outcome and way forward.
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>This project was previously agreed by Council at the 15 May 2017 ERT team meeting.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications</p> <p>This project meets all current policies</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Oct 2017
Date of Meeting:	9 October 2017
Subject:	Union Priority 4 (SEAFLAG)
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Margaret Quinn, Project Development Manager

Decisions required:

That Committee notes the SEAFLAG appointment and that consideration be given to including £100,000 in the 2018/19 budget to facilitate potential match funding requirements.

1.0 Purpose and Background:

1.1 As reported at July meeting of the ERT Committee, an application to lead the new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (FLAG 2) was made to DAERA. The application has now been assessed by DAERA and our application has been approved. The SEAFLAG Board has been appointed to deliver the new funding programme. Council is now required to update the Local Development Strategy and submit it to DAERA by 30 November 2017. The strategy will then, subject to any amendments, be approved by DAERA by 31 December 2017.

The overall level of funding is £2.3 million with 15% allocated to the administration of the programme. Whilst DAERA has not yet provided guidance on the themes which are to be delivered, the main objectives of the funding are:-

- (a) Adding value, creating jobs, attracting young people and promoting innovation at all stages of the supply chain of fishery and aquaculture products.
- (b) Supporting diversification inside or outside commercial fisheries, lifelong learning and job creation in fisheries and aquaculture areas.
- (c) Enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets of the fisheries and aquaculture areas, including operations to mitigate climate change.
- (d) Promoting social well-being and cultural heritage in fisheries and aquaculture areas, including fisheries, aquaculture and maritime cultural heritage and
- (e) Strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development and the governance of local fisheries resources and maritime activities.

The target groups for the funding will include private businesses, community groups and Local Authorities.

Guidance has not yet been provided on the level of grants to be applied but, as an indication, in the last programme grant levels were as follows:

Private Sector - up to 50% of project costs

Community Organisations - up to 100% of project costs

	Local Authority – up to 100% of project costs – although project promoters were encouraged to provide, where possible, match funding. As Council may be required to match fund Council led projects it is advised that £100,000 should be included in the 2018/19 budgets to facilitate this.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	Consultants will now be appointed to update the Local Development Strategy to meet the deadline of 30 November and a meeting of the FLAG board will be convened.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That Committee notes the SEAFLAG appointment and that consideration be given to including £100,000 in the 2018/19 budget to facilitate potential match funding requirements.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Officer time and strategy development costs which were approved in January 2017. Strategy development costs are eligible for funding by DAERA.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	All EU programmes must recognise Section 75 legislation.
6.0	Appendices
	N/A

Report to:	ERT Meeting
Date of Meeting:	October 2017
Subject:	Application to Heritage Lottery Fund for Great Place Scheme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Therese Hamill, Ring of Gullion AONB Officer

Decisions required:

- A) The Council to act a lead partner for this application and submit the final application.
- B) To pursue all relevant funding opportunities to match fund the application.
- C) Recommend the ongoing support from all relevant NMDDC departments for the duration of the project
- D) To incorporate match funding in 2018/19 budgets.

1.0

Purpose and Background:

1.1

The Ring of Gullion Partnership has applied to become a pilot for the Heritage Lottery Fund's Great Place Scheme through a '*Museum of Memory*'. The aim of the fund is to put heritage and culture at the heart of the local vision for between two and four places across Northern Ireland, making a step change in the contribution of heritage in those areas, and embedding it in the places' plans for the future.

The '*Museum of Memory*' will be a not-for-profit partnership for the promotion, intergenerational transmission and creation of intangible heritage. Under the overarching structure of the '*Museum of Memory*', Newry, Mourne and Down District Council will act as lead partner, working with a number of businesses and community organizations.

The Ring of Gullion and its hinterland is recognized as an exceptional cultural region with a unique intangible heritage that includes music, song, poetry, language, oral literature, placenames, mythological tales, traditional knowledge and crafts. In recent history, however, its image as a significant cultural area shifted to a predominating reputation of contested geo-political space. Believing that a vibrant local culture is a key driver in all development whether social, environmental or economic and that heritage assets and activities play a fundamental role in reshaping landscapes and identities, the objective of the '*Museum of Memory*' is to redress the region's diminishing cultural reputation.

Application Process;

The partnership was successful with its stage 1 application and its panel presentation.

The partnership was invited to submit a full application by the 12th

	<p>December. There is £1 million in the NI Great Place Scheme Fund and they are looking for up to three projects and there are seven applications going forward to the final application.</p> <p>The project will run for three years with an Officer. for the project requires £277,000 from HLF and match funding of £30,800 over the three years from NMDDC.</p> <p>This project delivers on key initiatives in the Ring of Gullion AONB Management Action Plan 2017-2022, it also delivers on strategic legacy outcomes from the Ring of Gullion Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme.</p> <p>A key part of the Geo-park application focuses ion the intangible heritage. This application will make a strong case for the UNESCO Global Geopark Application submission in Nov 2019.</p> <p>This project will also help implement heritage actions from the Council's Community Plan, Tourism Strategy, Corporate Plan; Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy and other relevant strategies.</p>
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>The Ring of Gullion AONB outcomes cannot be achieved under existing funding through the NIEA's Environment Fund, local council contributions. It is therefore a requirement for the AONB Partnerships to seek funding from a range of sources to develop and deliver projects and to work in partnership across council functions and with other organisations and communities.</p> <p>This grant could be a key potential funder to implement the heritage projects in AONB management plan, carry on the work of the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership after it finishes in August 2018,</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	<p>To agree that the Council act as a lead partner for this application and submit the preliminary application.</p> <p>To pursue all relevant funding opportunities to match fund the application, if it is successful to the final stage.</p> <p>Recommend the on-going support from all relevant NMDDC departments for the applications.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>The following additional amounts are required from NMDDC over the following years for the Great Places Scheme;</p> <p>£10,300 : 2018/2019 £10,300 : 2019/2020</p>

	£10,300 : 2020/2021
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices: Great Place Scheme Guidance.

Great Place Scheme

Grants between £100,000 and £500,000
Guidance for applicants in Northern Ireland



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About the Heritage Lottery Fund

From the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks we love, from precious memories to rare wildlife, the Heritage Lottery Fund uses money raised by National Lottery players to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about. The Heritage Lottery Fund has invested over £209 million in more than 1,400 projects across Northern Ireland.

By heritage in this guidance we mean the many different things from the past that we value and want to pass on to the future including: historic buildings and designed landscapes; habitats, species and geodiversity; objects and sites linked to the UK's industrial, maritime and transport history; museums, libraries and archives; cultures and memories; and community heritage. HLF invests in the full breadth of the UK's heritage and aims to make a lasting difference for heritage and people.

For more information visit www.hlf.org.uk

Summary of key information

What is the aim of the Great Place Scheme?

The aim of the Great Place Scheme is to put heritage and culture at the heart of the local vision for between two and four places across Northern Ireland, making a step change in the contribution of heritage in those areas, and embedding it in the places' plans for the future. We will fund a portfolio of projects that vary in scale, covering a broad range of heritage and culture. This includes the built environment; museums, libraries and archives; culture and traditions; land and natural heritage; and industrial, maritime and transport heritage.

We encourage Great Place schemes to consider the full range of heritage and cultural assets as well as the social context, which shapes the distinctiveness of the scheme area, adopting a truly collaborative approach to place-making. Great Place will fund schemes in areas where there are existing strong local partnerships, and/or will help create new partnerships, which are committed to embedding heritage and culture as a core part of local plans, policies and strategies – cementing partnerships across the public, voluntary and private sectors.

By strengthening the connections between heritage, civic and community organisations, and the private sector and by involving people, schemes will enhance the role that heritage and culture plays in the future of each place participating in the scheme. In time this will lead to the social and economic benefits that heritage and culture can achieve, including tackling poverty and inequality, improved resilience for local organisations, and inclusive growth in the local economy, amongst others.

This is a pilot scheme. It will fund activities which can be built on in the future, and whose learning can be shared with other places. See below for more detail on what we expect to fund.

This guidance is for the operation of the Great Place Scheme in Northern Ireland. There are versions of the scheme running in England, Scotland and Wales. There is separate guidance for each area.

Summary of key information

Who can apply?

Partnerships led by a not-for-profit organisation.
See below (Section three) for more details.

Who cannot apply?

Individuals; single organisations; partnerships led by for profit/private organisations or companies.

What are the deadlines for the scheme?

- **Midday 25 August 2017**: submission of preliminary application.
- Following a sift of the preliminary applications selected applicants will be invited to present their project proposals to the panel during the week beginning 4 September. The panel will then invite a number of applicants to submit a full application.

What is the deadline for full applications?

Midday 6 December 2017

How much can be applied for in one application?

Between £100,000 and £500,000

When will we make our decision?

We will aim to notify applicants of our decision no later than **31 March 2018**

When must the activity take place?

Activities must start no earlier than **1 April 2018**. Funded activities must end no later than **31 March 2021**. Activities can last for any length **up to three years**.

What is the minimum match funding from other sources

A minimum contribution of 10% of total project cost - this must be a cash contribution.

To demonstrate a broad base of support for the project, we would expect this contribution to be drawn from more than one source/organisation within the partnership. In-kind contributions will not be eligible as match funding.

Section one – introduction

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Great Place Scheme, which is being delivered in Northern Ireland by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This guidance gives you information on how to apply for funding and outlines what we will fund.

About the Great Place Scheme

The Great Place Scheme is a pilot initiative which aims to boost access to heritage and culture, to increase equality and improve life chances across Northern Ireland.

Each year, the Heritage Lottery Fund invests in and enables projects which have positive impacts on educational attainment, health and well-being, inclusion, the environment and community cohesion – creating jobs, developing skills and boosting local economies.

However, realising the full potential of this investment relies on a wide range of local partners having an understanding of how the many forms of heritage and culture can – and often already do - support the achievement of the strategic objectives of a place.

This understanding needs to be factored into planning and investment decisions from the outset.

Our ambition for this programme is to support places to:

- Inspire a vision of how heritage and culture can change your place** – how heritage and culture creates a sense of place, builds social and natural capital, grows local economies inclusively to address poverty and aligns to local plans for education, making for prosperous, healthy, environmentally sustainable and cohesive communities; and how they can help us to think through change, by bringing communities, people and organisations together.
- Connect heritage and culture with new partners to help change places for the better** – heritage and cultural organisations, people, civic leaders, community groups, charities, schools, education and youth organisations, public agencies and councils and businesses, including start-ups and small and medium enterprises, working together to form strong, sustainable partnerships.

Section one – introduction

- **Incorporate a vision for heritage and culture into ambitions for your place** – develop new ideas for making better use of heritage and culture in the emerging social, economic and spatial plans for a place, supported by the relevant partners.
- **Build and share learning** – develop new ideas for heritage and cultural projects to pilot new activity and form new partnerships, changing the places participating in the Great Place Scheme and inspiring similar activity in other parts of Northern Ireland.

As well as finding new ways to work, we want to see local partnerships building Great Places where heritage makes a real difference – see Section five. You will need a clear vision of the difference you want to make for communities in your place.

Section two – purpose of the Great Place Scheme

Aims

The Great Place Scheme will enable heritage and cultural organisations to make a step-change in how they work together, and with organisations in other sectors, in order for heritage and culture to contribute more to meeting local social and economic objectives.

What will the Great Place Scheme do?

The Great Place Scheme will invest in between two and four places across Northern Ireland to achieve the following:

- Build on existing partnerships within the heritage and cultural sectors in order to maximise their positive social and economic contribution.
- Build new partnerships to realise this contribution and to lever resources into the sector to support that.
- Develop partnerships between the heritage sector and place-based initiatives operating in Northern Ireland for mutual benefit so that the contribution of the sector and future potential

for greater collaboration is recognised in and supported by long-term plans and strategies for the area and communities. We want schemes to work with existing place-based initiatives where relevant.

The scheme will enable places across Northern Ireland to put heritage and culture at the heart of their future vision.

How much funding is available?

You can apply for between £100,000 and £500,000 for activity to be delivered over a period of up to three years.

The application process has several key stages: You must submit a preliminary application and then selected applicants will be invited to complete a full application form. See page 5 for deadlines.

Section two – purpose of the Great Place Scheme

Geographic focus

The Great Place Scheme is a pilot. In Northern Ireland we aim to support successful applicants from a range of different places to participate in the scheme.

We invite you to think creatively about the geographies that you could serve. This might be across more than one council area, or the relationship between an urban area and adjoining rural areas. Boundaries need not be contiguous or administrative. You will need to determine the scale and the geographic boundaries of the 'place' where your project will be delivered. You should make a case in your application for why the geography you have chosen is relevant and meaningful in the light of the ambitions of the Great Place Scheme.

The size of a place should be considered to ensure sufficient resources and impact can be made through the scheme. A place could be:

- A consortium of local council areas
- A single local council area
- A city or town and its hinterland
- A grouping of rural towns / villages
- A landscape designation or conservation area
- Wards from one neighbourhood or different neighbourhoods

Section three – eligibility

Please read the eligibility requirements for the Great Place Scheme carefully. If you do not meet these requirements we will be unable to consider your application for funding.

Who can apply?

Partnerships including (but not limited to):

- Museums and libraries
- Historic environment and natural heritage organisations
- Community / voluntary groups
- Arts organisations
- Social enterprises
- Local Councils
- Housing Associations
- Other national strategic agencies
- Other public sector organisations
- Destination organisations
- Further and higher education institutions
- NHS Health Trusts
- Business Enterprise Zones
- Commercial businesses

One of the not-for-profit organisations in the partnership will need to be nominated as the lead partner.

We positively welcome leadership from organisations from outside the heritage and cultural sectors, but we expect that at least one heritage or cultural organisation will be part of the partnership, and we will ask for evidence that the partnership meaningfully includes the full breadth of heritage and cultural interests.

Section three – eligibility

Who cannot apply?

Individuals; single organisations; partnerships led by for profit/ private organisations or companies

What activity cannot be funded?

- Any activity outside of Northern Ireland
- Activities where the beneficiaries are predominantly outside of the defined 'place' for which funding is being sought
- Schemes that aim to operate on a Northern Ireland scale
- Activities (including buying goods or services) or any part of the schemes that have already started, been bought, ordered or contracted before we make a decision about your application. This is because we cannot fund activity retrospectively
- Costs that are already paid for by other income including your own funds or any other funding
- Large-scale capital work to buildings, cultural venues and other types of heritage or cultural asset. Other funding opportunities may be available for schemes which are not a priority for Great Place funding – contact the Heritage Lottery Fund for more information.

Section three – eligibility

Partnership agreements

One organisation must act as the lead organisation and submit the application. All partners must show a firm commitment to joint working through a partnership agreement or memorandum of understanding. If we decide to fund your scheme we will enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the lead organisation. This organisation must accept our terms and conditions of grant and will be solely accountable to us for all monitoring information, how all the money is spent and for the full and successful delivery of the scheme.

To be eligible to apply to this programme the partnership need not be separately constituted as an organisation, but the lead organisation does need to be constituted. We will need you to make available copies of the governance documentation for the lead organisation only.

Successful partnerships will be able to demonstrate that they have the skills and capacity to deliver their project proposals, including:

- An understanding of the people, place, land, nature and cultural assets where the proposed Great Place activities will be delivered.
- Knowledge and experience of working across the heritage and cultural sectors, with a wide range of stakeholders, including local people.
- A track record, within the partnership members, of delivering or being involved in activity that promotes heritage and culture in place-making, especially in the place where scheme activities will occur.
- A track record of working collaboratively and developing partnerships to achieve shared aims across the heritage and cultural sectors.
- A clear vision for what can be achieved from the scheme, and which stakeholders, partners or organisations need to be engaged to achieve this.
- A track record which can be significantly further developed, or robust and ambitious future plans, for partnership with organisations beyond the heritage and cultural sectors – with a clear indication of existing or likely commitment from those partners to ensure that heritage and culture is included in plans for the place in the future.
- The partners, stakeholders and organisations will in large part be determined by the particular cultural, economic or social impact which is envisaged. For example, if the activity is to embed heritage and culture in plans for local economic growth then we would expect to see the application set out how the local council, higher education and further education sector, and destination organisations, would be engaged in the work.
- A commitment to diversity and equality.
- Robust project management, financial management, change control and reporting systems.

Section four – what we will fund

This is an activities-based programme and we will not be funding any large-scale capital work e.g. building refurbishment, habitat conservation or gallery re-fit. Some small-scale capital expenditure may be considered for support only if it is needed for the delivery of specific activities, e.g. creation of spaces for 'meanwhile' or 'pop-up' uses. One of the key outputs, from the schemes we support, will be the production of a heritage and cultural strategy for your place. We will also expect to fund a coordinator role to facilitate close partnership working between organisations and activities across the scheme area.

In England, for example, the 16 pilot schemes will now be carrying out a range of activities including:

- exploring new ways to include culture and heritage in the provision of local education or health services;
- research into the contribution made by culture and heritage to local economies;
- funding for people working in culture and heritage to build networks and increase their skills;
- exploring and piloting new ways of financing cultural organisations;
- encouraging the use of existing powers that allow communities to support their local culture, such as the community right to bid or listing local landmarks as assets of community value; and
- development of local strategies that maximise the community benefit that local culture and heritage can deliver.

We anticipate that most of the schemes we fund will deliver activities that fit into the following four broad areas:

Talking to people

- Community-based discussions using evidence about current opportunities to engage with heritage and culture and its impact, e.g. using the Heritage Lottery Fund/RSA Heritage Index to talk about the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities of heritage assets and activities. These could be at everything from a local council, city, town or village scale.
- Holding a series of events that build or support new local networks that cut across sectors and organisational barriers – for example, between any or all of heritage, cultural, health, education, civic and community organisations as well as local councils and economic development and business groups.
- Help to make heritage and culture a building block of long-term place strategy by holding discussions amongst local place-shaping forces: creative industries, civic entrepreneurs and social innovators.

Section four – what we will fund

Exploring new ideas

- Research the role of heritage in the local economy – not just tourism but businesses and industries where traditional strengths may still offer potential to meet local or export demand, partnering with universities where appropriate.
- Investigate the inter-relationship between urban centres and their surrounding rural hinterland including for example tourism, the role of landscapes in flood protection, water quality, energy, food production, as well as recreation and cultural identity.
- Investigate the relationship between cultural production and consumption, identifying opportunities to exploit and overcome barriers to this.
- Explore the potential for new models of governance and operation within the heritage and cultural sector, and seek to run short pilots of these.
- Commission artists, sculptors, writers and animators to work with local communities to help them define their aspirations and vision, or to catalyse change.
- Exploring the plurality of identities and how they can contribute to place.
- Work with museums and libraries to extend the partnership's reach into communities. For example, looking at addressing the issues identified through the Paul Hamlyn Foundation's [Our Museum](#) initiative.
- Engaging the public through competitions to come up with new ideas for using local heritage and cultural assets in different ways.
- Explore how to incorporate more about heritage and culture in local educational provision, at all levels.
- Working with universities to explore how heritage and culture can be better used to address social and economic priorities.
- Working with nature organisations to explore and establish the Natural Capital baseline and potential of a place particularly its contribution to people's health and wellbeing.

Creating tools to realise step change

- Enable diverse heritage organisations to work with commissioners in co-producing frameworks for social outcomes.
- Linking in with local area and community plans.
- Create new ways of recognising local culture, such as town trails, or digital catalogues of an area's places of interest.
- Involve the public in contributing to local heritage records/catalogues.
- Incorporate heritage data into local open data platforms.
- Better integrate heritage and culture into place marketing and branding, to attract tourism or investment.

Section four – what we will fund

Building Capacity

- Create opportunities for people to discover more about local heritage and culture and feed ideas into new projects.
- Provide funding for individual heritage activists to build their personal networks and skills.
- Investigate options for transferring heritage assets to community ownership.
- Audit local heritage and cultural organisations for skills, including digital communication and community engagement, and seek out local people with those skills; or add local resident representatives to project steering groups and boards of heritage and cultural organisations,
- Develop regional, Northern Ireland-wide, cross-UK or international partnerships.
- Partnership building that levers in investment from other public funders.

These events and activities could make use of heritage and cultural buildings or community/visitor centres by opening them up to temporary exhibits and activities. But they could also take place in shopping centres, cafés or bars, sports centres or stadia – wherever people live, work and play.

Your plans should also explain how you will incorporate and use social media.

We will work with participants in the Great Place Scheme to capture the learning that emerges and will expect you to work with us to disseminate this. We will discuss this with participants in the scheme.

Heritage Lottery Fund resources

In the last two years Heritage Lottery Fund and the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce) have been carrying out research looking into the connections between heritage, identity and place. Many outputs from this work are already available. The following can be found on the research web page and will be useful for applicants looking to develop their Schemes:

- The Heritage Index is a key tool for places to use in developing Great Place applications and as a starting place for scheme activities that are funded through the programme.
- There are 30 blogs on the [RSA Heritage, Identity and Place research website](#) that provide ideas and accounts of activities.

