



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

December 10th, 2018

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on **Monday, 10th December 2018** at **4:00 pm** in **Boardroom, Monaghan Row.**

Chair: Cllr. M Ruane

Deputy Chair: Cllr. P Byrne

Members: Cllr. R Burgess

Cllr. M Carr

Cllr. C Casey

Cllr. W Clarke

Cllr. D Curran

Cllr. G Hanna

Cllr. H Harvey

Cllr. R Mulgrew

Cllr. D McAteer

Cllr. O McMahon

Cllr. B Quinn

Cllr. G Stokes

Cllr. J Tinnelly

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 ERT Action Sheet - 12 November 2018. (Attached)

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Presentations

4.0 Presentation from Lanyon Communications - Innovation Nation 2018

5.0 Presentation from ARUP - Belfast to Dublin Rail Connectivity. (Attached)

Please note: The full ARUP report is available on the minute pad book shelf.

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 *ARUP PRESENTATION Belfast Dublin Connectivity Presentation Dec 2018 v1.04.pdf*

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6.0 Castlewellan on-street Car Parking. (Attached)

 *ERT Report Castlewellan On-Street Car Parking - 10.12.18.pdf*

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7.0 International Relations Forum. (Attached)

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8.0 Correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council re Rural Development. (Attached)

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9.0 Young Enterprise (NI). (Attached)

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- 10.0 Rural Development Programme - Cooperation Scheme National Geographic Yellow Frames. (Attached)**
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- 11.0 DAERA Small Business Grants Scheme. (Attached)**
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- 12.0 Hill Street Newry Phase III Public Realm Scheme. (Attached)**
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- 13.0 Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Board. (Attached)**
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- 14.0 Tourism Events Programme 2019/20 (Attached)**
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- 15.0 Assessment of Columbanus Project and St. Patrick's Way. (Attached)**
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- 16.0 St. Patrick's Centre Development Plan. (Attached)**
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- 17.0 Visitor Servicing Review. (Attached)**
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- 18.0 Tender for removal of sand bar at Newcastle Harbour. (Attached)**
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- 19.0 Warrenpoint Park Steering Group. (Attached)**
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**20.0 NMD & Louth County Council Joint Committee Meeting Report
20.06.18. (Attached)**

 *Report of Louth NMD Joint Committee Meeting - 20.6.18.doc*

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21.0 Audit Access to Strangford Lough. (Attached)

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22.0 Southern Relief Road - IWAJ Preferred Option. (Attached)

 *Letter from IWAJ re NSRR Preferred Option Nov 18.pdf*

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**23.0 Better Connecting Dublin & Belfast - Strategic Development
Plan. (Attached)**

 *Better Connecting Dublin and Belfast - Strategic Development Plan - For Noting.pdf*

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ACTION SHEET - ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/174/2018	ATLANTIC CULTURE SCAPES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accept and sign Letter of Offer from Atlantic Area. 2. Forward for consideration for rates estimate. 	J McGilly	Accept and sign letter of offer. Commence delivery.	N
ERT/175/2018	DFC SMALL SCALE CAPITAL SCHEMES UNDERSPEND	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council submit the Attached List of small scale projects to DFC for consideration over the next 3-4 years. 2. Council approve the prioritising of the list into ranking bands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority 1 - Overarching Schemes Priority 2 - Ballynahinch / Kilkeel Priority 3 - Warrenpoint / Newcastle Priority 4 - Newry / Downpatrick 3. If DFC funds are received, progress is then made to carrying out the necessary procurement to have the agreed number of projects completed. 4. Officials bring back a report later in the financial year to confirm what monies have been 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>provided and what projects were undertaken.</p> <p>5. DFC funding criteria to be brought to December ERT Committee Meeting.</p> <p>6. The cleaning of tourist signage in the area to be referred to the Neighbourhood Services Directorate</p> <p>7. Clarify with Neighbourhood Services if a second 'scrubber sweeper' has already been procured and advise Councillor McAteer.</p>			
ERT/176/2018	BREXIT FORUM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council compile a list of Brexit technical notice and issue Council website. 2. These notices to be tabled at future meetings of Brexit Forum. 3. Council signpost Businesses accordingly to relevant agencies that can support Businesses work through technical notice detail and implications for their business. 4. UU present at the next forum meeting on the various scenarios and implications. 5. Council continue to liaise with INI regulatory potential of lands at Carnbane. 	J McGilly	Work in Progress	N

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ERT/178/2018	MASTERPLANS UPDATE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With reference to the 4 Master plan updates, to note the comments provided in relation to progress to date and next steps 2. Over the coming months to engage with members at a DEA level to consider the Masterplans, existing priority action plans, and to reprioritise projects within the Action Plans as required. 	M Ward	Work in progress	N
ERT/179/2018	WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the attached Warrenpoint Municipal Park Action Sheet dated 2.10.18 2. Obtain a total cost for cleaning and painting of perimeter railings as part of refurbishment works. If HLF are content with price, council proceed with carrying out these additional works as part of contract. 3. Establish cost for Wi-Fi hotspot in Warrenpoint Park and proceed with this on the basis of being within budget. 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/181/2018	MIPIM 2019	Council contribution to partner as Belfast Region £10,000 plus £6000 for travel and accommodation for Council delegation of Chair and	M Ward	Ongoing	

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		Chief Executive and one officer.			
ERT/182/2018	TOURIST ACCOMMODATION FUNDING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval for the Council to develop its own Financial Assistance Programme to support eligible capital costs for tourist accommodation developments that have received planning permission. 2. More detail on the capital budget funding for the tourist accommodation developments to be brought to a future ERT Committee Meeting. 	A Patterson	Ongoing	
ERT/183/2018	MOURNES GATEWAY PROJECT	Approval to appoint a suitably qualified Integrated Consultancy Team to: progress the Mourne Gateway Project in line with BRCD requirements; to develop a comprehensive outline business case; and to develop exemplar concept design to a point where Council can apply for all statutory approvals required with a project of this scale and size. This will also include the development of a detailed programme to achieve project delivery within timescales allocated.	A Patterson	In progress	
ERT/184/2018	NIEA ENGAGEMENT -	Council officials will bring a final report to January 2019 ERT, with	A Patterson	Ongoing	

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	NEWCASTLE & WARRENPOINT BEACHES	representatives from NIEA invited to attend this meeting.			
ERT/194/201 8	EXEMPT INFO SLIEVE GULLION AND KILBRONEY PARK AR/VR VISITOR EXPERIENCE	Approval to submit an application to the Tourism NI Challenge Fund for the development of digitally focused AR/VR visitor experiences at Slieve Gullion and Kilbroney Forest Parks, and in allocating £150k match-funding to the project within this 18/19 Financial Year	A Patterson	Ongoing	
END					

Transforming Connectivity Between Belfast and Dublin

Accelerating economic growth through investment in rail

December 2018



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

ARUP

Why Rail? Why Now?

Rail is essential for supporting economic growth. It can deliver reliable and fast journey times that road transport cannot match.

Cities and regions around the world are investing in rail connectivity and are already reaping the rewards: they are boosting productivity, global competitiveness and prosperity for their citizens. Growth has become highly coupled to rail and digital connectivity, and places that fail to adapt to this are falling behind.

An opportunity exists to deliver these benefits to the citizens of Dublin, Belfast and the places in between by improving rail connectivity between the island's two principal cities.

Without new investment in the quality, frequency and speed of rail services between Belfast and Dublin, the whole corridor will fail to achieve its true economic potential.



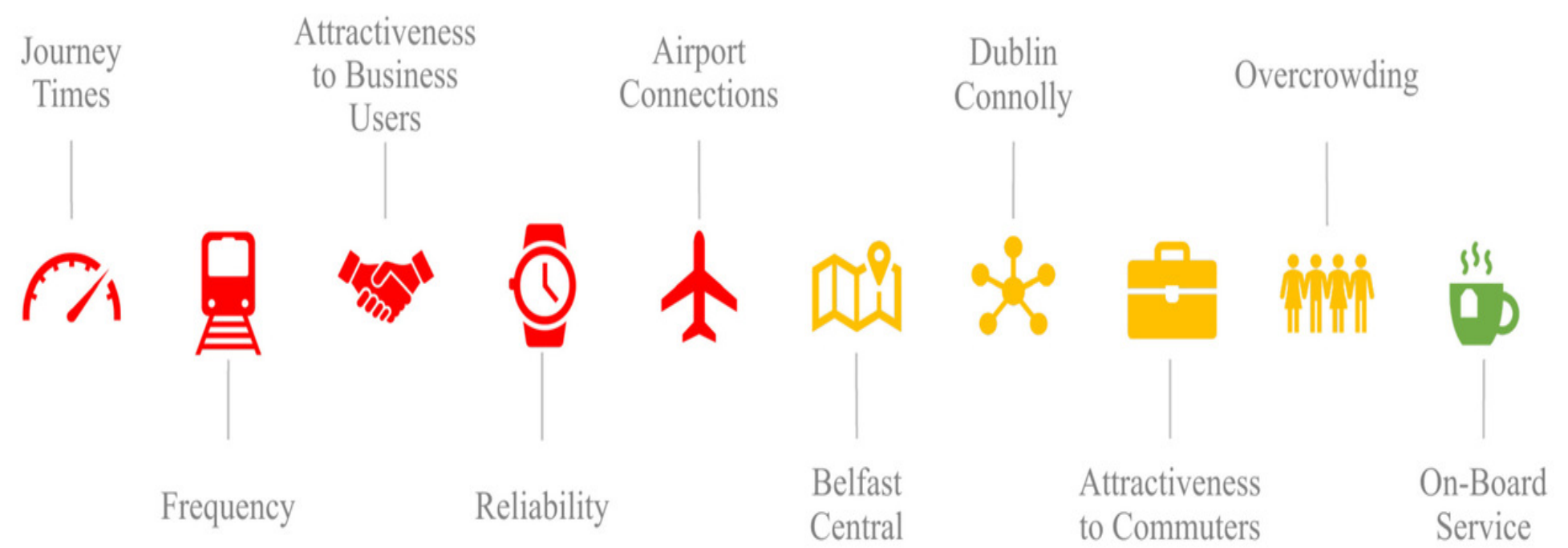
The Ingredients Are Right for a Transformation



