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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S FOREWORD

I am pleased to present this Annual Report for 2016/2017 detailing delivery on our Corporate Plan 2015-2019 and its key priorities. Since the establishment of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in April 2015, we have faced many challenges to develop efficient and effective public services for all. Having initiated a process of major reform we have continued to make a positive contribution to the quality of life for our future generations, delivering investment on major capital programmes throughout the District for the benefit of our citizens. This forward planning approach underpins our strategic commitment to modernising and transforming the way we work as an organisation to deliver on our priorities for the district and how our citizens can engage with us. The capital budget 2017/2020 agreed by Council demonstrates this approach.

The publication of the draft Community Plan which will be endorsed by March 2017 demonstrates a new way of working in the public sector with an integrated approach in improving the infrastructure, wellbeing and opportunities for all citizens in the District. We want to make Newry, Mourne and Down a place with a strong, safe and vibrant community where everyone has a good quality of life and access to opportunities, choices and high quality services.

Councillors as part of their role as Civic Leaders continue to advocate on behalf of their citizens on a wider public sector front and promote private investment to ensure our District continues to grow and develop.

The published budget demonstrates that the Council makes best use of our resources and delivers a comprehensive range of services. We will deliver on a range of actions which will make a real difference to the economic, health, environmental and wellbeing of our district.

Liam Hannaway
Chief Executive

INTRODUCTION

It has been almost two years since the implementation of the Review of Public Administration and the establishment of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. During this time Council has faced many challenges in leading the new organisation and developing efficient and effective public services.

The Council has almost completed delivery of the second year of its four year Corporate Plan 2015-2019. This is the primary driver of all activity in Council and shapes all our plans and strategies. We have stated in our Corporate Plan that we want to lead and serve a District that is prosperous, healthy, as well as sustainable from an economic, environmental and social perspective and in doing so be citizen focused, accountable, collaborative, sustainable and fair.

To realise our long term vision for the development of the District the Council adopted 8 key priorities and has remained committed to delivering on these in a realistic way to achieve measurable results.

By 2019, the Council will have:

1. Become one of the premier tourism destination on the island of Ireland.
2. Attracted investment and supported the creation of new jobs.
3. Supported improved health and wellbeing outcomes.
4. Protected our natural and built environment.
5. Led the regeneration of our urban and rural areas.
6. Advocated on citizens behalf specifically in relation to those issues which really matter to them.
7. Empowered and improved the capacity of our communities.
8. Transformed and modernised the Council, providing accessible as well as value for money services.

The Council continues to ensure ownership and scrutiny across the entire organisation through its governance structure and an Annual Improvement Plan is published in June each year.

This Annual Report informs how we delivered on the priorities outlined within our Corporate Plan during 2016/2017 and details what the Council plans to achieve during 2017/2018.

Our key achievements during 2016/2017 included delivery on major programmes such as commencement of a £36 million investment in two state of the art Leisure Centres in Downpatrick and Newry, and ongoing implementation of the £11 million Rural Development Programme. We drew down over £2 million in external funding for the development and roll out of community engagement programmes. The economic value to our district of our key events was £9.5 million. We produced a Community Plan which sets out to create an environment that supports collaboration, where everyone can work together towards achieving agreed outcomes. We provided logistical support to 187 Community Groups from April –

December 2016 as well as financial assistance towards the operation of 46 community centres. We formed 7 District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora, held 20 Public Meetings and developed 7 multi-faceted District Electoral Area Action Plans all underpinned by an inclusive engagement process with our local communities. We developed a new Play Strategy and Sports Facilities Strategy both of which will enhance the wellbeing of all our citizens across the generations. We lifted approximately 100,000 bins every week and we received and processed 3,350 Building Control applications. We delivered 150 environmental and sustainability education programmes and we were successful in being awarded £4.25 million funding under the European Funding Peace IV Programme.

During 2017/2018 we will continue to deliver on our key projects and bring many of them to fruition and work together with all our partners, agencies, stakeholders and our citizens to achieve agreed outcomes for all.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016/2017

The key achievements by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council during 2016/2017 are presented under the following themes.