Section five – the difference we want to make

We understand that every place is different; local context, character and flavour is at the heart of the Great Place Scheme. We want to support schemes which respond to these individual needs and desires and make a real difference to life in the local area. But to measure the impact of our investment, each scheme that we fund must provide a 'return'. We will aim to secure this return by asking you and your scheme to deliver the outcomes below which we see as characteristic of how heritage and culture makes a place great. Please note, we will not expect you to address all the outcomes equally in terms of the proposed activities and allocation of budget in delivering these activities. The proposed outputs of your scheme should indicate how you will achieve them. Our evaluation of the programme and individual schemes will review the success of each scheme in terms of these outcomes.

With our investment heritage and cultural organisations will have built sustainable partnerships with other sectors, agencies and organisations in the place, and heritage and culture will be fully reflected in local plans and strategies

To deliver the outcomes of this programme you will not only make a difference to your place, but also embed the necessary partnerships beyond the heritage and cultural sectors in the long-term, and see a clear role for heritage and culture reflected in local plans and strategies. We will need to see evidence of how heritage and culture relates to the key local plans and strategies relevant to your activity, and of how partners' commitment will be secured and sustained.

With our investment heritage, cultural and other local organisations, will be more resilient

Local heritage and cultural organisations, alongside those from related sectors, will have greater capacity to meet challenges and to adapt to

changing circumstances to give them a secure future. They will achieve this greater resilience through stronger governance and greater local involvement; increased management and staff skills; fresh sources of expertise and advice; and by working in partnership to share services, staff and resources.

With our investment, inequality will be addressed and everyone given the opportunity to experience and to be inspired by heritage and culture

There will be more people, particularly young people, engaging with, experiencing and being inspired by the heritage and culture around them. Audiences will be more diverse than before your scheme. Changes will have come about as a direct result of your scheme, particularly your audience development work and community consultation, by collecting and analysing information about the people who engage with your heritage and culture – and those who don't – before, during and after your scheme.

Section five – the difference we want to make

With our investment your local area/community will experience inclusive growth, tackling poverty

You will be able to demonstrate that you have contributed to growth in your local economy, so people from all parts of the community are involved in this change but are also able to benefit from a strengthened economy. Your scheme might stimulate tourism, the creative industries or act as an attraction for inward investment. You will be able to show that local businesses and community and social enterprises have benefited and/or new businesses and community and social enterprises have been established. This will be supported by sustainable and productive employment, a fair and inclusive jobs market and regional cohesion. This will be because you spent your grant locally, or because you encouraged more tourism visits, promoted a fair wage and opportunities for development, helped commercialise products, supported start-ups or growing small and medium enterprises. You will also be able to demonstrate that you have engaged key partners.

With our investment your place will be a better place to live, work or visit

Local residents will have a better quality of life and overall the place will be more attractive. As a result of increasing opportunities for local people to engage with heritage and culture around them, residents will report that they feel greater pride in the place and/or have a stronger sense of belonging. People will have a greater sense of well-being and inequalities will be tackled. You will be able to demonstrate that the new partnerships you forge and the activities you undertake have a clear social impact – whether upon health and well-being, community cohesion, educational outcomes, or another local policy priority. You will be able to engage key partners such as health and social care boards, schools, further and higher education institutions, local councils, community and voluntary sector and others as appropriate.

Section six – how to apply

Talking to us about your application – preliminary application form

Once you have read the guidance and started to think about your application, you must speak with the Heritage Lottery Fund. To make contact, please visit the HLF Northern Ireland website or email northernireland@hlf.org.uk to arrange to speak to the development team.

We require all prospective applicants to submit a preliminary application form by midday 25th August 2017, available on the Great Place Scheme Northern Ireland website.

We require outline information at this stage, but you should cover the following:

- The place where you hope to locate your project.
- The key social, economic and environmental priorities as set out by stakeholders and local leaders in that place.
- The range of activity that you seek to deliver to contribute to these priorities.
- How your activity will seek to embed heritage and culture into the vision and plans for the place where your project will be delivered, the partners you will seek to work with and influence, and the extent of their commitment to your plans.

- Membership of your partnership and how other heritage and cultural partners/stakeholders will be involved in project leadership and delivery.
- Plans for how you will finance and manage your Great Place Scheme project.
- Who you have discussed your project with from Heritage Lottery Fund.

Once the 25 August 2017 deadline for Great Place Scheme preliminary application has passed, we will adopt a sift approach to identify those projects which we think have the ability to deliver against the five Great Place Scheme outcomes (see pages 16-17). At that point you may be invited to give a short presentation on the project to our advisory panel.

If we believe that your project has potential, we will invite you to make a full application, and send you full details of how to register on our online application portal for the scheme, how to fill in the full application form and the information we will need you to provide.

Section six – how to apply

Submit a full application form

The Great Place Scheme application form will be a maximum of 3,250 words, divided into three sections:

- Meeting the brief – the potential of the project to strengthen heritage and cultural organisations within your place, leading to a more prominent role for heritage and culture in meeting local social and economic priorities and achieving the five programme outcomes (1,500 words)
- Project management (1,000 words)
- Financial viability (750 words).

You do not need to use the full word count if you do not feel it is necessary. Use the criteria/prompts in section seven of this guidance to help you structure your proposal.

If you are invited to proceed with a full application the online application form will be available from 18 September 2017. Applications must be submitted by midday on 6 December 2017.

Applications submitted after this time will not be considered. We will not be able to read or provide written comment on draft applications. It is your responsibility to develop and write the application, including what you feel to be all the relevant information. We cannot guarantee success for any applicant.

Section six – how to apply

Attachments

You must upload the following mandatory attachments with your full application. The combined limit on file size for all the attachments taken together is 10 megabytes and 10 items.

Partnership agreement	The partnership agreement should list of all organisations, detailing their role in the delivery of the scheme and how it will be managed. It should also provide the contact details for the main person within each organisation.
Detailed budget	A detailed budget for the Great Place Scheme project or activities, showing proposed income and expenditure (as an Excel sheet or similar).
Work plan	A work plan for the proposed scheme, including milestones and key review dates.
Financial statements	Financial statements for your partnership’s lead organisation showing previous financial year, prepared to the relevant legal standard.
Management accounts	The latest management accounts for your lead organisation.
Governance documents	The governance documents for your lead organisation. Not applicable if a local council or public body is the lead applicant.

You may also upload the following optional attachments

Up to three other relevant attachments e.g. a plan of the place you intend to address in your scheme or letters of support from local community groups. These must each be a maximum of five pages in length.

Section six – how to apply

We will use the information you give us in your application form and any attachments to decide whether your application is eligible and whether we will offer you funding to deliver your Great Place

Help with your application

We are committed to being open and want to make the Great Place Scheme application process accessible to everyone. If you experience any barriers within the application process, require help

After you submit your full Great Place Scheme application

You will receive an acknowledgement email confirming that we have received your application. This will be sent to the email address which you used to send in the application.

We will conduct an eligibility check after your application has been submitted. If your application

Scheme. If your application does not contain the information we need in the format we ask for we might not be able to consider it.

to make an application, or simply have any further questions which aren't answered above, please contact the Northern Ireland team.

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Email: northernireland@hlf.org.uk

is not eligible, this means that we cannot process it any further and it will not be considered for funding.

If your application is not eligible we will write to let you know and will explain our decision.

Section seven – how we will make our decision

We will check your full application to ensure that you have provided all the information we have requested and taken account of the feedback provided on your preliminary application and presentation. We will then make our decision based on the information you provide in your full application, any further information that we request and, where relevant, data and information from the Charity Commission and Companies House websites relating to your lead organisation's constitution and financial statements from the past two years.

We will assess each application against the following criteria, using the assessment prompts below:

Criteria

Meeting the brief - the potential of the application to strengthen heritage and cultural organisations within the place, leading to a more prominent role for heritage and culture in meeting local social, environmental and economic priorities (word count: up to **1,500** words):

- An understanding of the people, place, cultural and heritage assets where the proposed Great Place activities will be delivered
- An understanding of the key challenges facing the selected scheme area and of the opportunities identified to address these, including poverty and inequality
- Knowledge of other initiatives in the scheme area which could be built upon through the project
- Knowledge and experience of working across the heritage and cultural sectors, with a wide range of stakeholders (including local people)
- A track record, within the partnership members, of delivering or being involved in activity that promotes heritage, culture and place-making, especially in the place where scheme activities will occur
- A track record of working collaboratively and developing partnerships to achieve shared aims, both within the heritage and cultural sectors and beyond
- Your plans to deliver activity and the extent that this will achieve the five outcomes of the Great Place Scheme in Northern Ireland
- An understanding of the context you are operating in locally, and how you will secure and sustain appropriate partnerships which will embed heritage and culture in local plans and strategies

Section seven – how we will make our decision

Project management (word count: up to **1,000** words):

- Demonstration of the capacity to deliver the proposed scheme across the partnership
- Quality and range of the partnership
- Demonstration of the existing level of involvement of the heritage and cultural sectors in local place-shaping strategies
- Appropriate governance arrangements in place and/or planned, including how partners are engaged
- Demonstration of how equality and accessibility will be addressed

Financial viability (word count: up to **750** words):

- Financial viability of the lead applicant, and of the scheme
- Demonstration of appropriateness of proposed budget
- Cash investment or in-kind support, in addition to the minimum 10% cash contribution

Decision making

Once we have assessed your application and a recommendation has been made whether to fund it, we will make our decision. To do this we will consider how strongly your scheme scored against our criteria, and we will also consider your scheme alongside other applications on the following balancing criteria:

- Geographical location
- The degree to which projects tackle identified needs of communities experiencing inequalities
- Scale to achieve a balance of smaller and larger schemes
- Balance across different types of activity, the social, cultural and economic value to be added by activity, and the form and membership of delivery partnerships

- Opportunity to collaborate and add value to other initiatives in areas of greatest need
- Equality and diversity – e.g. the diversity of those delivering the proposed scheme, the proposed reach of the scheme in terms of participants, and the extent to which the proposed scheme can promote equality of opportunity

These balancing criteria will be used to ensure a good spread of Great Place Schemes – both in terms of geography and proposed activities/ approach - and to differentiate between a number of proposals that are all considered strong.

We will aim to notify applicants of our decision no later than 31 March 2018.

Section eight – other information about your application

Complaints

If you are not happy with the way we have dealt with your application, please contact us and we will discuss this with you. If you are still unhappy, you can ask us for a copy of our complaints procedure. Details can be found here:

www.hlf.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/customer-service

Please note that you can only complain if you believe we have not followed our published procedures when assessing your Great Place Scheme application. You cannot appeal against the decision.

Freedom of Information and Data Protection

We are committed to being open about the way we will use any information you give us as part of your application. We work within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998.

When you submit your declaration with your application form you are confirming that you understand our obligations under these Acts.

Receiving a grant

If you are awarded a grant, you will need to:

- Comply with our terms of grant.
- Acknowledge National Lottery support using a grantees' acknowledgement logo. We will give you guidance on this and can provide some acknowledgement materials free of charge.
- Give us the right to use any images you provide us with. You must get all the permissions required before you use them or send them to us.

If you are successful in receiving a grant, we will give you more detailed information on our approach to project monitoring, grant payment, buying works and services and evaluation in a separate guidance note.

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Great Place Scheme Preliminary Application form

Once you have read the Great Place Scheme guidance and started to think about your application, you must speak with our Northern Ireland team:

Telephone: 028 9031 0120
Email: northernireland@hlf.org.uk

You should then fill in this word document template and email your completed preliminary application form to northernireland@hlf.org.uk by **midday 25 August 2017**.

Use question 3 (maximum 500 words) to briefly outline your project ideas, timescales and identify how much funding you might require. We only require outline information at this stage, but you should cover the following:

- The place where you hope to locate your project (this will become the 'Great Place').
- The key social, environmental and economic priorities as set out by stakeholders and local leaders for that place.
- The range of activity that you seek to deliver to contribute to these priorities.
- How your activity will seek to embed heritage into the vision and plans for the place where your project will be delivered, the partners you will seek to work with and influence, and the extent of their commitment to your plans and to culture.
- Membership of your partnership and how other partners/stakeholders will be involved in project leadership and delivery.
- Plans for how you will finance and manage your Great Place Scheme project.

Once the **25 August 2017** deadline for preliminary application forms has passed, we will adopt a sift approach to identify those projects which we think have the ability to deliver against the five Great Place Scheme outcomes. See pages 16-17 in the application guidance for more information. Selected applicants will then be invited to present their project proposals to the panel on the week beginning **4th September 2017**. If we believe that your project does have potential, we will invite you to make a full application.

What is the title of your project?

In no more than 15 words, please choose a title which you think best describes your project.

1a. Name and address of your organisation

1b. Details of main contact person

Name:
Position:
Email:
Direct line:
Mobile:



1c. Are you a not-for-profit organisation?

Partnerships can include for-profit organisations but must be led by a not-for-profit organisation.

2 What is the geographical focus of your project?

You may include a map with your preliminary application form.

3 Outline proposals – see checklist above (up to 500 words)

4 How much is your project likely to cost? Tell us what the major costs are likely to be.

5 How much do you expect to ask for from the Great Place Scheme?

Now email this form to northernireland@hlf.org.uk by **midday 25 August 2017**. You will receive an automated email acknowledgement.

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Oct 2017
Subject:	Letter of Offer from Landfill Communities Fund – Newry Canal Lock No.5 Restoration
Date:	Monday 9th October 2017
Reporting Officer :	Mr Jonathan McGilly - Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer :	Mr Seamus Crossey – Capital Projects Officer - ERT

Decisions Required

To note/agree the contents of the Report and approve recommendations at Section 3.

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>As previously agreed at the ERT committee, the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) underspend from the Greenway project, is to be transferred across to the proposed Newry Canal Lock No.5 Restoration.</p> <p>Over the years, tree routes have significantly dislodged sections of wall and stones in walls. Also overgrown vegetation has gathered on all the walls, various debris has built up in the Lock Chamber and a host of other structural issues have come about from significant dereliction of the Lock Chamber over many years.</p> <p>With a Letter of Offer now having been received from the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), it is hoped that the design and NIEA Consent can be obtained by March 2018, with actual works getting underway and being completed in the 18/19 financial year.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issue</p> <p>- Located along the Towpath, Lock No.5 given its closeness to the Carnbane Entrance, gets a lot of passing pedestrians and cyclists and these works will help to secure the integrity of the listed monument structure and ensure its attractiveness on a heavily used tourist/recreational route.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council accept the Letter Of Offer from the Landfill Communities Fund for £92,445 towards the 'Newry Canal Lock No.5 Restoration' and now proceed to commission the required procurement processes for consultants and contractors to have the scheme designed and delivered.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>There are no Council budget requirements in 2017/18, with a contribution of £50,000 being put forward to the 2018/19 rates estimates to assist with Building works.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications</p> <p>In delivery of these schemes, the Council are fully mindful of the Section 75 legislation and will carry out the required Screening exercise.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices – N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Oct 2017
Subject:	Outline Regeneration Forward Work Plan in Partnership with DFC
Date:	Monday 9th October 2017
Reporting Officer :	Mr Jonathan McGilly - Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer :	Mr Seamus Crossey – Capital Projects Officer - ERT

Decisions Required	
Approve the attached 'Outline Urban Regeneration Public Realm Future Work Plan', to allow continued lobbying of DFC in regards their Newry Mourne and Down budget allocations.	
1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>As previously provided to ERT, Council currently lobbying & seeking to meet DFC to have the following schemes and their contributions, altered from having a completion date of March 2018 to an extension into 18/19 to reflect the on-going delay in release of departmental budgets at Stormont;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irish Street Public Realm Scheme (£520,000) - Newry Cathedral Corridor Revitalisation Scheme (£100,000) - Warrenpoint Revitalisation Scheme (£150,000) <p>Outside of the above, Council officials have also been discussing the 'Urban Regeneration Public Realm Forward Work Plan' with DFC. See attached listing of schemes and likely breakdown of costs for consideration and approval.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Despite the current difficulties in the 17/18 Financial year with the 3 projects earmarked to be funded by DFC, it is still important that Council bid for DFC allocations to continue the investment in its Urban settlements in the years ahead. - The attached table is a draft to form the basis of future discussion with DFC and based on indicative budgets and will be subject to continual review and amendments based on changing priorities and budgets. - This attached paper has been developed in tandem with the priority actions from the Masterplans and assessments of Public Realm works completed in last 5-7 years.
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Approve the attached 'Outline Urban Regeneration Public Realm Future Work Plan', to allow continued lobbying of DFC in regards their Newry Mourne and Down budget allocations.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>Over the next 4-5 Financial Years, Council agree to consider Capital and Revenue match funding contributions for future Public Realm projects. The attached are indicative costs at this stage and will be subject to continual review and fine tuning as projects are developed, priorities change and central budgets are confirmed.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications</p> <p>In delivery of these schemes, the Council are fully mindful of the Section 75 legislation and will carry out the required Screening exercise.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices – See attached 'Outline Regeneration Forward Work Plan in Partnership with DFC'</p>

Urban Regeneration – Future DFC Public Realm Proposals

Project	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/2022	2022/23	2023/24
Downpatrick Irish Street (Public Realm) (*)	510k DFC 110k NMD						
Newry Cathedral Corridor Revitalisation (*)	100k DFC 10K NMD						
Warrenpoint Church St / The Square Revitalisation (*)	150k DFC 15k NMD						
Downpatrick Irish Street (Revitalisation)		150k DFC 15K NMD					
Newry Lower Hill Street (Public Realm)		25k NMC	950k DFC 95k NMD	950k DFC 95k NMD			
Newry Lower Hill Street (Revitalisation)					100k DFC 10K NMD		
Warrenpoint Front Shore PR Refurbishment Works		30k NMD	900k DFC 100k NMD				
Newcastle, Downpatrick & Kilkeel PR Refurbish Works				30k NMD	500k DFC 50k NMD		
Newry Town Hall Frontage (Public Realm)					30k NMD	650k DFC 65K NMC	650k DFC 65K NMC

(*) Letters of Offer for 3 schemes will only be accepted on condition that the deadline for completion is extended in 18/19

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Regional bid to Digital Catapult for LPWAN (Low Powered Wide Area Network)
Date:	Monday 09 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Michael Forster - Enterprise Development Officer
Decisions Required	
<p>Currently 10 other councils have expressed an interest in the scheme and have been asked to provide £10,000 each to fund and coordinate challenge funds to launch small scale trials and explorations of the technology.</p> <p>It is recommended that Council commit £10,000 to fund the implementation of the network allowing SME's to develop innovative solutions using LPWAN technology to overcome the key challenges.</p> <p>Timescales: If the bid is successful, the network is required to be operational by March 2018.</p>	
1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>The Digital Catapult is a UK government funded initiative which focuses on the Digital sector and funds initiatives to build capability and capacity to assist in growing this business sector.</p> <p>In June 2017, Digital Catapult was awarded funding from Innovate UK for its bid to expand the Things Connected network to cover up to five additional large-scale regional network deployments. This contributes to fulfilling the strategic goal of accelerating the demand and innovation of industrial IoT* with the adoption of a Low Powered Wide Area Network (LPWAN) nationwide, enabling the UK to assert its status as global leader within the IoT space.</p> <p>This initiative seeks to lower the barrier to access this new technology and create opportunities for innovative businesses to develop. The bid will focus on setting up a regional network within Northern Ireland, provide access to the network, stimulate interest in the business opportunities a network brings, and educate SME's on the potential of IoT to their businesses.</p> <p><i>(*IoT = Internet of Things - any device or sensor that connects to the Internet)</i></p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>This is an open call which seeks to set up and run a regional network and be responsible for post-project exploitation through a planned series of challenge-led SME innovation programmes. Each partner will be provided with an allocation of the funding and hardware to be used to extend the regional network in their area. Partners will also identify challenges which will form the regional and local focus of associated innovation programmes.</p> <p>Each regional network partner (i.e. the consortium) will be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement and operate a free-to-use regional LPWAN network for the use of testing, experimentation, demonstration and piloting of IoT products and services. • Run, test, provide technical support, and maintain their portion of the Things Connected network and gateways. • Build and support an ecosystem across industry and academia to innovate, experiment and prototype new products and services to market that could

- provide solutions using LPWAN to overcome challenges
- Bring large scale challenges with the potential for commercialisation to the programme.
- Identify and recruit local businesses to address these challenges and experiment with innovative solutions.
- Run regular meet-ups, workshops and seminars for local businesses and develop the local LPWAN community.
- Provide first line technical support to the users of the network.

Some examples of challenges may include:

- Understanding visitor activity across the region and tracking movement between attractions.
- Better understanding of commuter movement
- Freight and asset tracking
- Shopper/visitor movements in main towns to understand town centre sustainability and inform future enhancement of town centre/retail offerings.

Tourism NI are also to launch a competition challenge fund (£35,000) to explore the technology use case within Northern Ireland to track visitors.