The current rail service falls short of passenger expectations

← Room for improvement

Meeting passenger expectations →

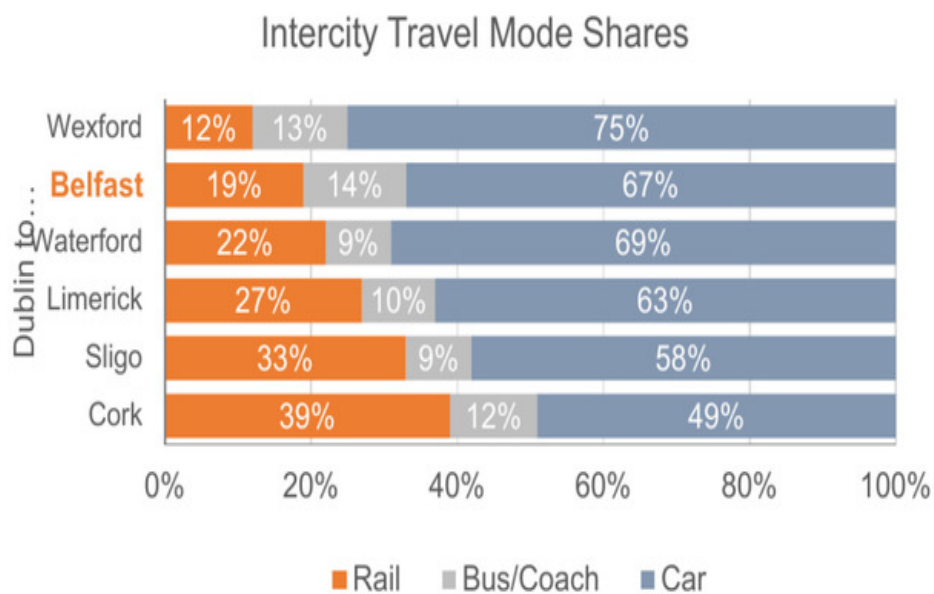


Current rail journey times are slow and do not encourage intercity patronage

Around 850,000 journeys were made on the Enterprise service in 2016/17, but less than a quarter of these journeys were end-to-end trips between Belfast and Dublin.

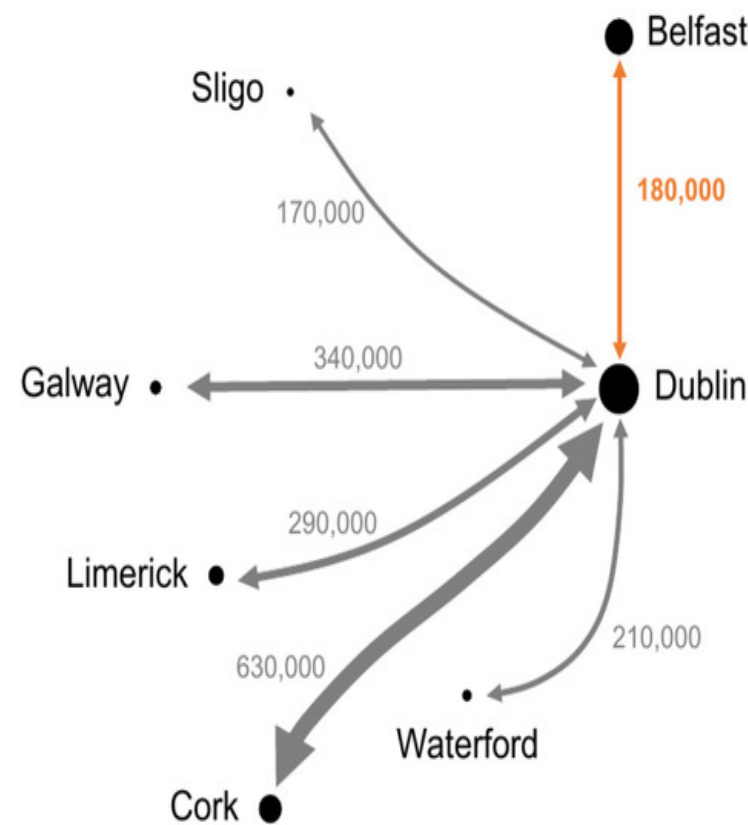
Intercity patronage between Dublin and Belfast is currently low compared to flows such as Dublin to Cork or Galway (both smaller cities than Belfast).

Slow journey times restrict the ability of rail to compete against car and coach travel.



Intercity Passenger Journeys, 2015

Line thickness represents volume of passenger demand
Circle size is in proportion to city population

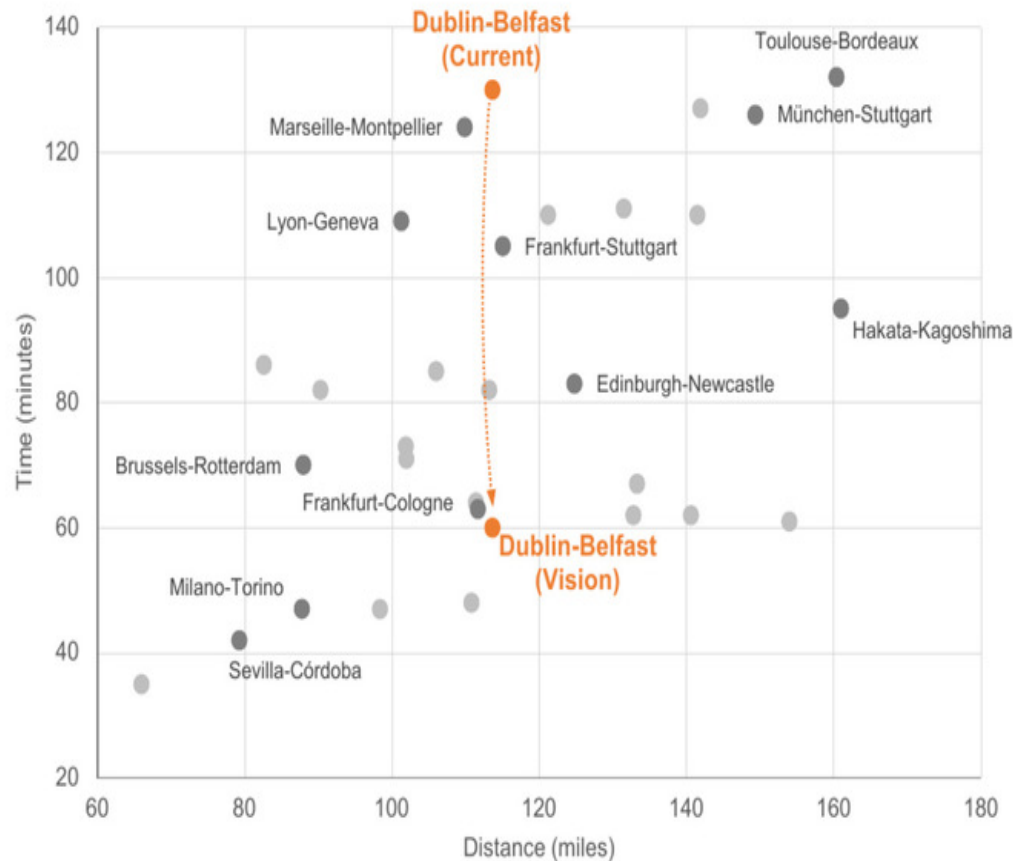


Source: National Transport Authority Rail Review 2016

Current rail journey times do not meet international expectations

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Rail journey times are very slow compared to international city pairs a similar distance apart. This restricts the emergence of Dublin-Belfast as a dual-conurbation region capable of competing on the global stage for inward investment and skilled workers.



The Competition: Other city pairs have invested in connectivity improvements

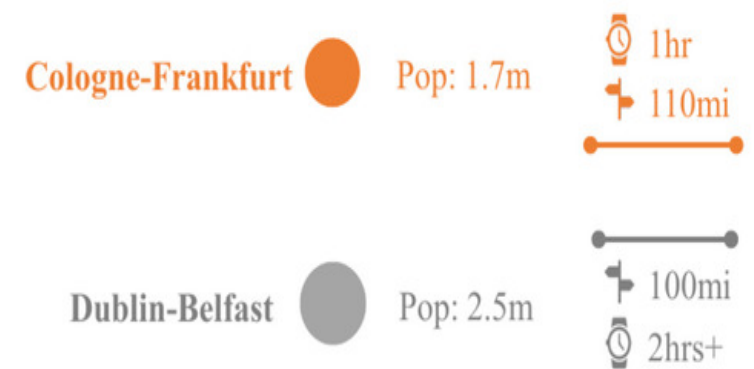
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The high speed rail line between Cologne and Frankfurt **halved travel times to one hour on a 100-mile route.**

This competitive rail offer has seen a large increase in rail's mode share, to the extent that flights between the two cities have been discontinued, freeing up airport slots to increase international connectivity.

Research has proven that stations at small market towns along the route – originally a controversial element of the scheme – have enjoyed particularly strong economic growth.

The argument that only the two 'anchor' cities benefit from better, faster rail services is a myth.



Improved inter-city connectivity can support a wide range of strategic objectives

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Enhance **inclusive, sustainable economic growth** along the whole Belfast-Dublin corridor, including all areas in and around the key nodal points



Increase **access to skilled workforce and job opportunities** along the corridor and across the whole island



Allow all towns and cities in the corridor to specialise, **capitalising on their strengths**, and bringing complementary benefits

Why Invest in Inter-City Rail Connectivity?