- economic development and regeneration - attracting investment and supporting creation of new jobs and leading the regeneration of our urban and rural areas
- tourism – becoming one of the premier tourist destinations on the island of Ireland
- environmental protection waste and recycling – protecting our natural and built environment
- planning and building control – protecting our natural and built environment
- our community – development, engagement and support – empowering and improving the capacity of our communities and supporting health and wellbeing
- financial assistance and capital schemes
- corporate initiatives – transforming and modernising services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

During 2016/2017 Public Realm Schemes were completed in Warrenpoint and the Newry Cathedral Corridor with funding of £3 million, 80% from the NI Executive through the Department for Communities and 20% from Council. Development of Revitalisation Plans for Warrenpoint and Newry to compliment these Public Realm Schemes and support Town Centre businesses in 2017/2018 have now commenced. The funding bid and planning application for Downpatrick's Irish Street Public Realm Scheme has been submitted with the project scheduled to begin in summer 2017. The development of the Townscape Heritage Initiative proposal for Irish Street in Downpatrick has also commenced.

In Kilkeel, the Harbour Development Options Feasibility Study in partnership with Invest Northern Ireland, Strategic Investment Board and Kilkeel Strategic Partnership was completed. The Stage 2 Derisking Strategy is now underway which looks at the preferred option for the development in Kilkeel and its impact.

The Council is working in partnership with NI Water to complete the Camlough Lake Rehabilitation Scheme in May 2017. The total cost for this work is £2.5 million equally funded by Council and NI Water.

In supporting the creation of businesses in the district, the Regional Start Initiative for small business was rolled out with 212 Business Plans completed and 160 jobs created. An ongoing programme of Business Development workshops will continue in January – March 2017 around themes of social media, tendering, e-commerce, branding, search engine optimisation and planning for succession.

In 2016/2017 the Council was successful in applying for the Heritage Lottery Fund "Parks for People Programme". Funding of £850,000 was provided to restore and upgrade facilities at Warrenpoint Municipal Park. The Council will provide further funding for the project resulting in a total investment of £1.49 million. The scheme will be implemented over a five year period beginning in 2017.

Under the Rural Development Programme, the Rural Development Partnership was established and first call for applications in the £11 million programme was completed. In advance of an open call, the Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership held 20 mandatory pre application workshops across various locations within the District including Castlewellan, Downpatrick, Hilltown, Kilkeel and Mullaghbawn. In total there were approximately 700 attendees submitting 326 expressions of interest across the schemes of Rural Business Investment, Rural Basic Services and Village Renewal. During the life of the programme which runs to 2020 these workshops will be held in advance of every call and locations will vary to ensure a geographical spread.

TOURISM

The Council in partnership with Tourism NI commenced the Newcastle Gateway Study, exploring the potential of a major flagship tourism project for the district. The Council also completed a new Tourism Strategy for the area following extensive consultation across the District.

During the year a range of exciting events were held, attracting large numbers of visitors to our area. The key events were:-

St. Patrick's Festival in Downpatrick and Newry, Skiffie Worlds Festival on Strangford Lough, Festival of Flight in Newcastle, Wake the Giant Festival in Warrenpoint, Footsteps in the Forest in Slieve Gullion, Ballynahinch Game and Harvest Festival, Narnia Festival in Rostrevor, Halloween Festivals in both Newcastle and Newry, Christmas Lights Switch On events in Downpatrick and Newry and the Christmas

Twilight Market event in Newry. The Council worked in partnership with Warrenpoint, Crossmaglen, Downpatrick, Newcastle, Ballynahinch and Kilkeel Communities and Chambers to deliver the Halloween and Christmas events.

The key events supported by Council were: Circuit of Ireland, Rostrevor Choral Festival, Blues on the Bay in Warrenpoint, Soma Festival in Castlewellan, Fiddler's Green Festival in Rostrevor, Iúr Cinn Fleadh in Newry, Montalto Estate and Ballynahinch Harvest Fair, GI Jive in Kilkeel and Hans Sloane Chocolate Festival in Killyleagh.

The overall economic value to the district of these events was £9.5 million.

The Museums and Arts continue to play an important role in supporting the development of culture and heritage in our communities attracting visitors to our district.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WASTE AND RECYCLING

During 2016/2017, the Council lifted approximately 100,000 bins per week and collected 3,000 tonnes of street litter. We processed 46,000 tonnes of residual waste, 21,000 tonnes of recyclables and 7,500 tonnes of green/food waste with a recycling rate of just under 40%. Both Council landfill sites at Aughnagon and Drumanakelly were closed reducing to almost zero the amount of waste sent to landfill.

The Facilities Management and Maintenance Section provided non-denominational burial services at our five municipal cemeteries in Newry, Warrenpoint, Rostrevor, Downpatrick and Ballynahinch and provided a Building Maintenance Service for all Council buildings and facilities, handling approximately 3,500 reactive service requests per year.