What is the Economic Development Opportunity?

Digital Providers - The digital companies including the app developers, system developers, digital media and data analytics.

Domain Experts – Businesses which serve agriculture, food production, tourism, waste disposal, security, sustainable energy, health and many other sectors have potential opportunities to develop new innovative solutions for themselves or for their customers.

Summary of Call

- **Set up a LPWAN Network** (*Managed by Ulster University*)
- **Build a SME community that can use it** (*Ulster University, Invest NI, Northern Ireland Councils and others*)
- **Identify and promote large scale challenges for the LPWAN Network/SME's** (*Managed by the Northern Ireland Councils and Tourism NI*)
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3.0 Recommendations

Currently 10 other councils have expressed an interest in the scheme and have been asked to provide £10,000 each to fund and coordinate challenge funds to launch small scale trials and explorations of the technology.

It is recommend that Council commit £10,000 to fund the implementation of the network allowing SME's to develop innovative solutions using LPWAN technology to overcome the key challenges.

Timescales: If the bid is successful, the network is required to be operational by March 2018.

4.0 Resource Implications

£10,000 as per current economic development budgets.

Ulster University will lead and coordinate the development of the technical infrastructure and develop the knowledge to make use of the network. The expectation is that the 11 Councils will define and create opportunities to explore the capability through challenges. Costs associated with hosting development workshops, seminars and networks may be met through future ERT business development programmes and staff.

5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications As per Councils Policy
6.0	Appendices N/A

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Belfast Region City Deal
Date:	9 th October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Liam Hannaway
Contact Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Decisions Required	
To note the contents of the report and approve recommendations at Section 3	
1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>Council have been participating in the Belfast Region City Deal initiative, which is inclusive of 6 NI Councils, with Belfast City Council as the lead partner.</p> <p>The Belfast Region City Deal is a composite programme of investment through the City Deal mechanism. The objective of the deal is to achieve more and better jobs, inclusive growth, improved skills and growth of the domestic business base and Foreign Direct Investment. The City Deal region has been defined based on an area where economic benefits can be focused, combined population and a region with a 'travel to work' focus where sustainable growth can be maximised through labour supply and demand.</p> <p>The economic growth ambitions for the deal focus on the key themes of infrastructure, innovation and skills, and a programme of investment within these 3 key areas will be agreed as part of the Deal.</p> <p>In August 2017, NMDDC, with the other Councils submitted a first stage long list of projects, which were also listed in a paper at the Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee in September 2017. Economic modelling will now be completed on projects to assess their economic benefit. An assessment matrix will be developed to assess and prioritise projects against their growth potential for the City Deal Region, and identify those projects within the Region that will contribute most towards the City Deal inclusive growth, i.e. those projects that will have greatest net impact on employment and productivity. Skills and employability will be a key project theme delivered across the growth region.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>The Chief Executives Group are continuing to meet on a monthly basis to drive forward the deal. The first political meeting with party representatives across the 6-Council region took place on 28th September 2017. Moving forward, a Governance structure will be agreed and formalised with our political representatives, and regular meetings will be scheduled as the City Deal progresses.</p> <p>The next political member's workshop will take place with representatives from other UK City Deal regions to understand the various approaches and initiatives delivered to achieve a successful Growth Region.</p>

	<p>The timeline for securing a Belfast Region City Deal is critical, and key elements of work are to be completed if this timeline is to be achieved. The below outlines the next steps which are key for moving the City Deal forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Economic Strategy for the Region is to be completed to identify the clear and distinct commitment to economic growth within the Region, and to highlight the areas of collaborative strength. • A Strategic economic framework and project prioritisation matrix will be informed and completed in parallel with the above strategy. • A Belfast Region Employability and Skills Intelligence model (a localised skills barometer) is required to inform and shape priorities and future targeting of interventions. This work will be undertaken in 3 phases (below). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a Skills Barometer and labour market analysis for the region 2. Using the above, to scope out the scale, functionality, resource implications and development of an all-encompassing Employability and Skills Intelligence model for the Deal Region 3. Commissioning and development of the agreed Employability and Skills Intelligence model • This research is critical for identifying the skill gaps and informing skill provision when developing employability and skills interventions for the Region. This work has a completion deadline of April 2018. <p>The research and associated interventions that will stem from the skills and employability intelligence model will not only inform the direction of City Deal initiatives but will also assist the Council in making more informed decisions around the local delivery of skills and employability initiatives; this is a key area of work for the Council that will deliver against the priorities within the Corporate Plan and the Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a cost to NMDDC for phase one of £10,000. Costs associated with the other phases are yet to be defined and will be reported on when known. • Other additional costs will be incurred in developing and implementing the City Deal; as the Deal develops and detail of further costs become available these will be reported on through Councils normal procedures • The 6-Council model for a Belfast Region City Deal is moving forward; Councils are now in a position where commitment has to be confirmed so the "Growth Region" can be confirmed within the study area
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To commit to participation in the Belfast Region City Deal and it's objective of creating for the region "more and better jobs, inclusive growth, improved skills and growth of the domestic business base and FDI" 2. To approve an initial contribution of £10,000 towards phase 1 research

	<p>for the development of a Skills Barometer and labour market analysis for the City Deal Region (part contribution with total costs shared among participation Councils)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To note that additional costs will be incurred in developing and implementing the City Deal; as the Deal develops and detail of further costs become available these will be reported on through Councils normal procedures. 4. Given the strategic importance of Council's involvement in the City Deal initiative, members may wish to consider a workshop with Full Council and KPMG (City Deal consultants) prior to the full Council meeting on 6th Nov, to enable the City Deal initiative and benefits to the area to be further discussed.
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £10,000 towards phase 1 research for the development of a Skills Barometer and labour market analysis 2. Staff time 3. Additional financial costs will be incurred as the City Deal progresses and this will be brought through the rates and committee structures as appropriate
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications All necessary considerations will be taken account of.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices N/A</p>

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Newry Civic Centre progress report
Date:	Monday 9 th October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer :	Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Decisions Required

To approve recommendations at Section 3:

1. Public and Business Information Sessions to be hosted in Newry.

1.0 Purpose and Background

The Council Corporate Plan 2015-2019 set out as one of the key actions the establishment of a new Civic Centre for Newry. The development of a Civic Centre will help attain the following strategic objectives as set out in the Corporate Plan:

- Attracted investment and supported the creation of new jobs
- Lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas
- Transformed and modernized the Council, providing accessible as well as value for money services.

Work has been completed on stage 1 and 2 of the Newry City Centre Investment Strategy. This work included:

- A market analysis including a commercial and residential market review was completed which provides a better understanding of the regeneration and investment opportunities in the City Centre.
- An overview of the current planned investments in the city, including offices and the new civic center.
- A site analysis of potential development sites and opportunities for investment in the City Centre.
- A review of potential sites; along with which locations could have greatest regenerative impact and their deliverability.
- A recommendation of potential sites for the investment strategy in the City Centre.

The market analysis presented the following regeneration and investment framework projects in Newry City Centre:

- Offices – to drive employment and spend;
- Civic Centre – operational need for NMDC, and will help to drive footfall

	<p>and spend in the centre;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel – improve the existing offer, and support the business and leisure markets; • Residential – expand the existing offer and increase city centre living; • Leisure (restaurants, cafes and bars) – to enhance the user experience; and • Evening Economy and tourism related uses. <p>As the Council move through the delivery stages it is important to inform the public and business community of progress.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issue</p> <p>The Council has completed master planning work to identify suitable sites for the project. However it is recognised that other sites may be available in private ownership and it was agreed at the SPR Committee that a public call for sites would be undertaken. The public and business information sessions will commence this process.</p> <p>It was further agreed that the following evaluation criteria will be applied to selection of site:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City Centre Location 2. Financial benefit to the Council 3. Potential for added benefit (available land constraints) 4. Design Quality. <p>Stakeholder groups will be engaged from across the district through the information sessions.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public and Business Information Sessions to be hosted in Newry.
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>Staff time and resource to project manage the work.</p> <p>Costs associated with hire of venue and engagement of communications company and public advertisement in the region of £10,000.</p> <p>All costs associated with the project are within the capital budget.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications:</p> <p>The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political Opinion and Ethnic Origin.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>None</p>

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Oct 2017
Subject:	Master Plans Priority actions - Progress Update
Date:	9 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director EER

Decisions Required

To note the contents of the report and related appendices

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>In February 2017 Council agreed the priority actions to be delivered against each of the 4 main Master plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry City Master Plan • Ballynahinch Master Plan • Downpatrick Master Plan • South East Coast Master Plan <p>Attached provides detail on the progress made to date against each of the listed priorities</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>Progress against each of the priorities has been detailed for each of the plans and have been appended for members information.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Note progress against each of the actions in the 4 Plans</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>Each individual project will have a budget allocated as necessary and will be reported on separately to ERT or relevant committee as decisions are required</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications</p> <p>Each individual action will be assessed where appropriate / relevant against any Equality and Good relations implications</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>June 2017 Updates in the below Masterplans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry City Masterplan • South East Coast • Downpatrick • Ballynahinch

Ballynahinch Masterplan – Priority Action Plan

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Rank Order	Ref	Project	Rationale for Prioritisation	Level of Delivery by 2020	2016/17 Action Plan	2017/18 Action Plan
1	J	Development of River Pathways (Internal Capital Project)	Linking town with wider environs. Act as a catalyst for tourism development with reference to Montalto Estate. Wide community support for project. Contribute to health & wellbeing agenda.	Project being explored by AHC department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce a design and development proposal Identify funding 	PM: M Lipsett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure funds to develop proposals 	Outdoor Recreation NI has been appointed to carry out scoping study. Marketing strategy completed. Trails and Play design complete and construction underway – completion Spring 2018.
2	e	Ballynahinch Bypass (External Project)	Reduce congestion in town centre allowing town to develop as a market town/food destination. Enhance the travel experience of visitors to the wider Mourne area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council adopt a lobbying role to influence the progression of the bypass (Public Inquiry underway) Regular liaison between Transport NI and DEA Forum 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish linkages with TNI to promote & lobby for scheme 	Public enquiry concluded, agreed to proceed and continued liaison taking place with Transport NI.
3	h	Market Square – steel structure (Internal Capital Project)	Economic/tourism potential would be enhanced by the removal of an eyesore in a prominent town centre historical setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project being progressed by AHC department. Continue negotiations with The Edge (Potential user of the site) 2016/17 	PM: Janine Hillen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore option for development of site Make RDP funding application 	Meeting held with The Edge representatives to progress project. ToR agreed and has now progressed to legal processes.
4	m	Events Programme (Internal Revenue Project)	To animate town centre and to act as a draw for potential visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop & implement an annual event programme in town 	PM: M Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events programme developed on an annual basis and dependant on budget. 	On-going engagement with Montalto Estate re potential events. Working with local communities in relation to the delivery of on-going Halloween and Christmas events
5	l	Premier Food Destination (Internal Revenue Project)	Development of food destination as a major tourist attraction. Enhancement of market in line with Regeneration strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop Make it Local and Food circle projects to raise profile of town as a food/local produce destination Dissemination of promotional materials. 	PM: M Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run 2 no. make it local events develop proposal around food circle project 	On-going food and drink events throughout the year open to all Ballynahinch businesses. Twilight market taking place in Newry at Halloween and Christmas which Ballynahinch businesses are invited.
6	d	Place Marketing Strategy (Internal Revenue Project)	To establish an identity for the town and to vision its place within the wider context of the district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing strategy completed 2015 Implement recommendations in strategy 	PM: M Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align marketing strategy to overall tourism strategy Seek funding for implementation 	To be linked to all masterplans. Wider tourism strategy for the district now completed. Specific actions relevant to the implementation of the strategy currently been worked up.

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7	w	Windmill Street Car Park (Internal Capital Project/Council owned)	To improve connectivity within the town centre enhancing linkages to Main Street to open up shopping area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop design proposals for enhancement of the car park - Liaise with Transport NI re: progress of project and funding availability 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Source funds for design of scheme 	Council officer meeting held 25.5.17 on site relating to the three main car parks (including Windmill Street) to consider the options. RFQ currently live to appoint a multi-disciplinary team to produce development briefs for both car parks. Tender process closes 29.9.17. Windmill Street external boundary to be resurfaced and car park re-lined.
8	r	Laneways and Arches (External Project)	To preserve the historical aspects of the town centre and to complement the proposed upgrade to the Windmill Street car park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop design proposals - Approach DSD to see if capital funding could be secured to deliver 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secure funding for development of proposals 	Walk site and identify/map properties Identify appropriate funding mechanisms
9	o	Temporary Interventions and Meanwhile uses (Internal Revenue Project)	Rehabilitate vacant/derelict buildings to stimulate economic activity and to enhance the aesthetics of the town centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify key derelict properties in partnership with owners - Draw up plans & submit bids for regeneration funding 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify properties & landowners who could avail of UDG & open negotiations with DSD - Develop a plan with local trades for RDP upshop concept. 	Walk site and identify/map properties Identify appropriate funding mechanisms
10	p	Town Centre Living (Internal Revenue Project)	To contribute to the development of a vibrant night time economy and to create a safer feeling in the town centre at night.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby NI Housing Executive to revive the Living Over the Shop (LOTS) initiative (EER staff) - Liaison with NIHE and DEA forum. 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a Group with Chamber of Commerce - Identify scope for potential scheme. 	Walk site and identify/map properties Identify appropriate funding mechanisms

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Rank Order	Ref	Project	Rationale for Prioritisation	Level of Delivery by 2020	Progress to Date: September 2017
1	E6	Transportation and Parking Study (External Project)	Study completed but implementation required giving consideration and key functions development at Collins Corner, St. Patrick's Avenue, Market Street, Ardglass/Killough junction. Development of link road through PSNI Station to create possible one-way system.	Implementation of transportation plan as agreed in 2016/17	Link road under consideration as part of the feasibility study around the proposed purchase of the former PSNI station.
2	A2	Hotel Development (External Project)	Identified in accommodation needs analysis. Essential to develop tourism product and to attract visitors.	Secure Hotel Development in Downpatrick	Hotel feasibility study Phase I complete. Phase 2 + 3 pending outcome of the planning application for the proposed hotel at the Abbey Lodge Site.
3	A5,C6	Public Realm Improvements, particularly in Irish Street, Rejuvenation of vacant/derelict buildings. (Internal Capital Project)	Following the relocation of the PSNI from Irish Street this area will require upgrading. No EI schemes have been carried out in this location for over 20 years, Adjacent streets have been upgraded. Projects to include signage, interpretation, lighting etc. (Link to priority 9 & 10). Public Realm also required for English Street and Saint Patrick's Square and Market Street to extend to SERC and environs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement public realm scheme 2017/18 - Develop and Submit THI proposals 2017/18 - Commence THI scheme 2019/20 	Public Realm Design work completed. Planning Application lodged. Meeting being organised with Planners and Consultant to discuss use of appropriate materials. THI scheme being worked up to include Church Street, English Street and Scotch Street. Application will

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					be lodged with HLF by closing date of December 2017 with decision expected Jan/Feb 2018. Discussing future public realm schemes with DFC.
4	D4	Linear park & linkages from town centre to Downshire site (Internal Project)	Need for increased connectivity. Bus linkages Quoile River project and Dunluce Park Project to be explored.	Further research required. To date Translink not engaged to provide bus service.	Ongoing
5	C4	The Grove/St Patrick's Quarter (External Project)	Development site for improved car parking and wider regeneration	Council owned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish project working group involve key stakeholders - Develop project proposals for the site - Source development partners via development brief 	Meeting held with Strategic Investment Board to discuss possible options for development of the site. Discussions will be held with Department for Infrastructure, Planners and the Health Trust. Work in progress.
6	D3	Downe Hospital site (External Project)	Redevelopment of prime site in town centre required.	Site sold to developer. Plans for housing development in place.	Planning approval granted for development. Discussions to be held with developer to establish current position.

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7*		Public Sector Campus / Decentralisation (External)	Continued lobby and development of Business Case for decentralisation of Public Section jobs to Downpatrick area. Immediate focus on redevelopment plans for Rathkeltair House and transport linkages from town centre to Downshire campus.	-	Department of Finance Properties division will be awarding the contract for the refurbishment of Rathkeltair House shortly. It is anticipated that the works will complete by mid 2018. Following the refurbishment numbers will increase at Rathkeltair House through the relocation of staff from 2 other buildings. Any further increase in the building beyond those currently known will be a decision made by the respective Government Departments.
8*		Tourism Strategy (Internal)	Development of key Tourism projects compliment district wide tourism strategy to explore viability of projects such as St. Patrick, Railway, Museum and Arts Centre. (Link to Priority 5)	- Secure resources and develop projects.	Strategy completed and launched March 2017. Work initiated on implementation of the strategy.

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9	A3,C1,E4.E5	Living over the Shop (LOTS) and Urban Development Grants (UDG) (Internal Revenue Project)	LOTS as a means of revitalising the night time economy and making better and safer usage of the town centre at night. UDG as a measure to tackle vacant/derelict buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop proposals for LOTS - Secure a LOTS for Downpatrick Town Centre 	HLF application includes vacant/derelict buildings. LOTS funding programme not currently available.
10	E2	Frontage Improvement schemes (Internal Revenue Project)	To enhance shop frontages in the town centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby for DSD funding following public realm scheme in Irish Street. (EER staff) 2018/19. - Implement shop front scheme in Downpatrick 	Following completion of public realm scheme. An application will be made to DFC for Revitalisation funding to deliver shop frontage scheme.
11		Eastern Link/Peripheral Road	To improve transport congestion in town centre, provide access to Downshire campus and Newly developed hotel and open up access to land for future housing development to provide for growth of town population.	Lobby Transport NI for inclusion in forward work plan	Eastern Relief Road negotiations ongoing with DFI.

*Actions requested for prioritisation by Downpatrick DEA but not included in original Masterplan Action Plan

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Rank	Project	Rationale for Prioritisation	Level of Delivery by 2020	2016/17 Action Plan	Progress Up-to Sept 2017
1	Council Civic Centre Campus (Internal Capital Project)	Key Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Major infrastructure project. Availability of sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council owned and led - stakeholder input - Feasibility study, site identified - planning permission sought/granted - funding secured 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM – M Ward -Civic Centre Requirements agreed -Site Identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Work on-going in finalising site options with consultants. Exploring feasibility of Theatre development as part of the overall project development. -Project Board established and reporting back to overseeing Capital Working Group. Initial business / developer engagement will take place Nov 2017.
2	Albert Basin (Internal/External Project)	Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Creates a major multi-faceted infrastructure project in City Centre. Public perception is for the Council to deliver a successful project on this site. Giving due consideration to provision of a public park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council owned and led - Financial and staff resources required - stakeholder engagement - develop & implement an Albert Basin Masterplan - delivered on a phased approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM – M Ward -Complete site appraisal via Investment Strategy -Secure funding for site masterplan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council Asset Strategy currently being developed and from that a plan will be completed on how best to utilise assets/land. Albert Basin site will be dealt with, via out workings of this strategy.
3	Southern Relief Road (External Project)	Major infrastructure development meeting with the Council's strategic priorities. Multiple impacts. Will add to the success of other initiatives; Newry City's general operation, job creation,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delivered by central Government /TNI - Lobbying role for the Council - Ensure all Government and - stakeholder commitment via Council Committee Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM: M Ward -Completion of options appraisals (TNI) -Continued Lobbying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -TNI completed and published its report on the options for the SRR. Two preferred corridors have been identified. Some consultation in late 2017

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		tourism, business development, health& well-being and inward investment. Cross border opportunities.			with a view to choosing a preferred route by the end of 2018. Detail Design would follow thereafter, through to statutory due process and a Public enquiry in 2019/2020.
4	Greenway Development (Internal Capital Project)	Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Phased project already commenced and a success. Connectivity to other greenways and projects. External funding opportunities. Cross border opportunities.	-Partnership with Louth County Council (LCC) -Complete Greenway project connecting Victoria Lough to Newry City Towpath	PM: M Ward Phase 1 completed Phase 2 Funding application submitted	-With phase I completed. (Albert Basin to spillway) -Phase II (spill way to Victoria Lock) contractors now commenced on site with works due to be complete in early 2018. - Phase III (Victoria Lock to Omeath) now being led by LCC who will be seeking to appoint a design team in Oct 2017.
5	Place Marketing (Internal Revenue Project)	Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Immediate requirement to service the community and business sectors. Create a common Newry City identity/place.	-Council owned and led -Financial and staff resources required -Various stakeholder input -Implement comprehensive marketing plan with stakeholder buy in on annual basis -Undertake review of signage across City	PM: Jonathan McGilly -Develop marketing plan -Secure funding for signage, audit & review in partnership with BID Team	- BID commissioned Newry "Perfectly Placed" as a brand for a range of activities and has undertaken an extensive integrated marketing strategy. -Many activities covered including cross border trade linkages / On line