Support increased **housing and commercial development** in line with national and regional strategic objectives



Collaboration to support **international competitiveness** and capitalise on connections to benefit the whole island







Reduce long-term car dependence and **address environmental challenges**

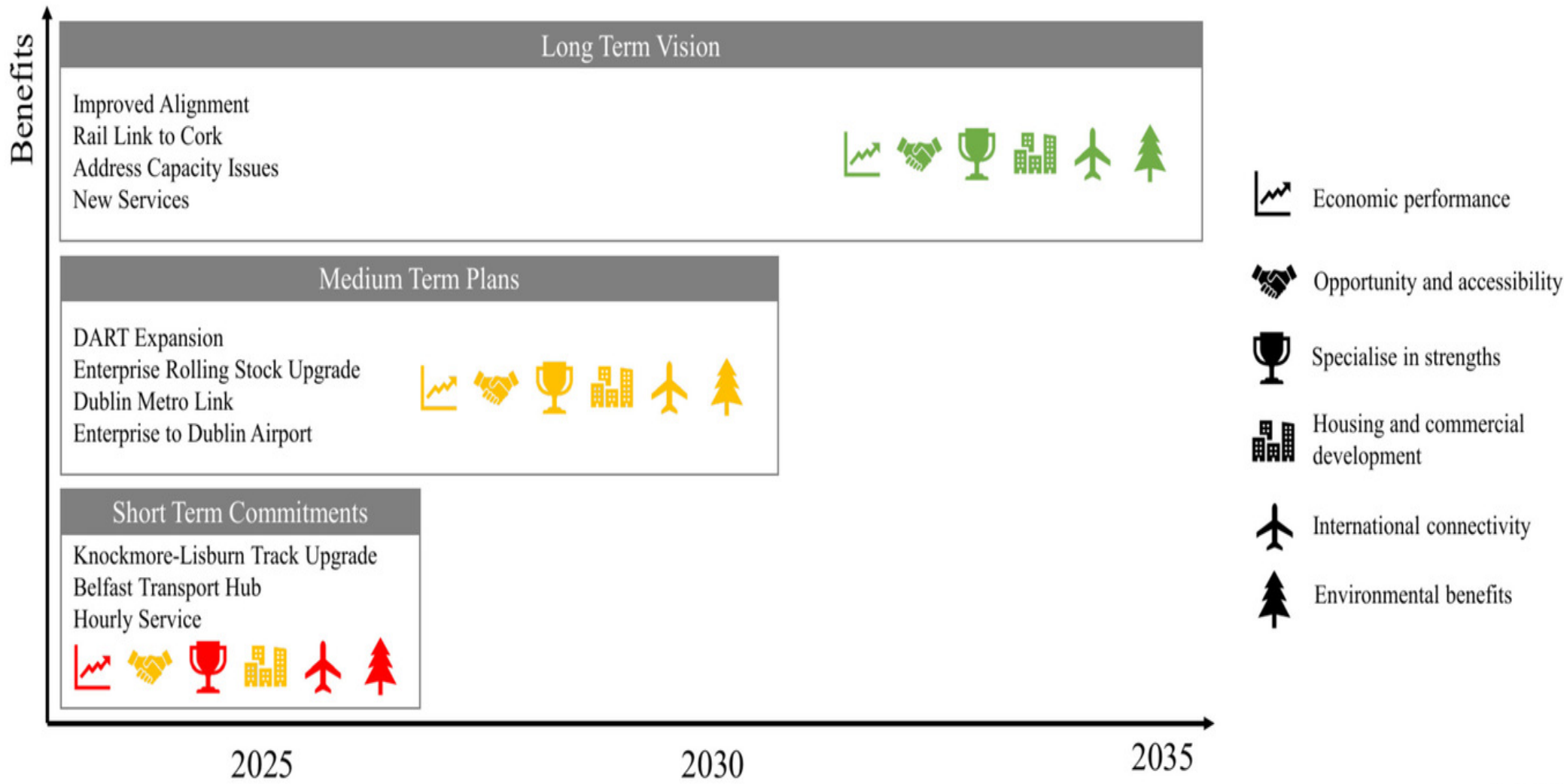


How could the six strategic objectives be met?

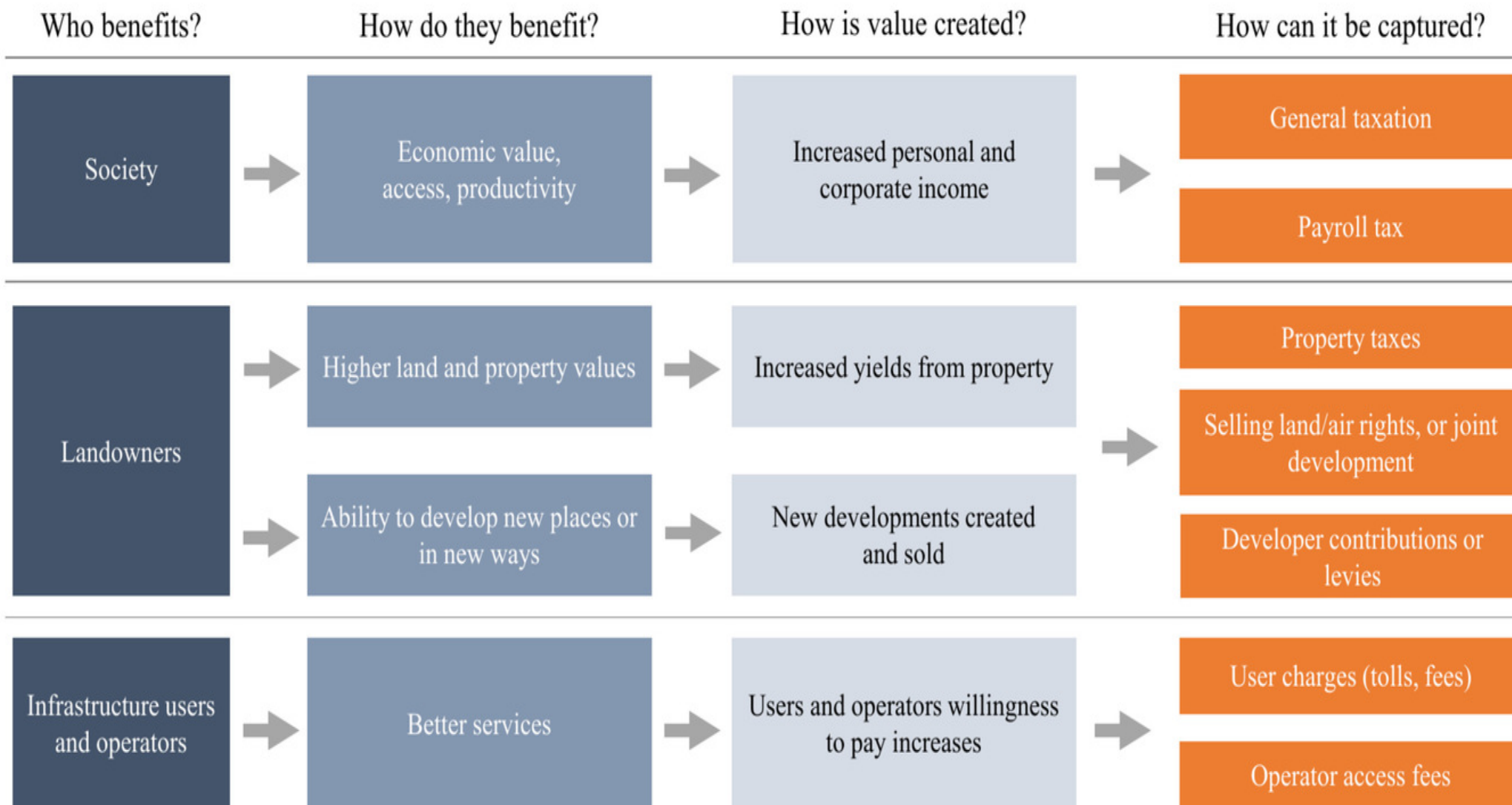
Based on the lessons and evidence from case studies, the six objectives could be met by rail service that can:

Opportunity	Alignment with Objectives					
 Achieve a 60-minute journey time Dublin-Belfast						
 Provide at least two trains per hour: one fast + one semi-fast, delivering good end-to-end connectivity and opportunities for other locations in the corridor						
 Provide a connection to Dublin Airport						
 Integrate seamlessly with public transport networks along the corridor						

The options will build up benefits over time, incrementally meeting the objectives



Value created by infrastructure can be captured to fund the scheme



Programme to Delivery



Programme to Delivery

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The next stage is to produce a strategic outline business case, which will include the development and sifting of options. This stage will:

Articulate to both governments and other stakeholders that there is a realistic project that is worthy of support and further development

Provide some high-level quantification of economic benefits, including wider benefits

Demonstrate that the market for travel is sufficient to warrant a major programme of investment in transport infrastructure

Identify – based on high-level economic and financial analysis – which options is/are most likely to demonstrate value for money with the benefit of it crossing two jurisdictions.

“ Enhanced infrastructure connectivity is essential to maximising the potential of the all-island economy. Increased frequency of rail services and reduced journey times can greatly improve the attractiveness of commuting between Dublin and Belfast.