It also provided a Grounds Maintenance Service across 667 sites including: Amenity Areas (120 sites), Car Parks (6 sites), Cemeteries including historic sites (37 sites), Council Civic Buildings (7 sites) Transport NI (TNI) owned sites (128 sites), Play Parks (184 sites), Open Spaces (5), Parks (14 sites), Public Rights of Way (60 sites), Sports Facilities (74 sites) and Waterways (32 sites).

Through the new "Live Here, Love Here, Your Street" Programme and associated financial assistance scheme, grants were provided to 16 groups. Community groups and schools can access funding between £500 and £3,000 for programmes relating to littering and dog fouling and other environmental projects with emphasis on civic pride.

In respect of its responsibility to promote and protect the natural environment of the area the Council has developed Biodiversity Action Plans for the district which identifies priority habitats and species. The Council submitted an application as lead partner for an INTERREG VA Habitat and Species Conservation project. The €8 million project, if successful, will involve 11 different partner organisations delivering conservation actions and a communications/outreach programme across Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland over a five year period.

The Council works closely with schools and groups throughout the district in promoting environmental sustainability and over the past year delivered 150 programmes across a wide range of projects. All schools in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are registered and taking part in the Eco Schools programme. 34 schools currently hold the top award of the Green Flag.

PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

During 2016/2017, the Council received 1,500 planning applications and issued 2,000 decisions. This Council is consistently in the top 3 Councils in NI in terms of number of applications received and is presently issuing 36% more decisions than applications received. Council is working to reduce the backlog which has already reduced from 1,600 to less than 1,000. The July-September 2016 statistics indicated a 68.9% increase in year on year decisions issued and the processing time for the same period was reduced to 24 weeks (in comparison to 32 weeks for July-September 2015.) Excluding the backlog, 2016 processing times were approximately 10 weeks.

The Council currently holds two Planning Committee Meetings per month to actively target reduction of the backlog and is working on streamlining the Committee procedures to facilitate more efficient determination of applications.

During 2016, the Building Control and Regulation Section received and processed 3,350 Control Applications, carried out 13,349 site inspections and issued 1,670 completion certificates. Full plan applications increased by 169 from 2015 to 2016 and Council received 400 entertainment/street trading license applications. It also dealt with 860 requests relating to postal numbers and nameplates.

OUR COMMUNITY – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

In 2016 a draft version of the District's first ever Community Plan was published for public consultation. Developed in partnership with a range of key partners, including local community groups, other public service providers and other key stakeholders, this Plan sets out to improve key outcomes for local people in relation to a broad range of health and well-being, environmental, economic and social issues. In early 2017/2018 draft delivery plans will also be published which will set out how everyone can work together towards achieving the same goals.

In 2016 working closely with the community, the Council established 7 District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora across the District in Crotlieve, Downpatrick, Mournes, Newry, Rowallane, Slieve Croob and Slieve Gullion. Over this period DEAs held 20 public meetings and developed 7 multi-faceted DEA Action Plans. To support this work, the Council developed a Community Engagement Strategy.

Council also initiated an audit of Community Centres to examine how Council supports communities through provision of community facilities and a revision of policies and procedures was commenced to ensure equitable service provision across communities. Throughout the year the Council proactively engaged with communities on potential changes to programmes such as Neighbourhood Renewal. Logistical support was provided to 187 Community Groups in the period April-December 2016 to assist in running of community events.

53 programmes were delivered through Policing, Community and Safety, Neighbourhood Renewal and Good Relations specifically designed to engage with those most marginalised in our communities. Projects were delivered to make people feel safer in homes, such as the Locks and Bolts Schemes, with over 440 homes visited. A Community Safety Warden Scheme was initiated in main town centres.

The Council also formed the Peace IV Partnership and Partner Delivery Agents. They will oversee the implementation of the Peace IV Action Plan.

All actions within the Investment for Health/Health Inequalities Locality Plan were implemented.

LEISURE/SPORT

In delivering on its commitment to develop the health and wellbeing of its citizens the Council undertook a review of outdoor leisure services provision.

During this time a new Play Strategy and new Sports Facilities Strategy was developed for the District. The implementation of the Play Strategy and Sports Facility Strategy will help the Council meet one of our key Corporate Objectives of improving Health and Wellbeing by providing quality facilities for all of our citizens to take part in healthy recreational activities.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

The Council provided a wide range of financial assistance to its communities in many ways and through many programmes.