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					<p>promotion / press / radio / bill boards / ad vans / ad walkers and partnering (e.g. AA Road Watch and Translink)</p> <p>-3 bill board signs in use locally on regular basis.</p> <p>-About to provide additional Parking signage following feedback from surveys.</p> <p>-Working on a range of events to showcase the City.</p>
6	Community Care Hub (External Project)	Major infrastructure development meeting with the Council's strategic priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lobbying role for the Council -Delivered by other Government Departments & private sector -Business case -Planning for site secured -Tender & develop scheme 	<p>PM: M Ward</p> <p>-Secure executive approval for project</p>	-Preferred Site identified and Developer still going through Planning.
7	Waterfront Urban Design (Internal Revenue Project)	Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Unique twin waterways running through Newry City centre and under utilised. Connectivity of the urban nature of Newry to the water to open up a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council owned and led in partnership with DFC -Financial and staff resources required -stakeholder input -developed via BiD Team & Chamber 	<p>PM: Marie Ward</p> <p>-Source funding</p> <p>-Complete Merchants Quay Revitalisation Programme</p>	<p>-Linkages Revitalisation Scheme completed in 2016.</p> <p>- Bus Station Canal-Side and Rear of Townhall River-side being investigated for works and funding. Possible linkage on this item in</p>

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		number of projects. External funding opportunities.	-Delivered on a phased approach -City Waterways Strategy/Masterplan which can be delivered on a phased approach		regards to in civic site investigations.
8	Public Realm (Internal Project)	Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Newry City Centre Public Realm Strategy in place to guide and prioritise decisions and projects, e.g. Basin Quay, Hill Street, Abbey Way, Newry Variety Market, Town Hall/Arts Centre setting, North Street. External funding opportunities.	-Council owned and led in partnership with DSD -Financial and staff resources required -stakeholder input via project steering groups -Revitalisation scheme -Prioritise 1 no. future PR scheme for Newry -commence process, i.e. design, planning and implementation.	PM: Seamus Crossey -Complete Hill Street Public Realm Scheme	-Phase II of Hill Street Public Realm completed in 2016 - Working with DFC to prioritise a 3 rd Phase in Lower Hill Street. - TNI completed Mary Street and Water Street resurfacing programme in mid-2017.
9	Car Parks/Park and Choose (Internal Project)	Element within the Transfer of Functions. Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Can connect other projects and provide an income stream for the Council. External funding opportunities.	-Council/Transport NI owned and led(RATS) -Financial and staff resources required -Action up to 2020 – Car park strategy with economic benefits to the fore. Car Parks formally transferred to Council. Innovative mechanism for transportation throughout the city centre to alleviate parking issues & linked to Council's Investment Strategy	PM: Colm Jackson -Complete appraisal/business case for car park to agree new charging structures etc.	-Council has agreed a 2 year extension to the Agency Agreement with Transport NI to carry out the enforcement for the pay car parks within the city. The Agreement is extended to Oct 2019. -Council agreed to take back responsibility of the Corry Square car park from NCCM. (Newry City Centre Management) and sub-leased this car park to Euro Car parks Ltd until Oct 2019. -Council inherited a mixture of

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					<p>free and pay car parks from TNI. We intend using the revenue generated from the pay car parks to pay for the upkeep of all our car parks.</p> <p>-Council has no desire to increase the tariffs of its car park for the foreseeable future to encourage the public to visit the city centre.</p> <p>-Council has appointed a car park duty manager to manage the inherited car parks.</p> <p>-Council commissioned an appraisal of its car parks by ARUP. The appraisal has identified an adequate capacity of parking spaces within the off street car parks in the city centre.</p> <p>-Between now and Dec 2017 hope to obtain data on the nature of users of the car-parks (i.e. Long term Users)</p>
10	Abbey Grounds (Internal Capital Project)	<p>-Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Land provided to the Council but must be retained as parkland</p> <p>-Potential for connectivity with the new CCTC Project</p>	<p>-Council owned and led</p> <p>-Action up to 2020 – Decision made on project and relevant permissions put in place. Funding secured</p> <p>-2016/17 – Land placed in Council ownership and consultation on potential project</p>	<p>PM: Marie Ward</p> <p>-Explore funding options</p> <p>-Link to Investment Strategy for Newry</p>	-No further update on the Lands Transfer.

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11	River Clean Up & Weir Project (External Project)	River Agency responsibility however can be addressed moving forward in a short time frame. Add to the waterfront urban design priority if an action plan is agreed. Supports other projects, e.g. public realm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lobbying role for the Council -ensure connectivity with waterfront urban design strategy -Lobby for River Weir -Explore funding Opps for Weir -Explore with DSD funding options for clean up 	PM – J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explore options with Rivers Agency & DFC for clean up -Lobby for Weir project & explore funding options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -DFC funded River Clean up took place in early 2017. - On Bigger issue of Weir, asking Newry DEA to refer this to 'Infrastructure Working Group' of the Community Plan.
12	Corn Market (existing health village) (External Project)	Proposed CCTC will render this site vacant linked with Monaghan Street Car Park & Councils Sport Culture Site has significant development opportunities with potential to regenerate Corn Market/Monaghan Street area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explore options with DSD for comprehensive development scheme 	PM: Marie Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Complete investment strategy for Newry City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Discussions are still on-going with DFC (Dept for Communities), in regards to how the site development is to be progressed.

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Newcastle						
1	1	Mourne Gateway Project	Strategic priority for Tourism NI is a 'Gateway Site to the Mournes.' Considered an economic driver for the area creating a unique attraction in Northern Ireland. Relevant studies and approvals in place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential funding for project implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Business Plan • Make planning application • Establish "Mourne Gateway" working group (with key personnel & external partners and agree timetable of meetings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM M Ward • Funding secured for Feasibility Study to be completed by Dec 2016 	<p>Completed: Mourne Gateway Study assessing the access options into and onto Donard Mountain</p> <p>Recommendations: provision of a world class international tourist attraction(s) which develops sustainable enhancement of access from the town of Newcastle to the Mourne Mountains. There are 4 Themes to this project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Necessary Infrastructure 2. Green Travel Network 3. Interpretation of Mountains Myths and Martime 4. Epic Moments <p>Completed: Visualisation of the concept for Mourne Gateway project and all Consultations</p> <p>Next Steps Full design of project,</p>

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						business case and completion of required studies and statutory approvals
2	6	Castle Park and Islands Park: Leisure Development (Internal Project)	This priority links to No 1. Above and is being addressed in visioning document for the Mourne Gondola Development. This is a key site for development to attract more families and tourist into the heart of the town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop design proposals Carry out research and make funding application Submit planning application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM M Ward Secure funding to develop design proposals 	The Study Area for the Mourne Gateway Project includes both Castle Park and Islands Park. Refer to above item for update.
3	5	Newcastle Centre / Tropicana: Development of leisure provision, harbour and hotel	Provision of infrastructure to support tourism factor in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposals in partnership with potential providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM – M Ward Develop design proposals for hotel and harbour 	<p>Initial outline Feasibility Study completed on provision of a hotel on Newcastle Centre Site.</p> <p>Recommendation from study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel development inc a 2 or 3 story extension acceptable in principle Relocation of leisure facilities essential for

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						<p>the site to be developed. This is currently being explored as part of development options elsewhere in the town centre</p> <p>Next Steps: Continue to progress feasibility study recommendations</p>
Kilkeel						
4	15	Mourne Esplanade / Promenade Walkway (Internal Project)	Link promenade development with Newcastle and Warrenpoint promenades. This is keeping within the theme of developing leisure and recreation in three town centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint consultants to design scheme 2017/2018 • Submit planning • Secure funding for scheme development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM J McGilly • Secure funding for design and business case development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014/2015: Mourne Esplanade Recreational Improvements completed to pathways, lighting, seating areas, landscaping, car parking and 3nr art features (SEA FLAG funding) • Next Steps: Provision included in regeneration forward work plan for EI touch up / enhancement works within town centre area

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5	16	Kilkeel Beach Improvements (Internal Revenue Project)	Tidy up current beach as an asset for Kilkeel and overall area of South East Coast and explore access arrangements at Marine Road Explore opportunities to deal with coastal erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposals for beach enhancements Influence EMFF Strategy to develop funding applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Work with Regularity & Technical Services Dept to investigate clean-up management programme Secure funding to explore further beach enhancements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to beach improvement works restricted under NI Coastal Erosion guidance
Warrenpoint						
6	32	Warrenpoint Promenade upgrade and extension (along Rostrevor Rd) (Internal Capital Project)	This will improve the aesthetics for the area, encouraging more people to walk the route. This would provide an enhancement of public space. This is keeping within the theme of developing leisure and recreation in three town centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint consultant to design scheme Identify funding sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Source funding to design promenade upgrade and extension 	<p>Officials working with TNI regarding potential EIS to Warrenpoint Promenade, from the Baths to Dock Street</p> <p>Officials will meet with TNI and DFC to assess potential to extend Warrenpoint Promenade from Baths out Rostrevor Road</p>
7	31	Development of Warrenpoint Baths Site	Continue to promote site as a leisure destination taking into	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure a development proposal from 3rd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Secure planning for 	Nov 2016: Planning Approval in place for redevelopment of site

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		(Internal/External Project)	consideration the listed building and potential uses	party for the site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the site Prepare development brief on site and advertise 	Nov 17: Development Brief will commence to identify future development / regeneration opportunities for the site
8	30	Former Osborne Hotel Development (External Project)	Enhancement of site with alternative uses considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress development plans for the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Engage with owner to explore development options Explore potential for UDG with DSD 	<p>Hotel Site remains in private ownership</p> <p>Council continue to engage with landowner to explore opportunity for development</p>

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9	28 &29	Marina Service Centre/New Marina (Internal Capital Project)	Encourage tourism and visitor spend Shore front development opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore funding options for project implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolve/conclude outstanding issues of displacement as highlighted in EA 	<p>Planning expired Sept 2017</p> <p>Application for renewal of the Planning will be submitted early 2018. In preparation for submission of the application, public consultation will be undertake autumn / winter of 2017 (in line with new Planning Regulations).</p>
10	35	One Way System (External Project)	Immediate impact on town space and traffic management plan. Reduce congestion in the Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree a final position on whether or not to have a one way system & what it would look like Agree timeframe for implementation Council to lobby Transport NI and support the campaign (ongoing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM JMcGilly Work with Transport NI to complete necessary traffic studies/secure a consultant to do study 	<p>Transport NI have completed a study with recommendations for options that could be further investigated for implementation of a one a way system</p> <p>TNI have no current plans to progress with any of the study options. Council will continue to work with / lobby TNI on this matter</p>

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11		Warrenpoint Park (Internal Capital & Revenue Project)	Development and regeneration of Warrenpoint Park (Heritage Lottery Funded Project). Application submitted to HLF. Planning application submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project completed by 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Planning approved HLF application completed Match funding secured Commence capital works 	<p>Letter of Offer in Place for £850,000 – from HLF</p> <p>Underway: Procurement underway for appointment of contractor for regeneration and restoration works. Due to be completed Oct 17.</p> <p>November 17: Anticipated commencement date for regeneration and restoration works</p> <p>Summer 2018: Anticipated completion date for project.</p>
12		Narrow Water Bridge (External Project)	There is currently a strong private sector lobby from Warrenpoint, Burren and Rostrevor Chamber. Taskforce group meeting Louth County Council regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular liaison with the taskforce group Lobbying role from Council required to support the project Research/update potential funding opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM M Ward Continue to work with Central Government and Louth Local Authorities to establish commitment for the project 	<p>Council continuing to engage with the Narrow Water Stakeholder Group. Narrow Water Bridge also support within NMD Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>4 July 2016: Paper presented to the North South Ministerial Council</p>

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				(ongoing)		<p>Plenary re: options for the Narrow Water Bridge</p> <p>Key objectives agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project should link the two communities north and south 2. Encourage and enhance overall tourism in the cross border region 3. Protect the natural environment north and south <p>Project progressing via North South Ministerial Council</p>
South East Coast Area						
13	37	Overall Marketing Campaign for the South East Coast (Internal Revenue Project)	Develop greater awareness of the area as a destination which visitors can identify. This would benefit in terms of packaging and promoting overnight stays in particular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a coherent and co-ordinated marketing and promotion strategy 2017/18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM M Ward • Complete Tourism Strategy with agreed Marketing Strategy 	<p>Tourism Strategy for District Completed in Feb 2017</p> <p>Review underway on the performance of available marketing platforms, with the purpose of informing future marketing strategies and action plans</p>

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14	39	Southern Relief Road (External Project)	Impact on wider area. This priority is duplicated in Newry City Masterplan as this is a priority identified within the Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbying role from Council. • Regular liaison and meetings with relevant agencies (ongoing) 	PM: M Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of options appraisals (TNI) • Continued Lobbying 	Department for Infrastructure have indicated that the Narrow Water Bridge and Southern Relief Road projects would be taken forward as complementary projects TNI have identified 2 corridors for the Southern relief Road. Consultation will commence in autumn 2017 to identify preferred route by autumn 2018; following which the design of the route will commence

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Date of Meeting:	Mon 9 Oct 2017
Subject:	Strangford and Lecale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Caroline Nolan SLLP Manager

Decisions required:	
To note progress in delivering the 2017-22 Strangford and Lecale AONB Action Plan	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<p>This is an update on progress to deliver the Strangford and Lecale AONB Action Plan was provided to the ERT Committee in June 2017.</p> <p>Most of the actions relate to the work of the Strangford Lough Office working in partnership across a wide range of remits and responsibilities. In some cases the lead is taken by a government Department or local council department. In almost every case the support and involvement of local people, landowners and recreation users is needed.</p> <p>The Action Plan is about achieving shared objectives across the whole AONB, including but also extending beyond the council's property.</p>
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>While the Action Plan has been agreed not all of the Actions within it have related secured funding. In 2017 18 many of the actions relate to developing proposals which can then be used in funding applications.</p> <p>Key activities April- September 2017:</p> <p>Established a Partnership and prepared a £3m Landscape Partnership Scheme "Coast Connect" which, amongst other things connects coastal communities and landowners in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tackling invasive species, in particular <i>Spartina</i> cord grass which is choking bays and could destroy landscape - conserving hedgerows and wetlands - improving access to and use of Tower Houses and celebrating related heritage linked to tourism strategy. <p>The HLF made a site visit in August and the Scheme is currently being assessed by them. We will be advised in October if the application was successful.</p> <p>Secured Sea Changer and Live Here Love Here Grants (£2,000) to facilitate co-ordinated and strategic coastal clean ups, particularly in areas that are considered difficult to access for rubbish removal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Over 60 local volunteers involved in a number of clean ups August / Sept

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 80 large bags of rubbish and large amounts of big items such as fish boxes removed from the coastal path Killough to St Johns Point involving Down Danderers and Newcastle Swimming Club - Canoes and boats used to access remote bays for rubbish removal - Scout facility in Ballyhornan equipped with coast cleaning equipment - Clean up at Portaferry with Rowing Club and purchase of a "2 minute beach clean board" for ongoing local clean-up - Kirkiston Scouts clean-up and coast care at Knockinelder - Positive media coverage for SLLP and Newry Mourne and Down Council <p>Liaison with the fishing industry to try to reduce rubbish from boats – agreement with NIFPO and Harbour Authority to trial having collection bags on board vessels next year</p> <p>Familiarisation trip on Strangford Lough for 25 NI Tour Guide Association members to raise awareness of this area amongst key tourism communicators</p> <p>Project proposals and action plans developed for conservation of migrating swifts to include local awareness raising, nest boxes / ledges and efforts to conserve nest sites</p> <p>With DAERA / NIEA produced fliers to raise awareness of the problem of fresh water invasive plants – mainly from garden ponds and aquaria that clog waterways</p> <p>Developed Pollinator plans with local groups at a number of sites including Downpatrick and County Down Railway</p> <p>Initiated a regional Love Your Landscape Day with Business in the Community, 12 October, where businesses get involved in volunteering to support landscape management bodies and NGOs across NI (now led by BITC).</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	To Note progress towards delivering the SLLP AONB Action Plan
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>The Council currently contributes approximately £25k per annum to the SLLP which is matched by Ards and North Down Borough Council at £25k and also DAERA at approximately £83,000.</p> <p>Individual projects have resource implications across council functions and relevant councils officers have noted and are dealing with them as appropriate.</p>
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices: AONB Action Plan Update attached.

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AONB Action Plan

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OBJECTIVE 1: Protect and enhance the AONB's Biodiversity

AONB Action Plan Ref	Action	Key contacts	PROGRESS TOWARDS 2017/18 OUTPUTS
1.1	Maintain, enhance or restore the conservation features	SLLP / DAERA / NIEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marine Protected Area Management Scheme and MarESA assessment submitted to DAERA April - AONB Action Plan submitted to NIEA June - Requested dates for Management Group meeting from DAERA
1.3	Achieve Water Framework Directives Targets relevant to the AONB	SLLP / DAERA Water Quality River Basin Catchment Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NIEA Water Pollution Hotline promoted on SLLP website - To liaise with DAERA / NIEA on production of a flier on the impact of household misconnections to issue to database / SLLP AC and on website (December)
1.7	Control and if possible eradicate invasive common cord grass	SLLP / DAERA / National Trust	<p><i>SLLP Target: Develop scheme proposal and wider public and landowner engagement in monitoring and rollout across the area</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal developed for £25k survey of existing Spartina across the whole site and recommendations for spraying programme with ongoing public monitoring. Submitted for HLF / DAERA funding.
1.9	Control invasive freshwater spp	SLLP / DAERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaised with DAERA to produce fliers identifying invasives and targetting people with aquaria and ponds (Sept) - Fliers to be issued to SLLP database(Oct) - Fliers online (Oct) - 500 fliers printed to distribute at point of sale (October) - Press releases issued Oct
1.11	Contribute to Red Squirrel Action Group and establish Upper Ards local groups to report sightings of red and grey squirrels and pint martens and help promote conservation measures – feeding boxes etc	SLLP / Red Squirrel Action Group / National Trust / NIEA	<p><i>Target: To develop projects with a at least one community group and 3 landowners wrt :</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sightings of red and grey squirrels to contribute to assist RSAG and grey squirrel control 2. Public awareness and wider landowner engagement with conservation measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forum meeting November and actions to be agreed then
1.12	Map and conserve coastal vascular	SLLP / County Down Recorder Botanical	<p><i>Target: Develop proposals (and 2018/19)</i></p>

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	plants on the NI Priority species list: Seakale (<i>Crambe maritime</i>) Oyster Plant (<i>Mertensia maritime</i>) Field Gentian (<i>Gentianella campestris</i>)	Society, National Trust, NMDDC, DAERA and private landowners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaised with botanical society recorder - Proposals developed for summer 2018 implementation 	
1.13	Extend all Ireland Pollinator Plan across the AONB including conservation of priority species Identify and develop pollinator friendly sites eg Council properties ; churchyards / graveyards; sections of roadside verges – adopt a green mile	SLLP With biodiv officers	<p><i>Target: Develop proposals for public space pollinator plans</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaising with Down Railway to develop pollinator patch in grounds - To liaise with Ards Flying Club - Liaising with local scout groups - Organised biodiverse / pollinator planting along walkway at Slans Graveyard <p><i>Target: Promote / advertise 'Bee-licious' working with communities</i></p>	
1.15	Help address decline in swifts (priority species) through public awareness, reduced risk of nest damage and nest site provision	SLLP / RSPB	<p><i>Target: Develop proposals for community projects locating swift nests , raise awareness and conserve</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project scoped and plan developed - Public awareness (Mar) - focus on Portaferry and Ards hospital in 2018 - Identify where currently nesting and seek to retain these nest sites (May 2018) - Establish more nest sites (Jan) - Public awareness (Jan-July) - School project / cameras and nest boxes (Jan-July) 	
1.18	Encourage landowners to conserve interdrumlin wetlands and develop riparian strips	SLLP / RSPB / DAERA Countryside Management	<p><i>Target: Develop related proposals</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline proposal developed for Farm Heritage Plans to include understanding and care of wetlands and small streams - access to biodiversity expertise. HLF funding applied for. 	
1.19	Increase biodiversity of small streams, improve freshwater inputs to the Lough and improve migratory fish passage	SLLP / DAERA / NIEA	<p><i>Target: Proposal to develop a better understanding of small streams, involving the public and landowners in monitoring and practical initiatives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline proposal developed and included in Coast Connect LPS application . 	
1.20	Promote range of Grants available for biodiversity schemes	SLLP	<p><i>Target: Hyperlinks to grant schemes from DAERA</i></p>	
1.21	Improve biodiversity in hedgerows and increase tree cover	SLLP / RSPB	<p><i>Target: Develop related proposal</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline proposal to improve hedges on small holdings through planting and maintenance with volunteers trained to support - Increase no of trees allowed to mature in hedges and consider ash replacement - Farm heritage plans - Included in LPS coast Connect application 	