This will **bring benefits to the entire economic corridor** and greatly expand the labour pool catchment for employers in the region. Investment in high quality rail is also vital in order to reduce car dependency and address climate change. ”

Fergal O'Brien

Director of Policy and Chief Economist | Ibec

“ Improving rail connectivity between metropolitan cities is a global opportunity to raise living standards – in Britain there are at least three major rail projects being undertaken: London-Birmingham; Oxford–Cambridge; Leeds- Manchester. All of these investments will generate greater prosperity for citizens in these cities and beyond. Investing in the shortening the train journey between Belfast and Dublin on the island of Ireland will drive greater economic growth in both cities. **Better connections between cities is a major driver of productivity and prosperity** as the CBI’s *Unlocking Regional Growth* highlighted, particularly when you can reduce travel to work times to one hour or less. ”

Rain Newton-Smith
Chief Economist | CBI

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Report to:	ERT Committee Meeting
Date of Meeting:	10 December 2018
Subject:	Castlewellan On-Street Car Parking
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>Castlewellan Concerned Traders have contacted Council to raise concerns about lack of car parking spaces in the town centre.</p>
2.0			<p>Key issues</p> <p>Council Officers have met with DfI and a survey has been completed to ascertain views on implementing car parking restrictions on main streets in town centre.</p> <p>From the responses, DfI believes there is adequate support to bring forward legislation to allow this to happen. If successful it would be enforced but within the confines of existing resources.</p>
3.0			<p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Council supports the enforcement of parking restrictions in Castlewellan, subject to a permitting system being put in place for residents in affected areas and exploring if Bann Road Council facilities could be used for car parking by staff working in town centre businesses etc. (ii) Council using existing car park in Square to understand that is the reason for all day parking at this location and consider similar restrictions as those to be imposed on street.
4.0			<p>Resource implications</p> <p>No resource implications at this time until options have been worked up and brought back to Committee.</p>
5.0			<p>Equality and good relations implications</p>

	All implications fully considered.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications All implications fully considered.
7.0	Appendices Report of Slieve Croob DEA Meeting
8.0	Background Documents N/A

Title of Working Group/Forum: DEA Slieve Croob Councillors Re: Castlewellan Parking IssuesDate/time/venue: Tuesday 13 November 2018 in The Lodge, CastlewellanCllrs present: Cllrs A McMurray, R Howell, M MurninOthers Attending: Mr J McGilly, Mr G McCurry, Ms P McAlindenApologies for non-attendance: Cllr J Rice

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Agreed way forward (if matter requires Committee/Council approval, a separate Report should be compiled and submitted to Committee)	Lead Officer	Actions taken/Progress to date
1	Car Parking in Castlewellan	<p>Castlewellan Concerned Traders have raised the issue of lack of parking in the town centre and the impact on businesses. DfI had surveyed the area again in relation to On-Street parking restrictions in Main Street and believed there was adequate support to bring forward legislation on the matter but were seeking views of Councillors.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) That restrictions should be brought forward in parallel to a permitting system for residents and consideration be given to use of Bann Road facilities for staff working in businesses. (2) G McCurry surveys Council car park to ascertain if source of problem is at Council car park in Square. 	J McGilly	To be tabled at December 2018 ERT Committee Meeting and progress where appropriate by full Council

Report to:	ERT Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 December 2018
Subject:	International Relations forum
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	J McGilly Assistant Director ERT
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	J McGilly Assistant Director ERT

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	International Relations Forum meeting was established to manage and guide all Councils external linkages / Relations
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Forum meeting was held on 27 Nov 2018. A number of recommendations were made at the meeting and are contained with the action Sheet attached
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To approve the recommendations from the 27 Nov International Relations forum meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve SLA between Council and Confucius Institute, Ulster University of £5K to provide staff time ie translation services etc. 2. email video of China visit to Elaine McKeown SERC 3. Council to host a Russian student for 2019/20 subject to Council approval in January 2019. Council would meet the salary costs of the post holder only. 4. Council officers to develop a programme of work for the Russian student by rotating departments in which the student would work in order to give a variety of experience across Council co-ordinated via HR. 5. Council host along with St Pauls Bessbrook host Students and Teachers from Kirovsk in March 2019 as per the agreement with the Kirovsk with Council securing accommodation and working with the teachers in St Pauls to develop an itinerary for the group for the duration of the stay. 6. Council submit an application with partners as invited to URBELAC Network, a programme co-funded by DG REGIO and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
4.0	Resource implications

4.1	5K for SLA with UU 6k to host students from Kirovsk Cost of student placement to be clarified as per budget agreed
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	All implications have been fully considered
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	All implications have been fully considered
7.0	Appendices
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of actions from International Relations Forum held on 27 November 2018 2. Letter dated 29 November 2018 from Jilin Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries
8.0	Background Documents
	<i>N/A</i>

ACTION SHEET
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FORUM MEETING
27 NOVEMBER 2018

Attending:-

Councillor M Carr (Chair)
Councillor C Casey
Councillor R Burgess
Councillor J Tinnelly
Councillor M Ruane

Apologies:-

Councillor M Murnin

Bridget McConville, St Paul's High School, Bessbrook
Elaine McKeown, SERC

Liam Hannaway, NMDDC
Marie Ward, NMDDC
Jonathan McGilly, NMDDC
Amanda Smyth, NMDDC
Margaret Morrow, NMDDC

SUBJECT	ACTIONS
Presentation on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council visit to Changchun, China	<p>Friendly Exchange Agreement has been signed between Council and Changchun Region.</p> <p>Agreed to approve SLA between Council and Confucius Institute, Ulster University of £5K to provide staff time ie translation services etc.</p> <p>Agreed to email video of China visit to Elaine McKeown.</p>
URBELAC Network, a programme co-	Council has been invited to submit an application to this recycling and

funded by DG REGIO and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)	<p>sustainability programme, which has been approved at RTS.</p> <p>Four meetings will take place over a period of 12 months. There is no cost to Council except for travel and accommodation.</p>
Planned visit to NMD in March 2019 by School No.7, Kirovsk, Russia	<p>The relationship with the school in Kirovsk is continuing and a visit to NMD by 8 students plus teachers is planned for March 2019.</p> <p>The students will be hosted by St Paul's High School with Council facilitating logistics/administration for the visit.</p> <p>It was noted that the agreement with Kirovsk is in place until April 2019 and is due for renewal thereafter.</p>
Update on NMD hosting Russian student	<p>It was noted that the hosting of a Russian student was approved at ERT in 2017 however the student who had received the placement had not taken up the place.</p> <p>It was agreed to proceed with hosting a Russian student for 2019 and this would go to December 2018 ERT Committee for approval.</p> <p>It was noted that the salary for the student was already included in budget as it had been agreed in 2017.</p> <p>It was also agreed to provide a programme of work for the Russian student by rotating departments in which the student would work in order to give a variety of experience across Council.</p>

Next meeting of the International Relations Forum to be held at beginning of March in order to have an update on the Kirovsk school visit.

Mr Liam Hannaway,
Chief Executive,
Newry Office

November 29, 2018

Dear Liam Hannaway,

Your email has been received on November 29, 2018.

Thank you for your email and kind invitation. Your visit helps us become good friends and consolidates mutual exchanges and cooperation between Jilin Province and Newry, Mourne and Down. Jilin Province is actively integrating into the "one belt and one way" construction, and will strive to create a new height of open cooperation. Taking this opportunity and oriented to the future, we will pay more attention to the development of Newry, deepen friendship, and promote economic, trade and cultural cooperation between Jilin and Northern Ireland and achieve win-win cooperation.

Moreover, the 12th China Northeast Asia Expo will be held on August 23, 2019. We sincerely invite you to lead a delegation to visit Jilin again to attend the Expo and further our topic, such as friend cities or provinces, intercollegiate cooperation, tourism cooperation and others. The Foreign Affairs Office of Jilin Province and Jilin Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries will continue to assume responsibility of further developing the existing relations and expand cooperation.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to extend greetings of Merry Christmas and Happy new Year and best wishes to you.

Best regards,

Hu Ying
Vice President,
Jilin Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

利亚姆·汉那威先生，

首席执行官，

纽里市

2018年11月29日

亲爱的利亚姆·汉那威先生，

信件于2018年11月29日收悉。

谢谢你的来信和盛情邀请。您的来访使我们成为好朋友，加深了吉林省与纽里市的交流与合作。吉林省正在积极融入“一带一路”建设，将努力打造开放合作新高地。借此机会，面向未来，我们将更加关注纽里市的发展，深化友谊，促进吉林省和北爱间的经济、贸易和文化合作，实现合作共赢。

此外，明年8月23日将举办第12届中国东北亚博览会，我们诚挚地邀请您率代表团再次访问吉林，参加博览会，进一步探讨如友好省市、校际合作、旅游合作等话题。吉林省外事办公室和吉林省人民对外友好协会将一如既往地做好服务和扩大合作的工作职责。

借此机会，向你们致以圣诞快乐、新年快乐的问候和良好的祝愿。

最好的问候

呼应

吉林省人民对外友好协会 副会长

Report to:	ERT Committee – December 2018
Date of Meeting:	10 December 2018
Subject:	Correspondence from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council re Rural Development
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration

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1.0	Purpose and Background Fermanagh & Omagh District Council have written to all Councils following a special meeting of their Council on Brexit.
2.0	Key issues Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, in its deliberations, has written to EU and the UK Prime Minister requesting that a future Leader Programme (Rural Development) is funded for NI in the same way Peace and Interreg has been secured under the Brexit negotiations. They are seeking NMDDC support on this. NMDDC has been involved in negotiations to date on a future Leader Programme and has inputted via Rural Development Council into a NI-wide initiative to build the case for this.
3.0	Recommendations Council supports Fermanagh & Omagh District Council in their endeavours and this Council continues to lobby and make a case for a future programme via DAERA and all other relevant platforms.
4.0	Resource implications None at this stage.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications All implications considered.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications All implications considered.
7.0	Appendices Letter from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council
8.0	Background Documents N/A



Your Ref
Our Ref
Date 9 November 2018
Being dealt with by Alison McCullagh
Email Alison.McCullagh@fermanaghomagh.com

Mr Liam Hannaway
Chief Executive
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
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Dear Liam,

Commitment to funding of LEADER programmes following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union

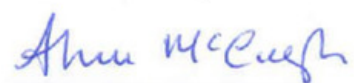
On 26 October 2018, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council convened a Special Council Meeting to consider potential implications for the district of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union.

In the course of this meeting, Members discussed the importance of LEADER funding from which our district and rural areas of Northern Ireland have benefited over the years. As you will be aware, LEADER funding is specifically identified in the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement and it is the Council's understanding that as such, appropriate funding for future LEADER or equivalent programmes will be made available to Northern Ireland by the Government following Brexit.