During this period Council drew down over £2 million in external funding for the development and roll out of community engagement programmes. These vital funds assisted in the running of a number of key initiatives including:

- community education programmes
- health promotion initiatives
- youth programmes such as Driving to Success which aims to help our young people drive for career progression
- community outdoor pursuits
- inter-cultural forums to promote dialogue and discussion
- front line advice services and support.

Under the Council's Financial Assistance Call 1 which addressed the areas of arts and culture, summer schemes, capital, community engagement, sports development and community events the Council provided funding of £539,067 to 172 applicants.

Under Financial Assistance Call 2 which addressed the areas of PCSP and Good Relations the Council provided funding of £34,500 to 46 applicants.

Under Financial Assistance Call 3 which addressed the areas of Down your Street and Christmas the Council provided funding of £78,081.90 to 41 applicants.

In summary, under Financial Assistance 2016/2017 the Council provided £651,648.90 to 259 applicants.

Information demonstrating financial assistance provided during 2016/2017 is detailed in the Appendices.

The Council's allocation of funding grants to communities under its Financial Assistance Call issued February-March 2017 equates to £1.34 million.

Financial assistance was also provided towards the operation of 46 community centres.

The Council was appointed as lead partner of a £2.6 million Social Investment Fund Programme.

CAPITAL SCHEMES

The Council committed to an ambitious capital programme during 2016/2017 and delivered on a number of major capital schemes throughout the district.

The construction of Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2 is ongoing and the old Newry swimming pool is currently being demolished.

The construction of Down Leisure Centre has commenced. When completed, both these major projects will demonstrate a capital investment of £36 million in this district providing two state of the art leisure facilities for everyone.

Repairs to Newry Canal Banks were completed with the cost part funded by the Landfill Community Fund.

The Greenway Phase 1, Albert Basin to Weir was completed with the cost funded by the Landfill Community Fund.

Other Capital Schemes completed include Crossgar Play park replacement equipment and Struell Cemetery extension with further work ongoing on Kilbroney Toilet Block enhancement, Burren Village Green and Carginagh Road Playing Field extension to car park.

CORPORATE INITIATIVES

Other initiatives delivered by the Council during 2016 included the implementation across the district of the 100% funded Department of the Communities Affordable Warmth Scheme with the Council completing 409 affordable warmth surveys from April 2016 – January 2017.

A new mandatory Food Hygiene Rating Scheme was rolled out throughout the area with 1336 establishments included in the scheme.

As part of its modernisation process the Council developed a Corporate Information Technology Strategy which will transform its ability to conduct business in an effective manner.

The Council published its Year 1 Annual Performance Improvement Plan and undertook a First Year Review of its Corporate Plan.

The Council is developing an Irish language Strategy to create a supportive environment for the use and regeneration of the Irish language in public, personal, economic and community life within the District.

The Council also secured re-accreditation of the Elected Members Development Charter. This award acknowledges the Council has an ongoing commitment to learning and development which assists Elected Members not only to achieve the Council's corporate goals and objectives but also to excel in their role as leaders of their local communities.

KEY ACTIONS PLANNED FOR 2017/2018

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council during the third year of the Corporate Plan (2017/2018) will deliver the following key actions: -

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

The Council will develop an Environmental Improvement Scheme and Town Heritage Initiative in Downpatrick as well as further Environmental Improvement schemes across the District. It will also continue implementation of town and city masterplans.

It will commence the Warrenpoint Municipal Park Regeneration Project, and will undertake further development of Castlewellan Park.

Council plans to procure and implement the Business Start Programme funded by the Investing for Growth and Jobs Programme and will engage with the Private Sector to identify and progress development opportunities across the District.

It will continue to implement the £11 million Rural Development Strategy via a series of calls across all themes.

The Council along with the Border Councils will commence lobbying the NI Executive, Dáil Éireann and Westminster on Brexit.

TOURISM

The Council will launch its Tourism Strategy and Industry Development Programme and deliver two Visitor Experience Development Plans. Council will commence work on the development of the Geopark Application from Mourne/Gullion and it will develop a storybook of Ireland based on Newry, Mourne and Down District identifying significant stories that can be used to enhance existing and new experiences.

Events are an integral part of our Tourism experience and the Council aims to expand the number of festivals it holds and supports in 2017/2018, building on the £9.5 million economic value these bring to the district.

It will also develop an Arts and Culture Strategy for the benefit of the district.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WASTE AND RECYCLING

During this year the Council plans to extend its Brown Bin Scheme (Food Waste Collection) and optimise the waste collection rounds and standardise practices across the District.