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1.22	Reduce risk to wildlife and improve habitat by reducing litter Contribute to Marine Conservation Society / KNIB Marine Litter survey and engage local community in Adopt aBeach Scheme	SLLP KNIB , local clubs and communities, scouts, schools	<i>Target : MCS Beach litters surveys and Clean Up x 4 annually</i> <i>At least one volunteer trained to assist KNIB in survey work</i> - Sites confirmed at Ardglass and Ballyhorman - 2 x volunteers to be trained in beach surveys in Oct . - Ardglass Clean up 12 Oct	
			<i>Target: Lead at least 2 x other shore clean-ups annually with communities and associated engagement</i> <i>Target: Clean inaccessible area on Lecale coast</i>	
			- Secured Live Here Love here £1000 grant : Hired boat and liaised with paddlers / kayakers to access and remove 40 bags of litter and quantities of large items such as fish boxes from Killough coast path 2 Sept - Cleaned St John's Point coast 31 September - Secured £350 Sea Changers grant and provided Ballyhorman scouts with beach cleaning equipment - clean-up tbc - Kirkiston cubs clean up Knockinelder Sept - Portaferry shore front – 21 April	
1.23	Review and update Out and About signage and guidelines	SLLP with ANNDBC / NMDDC / National Trust / DAERA NIEA	<i>Target: O&A system reviewed</i> - Panels audited Island Hill to Knockinelder September - Recommendations and costs Oct	
1.24	Reduce risk to the features from SeaGen decommissioning	SLLP / DAERA	Clarify what if any action required <i>Stakeholder input to Decommissioning Plan</i>	

OBJECTIVE 2: Conserve the AONB's Landscape

ACTION		Key contacts	SLLP PROGRESS TOWARDS 2017/18 OUTPUTS
2.1	Review the the landscape character Assessment for AONB	SLLP / DAERA NIEA	<p>NIEA / DAERA to clarify what is required and timeframe</p> <p>AONB needs analysis for landscape, conservation and built heritage</p>
2.2	<p>Retain characteristic habitats - hedgerows and tree cover</p> <p>Address anticipated losses of tree cover wrt ash die back</p>	SLLP Woodland Trust / RSPB	See 1.22
2.3	Retain characteristic landscape features interdrumlin wetlands	SLLP with landowners / RSPB	See 1.18
2.4	Retain characteristic features Restore saltmarsh, mudflats and sandflats	DAERA/ National Trust / SLLP	See 1.7
2.5	Raise the profile of the landscape through a series of initiatives to increase public appreciation and support	SLLP	<p>Love Your Landscape initiative submitted to BIC confirmed for 12 October</p> <p>SLLP coastal clean-up at Ardglass on 12 October</p> <p>Press release to local media</p> <p>Online information</p>
2.6	Restore and raise profile of traditional farm features as a landscape feature and celebrate farming heritage	SLLP	<p>Gateways to Strangford & Lecale publication distributed</p> <p>Develop a proposal to restore a further 10 farm gateways or other features working with local landowners</p>
2.9	Reduce Litter	SLLP / AANDBC / NMDDC / KNIB	See 1.23, 3.2 and 3.1 outputs
2.10	State of the AONB report	SLLP / DAERA NIEA	<p>NIEA to confirm what is required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seasonal record to be created by identifying suitable locations and installing "X" mounting plates to allow recording of changes in landscape four times per annum. AONB Officer to take the photos.

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Objective 3: Involve communities, individuals and Groups in Protecting and Enhancing the AONB

ACTION		Key contacts	PROGRESS TOWARDS 2017/18 OUTPUTS
3.1	Develop a programme to engage local people in conservation and monitoring the coast, Targeting : Landowners; Recreation users / clubs especially water based ; Local Communities especially coastal ; Schools; Other	SLLP	<i>Target: Suite of collaborative proposals developed</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Adopt the coast" initiative included in Coast Connect LPS application - Scout groups at Ballyhornan, Kirkistown (Knockinelder), and Portaferry Sea Scouts, Kircubbin engaged in shore clean-ups and wider coast care and understanding – programme being developed
			On going programme of at least five public presentations, shore walks, talks to develop understanding
			<i>Promote regional biodiversity surveys and volunteering schemes</i>
			<i>Develop at least 2 volunteers for wildlife monitoring: Bird Counts, moth and butterfly surveys, swift surveys , coastal flowers, red & squirrel& pine marten , invasive species</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 volunteers identified and undergoing training
		SLLP	<i>Relevant volunteer training/ recruitment sessions - at least two per year provided / arranged</i>
		SLLP	<i>At least two volunteers trained and developed to help conduct MCS litter survey</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 volunteer identified to date and training to take place in Oct
		SLLP / Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful	<i>4 x annual beach cleans with at least 40 volunteers involved Volunteers involved in litter reduction initiatives see 1.23,1.27,2.8</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beach clean-ups already delivered at Portaferry, Killough, St Johns Point, Ballyhornan and Knockinelder. Over 60 volunteers involved to date
3.2	Contribute to Community Plans wrt the AONB and Marine Site requirements	SLLP With local council / DEAs	Consultation input provided Community Plan , AANDBC Big Plan and NMDDC DEA consultation input

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			<i>Identify community and club initiatives where AONB / biodiversity training and information could be provided</i>
3.3	Contribute to Village Renewal plans wrt the AONB	SLLP / DFC With local communities	Target: Ensure <i>heritage proposals and schemes within village plans consistent with AONB</i> - Attending village plan meetings – Ballyhornan, Dundrum, Ardglass, Sheepland etc and contributing to discussions
		SLLP / DFC / AANDBC/ PCC With local communities	<i>Scheme for Portaferry windmill (a Scheduled Monument) – improve/ enhance the attraction and surrounds</i>
3.4	Engage local communicators and educators in delivering messages of sustainability and AONB care	SLLP	<i>Series of events and fam trips for tour guides</i> <i>Heritage guide training so local people can be ambassadors for the area's heritage</i> <i>Events and fam trips aimed at teachers and other prof educators</i> - Boat Based fam trip for 25 NI Tour Guide association members September
3.5	Support local people in providing access to and new community uses for built heritage focussing on tower houses and spritual sites		<i>Scheme developed to Improve access, use and profile with particular reference to maritime, anglo norman and spiritual heritage</i> <i>At least three local communities to open and use tower houses and monastic sites</i> <i>Focus on Greyabbey, Cloughey, Portaferry, Strangford Kilclief, Ardglass, Dundrum</i> - LPS Proposal Coast Connect developed and submitted for funding June 2017

Objective 4 : Develop sustainable Access & Outdoor Recreation within the AONB

ACTION		Key Contacts	SLLP PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTPUTS
4.1	Monitor and assess outdoor recreation interactions with species and habitats to inform and implement management, prioritising conservation features and habitats and species at risk	SLLPO <i>Directed by management Group led by DAERA with key role for SLLP and stakeholder group</i>	<i>Programme of work for the Marine Site (produced and approved by Management Group based on gaps & priorities) and the AONB</i>
		SportNI / SLLP / local councils	<i>Sustainable OR Action Plan</i> - Commissioning Audit of Access to Strangford Lough and Lecale coast . TOR developed for approval by local councils and DAERA.
4.5	Support improved integrated coastal management through the NMDDC marine forum	SLLP / NMDDC	<i>At least one annual forum meeting</i>
		SLLP	<i>Proposals for Bathing Water Statue for Lecale Beaches and revisions</i> - Proposals submitted and follow up lauisin with DAERA. Awaiting Ministerial approval for Ballyhornan and Kilclief
4.6	Beach Management Plans for 2 beaches	SLLP	<i>Beach Management Plans for 2 beaches</i> - Beach management plans drafted for Ballyhornan and Kilclief . to be finalised and implemented following designation in 2018.
		SLLP	<i>Engagement with communities at Kilclief and Ballyhornan wrt beach operator actions</i> - Awaiting designation – postponed to 2018
4.1	Manage a Local Forum for Outdoor Recreation to encourage sustainable recreational use of the AONB and Marine Site, liaising with users, landowners and local communities	SLLP with Sport NI	<i>Organise and contribute to two LOR meetings per annum with approx. 20 recreation practitioners from many different activities from kite surfing to rambling</i> - LOR meeting scheduled for w/b 6 November

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4.2	Encourage sustainable use of the AONB and marine site	SLLP with LOR	<i>Guidelines for sustainable use relevant to activities on-line</i>
		SLLP with local councils and communities	<i>Develop concepts for suite of initiatives to create sustainable OR hubs and improved access at Delamont/Killyleagh , Portaferry and Cloughey</i>
		AANDBC with local community	<i>Access to the water Scheme Cook Street, Portaferry improvement to the pontoon, slipway, berthing and parking</i> <i>Install disability hoist</i>
4.3	Contribute to National OR Forum	SLLP	<i>Reports / presentations to National OR Forum 2 per annum</i> - Attended NOR meeting - Presentation to NOR on coastal access 5 October
4.4	Support high profile sustainable outdoor recreation events	NMDDC AANDBC	<i>Coastal Rowing, Paddling, & Strangford Lough festival events</i>
4.5	Develop sustainable walking and cycling in the AONB	NMDDC AANDBC	<i>Commission ORNI report on potential community walks within relevant DEAs to include consultation with communities</i> - SLLP contributed to plans <i>Audit and Feasability study on walking and cycling along the A2</i> <i>Commission feasibility of walking and cycling paths</i> <i>Leaflets and online info to promote sustainable walking, cycling, paddling, and diving as year round activities targeted at key audiences</i>
4.7	Develop and promote off road sections of the St Patrick Pilgrim Way, Ulster Way , Mourne coastal path, Lecale Way, Greenways, as long distance walking routes To include signage, disability access and translations.	NM&DDC / AANDBC / SLLP	<i>Series of proposals, projects and improvements</i> <i>Mourne Coastal Route brown signes strategic driving route –Phase 2</i> <i>Cloughey to Kearney</i> <i>Strangford to Kilclief</i> <i>Castle Ward Estate to the Quoile and Delamont</i> <i>Killyleagh to Delamont</i> <i>Strangford to Kilclief</i> <i>Sheeplands</i> <i>Ballyhornan</i> <i>Dundrum to Newcastle</i> <i>Pilgrims Trail Armagh to Downpatrick</i>

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			<i>A series town trails linked to St Patrick's Trail Greenway proposals</i>
4.8	Develop short to medium heritage and connecting walks for local people and visitors, linking these to wildlife watching and heritage enjoyment and complementing Village Plans, community / local pathways	Local councils / SLLP / ORNI	<i>Programme development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - building on existing work and reports - Identify community trails across District Electoral Areas - Initial consultation and commissioned report - Detailed Proposals and landowner liaison <i>Programme implementation – signage, physical improvements, tour etc.</i> <i>Develop permissive paths around communities with access to private land</i>
4.9	Develop responsible dog walking initiatives to reduce disturbance to overwintering birds	SLLP / NT	<i>Workshops and materials developed with community at Greyabbey and elsewhere</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop and postcards distributed through Primary School and families November 2017 <i>O & A information panels updated at key sites</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panels audited Sept, awaiting report <i>Programme of ongoing initiatives with communities</i>
4.10	Extend disability access at Cloughey	SLLP With AANDBC ORNI, CDCA	<i>Extend general and disability access provision at Cloughey with additional boardwalks at the Warren and signage up to Doctors Lane</i>
4.13	Develop walking trail Kircubbin 40 steps	AANDBC with ORNI and SLLP	<i>SLLP Map Guides distributed</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 500 guides provided to local community - 500 guides distributed through VICs and local attractions <i>ORNI leading on follow up to work done by SLLP - Community Trails Project at Kircubbin 40 steps with markers, section of fencing and some resurfacing</i>
4.14	Produce Access material - maps, advice, codes of practice, etc.) to facilitate the sustainable development of outdoor recreation and wild life watching, minimise negative recreational impacts on the nature conservation features and reduce conflicts between users	SLLP working with FOR, Sport NI and DOE	<i>Material online www.strangfordlough.org Updated annually</i>
4.15	Provide sustainable access and facilities for local people and visitors to and around visitors to tower houses, graveyards and Christian heritage sites	SLLP with Dept for Communities	<i>See Target: 3.5</i>

Objective 5 : Increasing Public Awareness and Appreciation of AONB				2017/18
ACTION		Key contacts	SLLP PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTPUTS	
5.1	Embed sustainable practice and quality schemes with recreation and hospitality industry	SLLP	Wildlife ID events	
5.3	Review, produce and install on site information panels and online material for the AONB coast, replacing former O&A in response to consumer demand, on local council NT and DAERA property and incorporating SL Destination theme	SLLP, local councils, NT, DAERA NIEA	<i>Audit</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit of O&A Panels Sept – report Oct - Access Audit TOR Sept <i>Material on-line</i>	
5.4	Improve understanding of landscape, habitats and wildlife and encourage sustainable activity amongst water based recreationists	SLLP / ORF	Develop proposals for a co-ordinated training programme targeting recreation users that embeds a sustainability ethos	
5.5	Achieve EU Bathing Water status and related operational management for known bathing areas especially in Lecale	SLLP NMMDC	EU Bathing Water Status achieved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awaiting ministerial approval for EU BW designation at Ballyhornan and Kilclief Local communities supported to engage in management especially beach litter collection and development of understanding of sustainable approaches wrt wildlife and habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Litter pickers supplied to Ballyhornan Liaison 	
5.6	Research and communicate the area's Norman, maritime and Christian heritage (archaeology, built heritage and related environment)	SLLP / DiC	Launch and distribute 10,000 archaeology guides – complete Distribute 10,000 fishing heritage booklets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Booklets distributed - Displays, booklets and staff provided to Portavogie Seafood Festival July 2017 	
			Develop as part of wider scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theme developed in Coast Connect LPS 	
5.7	Develop and deliver heritage based events which showcase the AONB	SLLP	Programme of tours & site activities	
5.8	Communicate the area's heritage through people telling the story from personal perspectives	SLLP	Distribute Stories of Strangford Lough CD Put all recordings on website / u tube Record additional Stories	

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5.9	Develop wider schemes through NIPAN and other networks	SLLP / BITC / NIPAN	Love your Landscape Scheme - Taking place 12 October	
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Objective 6: Management of the AONB

ACTION		Key contacts	SLLP PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTPUTS	
6.1	Update and produce the Strangford Lough Marine Site Management Scheme (which includes the SAC & SPA and which overlaps with and is adjacent to the AONB)	SLLP with input and direction from DAERA Marine Division and working with many different bodies	JA work on MarESA Three Consultation events with stakeholders and statutory bodies Carry out MarESA Assessment Draft updated Marine Site Management Scheme submitted to DAERA Marine Site Management Scheme finalised Publicly accessible and user friendly summary ...	
6.4	Develop / agree new TOR for the Committee	SLLP / funders	TOR agreed by funders and stakeholders	
6.5	Develop and support an intergrated ranger system to : 1. Collaborate on conservation work. Improve communication of shared messages 2. Improve reporting and follow up for illegal and damaging activities DAERA Fisheries Officer, Strangford Lough / Down Coast Officers, NT Rangers, Local Council Enforcement Officers	SLLP / NT / DEARA / NIEA / councils	<i>Annual Ranger Forum to identify and report shared issues and improve communication systems</i> - Scheduled for Feb 2018 DAERA to set up, maintain, and make available a data base of all reported incidents and follow up details . Explore potential use of web / app for local reports - Shore based shellfish collection reports submittd to DAERA - On site info to AANDBC wrt shipwreck at Cook St - Litter reports esp Killough area addressed	
6.6	Contribute to the SAC Management Scheme for Dundrum / Murlough	SLLP NM&DDC	<i>Target: Response to BTO led consultation on behalf of NM&DDC.</i> - This project has been changed and no longer led by BTO – need update	
6.7	Lobby for a Shoreline Management Strategy for NI wrt seadefences, road management,	NT SLLP	Tbc	

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	development, designated site conservation, managing 'abandoned' shore front, paths and access, sea level change, maritime archaeology etc.	NM&DDC A&NDBC	
6.8	Build capacity for ASSI management	DAERA / SLLP	Manage ASSI Agreements <i>Develop Schemes relevant to ASSI</i> - Proposals included in Coast Connect LPS Scheme

Objective 7: Monitoring and Reporting Progress on AONB Management

ACTION		Key contacts	SLLP PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTPUTS
7.1	Ensure stakeholder engagement with the Marine site and AONB management and involve them in implementation	SLLP	Stakeholder Advisory Committee to meet at least 5 times per year facilitated by SLLP Office - Coast Connect Board Meeting May 2017 - SLLP AC 27 Sept Stakeholder Advisory Committee to be part of the Management Group, meeting once or twice per year Outdoor Recreation Forum to be facilitated by SLLP Office – see Target 4.3 Programme of projects and working groups identified by the Management group implementation from 2017 onwards Suite of issues identified by stakeholders / public to be addressed within action plans Public Forum 1 x year
7.2	Review the AONB Action Plan annually, which includes SACs, SPAs, ASSIs, and a RAMSAR Site, annually, taking account of the Marine Site Management Scheme and CAPs	SLLP	Annual Action Plan Update - Feb / Mar 2018
7.3	Raise awareness and understanding of coastal processes, shoreline management, and the AONB landscape and their value to the economy and communities	DAERA SLLP	SLLP stakeholder meetings SLLPO annual public forum SLLPO presentations DAERA presentations
7.4	Draft the NI Marine Plan under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for completion by 2021	DAERA	Milestones to be advised
7.5	Develop proposals, and mechanisms across this action plan and deliver as appropriate to achieve Outputs	SLLP	Suite of proposals, mechanisms, partnerships and completed projects to include the major Landscape Scheme

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7.7	Identify suitable MOSS schemes and implement with relevant landowners	DAERA SLLP	Suite of Schemes Additional landowner liaison / initiatives to supplement MOSS	
7.8	Create a seasonal record of the landscape (in house)	SLLP Subject to training / clarification from DAERA	Identify suitable locations and install 'X' mounting plates to allow recording of changes in landscape four times per annum	

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Newry BID update
Date:	9 th October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director - Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Jonathan McGilly

Decisions Required	
To note progress on Newry BID	
1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>Newry BID was established April 2016 following successful BID Ballot based on the Business Plan which was developed by local businesses within the BID Boundary.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issue</p> <p>Newry BID held its first AGM on 6 September 2017 and reported on key outputs against the identified strategic priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Marketing ➤ Supporting Business ➤ Business Engagement ➤ Improved Access ➤ Improving look (see attached report) <p>For year 1 the BID levy was estimated at £330,000 and based on cashflow available the BID delivered activity costing £206,000. Work is ongoing to ensure the remaining balance of income are paid and available for investment as part of its 5 year plan.</p> <p><u>Key outputs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3 Energy Saving initiatives saving over £7,000 ➤ 40 Businesses trained on Digital Media ➤ Marketing Campaigns at Christmas and Easter £180,000 Radio Road ➤ Shop safe scheme ➤ 3560 Facebook and Twitter follows ➤ 757 Consumer Surveys ➤ 250 Free Corporate Spaces ➤ Managed triathlon and partnered with Council on range of events
3.0	Recommendations - Note BID activity in Year 1
4.0	Resource Implications - NMDDC pay additional BID levy part of the rates budget for properties Council own in BID Boundary. No additional costs are incurred.
5.0	Appendices - BID Annual Report.



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CHAIR PERSON'S WELCOME



I am delighted to welcome you to the first Annual Report from Newry Business Improvement District.

Year One has seen our business plan start to be delivered. We've delivered major advertising campaigns to increase footfall in Newry and a range of other measures to support members. All Year One achievements are laid out in this report as we look ahead to another year of success for Newry.

Newry Business Improvement District comprises a diverse range of businesses and organisations and we have engaged widely to establish what businesses want to deliver a return on their levy.

Year Two promises to be another exciting year as we have launched new projects and initiatives to benefit your business and our City Centre.

We will continue to collectively deliver our vision, working with other key public and private sector partners, to enhance Newry as a place to visit, shop, stay and do business.

I have been honoured to hold the position of Chair throughout the past year. I would like to thank the Newry BID team and the Board for their commitment to improving our City Centre.

Christine McElvana



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Year One of Newry BID's five year business plan has seen the first steps on the journey against the five key priorities set out in the BID Business Plan: marketing our city, supporting business, better access, improving how we look and innovate Newry fund.

The BID has sought to secure a more prominent place on the map for Newry by demonstrating that Newry is perfectly placed to; live, work, shop, visit, study, socialise and invest in.

Newry is a place where we celebrate our rich heritage and maritime history. Newry is a place which serves as a gateway to our surrounding areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Marketing our City has been to the forefront of our activities as the BID have sought to improve peoples perceptions of Newry by delivering a safe, clean and welcoming City Centre both day and night.

The BID has sought to increase footfall and raise the City's profile through targeted marketing and co-ordinated promotions and events.

In order to monitor the impacts of our campaigns we have invested in three footfall cameras in the city along with conducting business and visitor market research surveys. The results of both are available to each levy paying business in the BID area on a monthly basis.