The Council has written to the European Union to request that it continues to fund any future LEADER programmes in the same manner as it has agreed to fund the future Peace and Interreg Programmes, and also to the Prime Minister, seeking her commitment that any future LEADER funding will be supported from Westminster budgets and not from the Northern Ireland block grant.

The Council would appreciate the support of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council in making similar representations to both the European Union and the British Government on this important issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison McCullagh".

Alison McCullagh
Director of Regeneration and Planning

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism
Date of Meeting:	Monday 10 th December 2018
Subject:	Young Enterprise NI
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie Ward Director
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Young Enterprise NI have submitted a request to Council for financial assistance towards a "Digital and Tourism Masterclass / Quick start Programme)</p> <p>This programme will work with students providing an insight into the growth sectors and where employment opportunities are most likely to be prosperous. This will be delivered through Master classes, involving motivational speakers, talks on value of entrepreneurial and innovative skills, and providing students with a business challenge, developing a business plan and marketing / PR strategy.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>While a programme of this nature is important for the development of future entrepreneurs, especially in key growth sectors, Council have previously agreed to support a similar programme in this financial year: Exploring Enterprise, against which there is overlap in delivery. Young Enterprise NI is seeking £10,000 towards a programme costing £68,076 for NI wide delivery, which is 15% towards the cost. The proposal for delivery in NMD focuses on Newry Schools and does not propose working with schools across the District.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>It is recommended not to support Young Enterprise Digital and Tourism Masterclass / Quick start Programme in this financial year.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/a
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	All necessary considerations has been taken care of
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	All necessary considerations has been taken care of
7.0	Appendices

8.0	<p>Background Documents</p> <p><i>This relates to meeting requirements outlined in Part 8 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, Access to Meetings and Documents, wherein for four years after a meeting the following must be available at the Council Offices and on the website:</i></p> <p><i>Background papers which are defined as those documents relating to the subject matter of a report which:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>a) Disclose any facts or matters which in the opinion of the Chief Executive, the report or an important part of the report is based upon; and</i><i>b) Have, in the Chief Executive's opinion, been relied upon to a material extent in preparing the report.</i> <p><i>These are documents on which the report, or an important part of the report, is based upon and have been relied upon to a material extent in preparing the report.</i></p>

Report to:	ERT Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 December 2018
Subject:	Rural Development Programme, Cooperation Scheme National Geographic Yellow Frames
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly - Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kevin McGarry - Rural Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To provide an overview and update on the Yellow Frame (National Geographic) Cooperation project actioned by the Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership in cooperation with 9 other Local Action groups across Northern Ireland.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<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 funding to the rural community under the schemes of Rural Basic Services, Village Renewal, Rural Business Investment and Cooperation across Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p> <p>The Yellow Frames project is part of the Cooperation scheme and is being rolled out by all LAGs in Northern Ireland involving the iconic 'National Geographic' Yellow Frame border to outline a point of interest. The aim is to increase the profile of the rural areas and boost tourism. The steel yellow frames will stand on a plinth rising approximately 3 m high and approx. 2 m wide providing visitors the opportunity to stand inside the frame using the already captured landscape through the Yellow Frame as a backdrop. The frames will be erected through permitted development.</p> <p>Five sites have been selected to host the Yellow Frames within Mourne, Gullion and Lecale all of which are on NMDDC or Government department owned land. The frames will be erected through permitted development in conjunction with the Planning Department;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dundrum Castle (NIEA) 2. Windy Gap (NMDDC)

	<p>3. Inch Abbey (NIEA) 4. Giants Lair (NMDDC) 5. Flagstaff Viewpoint (NMDDC)</p> <p>The locations were selected based on their affiliation to the proposed Geopark. Newry, Mourne and Down are hoping to gain accreditation for a UNESCO Global Geopark which will take in Strangford Lough and Lecale, Ring of Gullion and the Mourne Mountains. UNESCO Global Geoparks promote sites of international geological value, by siting a Yellow Frame at these locations it will further promote these areas helping cement their importance within the local area.</p> <p>DAERA are assisting in discussions with NIEA with regards to relevant permissions.</p> <p>All LAG's across Northern Ireland will become involved in the project with DAERA taking the lead. With 5 Yellow Frames located in each LAG area it is envisaged a trail will be created with a marketing and publicity campaign being developed by National Geographic on an international scale.</p> <p>NMDDC will be the applicant on behalf of Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership. The total project costs equate to approximately £80,000 with approximately £20,000 of match funding required from NMDDC. This will be for the capital work associated with the creation and erection of the frame and plinth and an element of ground works at each of the sites. (costs are indicative at this stage in advance of procurement exercise being undertaken).</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	The recommendation is to approve the request for match funding of the project and give the relevant permissions to allow the project to proceed.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	NMDDC will be the applicant on behalf of Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership. The total project costs equate to approximately £80,000 with approximately £20,000 of match funding required from NMDDC. This will be for the capital work associated with the creation and erection of the frame and plinth and an element of ground works at each of the sites. (costs are indicative at this stage in advance of procurement exercise being undertaken).
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	All implications fully considered
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	By its very nature, the Rural Development Programme adheres to all Rural Proofing requirements.
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2018
Subject:	DAERA Rural Business Small Grant
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Enterprise Development Officer

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>DAERA has approached Councils' to explore the potential for the roll out of a Rural Business Capital Grant Programme to be delivered in the financial year ending 2019/20, which potentially may also be made available in subsequent years.</p> <p>This is proposed to be a pilot scheme funded under the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs' Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation Programme (TRPSI). Its key aim is to assist in tackling poverty and social isolation within deprived rural areas.</p> <p>This proposal will compliment the current Rural Development Programme which provides a range of support for capital investment in rural areas, with this investment targeting specific micro businesses. The additional proposed support is required in order to act as a catalyst for rural regeneration. New start, micro and small businesses in this proposal are unlikely to be developed enough to undertake applying to the Rural Development Programme at this stage in their life cycle.</p> <p>This Scheme will also complement current programmes which Councils are rolling out which provide bespoke mentoring assistance to also drive business growth prospects and create new jobs.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Scheme's primary aims are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Alleviate financial poverty by enhancing entrepreneurship and growth o Alleviate financial poverty by supporting micro and small businesses in rural areas <p>DAERA would provide Council will a Letter of Offer for £50,000, to administrator</p>

	<p>grant aid to rural businesses. There is the potential for up to a 15% contribution (£7,500) towards administration costs which would be taken from each Council's £50,000 allocation.</p> <p>Currently, spend must take place within the financial year ending 31 March 2020, but DAERA are looking at the possibility of a future 'rolling' Programme.</p> <p>The scheme will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide at least 10 micro and small businesses with a capital grant capped at £4,999, at a match funding rate of 50% from DAERA and 50% from participating businesses. • Provide rural micro and small businesses with capital support with the wider aim of sustaining rural communities and economies. • Seek to minimise poverty, social exclusion and inequality amongst those living in rural areas. <p>DAERA will set out to the Council programme criteria and eligibility. It is expected that this will focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Micro and small business located in rural areas 2. Businesses established and trading no more than 5 years 3. Businesses that can demonstrate added value of proposal <p>The promotion of the Programme will be the responsibility of Councils. Council will manage the application and assessment process via an assessment panel. Council will also issue Letters of Offer, and validate applicant claims for payment, and manage all associated monitoring and evaluation.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To further engage with DAERA to secure the delivery of a Rural Business Small Grant scheme in the District • In order to resource the administration and delivery of the grant scheme, to utilise the allowance of 15% contribution (£7,500) towards administration costs which would be taken from each Council's £50,000 allocation
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Staff time - however it is proposed to utilise the allowance of 15% contribution (£7,500) towards administration costs which would be taken from each Council's £50,000 allocation</p> <p>A small budget will be required to aid marketing activity, and hosting of PR workshops, which will be available within the Department existing budget</p>
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	All necessary considerations has been taken care of
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	All necessary considerations has been taken care of

7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 10 th December 2018
Subject:	Newry Hill Street Phase III Public Realm Scheme –Advance Surveys and Utility Contracts
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly– Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Seamus Crossey – Capital Projects Officer ERT

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>As previously agreed at ERT, there is a long term forward programme of Public Realm investment across the district which the Council has been working on in close partnership with the Department for Communities (DFC). Newry Lower Hill Street Scheme (Ph III), is the current main priority on the programme</p> <p>This 3rd phase of works in Newry City Centre will build on the previous 2012 and 2015 schemes.</p> <p>Following the consultancy appointment, detailed consultation and design has now been carried out with a range of Public, Statutory, Utility and Access Groupings. The Scheme is now in a position to submit an Economic Appraisal and Planning Application so that it can then lobby DFC for the required funding. Council funding in 18/19 is being used to cover the initial RIBA stages 1-3. Only after DFC have approved the main funding package can progress then be made in terms of appointing a contractor and proceeding with the on-site works in mid-2019.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Through the consultation process and meetings with various Utilities, it has become apparent that there has been no significant upgrades to the infrastructure in this part of the city in many decades. Before any Public Realm Scheme can start in late 2019, both BT (Openreach) and NIE need to carry out advance site works to upgrade their existing cabling infrastructure. This will require contributions from its Public Realm allocated budget to be made from Council towards the Utilities to enable this advance work to be carried out.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>1.) Council to make engage, BT (Openreach) and NIE in regards to the upgrading of their networks in advance of the proposed Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme (Ph III).</p> <p>2.) Council to cover the cost from its Public Realm Budget of an advance Site Investigation Survey for the proposed Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme (Ph III).</p>
4.0	Resource implications