The Council aims to provide recycling for commercial properties in the legacy Down District area and rationalise the number of household recycling sites across the District to increase efficiencies.

Burial procedures across the area will be standardised and a capital programme will be progressed to resolve graveyard shortages.

PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

The Council will implement the Pavement Cafe legislation and effectively implement the administration of off street parking for which it is now responsible.

Council aims to significantly reduce the transferred backlog of planning applications from the current 1,000 and improve development management processing times. It also aims to significantly reduce the transferred backlog of enforcement cases. The NI Direct Call Management System will be replaced with internal call management and the Development Plan Timetable will be published by end of June 2017.

The Council plans to extend the "Down Your Street/Live Here Love There" small grant scheme for community groups and schools. It will implement the Biodiversity Action Plans and continue to deliver a wide range of environmental and sustainability education programmes.

OUR COMMUNITY – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

The Council will continue to work closely with its many stakeholders on delivering the Community Plan, working together towards achieving the same goals.

This year the Council will undertake a review through each of the 7 DEAs on the delivery of objectives within each DEA Action Plan. It will continue to support the implementation of the Community Plan via input at operational, thematic and strategic levels.

Council will finalise Stage II of the Community Centre Effectiveness Review and agree the Terms of Reference for Stages III and IV to determine priorities for Year 3 of the Community Engagement Plan.

The Council is going to develop multi-agency action plans following consultation to support enhanced service delivery with key community stakeholders and design a

comprehensive capacity building programme to develop sustainable skills base at community level.

Council will review policies and related procedures to effectively support and build capacity of communities in the delivery of community events and it will continue to support mechanisms to undertake dialogue with identified marginalised groups in the District.

Statutory responsibility in terms of Policing and Community Safety will continue to be implemented.

The Council will deliver on the £4.5 million funding under European Union Peace IV Programme available for projects to promote positive relations between people of different communities and backgrounds.

LEISURE/SPORT

The Council will undertake the recommendations of the Play Strategy Year 1 and Sports Facilities Strategy Year 1 including capital works. It will audit leisure activities programmes in outdoor facilities. The transition from Newry Sports Centre to the new Newry Leisure Centre will happen with the new Centre opening in 2017. A separate marketing and leisure sub brand will be developed.

Leisure services will be modernised using improved use of information technology and the new sports association for the district will be developed.

The Council will develop an Activity Promotion and Development Plan with a range of partnerships to meet corporate objectives. It will deliver activity programmes targeting obesity and diabetes and implement a programme of events to target citizens not engaged in any form of leisure activity.

CAPITAL SCHEMES

The Council will continue to roll out key capital schemes throughout the District in 2017/2018 as follows.-

Council will complete the construction of the Newry Leisure Centre Complex and continue construction of Downpatrick Leisure Centre, both schemes representing a combined investment of £36 million.

The development of phase 2 of Newry Town Hall will take place.

Council will develop a play park at Mayobridge and implement upgrades to play parks in Camlough, Castlewellan, Killyleagh, Meigh and Newcastle, bowling pavilions in Newcastle and Warrenpoint, Sports Pavilions at Ardglass, Dunleath and Bann

Road, Ardglass football pitch, Carlingford Park kickabout area as well as tennis facilities across the District.

Castle Park Boating Lake in Newcastle will be dredged.

Saintfield Community Hub will be progressed in 2017/2018 with the development of a Community Centre, Enterprise Units and a 2G Hockey/Multi Use Pitch.

Community facilities will be developed at Ballynahinch.

Multi Purpose Games Areas (MUGAs) will be provided in accordance with the Council's Sports Facilities and Play Strategies.

The Council will implement its lead partner role for the £2.7million Social Investment "Work It" Programme.

Council will continue to lead and invest in the local delivery of the Social Investment Fund which shall provide community operated Sports Facilities in Downpatrick and Ballyhornan and major redevelopment of Castlewellan Community Centre.

The development of the Carlingford Lough Greenway Project will progress in partnership with Louth County Council with funding secured from the INTERREG 5A Programme.

Council has completed an Economic Appraisal on a proposed Community Hub for Warrenpoint and Council Officials are meeting with the local Community Association to progress this exciting development.

The Council will complete the Newry Civic Centre site identification and commence the business financial model to begin option appraisal and have agreement on commencement in 2019/2020.