Our Year One Supporting Business projects included launching our cost saving initiatives with Renewable Energy Partnerships, The Consumer Council and Bank of Ireland Merchant Services. These have proven to be a real success with participating businesses reporting significant savings. Further cost savings initiatives are being launched in Year Two. Our Digital Marketing Support Programme has been a great success with 40 Businesses benefitting. Further E Commerce support initiatives are in the pipeline.

The BID has engaged extensively with members and after taking feedback has delivered on issues such as parking with over 250 free spaces at North Street and in facilitating engagement for members with the various authorities and stakeholders involved in parking in Newry. Our Ambassador role has engaged with businesses and stakeholders to address antisocial behaviour and environmental issues.

Newry BID is run by businesses, for businesses, and we want to encourage all levy payers to get involved and to give us feedback. We are looking forward to making further progress in Year Two on our five year business plan. If you would like to discuss Newry BID further please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to thank my predecessor, Sarah Henry, and the BID team and Board for their support since I came on board.

Eamonn Connolly



YEAR ONE IN FIGURES

COST SAVING



OVER £7k SAVED
on Energy Bills

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INITIATIVES
LAUNCHED

DIGITAL MARKETING



3,561
FACEBOOK LIKES &
TWITTER FOLLOWERS



6,374
WEBSITE VISITS

14,088
PAGE VIEWS

18

BUSINESSES
PROFILED ON
NEWRY.COM
COVER PAGE

21

BUSINESSES
CLAIMED
THEIR OWN
WEB PAGE

MEMBER TRAINING

40

Members have taken
a DIGITAL MARKETING
BOOTCAMP

MARKETING CAMPAIGNS



46,000

Christmas Competition
Radio Reach

134,000

Easter Campaign
Radio Reach



70,727

Easter Campaign
Facebook Reach

2.6m

AdWords
Impressions

82,243

Christmas Campaign
Facebook Reach

MARKET RESEARCH



757
CONSUMERS
SURVEYED



3
FOOTBALL
CAMERAS
INSTALLED

CAR PARKING



250
FREE

SPACES AVAILABLE
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'Retail Crime Watch'



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PRIORITY

To develop a strong brand and identity which will translate into a comprehensive integrated marketing plan, focusing on year round events and promotional campaigns.

BRANDING

A new brand of Newry as 'Perfectly Placed' was created to consistently and professionally promote Newry for a range of activities. The visual brand reflects Newry's history and links to Newry Canal and the Clanrye River. The brand has been consistently promoted to strengthen Newry's identity as being 'perfectly placed' for retail, hospitality and business amongst many other things.

WEBSITE

The new look website, www.newry.com, was launched in February 2017. The website has extensive information about Newry and it's businesses.

There is a GPS map highlighting BID member businesses. The 'Claim Your Page' section allows businesses to have their own on-line presence. Six businesses have been featured every month on the cover page and the #newrybid function enables the promotion of members marketing efforts.

In the first 3 months since its launch the website has had 6,374 Visitors and 14,088 page views.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Newry BID Facebook page was launched in November 2015. 'Likes' have grown steadily in year one and the page now has over 2,300 'likes' and growing.

To promote Newry and it's businesses we have run several competitions on-line throughout the year.

Our Twitter account continues to have a business focus with 1,261 followers and increasing engagement.



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PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

Following the rebrand on Newry Perfectly Placed we ran several promotional campaigns and collaborated with various partners to maximise our budgets.

HALLOWEEN

In partnership with Newry Mourne and Down District Council the BID promoted Hallowe'en in Newry. The Twilight Market was a particular success with record numbers attending the Lower Hill Street area.

CHRISTMAS

We undertook an extensive Christmas Marketing Campaign. The campaign went live in mid-November, targeting consumers in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland across radio, press, social media, e-mail marketing and outdoor marketing to raise the profile of Newry as the destination of choice at Christmas. Results showed a Facebook reach of 82,243 and adwords impression of over 2.6 million,

Associated promotions were undertaken with AA Roadwatch to provide information on radio and in print on Newry for Republic of Ireland visitors. Newry BID also ran on line competitions promoting 18 local food establishments for Christmas

Easter saw a successful on line Marketing campaign promoting Newry with a Click Through Rate from You Tube at 500% of the industry average, the Facebook element had a reach of 70,727 and 2,636 click throughs, whilst the Radio campaign had a reach of 134,000.

Additional competitions were run to promote Newry at Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Whilst a competition was run amongst local businesses for St Patrick's Day decorations.



SUPPORTING BUSINESS

MARKET RESEARCH AND FOOTFALL

September 2016 saw the first Newry BID market research surveys take place in the City Centre. Topics such as Parking and Cross Border visitor experiences have been extensively researched. The data gathered from this continuous market research provides valuable insights into the views of customers and businesses and has helped to shape our strategy to improve Newry's offer to visitors and shoppers

Newry BID has also worked with Springboard to install three footfall cameras across Newry. This data provides insights into how the City Centre is performing, as well as the impact of marketing campaigns and events. It also assists both public and private investment cases for Newry.

The results of the market research and footfall figures are available to Newry BID members.

SUPPORTING BUSINESS - ENERGY COSTS

Renewable Energy Partnerships won our tender and have provided free energy cost reviews resulting in savings for multiple businesses. Advice has also been provided on access to grant funding opportunities

'DOLCE VITA SECURED SIGNIFICANT ELECTRICITY COST SAVINGS AFTER THE FREE REVIEW PROVIDED BY THE BID'

GIUSEPPE FALLONE,
DOLCE VITA

NEWRY PERFECTLY PLACED BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

PERFECTLY PLACED: TO DELIVER SAVINGS TO BID MEMBERS

- Merchant Services**
Bank of Ireland Payment Acceptance are offering Newry BID members an exclusive offer to save money on your business merchant services. The overall aim is to make payment acceptance easier, offer simpler AOD transparent pricing and to make payment acceptance available and attractive to businesses of all sizes. Most importantly you don't need to be an existing customer of the Bank of Ireland. The BID package will save market leading rates generating savings for members and a €40 voucher for each member who avails of the service.
- Energy Costs**
Renewable Energy Partnerships are offering Newry BID members a free energy cost review. This is a valuable service that can help you identify areas where you can reduce your energy costs and potentially save a significant amount of money.
- Water Charges**
The Consumer Council are offering Newry BID Members free advice on efficiency tips. As a new domestic rate payer your business could also be eligible for a special allowance of €3225.4 per year to help with water charges.
- Retail Crime Watch**
The PSNI and Policing & Community Safety Partnership are providing businesses with free retail crime watch advice as part of their 'Shop Safe Scheme'. Get advice on how to reduce stock loss in your premises and sign up today to avail of a free information pack and in house training.

Get in contact today with Newry BID and reduce your business costs...
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For regular updates please follow us on Facebook or visit www.newry.com



SUPPORTING BUSINESS



MERCHANT SERVICES

Newry BID has recently partnered with Bank of Ireland to offer businesses a fantastic deal to reduce credit and debit card costs.

WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR

As part of our cost saving initiatives we have worked with the Consumer Council to inform businesses on how they can save on their water bill costs.

We worked to promote how to get a free Water Bill Health Check and make business rate payers aware that they could be eligible for a domestic allowance of £522.54 each per year on their water charges.

HEALTHY HIGH STREETS

Newry BID has been a key delivery partner in this initiative working on topics such as giving help to landlords with issues around vacant property and providing resource to market and celebrate the High Street.

CHAMPIONING LOCAL BUSINESS

6 businesses profiled randomly on Website cover page every month. Over 21 businesses have claimed their own web page within www.newry.com

'THE DIGITAL BOOTCAMP TRAINING WAS VERY GOOD IN HELPING US GENERATE MORE BUSINESS AND TARGET SELECTED MARKETS'

ABBIE COUSINS,
BEST PROPERTY SERVICES



BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT



BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

February saw the appointment of our Ambassador, Nicole McAteer, who acts as a direct contact to businesses and visitors.

Nicole updates businesses on BID projects, campaigns and member offers.

Nicole liaises with the PSNI on issues such as anti-social behaviour and also reports litter, graffiti and general environmental issues to the relevant agencies.

Nicole keeps members updated and informed with regular E-zines and monthly Newsletters circulated to a mailing list of over 800 businesses.

She ensures regular promotion of members' offers on Social Media.

Newry BID has been delighted to help businesses solve practical issues in relation to their trading environment such as street lighting and anti social behaviour issues

'THE BID HAVE BEEN A REAL SUPPORT TO OUR BUSINESS, PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO THE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME'

**BRENDAN JACKSON, CEO,
NEWRY CREDIT UNION**



BETTER ACCESS

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**FREE
CAR PARK**

FOR ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL:
NEWRY BID OFFICE - 028 3025 0303

PERFECTLY PLACED: FOR SHOPPING FOR A NIGHT OUT FOR FESTIVALS FOR VISITING FOR BUSINESS

BETTER ACCESS

The issue of parking in Newry is a constant discussion point.

Newry BID deals with parking matters constantly and outputs include:

- North Street Car Park - 250 free car parking spaces provided for members
- Engagement with Stormont, Council and NSL to represent local business concerns on parking including facilitating direct meetings and resolving specific issues
- Peak seasonal temporary signage - to direct traffic around Newry and from bypass
- Press adverts highlighting the ease in getting to Newry and parking options available
- Partnership with Translink - to promote offers for Newry businesses for people travelling by bus and train to our City and with joint marketing efforts to promote Newry
- Partnership with AA Road Watch - to promote access and parking information on Newry to cross border shoppers.
- Partnership with Department of Infrastructure to minimise the impact of roadworks in Newry and to represent Newry business concerns with contractors

SAFER CITY

Newry BID has worked with PSNI, PCSP and Community Wardens on Retail Crime Watch and with campaigns on forged notes and shop lifting



IMPROVING HOW WE LOOK



Newry BID has worked closely with Department for Communities and Council to address members issues with Public Realm and got approval in principle for a Fund to help businesses in the affected areas.

Newry BID has commenced work with various community groups and bodies such as 'Live Here Love Here' to enable investment to improve how Newry looks with outputs including in new street scaping initiatives to be delivered in Year 2

The BID has engaged with stakeholders to develop a database of vacant properties for assessment to facilitate inward investment and has worked closely with companies such as First Derivatives on their investment ambitions for Newry

The BID have listened to members and ran a shop dressing competition for St Patricks Day.

Preparations have commenced for further initiatives including Window Dressing training.





FINANCIALS

YEAR	2016 - 2017
FUNDING:	
BID Levy	£331,217
Interest Income	£48
Project & Voluntary Contributions	£33,994
TOTAL INCOME	£365,259
EXPENDITURE:	
Staff Costs	£64,393
Administration and Establishment Costs	£28,818
Legal & Professional costs	£8,778
Project Costs	£100,492
Sundry Expenses	£3,719
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£206,200
Surplus (Carried forward for future investment)	£159,059

These figures are presented as accurate at the time of writing.

Full company accounts are prepared by independent accountants and will be available to members upon receipt of a written request



GOVERNANCE

The delivery of the Newry BID Business Plan is overseen by a representative, voluntary board of directors made up of owners and managers from a range of sectors, organisations and businesses.

Board members can be elected to the board annually. The Board meets monthly.

Working Groups were established to facilitate the successful vote for BID status. It is intended that these will be reconvened in Year Two, as appropriate, and that they will meet on a regular basis to steer relevant objective areas.

BID members and relevant stakeholders contributed to these during the pre vote period. They will be invited to join them or to get involved in particular projects.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Christine McElvanna (Chair) | JMK Solicitors |
| Peter Murray (Deputy Chair) | Buttercrane Shopping Centre |
| Tom Sarsfield | Tesco |
| David Hanna | Hanna Hillen Estates |
| David Og Downey | The Bank / Cobbles |
| Suzanne Murdock | The Hub (resigned January 2017) |
| Paula White | Bank of Ireland |
| Celina McKenna | Boots |
| Cathal Austin | The Quays Shopping Centre |
| Siobhan Ruck | Marks & Spencer |
| Gemma Murphy | Jack Murphy Jewellers |

NEWRY BID TEAM

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Eamonn Connolly | BID Manager |
| Rebecca Byrne | Project Administrator |

NEWRY BID AMBASSADOR

Nicole McAteer





YEAR TWO PRIORITIES

SUPPORTING BUSINESS

Focus for the year ahead continues to be on delivering value for money with the introduction of a series of themed business sessions aimed at providing members free training and advice across a range of useful topics.

We'll be covering E-commerce, Food Safety, Customer Service, Health & Safety and other areas as requested by members. We'll be working with local businesses to secure further sales and visitors.

We will work to deliver additional schemes with favourable terms for members.

MARKETING, PROFILE & PROMOTION

Our priority will continue to be to promote Newry as a perfect place to visit, shop and do business in.

We will continue to invest across a range of marketing channels - print, radio and digital media to ensure Newry's profile continues to build across local audiences as well as those travelling to Newry.

We will be working with local and national organisations to promote Newry and develop events within Newry. We'll continue to champion our evening and night time economy and organise activities to attract families to the City Centre.

EVENTS

The BID intends to deliver events to increase footfall and the profile of Newry.

The BID will also continue to support existing events and seek to make them more closely aligned with business interests.

IMPROVING HOW WE LOOK

Initiatives will be introduced to create a more welcoming urban environment with initiatives to tidy up unkempt public areas, improve the facades of vacant properties and to create innovative street-scapes via art and gardens.





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Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Update on: Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme; ASCENT Project; and Ring of Gullion AONB Management Action Plan
Date:	Monday 9 th October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officers:	Darren Rice – Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Manager Therese Hamill – Ring of Gullion AONB Officer

Decisions Required

To note the contents of the report and approve recommendations.

1.0

Purpose and Background

The Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme is part of the Heritage Lottery Fund's programme to conserve and enhance some of the region's most treasured landscapes. Led by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council a £1.4 million programme is underway which aims to engage people with the Ring of Gullion AONB and surrounding landscape. Actions range from trail construction to storytelling and from interpreting the history of Newry Canal to the enhancing the areas rich biodiversity.

The LPS Board is made up of 37 individuals from several organisations for a range of sectors. The LPS Board meet every other month in order to steer the project and provide recommendations within the scope of the Landscape Conservation Action Plan.

The Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme is due to finish in August 2018. It is expected a request for an extension is submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund to enable full delivery of the Conservation Action Plan.

ASCENT, a new innovative project to collectively address the environmental challenges facing seven northern European upland areas, is a three year project and involves Donegal County Council as lead partner, working collaboratively with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and the Mourne Heritage Trust in Northern Ireland, Metsähallitus Park and Wildlife in Finland, Hordaland County Council in Norway, and the Soil Conservation Service of Iceland along with associated partners including Údarás na Gaeltachta, Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, Mossfellsbær Municipality and Skaftárhreppur.

	<p>Unregulated access to upland sites and natural erosion has meant that some areas of natural beauty have experienced degradation, loss of unique bio-diversity and bio-resources. In response, the ASCENT project, an acronym for 'Apply Skills and Conserve our Environment with New Tools' sets out to develop management plans and implement innovative measures that will address future economic and environmental sustainability</p> <p><u>Bessbrook – The Model Village Living History Archive Project</u> is funded through the Heritage Lottery's Our Heritage Fund, it is managed by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council through the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme. The steering group is comprised of: The Bessbrook Development Company; The Bessbrook Heritage Group; and The Friends of Derrymore.</p> <p>The project aims to engage and better interpret Bessbrook's heritage and allow people to be proud of their village again. It aims to do this by creating innovative interpretation, developing the local skills, knowledge base and networks and engaging with the local community in a fun way and host intergenerational and cross community workshops.</p> <p><u>The Bard of Armagh Homestead Project</u>, which is led by local community volunteers, focuses on the life of Bishop Dr Patrick Donnelly of Dromore, the "Bard of Armagh".</p> <p><u>The Ring of Gullion AONB Management Action Plan</u> implementation and delivery is led by Newry Mourne and Down District Council and part funded by NIEA. NIEA funding is in place until the end of March 2018. It expected that the LoO will be honoured and funding will be extended for to March 2019. The management action plan, 2017-2022, was consulted on extensively and covers a range of heritage projects.</p>
<p>2.0</p>	<p>Key Issues See attached paper re key action updates</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Recommendation To note report.</p> <p>Submit a request for extension to the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Note: There will be no additional funding secured for the extension, and no additional monies required from NMDDC.</p> <p>To apply for NIEA Challenge Fund when open in Autumn 2017 if applicable.</p> <p>Accept NIEA In-year funding offers 2017/18 if applicable.</p>

4.0	Resource Implications Action Plans and projects progressing as per agreed budgets.
5.0	Appendices Update paper on Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme; ASCENT project; and Ring of Gullion AONB Management Action Plan.

Update paper on Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme; ASCENT Project; and the Ring of Gullion Management Action Plan.

Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Targets Update September 2017

Total budget - £1,287,076

1.1 Habitat protection, restoration and creation

Ring of Gullion Alien Invasive Species Survey, and Action Plan complete.
 Pine Marten Conference complete.
 Wildflower ID guide complete.
 Biodiversity posters (Irish and English) complete.
 Glasdrummond and Jonesborough biodiversity interpretation complete.
 Satellite tree nursery at Ti Chulainn established, minimum 2000 trees annually.
 Swift tower and swift boxes erected, fish in the classroom programme established.
 Over 125,000 trees planted in South Armagh through One Million Trees programme.
 Peace Forest established at Forkhill.

1.2 Protect Slieve Gullion cairn

Two volunteer days to clear the tomb under HED supervision complete.
 First Passage Tomb Condition Assessment complete.

1.3 Newry canal project

White on brown signs for Victoria Locks erected.
 Interpretation designed.
 Works licence negotiation with landowners, Forest Service, on-going.

1.4 Know your townlands

Over 120 young people recorded townland stories, live on website.
 28 schools took part in the townlands educational visits, complete.
 Project launch complete.
 Stones purchased, and in process of being handed over to community for erection.
 1000 Townland posters printed.

1.5 Built heritage surveys

History workshops complete.
 Graveyard training complete.
 Archaeological excavation at Cornahove and subsequent report complete.

2.1 Signage and Interpretation

Forkhill gateway signage and interpretation complete.
 Camlough gateway tram complete, waiting planning approval for siting.
 South Armagh signage audit complete.
 Dorsey embankment cleared, and interpretation installed.