4.1	Over the next 4-5 Financial Years, Council have agreed to consider Capital and Revenue match funding contributions for future Public Realm projects. The Councils required match funding monies (£40,000) for this project have been put sit aside in the 18-19 budgets and will cover the initial RIBA Stages 1-3. Further revenue monies in 18/19 are available, as well as other amounts being sought in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 rates, to match fund DFC in regards covering the main costs inclusive of utilities as part of the scheme.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	In delivery of these schemes, the Council are fully mindful of the Section 75 legislation and will carry out the required Screening exercise as part of the Design Consultation Process.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	<i>There are no Background Documents at this stage.</i>

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2018
Subject:	Castlewellan Forest Park
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly– Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Shane McGivern- Project Development Officer

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	The Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Board met on 16 th November to discuss the HLF and DAERA applications. A Round One HLF application was submitted by NMDDC on August 15 th 2018. The DAERA application is to be submitted by 31 st January 2019.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A decision on the Round One HLF application is expected to be made on December 11th. • The Giant Redwood in the Walled Garden has won the Woodland Trust NI Tree of the Year and was runner up in the UK competition. • Hamilton Architects have been awarded the tender for Lead Consultant for the works in Walled Garden, Bothy Yard and Rhododendron Wood. The team is now working on planning and statutory approvals for works in the Walled Garden and Bothy Yard. • Hamilton Architects have advised that a Topographical Survey is required in sections of Walled Garden and Bothy Yard to assist in planning process. • Economic Appraisal has recommended a preferred option of works for DAERA application. The draft EA has been circulated to Task and Finish Board. • If HLF application is unsuccessful, a decision on a way forward is to be discussed at next Task and Finish meeting on December 14th.
3.0	Recommendations

3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the attached Castlewellan Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 16.11.18 • RFQ to be issued by NMDDC for Topographical Survey to assist with Planning Application. • RFQ to be issued for Horticultural Consultant to assist with DAERA works in Rhododendron Wood, Walled Garden and Bothy Yard. • Tender documentation for works in Walled Garden/ Bothy Yard/ Rhododendron Wood to be prepared prior to the HLF decision date. • Funder timetables: In the case of successful applications to HLF and DAERA. There will be an ongoing process to ensure both funders are satisfied and projects are delivered within the required timescales. • Await outcome of decision on HLF funding application. Correspondence has been received from HLF acknowledging that the application process is very competitive. • In the event of an unsuccessful HLF application, the project will have to look at prioritising works to be undertaken and look into the potential of applying for smaller grants. This will be for decision when the application outcome is decided. • In order to submit the DAERA application in time (prior to 31st January 2019) a tender for works will have to be issued by mid-December to ensure the costs are returned in time for inclusion in the application as required. • Economic Appraisal: The recommended option includes a Welcome Centre in the Walled Garden which will allow access via lift to the upper part of the Walled Garden. The draft EA has been circulated to Task and Finish Board for consideration. • An Agreement to Lease needs to be in place before a Round 2 application is submitted. NMDDC to work with FS over coming months to have this agreement in place for August 2019.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Topographical Survey estimated cost £5,000 - £10,000.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	Action Sheet of Task & Finish Steering Committee Meeting 16.11.18
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p> <p>Four pieces of work were carried out in early 2018 examining Traffic, Biodiversity, the Arboretum/Walled Garden and the built heritage in the Grange/Gates/Walled</p>

	<p>Garden. Four reports were produced which will guide the HLF and DAERA applications:</p>
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- Biodiversity Audit (Allen and Mellon Environmental Ltd)
- Development of Visitor Facilities at Castlewellan Forest Park (Kriterion Conservation Architects)
- Heritage Scoping Study (Lear Associates)
- Traffic Management and Parking Report (MRA Partnership)
- Economic Appraisal (draft) McGarry Consulting

Title of Working Group/Forum: Castlewellan Forest Park, Task and Finish Steering Committee

Date/time/venue: Friday 16th November 2018 at 2.00pm in The Grange Conference Hall, Castlewellan FP

Cllrs present: Cllr A McMurray, Cllr W Clarke, Cllr R Burgess, Cllr R Howell / Others Attending: Mr M Carey, Liam McGarry

Chaired by: Ms S Montgomery Officers present: Mr S McGivern, Ms D Begley

Apologies for non-attendance: Cllr M Murnin, Cllr L Devlin, Mr J McGilly, Mr S Crossey, Mr K Scullion, Mr I Irwin, Mr J Watson

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Agreed way forward (if matter requires Committee/Council approval, a separate Report should be compiled and submitted to Committee)	Lead Officer	Actions taken/Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
3	HLF/ DAERA Timetabling	<p>Tender documentation for works in Walled Garden/ Bothy Yard/ Rhododendron Wood to be prepared prior to the HLF decision date.</p> <p>In the case of successful applications to HLF and DAERA: This will be an ongoing process to ensure both funders are satisfied and projects are delivered within the required timescales.</p>	S McGivern	J McGilly and S McGivern met with HLF and DAERA to agree a way forward to satisfy both funders. Working on the assumption that NMDDC are successful in HLF Round 1 and DAERA applications respectively, NMDDC will need to complete HLF development phase between December 2018 and August 2019.	N
4	Tree of the Year	Competition has now concluded. This has raised the profile of the Walled Garden and Arboretum.	S McGivern	The Tree was nominated by Ann Irwin of ARC and Sally Montgomery of Castlewellan Futures. NMDDC supported the project through social	Y

				media and press release. The Giant Redwood won the Regional competition and came second as UK Tree of the Year.	
4	HLF Application	<p>Await outcome of decision on funding application. Correspondence has been received from HLF acknowledging that the application process is very competitive.</p> <p>In the case of an unsuccessful application, the project will have to look at prioritising works to be undertaken and look into the potential of using smaller grants. This will be for decision when the application outcome is decided.</p>	S McGivern	A decision on the HLF application is expected on December 11 th . HLF have requested the Masterplan for the Park, which has been forwarded.	N
4	DAERA Application	<p>In order to submit an application in time a tender for works will need to be issued by mid-December in order to get costs back in time for the application.</p> <p>Carry out Topographical Survey on recommendation by Architects. RFQ to be issued by NMDDC.</p> <p>Issue RFQ for Horticultural Consultant to assist Architect with DAERA works in Rhododendron Wood, Walled Garden and Bothy Yard.</p>	S McGivern/ S Crossey	<p>Following the Expression of Interest submitted to DAERA, NMDDC have been invited to make an application for funding.</p> <p>A draft Economic Appraisal has been completed by Liam McGarry as a requirement for the application to be submitted before January 31st 2019.</p> <p>RFQ was issued via E-Hub for the Lead Consultant in the works at the Walled Garden/ Bothy Yard/ Rhododendron Wood. The successful tenderer was Hamilton Architects.</p> <p>Hamilton Architects have recommended a Topographical Survey is undertaken to aid the</p>	N

				planning application process. It was recommended by the Board that this service be procured by NMDDC.	
5	Economic Appraisal	L McGarry presented findings of Economic Appraisal to Board. The recommended option includes a Welcome Centre in the Walled Garden which will allow access via lift to the upper part of the Walled Garden. The draft EA has been circulated to Task and Finish Board for consideration.	S McGivern	McGarry Consulting appointed to carry out Economic Appraisal to aid DAERA application.	
7	Lease between Forest Service and Council	An Agreement to Lease needs to be in place before a Round 2 application is submitted. NMDDC to work with FS over coming months to have this agreement in place for August 2019.	J McGilly/ S McGivern	MoU between FS and NMDDC has now been signed and sealed.	N

Signed: _____ Shane McGivern (Project Development Officer)

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2018
Subject:	Tourism Events Programme 2019/20
Reporting Officer	Andrew Patterson - Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer	Andrew Patterson - Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			This paper provides detail on the proposed Tourism Events Programme in 2019/20, in addition to bids for funding support from Council by major international tourism events that are due to be hosted in the district next year.
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<p><u>UK and Ireland Pride</u></p> <p>Newry Rainbow Community have been successful in a bid to host the UK and Ireland Pride festival in 2019. This major international festival which will take place on 31st August 2019 brings the potential to attract a significant volume of visitors to Newry and the wider district. The Pride festival is set to be the largest ever tourism event to be hosted in the city. In order to maximise the potential that this festival brings, planning, logistics and support will be required from a wide-range of stakeholders across Government, private and voluntary sectors.</p> <p>The Tourism, Culture and Events section of the ERT department currently has a £60,000 underspend from this year's Tourism Events Financial Assistance Funding Call. In order to support the planning and delivery of the festival within this Financial Year, the Council proposes to allocate this £60,000 underspend to the Newry Rainbow Community by way of Service Level Agreement. In addition, the Council proposes to support NRC with an additional level of funding from the Tourism Events Programme budget in the 19/20 Financial Year once the final cost breakdown and budget of the Festival has been set and agreed. In addition to funding support the Council will commit Officer's time to be part of a multi-agency team of relevant stakeholders to support Newry Rainbow Community in the preparation for the event.</p> <p><u>Event Funding Requests</u></p> <p>The Council has received proposals from two event promoters for financial support for an International Mountain Bike event in the Mourne, and a motorsport event in the district in 2019. All members will be invited to a meeting early in the new year with the event promoters to appraise the full details and cost breakdown of these event</p>