CORPORATE INITIATIVES

The Council will roll out the Corporate Information Technology Strategy across the organisation to assist in improving services.

The Council remains committed to the principles set out in the Bilingualism Policy and associated Procedures and has put in place structures to ensure that the Irish language has a sustainable future in the Council area and to further develop Irish language services for its growing Irish language community.

APPENDICES

- Community Engagement Programmes /projects 2016/2017
- Financial Assistance 2016/2017



Community Engagement

Service Area	Funding Body	Total headline budget that will be spent on community programmes/projects/events/activities in 2017/2018.	Total number of programmes supported in 2016/2017	Examples of Community Support
PCSP	DoJ Policing Board	£183,142.00, subject to confirmation of funding. (includes between £17,000-£20,000 for Financial Assistance Call(s))	20	Warden Scheme Locks & Bolts ASB Action Plans Cyber Safety
Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	DfC	£273,000.00 for revenue programmes, subject to confirmation of funding.	7	Community Education Health Promotion Driving to Success
Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	DfC	£617,410.83 for revenue programmes, subject to confirmation of funding.	11	Comm Res Justice Comm Outdoor Pursuits Accredited training
Good Relations Programme	Executive Office	£213,500.00, subject to confirmation of funding. (includes £20,000 for Financial Assistance Call(s))	15+	Traveller Forum Newry District Inter Church Forum NM&D Intercultural Forum Cllrs' Equality & GR Reference Group
Community Support Programme	DfC	£486,716.96, subject to confirmation of funding. (includes £112,973.24 for Financial Assistance Call(s) and £373,743.72 for SLAs)	Financial Assistance Calls and 5 SLAs	CAB CCG CDRCN Gateway



DoJ is Department of Justice

DfC is Department for Communities

CAB is Citizens Advice Bureau

CCG is Confederation of Community Groups

CDRCN is County Down Rural Community Network



Financial Assistance (2016/2017)

Service Area	Amount allocated	Threshold	Number of projects funded	Examples of Community Support Programmes/Groups awarded
PCSP	£17 – £20k	£750	21	Internet safety session Community Celebration Day Halloween festival for families Youth and Future Talent Awards Youth Work Strategy Partnership Advertising for helpline Youth Engagement Training Cross Community Sports Blitz
Capital Programme	£125k Matched with £175 from Council	£50k	8	Shane O Neills GFC, community walkway St Mary's GFC, Burren, pitch resurfacing Dromara GAC, main pitch upgrade Mournesport Ltd & Kilkeel Hockey Club, MacAuley Park Refurbishments St John's Bosco GAC, Sports Club and Community Facility Kilcoo GAC, Kilcoo Gym Pepper Johns Memorial, renovations work St Colman's GAC Drumaness, Lets Get Active Derrybeg Community Association, Building Bridges South Armagh Community Safety Partnership, Halloween event. Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce, Dickens Day Festival Down Home Accident Prevention Group, Bee Safe Accident prevention Dibney River Conservation, Irish International Fly Fair Hillsborough and District Motorcycle Club
Major/Minor Events	£130k	£2,000	59	



Financial Assistance (2016/2017)

Service Area	Amount allocated	Threshold	Number of projects funded	Examples of Community Support Programmes/Groups awarded
Summer Schemes	£20k	£1,000	28	Kilkeel Hockey Club Magnet Young Adult Centre Carrickcruppen St Patrick's GAA Club Newry Basketball Club Murlough Community Association Flying Horse Ward Community Forum Downpatrick Community Collective
Good Relations	£20k	£750	26	Newry Street Unite, Summer Programme Newry Rainbow Community, LGB&T Polish Community Jonesborough CA, Around the world through sport. Cortamlet PTA, 'Happy Birthday Your Majesty' Bridge Street & Mount Crescent CA Strangford Festival Committee, Strangford Cross
Christmas Illuminations	£29k	£3,000	25	The Brain Injury Foundation, Santa Land Annalong, Christmas illuminations Kittys Road, Celebrating a community Christmas Killeen&Edentubber Reg Group, Christmas illuminations Newtownhamilton, Christmas cheer in Newtownhamilton Saintfield Christmas Decorations and Christmas tree Ardglass, Christmas tree and Festive Lighting
Community Engagement	£52k	£1,500	26	Clough and District CA, dance classes. CDRCN, Rural Community Development Project. Down Home Accident Prevention Council, Bee Safe RIOT (Revival In Our Town), RIOT Fun Day KDA, Keep active and keep well. Puzzles Play Group, Breakfast club.

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