2.2 Cultural heritage festivals and historical revival

<p>Lúnasa Festival established, 2015, 2016 and 2017 complete; 1300 participants in 2015, 2000 participants in 2016. Winter Solstice Festival expanded, 2015, 2016 complete; 200 participants in 2015, 540 in 2016. Lúnasa Festival Working Group established.</p>
<p>2.3 Oral history and storytelling</p>
<p>Three summer scheme programmes, 30 participants total, complete.</p>
<p>2.4 School heritage guidebook : 4.3 Schools heritage training</p>
<p>Teacher's workshops complete. First draft complete.</p>
<p>2.5 Showcase Gullion's heritage</p>
<p>Three exchange trips, and three showcase events complete.</p>
<p>2.6 Provide workspace and outlet for local artists</p>
<p>Project delayed due to Forest Licence.</p>
<p>2.7 Museum exhibitions</p>
<p>No action.</p>
<p>2.8 Establish a community and heritage group networking forum</p>
<p>South Armagh Outdoor Recreation Forum established. Lúnasa Festival working group established. Ring of Gullion LPS Board Member nominated to sit on the Slieve Gullion DEA.</p>
<p>3.1 Wildlife safari</p>
<p>Glassdrummond Community Group formally constituted. Glassdrummond Woods trail complete. Launch event complete.</p>
<p>3.2 Camlough and Bessbrook heritage trails</p>
<p>59.5 hrs of community arts engagement with 160 participants complete. Public art in Bessbrook and Camlough complete. Camlough Village Trail complete.</p>
<p>3.3 Slieve Gullion sensory trails</p>
<p>Plan design complete. Project delayed due to Forest Licence.</p>
<p>3.4 Slieve Gullion summit to lake trail restoration</p>
<p>Survey and design complete. Path build to commence Feb 2018. Project delayed due to Forest Licence.</p>

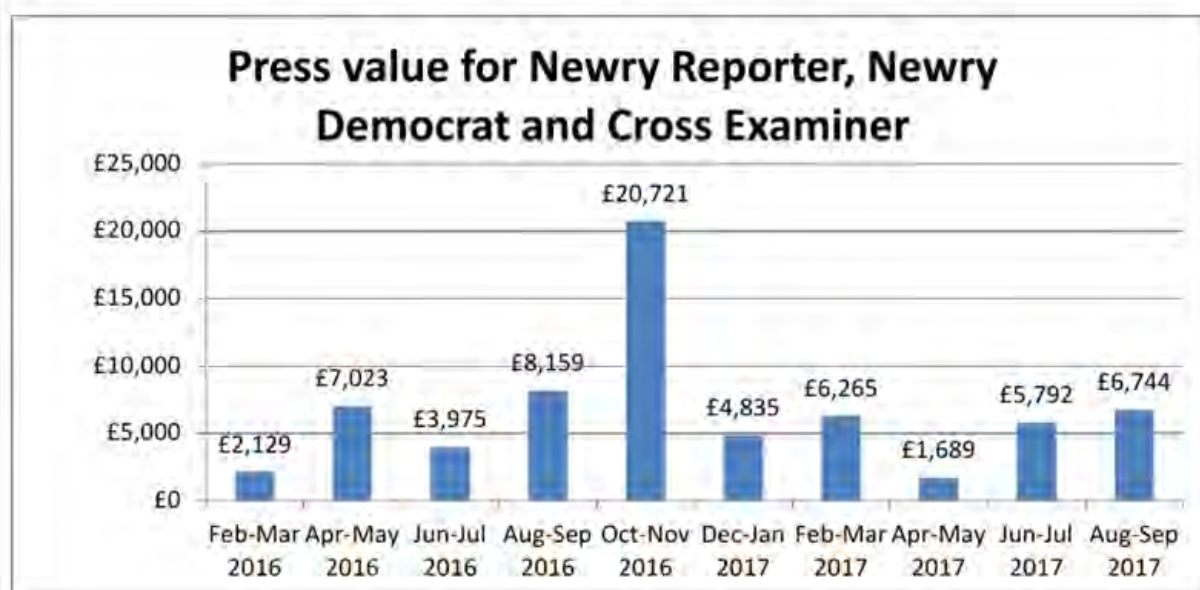
3.5 Ring dyke trail
Request submitted to HLF for change. Options being drawn up for project delivery. Maps given to GIS Officer for digitisation.
4.1 Natural history and traditional countryside skills training
Several introduction skills training days complete.
4.2 Community walking leader and heritage ambassador training
38 trained Ring of Gullion Ambassadors. 11 ambassadors volunteered and led events at the Lúnasa Festival.
4.4 Historical coach tours
163 people attended 9 tours in 2015 255 people attended 12 tours in 2016 224 people attended 11 tours in 2017
4.5 Volunteering and Youth rangers programme
Core of 30 volunteers, 100 occasional volunteer force. 121 volunteer days complete. Scout leaders trained to led litter lifts. 2 volunteers trained in pesticide use. 29 Youth Rangers have completed training. Wildfire report complete. Slieve Gullion SAC Management Plan complete. Litter reporting function live on website, complete.
4.6 Traditional building skills training
No action
Bessbrook Model Village Project – HLF <i>Total budget - £55,000</i>
Celebration event 12 th October. Online archive and website complete. Docu-dramas complete. Arts workshops complete. Cataloguing of artefacts complete.
Bard of Armagh Project – HLF <i>Total Budget - £9700</i>
Extension request, and change of project outcomes submitted to HLF. House survey complete. Group and community consultation complete. Research complete (requires report to be finalised). Project complete.

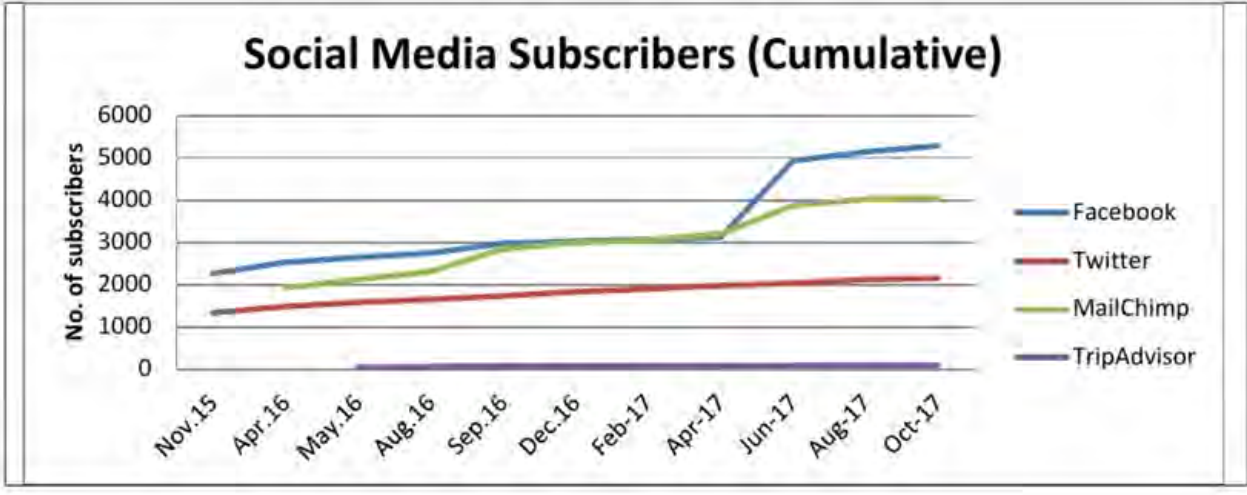
<p>ASCENT Project Slieve Gullion and Slieve Donard - EU NPA <i>Total Budget - €311,000</i></p>
<p>Condition assessment of Slieve Gullion and Slieve Donard complete. Pilot site on Slieve Donard established. Review of best practice guidelines complete. Scotland, Finland, Errigal and Cuilcagh learning trips complete. Conference in November organised. Educational videos ongoing. Slieve Gullion Outdoor Recreation Conference Complete.</p>
<p>Ring of Gullion AONB Management Action Plan 2017-2022</p>
<p>Ring of Gullion Way Audit complete for 2017. New Ring of Gullion Way panel erected at the Quays Newry. Jonesbrough Wood community space complete. Old Irish Goat survey on Slieve Gullion and Camlough Mountain complete. Built 2 foul pens for local gun clubs, to further pine marten research.</p>
<p>On-going funding applications</p>
<p>Derrymore Estate – Amanda Smyth Lead Officer: An application has been successful from Sport NI to install trails in Derrymore Estate and along the Camlough River. Additional Application to Mourne, Gullion and Lecale RDP in progress.</p> <p>Rural Tourism – Slieve Gullion Forest Park – NIRDP 2014-2020 Priority 6 Rural Tourism Scheme: Requested to submit full application for £500,000 – Northern Ireland's Newest Five Star Destination.</p> <p>Peace Funding – Claire Loughraine is lead officer. An application is being developed to establish a walkway along the Bessbrook – Newry Tram line walkway.</p> <p>Great Place Scheme application – accepted to round 2. Application for £277,000 over three years.</p>
<p>Additional</p>
<p><u>Geo-tourism</u> Events organised through the Ring of Gullion Lúnasa Festival. Attended UK UNESCO Geoparks Forum. Attending annual geoconservation gathering hosted by the Geological Society's Geoconservation Committee together with the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland. All relevant data passed onto GSNI regarding Geopark application submission.</p>
<p>Finance – LPS (HLF, NIEA), ASCENT (EU), Bessbrook (HLF), Rural Tourism (DAERA), Bard of Armagh (HLF)</p>
<p>All financial claims up to date as of March 2017.</p>
<p>Evaluations</p>
<p>Ring of Gullion LPS mid-term evaluation complete. 1. Great places funding opportunity explored to maintain and sustain legacy.</p>

2. AONB Officer remains integral part of the delivery of the LPS.
3. Regular communication with the LPS Forum.
4. Project final evaluation initiated.
5. Report submitted to management to examine the long term management of the Ring of Gullion AONB.
6. Enhanced outcomes and spend monitoring structures put in place.

Bessbrook Evaluation report complete.

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Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership
Date:	9 October 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Kevin McGarry

Decisions Required

To note the contents of the report

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership are responsible for the implementation of Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme (2014 – 2020) funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and the European Union.</p> <p>Throughout the lifetime of the programme the Local Action Group will deliver £9M of funding to the rural community under the schemes of Rural Basic Services, Village Renewal, Rural Business Investment, Cooperation and Rural Broadband across Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p><u>Rural Business Investment</u> To date Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership have allocated over £600,000 of grant assistance to 19 project promoters through 'Call 1' of the Rural Business Investment Scheme.</p> <p>The Local Action Group is now working on 'Call 2' of Rural Business Investment where 20 Pre application Workshops have been held across the district which attracted over 280 attendees. Over 100 expressions of interest were submitted with those eligible projects who have submitted the relevant pre requisites are now working towards the submission of a full application.</p> <p><u>Village Renewal</u> The Local Action Group have issued a letter of offer (valued at £51,375 of grant assistance) to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to work towards the development of new and updated Village Plans across the district. It is anticipated the Local Action Group will work towards the acceptance of applications to the scheme of Village Renewal in early 2019.</p> <p><u>Rural Basic Services</u> The Local Action Group have worked closely with Newry, Mourne and Down District</p>

	<p>Council in the processing over 80 expressions of interest received. Those eligible project promoters are now working towards the submission of all pre requisites, with a deadline of 3 November 2017.</p> <p><u>Rural Broadband</u></p> <p>A letter of offer has been issued to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (to the value of £3,150) to analyse the District with regards to Internet connectivity with emphasis placed on the rural areas. There is also the opportunity to explore, document and cost new potential service models that may launched as pilot projects where conventional Broadband and Fibre are not available. The final document will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an Internet needs assessment of local residents and businesses in the Newry, Mourne and Down area identified through a range of primary and secondary research sources; • Collate secondary data from OFCOM and relevant organisations (e.g. Invest NI & Department for Economy (DfE)) based on the existing infrastructure in Newry, Mourne and Down district. • Produce a series of heat maps highlighting areas with good coverage and those broadband "blackspots" or "not-spots" with below average speeds; • Report on the number of broadband and fibre users currently in the district and the number of fibre enabled cabinets; • Investigate and identify potential leads for three pilot broadband community projects from Social Economic Enterprises (SEE), Community or voluntary organisations, Non Departmental Public bodies (NDPB) or local Council. • Explore, document and cost potential technology neutral service models that may be launched as pilot projects to community areas in order to offer a rural broadband solution. Any solution must be capable of achieving line speeds of least 30Mbps. <p><u>Cooperation</u></p> <p>The Local Action Group are actively working with project partners in County Mayo with a view to the development of Derrymore House, Bessbrook and Moorehall, County Mayo. A terms of reference is currently being drafted across both jurisdictions with a view to submitting an application to the Rural Development Programme.</p> <p>The Cooperation Working Group are also investigating a project to work towards the provision of access to Strangford Lough along with project partners Ards and North Down Rural Partners.</p>
3.0	<p>Resource Implications N/A</p>
4.0	<p>Appendices N/A</p>

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Newry, Mourne
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**Joint Committee of Elected Members between
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, and Louth County Council**

**Report of Meeting held Wednesday 17 May 2017 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Millennium Centre, Louth County Council Offices, Dundalk**

In the Chair: Councillor E Corrigan, Louth County Council (Joint Chair)

Present:

Councillor P McGeough,	Louth County Council
Councillor A Watters,	Louth County Council
Councillor D Minogue,	Louth County Council
Councillor C Enright,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor T Hearty,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor R Mulgrew,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor P Bryne,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor J Tinnelly,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC

Ms J Martin,	Chief Executive LCC
Mr L Hannaway,	Chief Executive NMDDC
Mr J McGuinness,	Director LCC
Mr F Pentony,	Director LCC
Mr C O'Rourke,	Director NMDDC
Mr J McGilly,	Assistant Director NMDDC
Mr A McKay,	Assistant Director NMDDC
Ms R Mackin,	Assistant Director NMDDC
Mr A Hay,	NMDDC
Ms P Arthurs,	East Border Region
Ms A Powell,	NMDDC (Notes)

Invited Guests:

Mr C McCoy,	Planning Advisor, National Planning Framework Team (ROI)
Ms C McEvoy,	Department for Infrastructure – Regional Planning Unit (NI)

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Councillor A Cassidy,	Louth County Council (due to be replaced)
Councillor T Byrne,	Louth County Council
Councillor R Culhane,	Louth County Council
Councillor C Markey,	Louth County Council
Councillor E Coffey,	Louth County Council
Councillor D McAteer,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC (Joint Chair)
Councillor D Curran,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor M Ruane	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor W Walker,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Ms E O’Gorman,	Director LCC
Mr P Donnelly,	Director LCC
Ms B Woods,	Director LCC
Ms D Carville,	Director NMDDC
Mr M Lipsett,	Director NMDDC
Ms M Ward,	Director NMDDC

2. Report of Louth/Newry, Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 22 March 2017

On the proposal of Councillor Hearty, seconded by Councillor P Byrne, Report of Meeting held on the 22 March 2017 was approved as a true and accurate record, same having been circulated.

3. Presentations

a) **National Planning Framework 2040 -**

Mr Colm McCoy, Planning Advisor from the National Planning Framework Team provided a presentation on the draft National Planning Framework 2040

b) **Framework of Co-operation -**

Ms Catherine McEvoy from the Department for Infrastructure – Regional Planning Unit provided a presentation on the Framework for Co-operation document

Councillors voiced the following comments following presentations:

- Concerned planning regulations not taking into account needs of families in local townlands.
- Proposed the Ancient East area should be extended to include the Mournes and Downpatrick.
- Concerned regarding the impact of coastal erosion and rising sea levels not having a joined up planning approach.

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- Proposed the extension of the National Grid into Northern Ireland.
- Proposed investment in infrastructure in urban settlements would encourage people to live away from countryside into organised settlements.

Mr Hannaway proposed a comprehensive joined up policy is needed to connect Local Development Plans to the National Plan.

Ms Martin referred to Louth County Council's submission to the issues paper for the National Framework. Her concern is that the Dublin – Belfast corridor is not featured and that the focus on Growth cities like Galway and Sligo will deflect investment needed here. Ms Martin hopes however following the submission to the issues paper that the Dublin – Belfast corridor will be included in the draft National Framework documents. Colm McCoy confirmed that this issue has been noted.

Catherine McEvoy informed members that the regional development plan for 2050 is currently being scoped and will include focus on transport, water, waste and coastal issues. An upcoming seminar in June will be held in Monaghan to discuss this development.

4. MOU Action & Communication Plan Update

Mr Hannaway discussed the updated MOU Action and Communication Plan.

Agreed: It was agreed that the progress indication will be applied across the all actions for future meetings.

Agreed: It was agreed a media statement be produced following today's meeting.

Agreed: It was further agreed that the NMDDC Development Plan and Actions paper be brought to a future meeting the Committee.

Councillor Watters enquired regarding progress on the request to allow concession access to residents from both Districts to either pool in Newry and Dundalk.

Agreed: It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting of the Joint Management Team and that information be circulated to members in advance of the next meeting of the Committee on the outcome.

Councillor Hearty suggested that the action sheet should include an action regarding the future of local services for communities situated along the border following Brexit e.g. Ambulances

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Agreed: It was agreed that a new action be added regarding the future of local services for communities situated along the border following Brexit e.g. Ambulance / Emergency Service arrangements.

5. Border Corridor Event Report – circulated with agenda

Pamela Arthurs discussed the Border Corridor Event Report. Ms Arthurs informed that they have received an invitation to attend a Brexit meeting on Wednesday 7 June in the Senate and also to a Brexit event being organised by the North West area on Monday 22 May 2017.

The Taoiseach, Enda Kenny has also invited Pamela to meet with him directly.

6. Any Other Business

Retirement – Councillor Alan Cassidy

It was noted that Councillor Alan Cassidy has retired from Louth County Council and is due to be replaced by nomination.

Future Meeting Themes

Mr Hannaway asked if members would like to propose themes or key issue for future meetings. Councillor Corrigan suggested inviting local youth councils to a meeting.

Agreed: It was agreed that an invitation be sent to Youth Councils in Louth and also NMD area to attend the next meeting on 20 September with a possible theme around Brexit and also to include other issues the groups may want to discuss.

Agreed: It was further agreed to send an email as a reminder to all members to request suggestions for themes or key issues for future meetings.

7. First meeting of Advisory Forum (for noting) – Tuesday 20 June 17, 2pm, Newry

8. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 September 2017 in NMD Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry

Signed: M Ward

Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

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	ACTION	Referred to
1.	It was agreed that the progress indication will be applied across the all actions on the MOU Action Plan for future meetings.	M Ward
2.	It was agreed a media statement be produced following today's meeting.	R Mackin
3.	It was agreed that the NMDDC Development Plan and Actions paper be brought to a future meeting the Committee.	L Hannaway / J Martin
4.	It was agreed that progress on the request to allow concession access to residents from both Districts to either pool in Newry and Dundalk would be discussed at the next meeting of the Joint Management Team. and that information be circulated to members in advance of the next meeting of the Committee on the outcome.	L Hannaway / J Martin
5.	It was agreed that a new action be added to the MOU Action & Communication Plan regarding the future of local services for communities situated along the border following Brexit e.g. Ambulance / Emergency Service arrangements.	M Ward
6.	It was agreed that an invitation be sent to Youth Councils in Louth and also NMD area to attend the next meeting on 20 September with a possible theme around Brexit and also to include other issues the groups may want to discuss.	M Ward / E O'Gorman
7.	It was agreed to send an email as a reminder to all members to request suggestions for themes or key issues for future meetings.	M Ward

ACTIONS TRACKING UPDATE**ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN
		ERT – MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015		
ERT/117/2015	Transfer of Forest Assets	To approve recommendations contained in Report dated 12 October 2015 from G McGivern regarding the transfer of forest assets to Council. Council Officials to investigate establishing Community Development Trusts.	Ongoing	
ERT/118/2015	Annalong Harbour Stormgate	Council Officers proceed to prepare a joint funding bid for funding projects at both Annalong Harbour and Newcastle Harbour.	Ongoing	
		ERT – MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2016		
ERT/177/2016	Policy & Procedures Access to the Countryside in Newry Mourne & Down District Council	To note a policy document was currently being prepared on Access to the Countryside in the Newry Mourne & Down District Council area, as outlined in Report dated 21 December 2015 from Ms C Murphy and Ms Heather Wilson, Countryside/Rights of Way Officer. The policy document will be a framework for merging the differing policies within the legacy Councils and ensuring the Council's compliance with the implementation of the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983. When the policy document is completed it will be brought to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee for consideration in due course.	Work on going to complete the policy including seeking legal advice.	
ERT/107/2016	Proposals re:	Closed Session Item	In progress	

	Killeavey Castle	To approve the recommendation contained in Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms M Ward Director ERT, regarding proposals for Killeavey Castle, subject to satisfactory legal agreements, valuations and satisfactory grant approvals.		
		ERT – MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016		
ERT/120/2016	Funding Derrymore House & Estate	<p>(a) The Council prepares two funding applications for EU RDP Programme and Sport NI, for infrastructure investment in Derrymore House & Estate.</p> <p>(b) The Council re-allocates up to £10,000 from the existing budget of £50,000 reserved as match funding for the unsuccessful Space & Place to secure the technical assistance support required to prepare the two funding applications.</p>	In progress	
ERT/155/2016	Tender re: Arts Culture Heritage Strategy & Action Plan	The Council tender for the Development of an Integrated Culture Arts & Heritage Strategy 2017 – 2021 and Action Plan 2017-2019 for Newry Mourne & Down District Council, as per Report dated 10 October 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director ERT.	In progress	
		ERT – MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016		
ERT/169/2016	Derrymore Estate Partnership	<p>(a) Council Officials to continue to progress the delivery of projects that seek to develop the recreational potential of Derrymore Estate.</p> <p>(b) Council to submit an application for Trail facility development to Sport NI before the deadline of February 2017, and if successful, to make available the required match funding towards this project of approximately £140,000 in 2017/18.</p> <p>(c) Council Officials to commence work on preparation and submission of a planning</p>	In progress	

		application for above project to ensure project delivery is not delayed if a Letter of Offer for funding is awarded.		
ERT/172/2016	Castlewellan Forest Park	(a)To procure and pay facilitators for the purposes Of consultation workshops, events and road shows. (b)To plan and hold a number of consultation workshops, events and road shows.	In progress	
ERT/173/2016	Membership – Connect Programme	Agreed to engage with Catalyst Inc via the Connect Programme, on a 12 month silver membership programme at a cost of £2,000 pa, as per Report dated 14 November 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of ERT.	In progress	
ERT/175/2016	Downpatrick PSNI Station	Agreed the Council support Downpatrick Community Collective Group in their efforts to secure the site via Community Asset Transfer and Council to offer advice and support to the Group to develop the initiative, as per Report dated 14 November 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism.	In progress	
ERT/176/2016	Sean Hollywood Arts Centre Café Franchise	(a)The Council to not proceed on the basis as outlined in Point 2.0 for the reasons as outlined in Point 3.0 in Report dated 14 November 2016 from Ms J Turley Facilities Administrator. (b)Council Officials to enter back into negotiations regarding the Café franchise at Sean Hollywood Arts Centre.	In progress	
ERT/177/2016	NIRDP Rural Tourism Scheme Slieve Gullion Forest Park	(a) Submit an application for the funding deficit to potential funders, ie, Heritage Lottery Fund, when the Slieve Gullion Forest Park Economic Appraisal is complete.	In progress	