	<p>funding bids.</p> <p><u>Tourism Events Programme</u></p> <p>The draft Tourism Events Programme is set out in appendix 1 of this paper. The Programme, with final budgets included, will be tabled with members in line with the rates setting process in January 2019.</p> <p>The Financial Assistance Call for Tourism Events will be made as early as possible in 2019 in order to allow the organising committees of festivals and events sufficient lead in time to apply for and receive notice of any grant funding that can support their event delivery plans in the 2019/20 Financial Year.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To approve proposals for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provision of £60,000 budget within this 18/19 Financial Year to Newry Rainbow Community by way of a Service Level Agreement in order to support the planning and delivery of the UK and Ireland Pride Festival in Newry in 2019. 2. Commitment of Council Officer's time to be part of a multi-agency team of relevant stakeholders to support Newry Rainbow Community in the preparation for the UK and Ireland Pride festival. 3. The provision an additional level of funding from the Tourism Events Programme budget in the 19/20 Financial Year, to be agreed, once the final cost breakdown and budget of the Festival has been set and agreed. 4. All members to be invited to a meeting early in January 2019 with the event promoters to appraise the full details and cost breakdown of two event funding bids. 5. Approval of the draft Tourism Events Programme, with final budgets to be tabled with members in line with the rates setting process in January 2019. 6. The Financial Assistance Call for Tourism Events to be open as possible in 2019.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	£60,000 underspend in the current 18/19 Financial Year from the Financial Assistance Tourism Events Funding Call will be allocated to NRC by way of Service Level Agreement. The full budget for the 19/20 Tourism Events Programme will be agreed in line with the rates setting process in January 2019.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications

6.1	The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	Appx.1 Draft Tourism Events Programme 2019/20
8.0	Background Documents N/A

Appendix 1 - Draft Tourism Events Programme - 2019/20

Tourism Event	Event Date 2019 (TBC)
Ulster Pipe Band Championship - Newcastle	Sat 20 July 2019
Ulster Fleadh 50th Anniversary - Castlewellan (Hosted by County Down and Castlewellan CCE)	Sun 21 - Sun 28 July 2019
Pride In Newry - UK & Ireland Pride 2019	31st August 2019 - Full programme TBC
Activity Tourism	
Newry Mourne and Down Golf Summer Trophy	Wed 14 - Fri 16 August 2019
Newry Mourne and Down Golf Junior Trophy	Wed 14 - Fri 16 August 2019
Newry City Triathlon and Festival of Water	Sun 25 August 2019
Mourne International Walking Festival	Fri 21 - Sun 23 June 2019
Cycle Sportive	22-Sep-19
Camlough Water Festival & Triathlon	Sat 1 - Sun 2 June 2019
Skiffies Strangford Lough (Delamont)	Sat 15 - Sun 16 June 2019
Giant Adventures	
Footsteps in the Forest (Slieve Gullion)	Sat 1 - Sun 2 June 2019
Festival of Flight (Newcastle)	Summer 2019 - dates TBC
Wake the Giant (Warrenpoint):	Sat 24 - Sun 25 August 2019
City of Merchants (Newry)	Fri 1 to Sun 3 November 2019

Tourism Event	Event Date 2019 (TBC)
Economic Support of Local Businesses	
DownTime Festival Downpatrick	Friday 14 - Sun 16 June 2019
Ballynahinch Harvest Festival	September 2019 - TBC
Hallowtides Newcastle and Newry	Thursday 31 October 2019
Halloween events Crossmaglen, Warrenpoint, Kilkeel, Ballynahinch, Downpatrick	w/c 29 November 2019
Christmas Switch on Events Newry and Downpatrick	Thurs 21-Nov 2018 - Newry Fri 22-Nov 2018 - Downpatrick
Christmas switch on events Crossmaglen, Warrenpoint, Kilkeel, Ballynahinch, Newcastle	Thurs 29 Nov - Sat 8 Dec 2018
Food Festival Support & promotion across the district	Ongoing in 2019/20
Forest Park Promotional Events	
Narnia Festival	Fri 15 - Sun 17 November 2019
Forest Park Activities (Winter Solstice and Lunasa - Slieve Gullion)	August & December 2019
St Patrick's Day	
St Patricks Day Parades 2020 - Newry and Downpatrick	Tuesday 17 March 2020

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2018
Subject:	Assessment of Columbanus Project & St. Patricks Way
Reporting Officer	Andrew Patterson - Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer	Michelle Boyle - Head of Tourism Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	x	For noting only			
1.0			Purpose and Background		
1.1			<p>Columbanus was one of the most influential spiritual and cultural figures of the early Middle Ages. In 591 he sailed from Bangor. For over 30 years he travelled across Europe, founding communities and monasteries. The cities and regions across Europe where his memory still lives are now coming together to create a Cultural Walking Route. In Newry Mourne and Down the St Patricks Way walking route links key sites associated with the saint across the District and could form part of the proposed new cultural route linked to Columbanus.</p> <p>This paper sets out the requirements to produce a feasibility study in partnership with other Local Authorities, in order to better understand the market opportunity that this new cultural walking route presents, and the level of investment that is required in order to ensure the walking route can attract international visitors to the district and to Northern Ireland.</p>		
2.0			Key issues		
2.1			<p>The feasibility study is required to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The market opportunity of the new cultural walking route to attract additional international visitors to Newry, Mourne and Down and to Northern Ireland; • The level of investment required from NMDDC and from other Local Authorities in terms of the capital infrastructure that is needed to ensure the walking route provides a high-quality visitor experience to incoming tourists; • The level of investment required from NMDDC and from other Local Authorities in terms of the spend needed in order to promote and develop the walking route on an annual basis to ensure additional international visitors are attracted to visit and spend overnight trips in the district and within the wider NI destination. • Identification of the markets that would be interested in the Columban Way and Saint Patrick's Way offers, including visitor numbers, spend and revenue. Detail what services/facilities the visitors to the trail would require that are currently not accounted for or are lacking within the council areas. 		
3.0			Recommendations		
3.1			To make a contribution of £5000 to undertake a feasibility on		

	pilgrimage/heritage routes with particular reference to Columban Way and Turas Columbanus projects and the St. Patricks Way.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	A contribution of up to £5000 will be required along with equal contributions from Fermanagh and Omagh DC, Ards and North Down BC, Newry, Mourne and Down DC and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon BC.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	All necessary elements will be considered
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	All necessary elements will be considered
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2018
Subject:	Business Plan Review of St Patrick's Visitor Centre
Reporting Officer	Andrew Patterson - Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer	Michelle Boyle - Head of Tourism Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	x	For noting only			
1.0			Purpose and Background		
1.1			The St Patrick's Visitor Centre in Downpatrick has a Five-Year Business Plan that runs to the end of this Financial Year. The Plan sets out growth priorities for the Centre in terms of the volume of incoming visitors and their spend, etc. This paper sets out the proposals for the development of a new Business Plan for the Centre, to be developed in partnership with the Council and Tourism NI.		
2.0			Key issues		
2.1			<p>The Council's Tourism Strategy recognises the "story of St Patrick and the birth of Christianity within Ireland" as one of the key strengths of this district as an international tourism destination. Within the tourism offering the St Patrick's Visitor Centre plays a key role in the promotion and interpretation of the story of St Patrick and Downpatrick's role as the 'cradle of Irish Christianity'.</p> <p>In order to further develop the St Patrick's tourism proposition in and around Downpatrick an opportunity now exists to develop a new Five-Year Business Plan for the St Patrick's Centre, in partnership with Council and Tourism NI.</p> <p>It is proposed that the plan would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities for the development of the Visitor Experience linked to the story of St Patrick • Identify opportunities for the development of the St Patrick's Centre as a leading visitor attraction - including opportunities to introduce new immersive technologies, such as Augmented and Virtual Reality, in order to tell the story of St Patrick to new audiences. • Identify opportunities to increase visitor volume, visitor revenue and dwell time within the Centre, and within the wider destination of Downpatrick itself. • Establish opportunities to develop the Visitor Experience Plan linked to the St Patrick's story - including the experience within the St Patrick's Centre itself, but also at key heritage sites in and around Downpatrick 		

	and the wider district. A full Terms of Reference will be developed by Council Officers, the Director of the St Patrick's Centre and Tourism NI Officials accordingly.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve proposals for the development of a new Five-Year Business Plan for the St Patrick's Centre, to be developed in partnership with the Council and Tourism NI.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	It is envisaged that the development of a new Business-Plan encompassing the requirements would cost in the region of £10,000 budget.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2018
Subject:	Review of Visitor Information Services
Reporting Officer	Andrew Patterson - Assistant Director Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer	Michelle Boyle - Head of Tourism Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	X	For noting only			
1.0			Purpose and Background		
1.1			<p>Visitor Information Centres (VICs) play an important role in promoting a destination to incoming visitors. Over the past decade the role of VICs has changed considerably due to the advent of technology and the preference for tourists to plan and book their short-breaks online before they arrive in a destination.</p> <p>This paper sets out proposals to undertake a review of Visitor Information Services within the district to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of today's modern tourists.</p>		
2.0			Key issues		
2.1			<p>Research undertaken by Tourism NI shows that the number of tourists planning and booking their short-breaks prior to their arrival in a destination has greatly increased in recent years, with the majority of holiday-related bookings now being undertaken on smartphones and tablets at home. Research also shows that Visitor Information Centres continue to play an important role in welcoming and orientating visitors, and in providing information to visitors whilst their in-destination. In the NI Visitor Information Plan Tourism NI highlights the importance of VICs in enhancing the quality of the visitor experience, and in increasing the length of stay and in maximising visitor spend.</p> <p>The Council currently has networked VICs located in Newry, Newcastle, Downpatrick and Kilkeel. In order to ensure the Council's Visitor Information Services meet the needs of modern visitors a review of services is now required.</p> <p>The would review would provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An assessment of the current Visitor Information Centres and Information points throughout the district. 2. Provide benchmarks against the Visitor Information Services provided in the rest NI and RoI. 3. Identify areas for development in information provision to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online requirements • Social media requirements • Visitor interpretation and signposting 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print material • Foreign language provision <p>4. Provide recommendations on the technological requirements necessary to deliver an effective and efficient Visitor Information Service.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve proposals for the review of Visitor Information Services within the district, in line with Tourism NI's Visitor Information Plan.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	It is envisaged that a full review of Visitor Information Services within the district will cost c£15,000. This budget has been profiled within the department's current resource allocation in the 18/19 Financial Year.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 December 2018
Subject:	Removal of Sandbar at Newcastle Harbour
Reporting Officer	Andy Patterson - Assistant Director of Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer	Michelle Boyle - Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			To facilitate the operation of Newcastle Harbour and use of the Harbour by boats removal of sand accumulated at the mouth of Newcastle Harbour is essential. To facilitate this process it is necessary to secure the services of a contractor to remove the sandbar which forms the entrance of Newcastle Harbour and relocated the sediment to a predetermined section of the beach.
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To remove the Sand to facilitate use of the Harbour by boats a Marine Construction Licence application has been made. Annually the Council appointed a contract to remove the sandbar subject to complying with the Marine Construction Licence. The sandbar needs to be removed in March to comply with the Licence and to facilitate boats using the harbour from April.
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			To tender for the provision of a contractor to remove the sandbar at Newcastle Harbour in compliance with the Marine Construction Licence. The contractor would be appointed for a 3 year term.
4.0			Resource implications
4.1			The anticipated cost for a 3 year contract is £30,000
5.0			Equality and good relations implications
5.1			It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.
6.0			Rural Proofing implications
6.1			The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to rural needs impact assessment.