		<p>(b) Invite to tender to prepare a planning application for the project, assess tenders, appoint supplier using the MEAT process.</p> <p>(c) Submit planning application for project.</p> <p>(d) Proceed to tender the proposed Augmented Reality Project.</p> <p>(e) Submit the round two application to NIRD P 2014-2020 Priority 6 Rural Tourism Scheme.</p>		
ERT/178/2016	Caravan and Campsite Management	<p>(a) To agree a joint process between Council and Forest Service to appoint external expertise to prepare the Business Rationale and Specification to seek competent providers for the management of Tollymore Castlewellan and Kilbroney Park Caravan/Camping provision with the option to consider some additional tourism recreational services which would enhance the tourism offering.</p> <p>(b) To revert to Council with the completed Business Rationale and Specification prior to progressing to seek Expression of Interest.</p>	In progress	
		APRIL 2017		
ERT/075/2017	Clanbrassil Barn & Tea Rooms Tollymore Forest Park	The Council, in partnership with DAERA (Forest Service) seek Expressions of Interest from interested parties for service provision in Clanbrassil Barn & Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park.	M Boyle	EOI to be agreed with Forest Service prior to advertising.
ERT/076/2017	Wardens House Kilbroney Park Rostrevor	To approve a one year lease of the Wardens House at Kilbroney Park Rostrevor, to the proposed tenant, at a rental cost of £200 per month. Electricity, heating, insurance, rates, etc	M Boyle/B Magill	Brief for advertising to be agreed.

		will not be included in the rental figure but will be paid separately by the Lessee. It was also agreed to include the possibility of a 2 year extension to the lease if required.		
ERT/079/2017	Familiarisation Visit to Strangford	To approve the familiarisation visit to Strangford and the surrounding area in June 2017.	M Ward	Ongoing
		12 JUNE 2017		
ERT/95/2017	Former PSNI Station Site, Downpatrick	M Ward advised Officials arranging a meeting with Department for Economy and SIB. Report to be brought to August Committee Meeting.	M Ward	
ERT/107/2017	Marketing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a new website based on the key recommendation to drive NMD as a Outdoor Capital of Ireland incorporating Mountains, Myths and Maritime themes. • To provide and implement a Tourism Specific Marketing Plan. • To work on a pilot basis with the Tourism businesses during 2018 in the delivery of 3 key outdoor events – Mourne international Walking Festival, Newry Water Festival and Red Bull Foxhunt.Bike Fest and subject to evaluation consider opportunities for other tourism events. 		On-going
ERT/108/2017	AONB Ring of Gullion, Strangford and Lecale	To approve the contents of the Ring of Gullion, Strangford and Lecale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management action plans 2017-2022		
ERT/109/2017	Strangford and Lecale Landscape Partnership Scheme	<p>(a) To approve the Council's role as lead partner on behalf of SLLP in the Coast Connect LPS.</p> <p>(b) NMDDC approve the submission of Phase I application as lead partner on behalf of the group.</p> <p>(c) NMDDC approve commitment of £17k from NMDDC to the 18 month Development stage of the Coast connect Landscape Partnership scheme from November 2017 to March 2019 and the SLLP application.</p>		

ERT/111/2017	Castlewellan Forest Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Terms of Reference of the Task and Finish Board are amended to allow a chair to remain in place for 12 months as opposed to 6 months for the purposes of consistency. • Taking over the Castle is not part of the application. It will need to be integrated to some extent however. • No additional roads are recommended. The preferred option is bringing traffic into the car park from the Bann Road but will require a study to determine feasibility. • Management of the Park- Council are required to develop a proposal to discuss with FSNI. A draft lease will need to be prepared prior to submission of a round one application. It is recommended that Council and FSNI now engage in respect of this matter. Various external reports need to be commissioned prior to the submission of a round one application. These reports include the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Survey and statement of significance. • Garden and Arboretum Survey, initial Plan, and statement of significance. • Feasibility Study in respect of the use of Built Heritage in first court yard at the Grange and visitor facilities at Bothy Yard. • Traffic Survey and Car-Park Study. 		
ERT/112/2017	MGL Co-operation Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derrymore Huse, Bessbrook • Moorehall, Co Mayo 	<p>To approve contents of the report and approve to proceed to tender for the appointment of a consultancy team for the Derrymore House and Moorehall Co-operation project, and subject to securing funding and tender being within budget, following assessment Council proceed to award contract.</p> <p>It was also agreed in line with the design of the Derrymore House Cooperation project, to re-</p>		

		engage site owners, ie, National Trust, in discussions regarding lease/development agreements, to the satisfaction of the funder and submit a Planning Application for the agreed design proposals.		
ERT/113/2017	Social Enterprise Programme Phase II	To approve the additional activity and outputs for the Social Enterprise Programme (phase II), as per Report dated 12 June 2017 from Mr A Patterson, Tourism NI.		
ERT/114/2017	Re-Development of Car Parks – Ballynahinch	<p>(a) To note reference to car parks in the Draft Off-Street Car Parking Strategy and agree to proceed with this proposal in advance of agreeing Off-Street Car Parking Strategy.</p> <p>(b) Council to appoint consultants to work up and manage two Development Briefs of Lisburn Street South and Lisburn Street North sides ensuring that proposals bear in mind the constraints and that car parking spaces and access was retained.</p> <p>(c) Relevant department commences work to relocate bonfire.</p>		
ERT/115/2017	City Deals	It was agreed to note the progress on the strategic collaboration with Belfast City Council, Ards and North Down and Antrim and Newtownabbey and agree to on-going participation to progress this initiative.		
ERT/116/2017	Brexit	To note the activity in relation to the preparation for Brexit negotiations and agree the direction of travel in relation to solutions.		
ERT/117/2017	ERT Business Plan	Approve the ERT Business Plan for the period 2017-18.		
ERT/118/2017	Lease – Tennis Pavilion – Rostrevor Tennis Club	It was agreed to agree to a proposed 20 year lease from 1 March 2017 of the pavilion building to Rostrevor Tennis Club at peppercorn rent, as per Report dated 12 June 2017 from Ms B Magill, Administration Officer.		

ERT/119/2017	Halloween and Christmas Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballynahinch (Halloween & Christmas) – Ballynahinch Community Collective in partnership with Ballynahinch Lyons. • Crossmaglen (Halloween & Christmas) – Crossmaglen Community Association • Downpatrick (Halloween) – Downpatrick Community Collective • Kilkeel (Halloween & Christmas) – Kilkeel Development Association • Newcastle (Christmas) – Chamber of Commerce • Warrenpoint (Halloween & Christmas) – Safer Warrenpoint Project (Halloween), Chamber of Commerce (Christmas) 		
ERT/120/2017	Trail Network Rostrevor Forest	It was agreed to tender for the services of a suitably qualified company to oversee the procurement and delivery of the design and build contract for a trail network in Rostrevor Forest, as per Report dated 12 June 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.		
ERT/121/2017	IAGTO Conference	It was agreed that a Council official attend the IAGTO North America Golf Tourism from 25-28 June 2017.		
		14 August 2017		
ERT/131/2017	Heritage Lottery Fund Great Places Application	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding Heritage Lottery Fund application for Great Places Scheme for Ring of Gullion AONB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The Council to act as a lead partner for this application and submit the preliminary application. (b) To pursue all relevant funding opportunities to match fund the application, if it is successful to the final stage. (c) Recommend the on-going support from other departments for the application. 		

		To incorporate match funding in 2018/19 Budgets.			
ERT/132/2017	Derrymore Sport NI Application	<p>(a) To progress Stage 2 Conditions of the Sport NI Application for the regeneration of Derrymore Estate and Camough River Walk. Conditions are as follows, and must be in place before Sport NI can consider an award of funding:</p> <p>(b) Procurement of a design team for preparation of technical drawings and BoQ's (if a letter of offer is secured, costs incurred here can be allocated towards Council's match funding of the project)</p> <p>(c) To secure Planning approval if required</p> <p>(d) To secure Legal Agreement with National Trust for delivery of the project on their land (ie, Development Agreement – National Trust will retain long term maintenance of the trails)</p> <p>(e) To secure PPA agreements with relevant landowners for delivery of the Camlough River Walk project.</p> <p>(f) To procure a contractor. (Appointment only subject to securing a Letter of Offer)</p>			136
ERT/133/2017	Horse Riding Provision Castlewellan Forest Park	<p>(a) To adopt interim walking trails as permanent trail system for equestrians.</p> <p>(b) To apply same permit principles for horse riders as mountain bikes.</p> <p>(c) To create an interim trail head and car park.</p>			
ERT/134/2017	Department for Communities Funding – Regeneration Projects	<p>(a) Council write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department for Communities regarding the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To express the Council's concern at the on-going delay in Department for Communities funding for regeneration projects. - To seek a meeting between Council Officials and the Permanent Secretary to discuss the on-going delay in funding and the Urban Regeneration Forward Work Plan and to request that when funding is agreed 			

		<p>for the three schemes, that Letters of Offer should allow for an extension into the 2018/19 financial year for scheme completion and spend.</p> <p>(b) Report back to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting in due course.</p>		
ERT/135/2017	Notice of Motion – Farmers/Artisan Market, Downpatrick	<p>It was agreed as follows, regarding a Notice of Motion regarding Farmers/Artisan Markets:</p> <p>(a) A pilot project be undertaken in 2018/19 to include a market in Newcastle initially, and based on evaluation of the Newcastle Market, a trial Market could be held in Downpatrick to confirm the level of interest, thus providing an opportunity to assess the preferred location/s.</p> <p>(b) If the pilot markets prove successful, the Council to appoint a company to deliver the Market/s on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>(c) Following evaluation of the pilot markets, the Council to consider arranging Farmers Markets in other towns across the District.</p>		
ERT/136/2017	Notice of Motion Masterplans	<p>It was agreed to proceed as follows regarding a Notice of Motion regarding Masterplans: That given the Community Planning Structures and DEA Forums interaction with all the key agencies involved, the Council continue with its agreed course of action on Masterplans, as agreed in February 2017, and do not establish a Downpatrick Masterplan Implementation Group for the following reasons as outlined in Report dated 14 August 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism.</p>		
ERT/137/2017	NI Economic Conference	<p>It was agreed to appoint the following delegates to attend the Economic Conference to be held on Wednesday 25 October 2017 in Armagh City Hotel at a cost of £306 inc vat, per delegate:</p>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chairperson of ERT Committee (Councillor P Byrne) - Deputy Chairperson of ERT Committee (Councillor D Hyland) - 1 No. Official 		
ERT/138/2017	Tourism Performance Figures 2016	<p>It was agreed to note Report dated 14 August 2017 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding tourism performance figures 2016.</p> <p>It was also agreed Mr A Patterson Assistant Director of Tourism Culture & Events, to submit a more detailed report on Tourism Performance Statistics to the ERT Committee based on the points raised by members.</p>		
ERT/139/2017	IAGTO Conference	<p>It was agreed Newry Mourne & Down District Council attend the International Golf Travel Market (IGTM from 11- 14 December 2017 in Cannes France, with a Council stand to promote Golf Links and parkland courses along with tourism experiences and invite golf clubs within the regions to share the stand space with Council, subject to parkland and links golf clubs within the region attending.</p>		
ERT/140/2017	Clanbrassil Barns and Tea Rooms Tollymore Forest Park	<p>It was agreed the Council enter into a legal agreement with the DAERA for a 20 year Lease for Clanbrassil Barns & Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park, subject to valuation by DAERA and condition assessment by Council, as per Report dated 14 August 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.</p>		
ERT/141/2017	Junior Golf Competition	<p>It was agreed as regarding Newry Mourne & Down Junior Golf Trophy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Newry Mourne & Down District Council to manage the Newry Mourne & Down Junior Golf Tournament to take place 15-17 August 2018. (b) To appoint Newry Mourne & Down District Council to be represented on the organising group along with representation from: 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Warrenpoint Golf Club- Kilkeel Golf Club- Royal County Down- Golfing Union Ireland			139
ERT/142/2017	Warrenpoint Baths	It was agreed the Council proceed to appoint a suitably qualified multi-disciplinary team to design and manage a development brief process in line with existing planning approval.			
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The Council's Scheme of Delegation for Officers is made in accordance with Section 7 (arrangements for discharge of functions of Council) of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014,

Arrangements for Monitoring and Review

Each Department is required to appoint an officer with responsibility for maintaining a register of delegated decisions. Reports on the register shall be brought to relevant Committees on a bi-annual basis.

A corporate register of delegated decisions shall be maintained by the Head of Democratic Services which can be requested to be produced by any Committee of Council at any time. The Head of Democratic Services is the responsible officer for ensuring this register remains current and accurate at all times.

Scheme of Delegated Decisions for Reporting

The following delegated decisions or authorisations are to be reported monthly (unless otherwise specified) to the relevant Committee by the officer responsible for making or granting.

1. Engaging consultancy assistance below the delegated level of £2,000;
2. Decision to commence formal restructuring within a Department or Departments;
3. Consultation responses other than technical responses where officers asked for Member views;
4. Decisions arising from external report on significant Health and Safety at Work;
5. In cases of emergency, the allocation or awarding of Financial assistance (small grants) to external groups or organisations below the delegated level of £300; and
6. Other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.

Attached is a reporting form for each of the categories of delegated decisions/authorisations which should be completed by Departmental Officers and reported to relevant committees.

Other decisions or authorisations delegated to each Department under the Scheme of Delegation, should be reported by way of a bi-annual report to the relevant Committee of Council, (refer to the Council's Scheme of Delegation for complete list of delegated matters).

A copy should also be forwarded to Eileen McParland, Democratic Services Manager – eileen.mcparland@newryandmourne.gov.uk

Category 2.

Decision to commence formal restructuring with a Department or Departments

Name of Department/s and reason for restructure

Category 3.

Consultation responses other than technical responses where officers asked for Member views

List Consultation title and attach response

Category 6

Any other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.

Info on event	Date of agreement/approval	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
Extension to St Patricks Day and Easter operating dates		Elmer Bell		
Various dates April to Oct 2017 on Newry Canal- Angling	24/3/17	Geoff Quinn Newry Canal Match Group	Approved	
13/4/17 Hill & Dale Running Event Castlewellan Trails	Event Licence 23/3/17	Newcastle Athletics Club	Approved	Insurance Event fee £30 Event Bond £30
18/4/17 charity fundraising cycle on Newry Towpath	9/3/17	Michelle McCann Administration Officer Head Injury Support	Approved	Insurance No fee
18 & 19/4/17 filming actors riding horses on beach	12/4/17	Woman in White Productions	Approved	
23rd April 2017 – charity walk for Southern Area Hospice	14/3/17	Southern Area Hospice	Approved	
23/4/17 Girl Guide Event in Kilbroney Park – scavenger hunt & team building	12/4/17	Girl Guides	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
27/4/17 Newcastle Athletics Club race in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17	Newcastle Athletics Club	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
6 th May 2017 Darkness into Light 5km walk – starting at 4.30am	12/4/17	Catherine Croston	Approved	KP Staff arrangement to come in early. Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
7/5/17 charity fundraising walk on Newry Towpath	14/3/17	Emma McKeivitt Fight for Alfie	Approved	Insurance No fee

Other info (date of event etc)	Date of agreement	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
30/5, 1/6 & 5/6 2017 filming in Kilbroney Park	27/4/17	Ryan Loney Little Forest Studios 21A High Street Lurgan BT66 8AH 07834 226 917 028 3832 3793	Approved	
Use of Castlewella Mountain Bike Trails for the Ulster XC Series Round 4 Mountain Bike Race on 14 May 2017.	5/5/17	Shimna Wheelers Cycling Club c/o Michael Clarke, 11a Dunderinne Road, Castlewella, Co Down, BT31 9LY	Approved	
Use of Tyrella Beach on 13 & 14 May 2017 for charity walk along beach and camp in car park	9/5/17	Paul McKinstry Journey Free	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety plan, plan of area to be used etc requested
21/5/17 - 10k & 5k on the bay – Warrenpoint breakwater	19/5/17	Anne McCormack St Peters GAA	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety plan requested
24/5/17 School Walk Abbey Grammar Newry in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17	Dominic Wadsworth	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
25-29 May 2017 Warrenpoint Park Bluesberry – part of Blues on Bay Weekend	10/4/17	Ian Sands	Approved	
3 & 4 June 2017 Crooked Lake Triathlon, Camlough	1/6/17	Catherine Murphy	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
10/6/17 Mourne Way Marathon in Kilbroney Park	12/4/17		Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
12/6/17 Action MS Sponsored Walk in Kilbroney Park	12/4/17	Action MS	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested

Other info (date of event etc)	Date of agreement	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
17/6/17 Kilbroney Vintage Car Show in Kilbroney Park	12/4/17	Kilbroney Show	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
IRISH JUNIOR TRIALS – Fishing - CANAL & Albert Basin Sat June 24/Sun 25th	23/5/17	Oliver McGauley	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety plan, plan of area to be used etc requested
26 & 27 June Murlough Bay filming on beach from sand dunes	30/5/17	Gordon Wycherley Zephr Films	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, plan of area to be used etc requested
8/7/17 Top of the Mourne Triathlon in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17		Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
22 & 23/7/17 Irish National Champs M Bike Event in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17		Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
23/7/17 Womens Mini Marathon in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17		Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
As part of Fiddlers Green Festival - forest school for children and foraging classes for adults in Kilbroney forest from the 24th-25th July 2017		Lucy O'Hagan forest school practitioner, bushcraft instructor and forager 07928108932	Approved	
29/7/17 12-2pm Kilbroney Park Bear Hunt on Narnia Trail, table top activities, picnic & bouncy castle	26/5/17	Kate Cahill Sure Start	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested

Other info (date of event etc)	Date of agreement	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
Mourne Truck Run Albert Basin from 4-6 August	15/5/17	Stephen O'Hare	Approved	
6-13 Aug 17 Maiden of Mournes Festival Warrenpoint Square	12/4/17	Maiden of Mourne Festival	Approved	6/8 open fair day – stage, dance floor & seating area in Square. Small cabin to be located in square for duration of festival. 8/8 Ulster radio rdshow, 10/9 Cancer Bus.
11/8 & 12/8 & 13/8 Camlough Lake Water Festival	2/6/17	CLWF festival	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
LA until end of Sept then extended to end Oct 2017	31/5/17	Café in Kilbroney lease	Approved	
10/9/17 South Armagh Warrior & Lord & Lady swim Camlough Lake	2/6/17	C Murphy Newry Triathlon Club	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
23/9/17 SMILE Mile at Camlough Lake	2/6/17	C Murphy Newry Triathlon Club	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
20 th – 22 nd Oct & 27 th – 29 th Oct Newry Oktoberfest Use of Albert Basin	07.09.17	Graeme @ Grounded	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested. Subject to 50% Fee in advance.
Fri 11 th – Su 13 th Aug 13 th Irish International Currach Championships	20.07.17	Tom McCann	Approved	Insured under Maiden of Mournes Festival Insurance
Greater Newry Business Awards – Sponsorship	30.06.17	Newry Chamber	Approved	£5k sponsorship
Family Fun Day at Flagstaff Viewpoint Sun 30 th July 1pm – 6pm	26.07.17	Newry Maritime Association	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc.
Currachs to enter water at Victoria Locks and move around on Sun 30 th July 1pm – 6pm	26.07.17	Newry Maritime Association	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc.
Foraging Walk for adults in Kilbroney Park on 10 th August 2017 5pm – 8pm	07.08.17	Lucy O'Hagan	Approved	PL Insurance, Risk Assessment, Events Plan, Child Protection Policy.

BBC Filming Ardglass Harbour 6, 7 th Aug, 8 th Aug	03.08.17	Catriona Stewart, BBC	Approved	Flight Plan, Insurance, Risk Assessment, Permission from CAA
Maiden of the Mourne request to use Warrenpoint Beach during festival 6-13 th Aug 2017			Approved	
Cross Community Memorial Prayer service at Cranfield West Amenity Area 25 th Aug 2017, 7.30pm	25.08.17	James McAreavey	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
St Patrick's Coastal Endurance Ride 2 nd September 2017 at Tyrella Beach	01.09.17	David Cunningham, St. Patrick's Coast Ride	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Angling Competition, Middlebank – coal yard area. 24/09, 22/10, 29/10, 12/11, 19/11, 03/12	01.09.17	Geoff Quinn	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
BBC Filming at Fairy Glen, Rostrevor 1 st Sept 2017 – The Big Painting Challenge	22.08.17	Bernadette Kelly, Assistant Producer, The Big Painting Challenge, BBC	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Viking Event in Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor 16 Sept 2017	25.08.17	Magnus Vikings	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Junior National Team Trials, Middle Bank, Newry Canal, 16 Sept 2017	25.08.17	Jack Tisdall		Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Charity Walk on Newry Canal Towpath on Sat 2 nd Sept	30.08.17	PIPS	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.