7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2018
Subject:	Warrenpoint Municipal Park
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Shane McGivern - Project Development Officer

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>As per the HLF Letter of Offer, Capital Works have been completed at Warrenpoint Municipal Park. Contractors were on site since January of this year. Improvements and refurbishments have been made to the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bandstand • Gardiners' Bothy • Pathways • Lawns • Drainage • Gardens • Electrics and lighting • Play areas including a new Multi Use Games Area. <p>Warrenpoint Park was officially re-opened on 31st August.</p> <p>The Steering Committee meeting was held on 20th November. The Committee was appraised of the progress of the project and the plans as it moves towards implementing the Activity Plan.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing outstanding defects: Working with Architect and Contactor to address outstanding defects. The rain shelter/canopy in the Play Area needs to be examined by the provider and the Contractor to ensure it is able to stand up to high winds. The park will be monitored over the winter season and identified defects will be rectified by architect/contractor. • Painting of railings: Working with HLF to include the painting of railings as part of restoration works. A price for the painting has been provided by contractor and NMDDC are awaiting HLF approval for works.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing arrangements/future maintenance requirements: Project Development Officer has met with Head of Maintenance to discuss added maintenance duties as a result of HLF restoration. A budget is included in the project for these additional requirements. • HLF Activity Plan: Volunteer and Outreach Officer is now in post and all staff are working on implementing the Activity Plan. This includes recruiting volunteers, planning events, working with schools, establishing a Friends of the Park group, achieving Green Flag status and Collective Memories Project.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the attached Warrenpoint Municipal Park Action Sheet dated 20.11.18 • Proceed with additional works in Pavilion Building as recommended by Maintenance Department, Project Officer working with Contractor and Architect on these. • Painting of perimeter railings: Project Development Officer has sent cost details for proposed works to HLF and is awaiting response on how to proceed. • Project staff to continue to work through defects with architect and contractor. • Project staff to proceed with delivery of Activity Plan in co-ordination with HLF. The project is now seeking to establish a volunteer base and staff are working on planning events and overall implementation of Activity Plan. • Project Development Officer to liaise with Maintenance Department during lifetime of project to ensure additional maintenance requirements are addressed.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None arising from this meeting.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	The recommendation has been considered within the scope of the Rural Needs Act and the proposal has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	Action sheet of Steering Committee Meeting 20.11.18
8.0	Background Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLF Round 2 application form and associated documents • Activity Plan

Title of Working Group/Forum: Warrenpoint Steering Committee

Date/time/venue: Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 10am in The Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall

CLRs present: CLr M Carr / Others Attending: Mr J Boylan, Mr B Reilly, Mr B McCalmont

Chaired by: CLr M Carr Officers present: Mr S McGivern, Ms J Cummins, Mr R McBride, Ms D Begley, Mr S Loy, Dr K Abraham

Apologies for non-attendance: Mr J McGilly, Mr S Crossey, Ms O Fitzpatrick

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Agreed way forward (if matter requires Committee/Council approval, a separate Report should be compiled and submitted to Committee)	Lead Officer	Actions taken/Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
2	Cleaning and painting of perimeter fencing at park	Project Development Officer has sent cost details for proposed works to HLF and is awaiting response on how to proceed.	S McGivern	S McGivern has enquired into possibility of cleaning and painting of perimeter fencing. A price has been given by contractor for the proposed works.	N
3	Pavilion Building	Some minor additional works to be completed in Pavilion Building as recommended by NMDDC Maintenance Department.	S McGivern	Pavilion Building contracted works complete. Content for screen has been written by B Reilly and G2 Design have provided a template for Power Point presentation.	N
3	Progress update Capital Works	Council staff to continue to work through defects with architect and contractor.	S McGivern	Capital Works are now complete. Regular contact taking place between the architect, contractor and Council Officers.	N
4	Project update Activity Plan	Project staff to proceed with delivery of Activity Plan in co-ordination with HLF. The project is now seeking to establish a volunteer base and staff are working on planning events and overall	S McGivern	Capital Works are complete and Project Officers in place. Activity Plan has been developed.	N

<p>5</p>	<p>Staffing arrangements/duties/ maintenance requirements</p>	<p>Project Development Officer to liaise with Maintenance Department during lifetime of project to ensure additional maintenance are addressed as required.</p>	<p>S McGivern</p>	<p>Meetings have taken place as part of early planning of HLF works. HLF funding has been earmarked for the additional maintenance requirements of the park. Project Development Officer has met with Head of Maintenance to discuss maintenance arrangements.</p>	<p>N</p>
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Signed: _____ Shane McGivern (Project Development Officer)

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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 20 June 2018 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row Offices, Newry**

In the Chair:	Councillor D McAteer,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC (Joint Chair)
Present:	Councillor E Corrigan,	Louth County Council (Joint Chair)
	Councillor P McGeough,	Louth County Council
	Councillor A Watters,	Louth County Council
	Councillor C Markey,	Louth County Council
	Councillor M Larkin,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Councillor D Curran,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Councillor R Mulgrew,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Mr L Hannaway,	Chief Executive NMDDC
	Mr P Donnelly,	Director LCC
	Ms B Woods,	Director LCC
	Ms M Ward,	Director NMDDC
	Mr J McGilly,	Assistant Director NMDDC
	Ms D Hughes,	East Border Region
	Ms A Powell,	NMDDC (Notes)
Invited Guests:	Joe Lumsden	Louth Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer
	Randy McComb	NI Fire Service

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Councillor D Minogue, Louth County Council
Councillor D Saurin, Louth County Council

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Councillor T Byrne,	Louth County Council
Councillor R Culhane,	Louth County Council
Councillor E Coffey,	Louth County Council
Councillor W Walker,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor C Enright,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor P Bryne,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor T Hearty,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor M Ruane,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor J Tinnelly,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Ms J Martin,	Chief Executive LCC
Mr F Pentony,	Director LCC
Ms E O’Gorman,	Director LCC
Mr J McGuinness,	Director LCC
Mr M Lipsett,	Director NMDDC
Ms D Carville,	Director NMDDC
Mr R Moore,	Director NMDDC (Acting)

2. Presentation – Cross Border Emergency Planning

A joint presentation on the MOU between Louth and Newry Fire and Rescue Services was provided by Joe Lumsden, Louth Senior Assistant Chief Fire Officer and Randy McComb, NI Fire Service.

The presentation described the workings of the MOU between the NIFS in Newry and the Fire and Rescue Service in Louth, particularly in relation to the existing legislation which allows this MOU to continue to develop. A working group is currently exploring the possible impact and risks of Brexit on the MOU.

A summary of the main points raised include -

- Officers are currently exploring possible implications on normal arrangements e.g. sharing data on call volume.
- Possible effect on operational employees crossing the border between work and home.
- Ability to maintain dual approach depending on hard / soft border
- Officers continue to explore the possibility of further development of the MOU including information sharing, activation protocols, increased communication.
- MOU currently includes shared standard operating procedures including good practice governance documentation and efficiencies.
- Ambulance and Police services have difficulties with legislation and operational differences including grading of staff / roads.

Councillor Markey asked if examples of co-operation and the difference it made could be provided to show the value of this MOU.

Joe Lumsden informed that lives have been saved and that they would be happy to provide statistical details along with some examples.

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3. a) Report of Louth/Newry Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 18 April 2018 (attached)

On the proposal of Councillor A Watters, seconded by Councillor P McGeough, report of meeting held on the 18 April 2018 was approved, subject to 2 additions as follows:

I.) Section 2 – Presentation – “Framework 2040 Plan (Impact on Our Area)”

“Councillor Tinnelly voiced concern regarding provision being made for the probable reunification of the country well in advance of 2040 in the context of the National Framework document”.

II.) Section 5 - MOU Action & Communication Plan Update

“In regard to the Geopark Project Consultation, Councillor McAteer asked that an invitation be extended to landowners in the Louth County Council area to attend the Geopark consultations in Newry Mourne and Down District Council area”.

3. b) Report of Advisory Forum Meeting held on 10 April 2018 – report having previously been circulated was noted

4. Matters Arising

Proposal - Event to welcome the Framework 2040 Plan

Councillors requested an update on what is being proposed. Liam informed that this is still at an initial stage and that a proposal will come back to Council for an event to be held in October / November 2018.

5. MOU Action & Communication Plan Update

Brexit

Dette Hughes informed that there have been meetings held including meeting on 21 May 2018 with Karen Bradley, Secretary of State. A proposed Options Paper was discussed with Karen Bradley and feedback report provided.

AGREED: It was agreed that the response report to Options Paper submitted to Secretary of State, Karen Bradley be circulated to members following meeting today

Councillor Curran informed he also met Karen Bradley through NILGA on 21 May.

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Advisory Forum

Liam proposed reviewing attendance and number of meetings scheduled.

Councillor Corrigan suggested that there is a need to plan to engage particular agencies e.g. HSE involvement and asked if members present can assist in trying to encourage attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for 27 November 2018 and it is planned to have a Health Theme. Dette Hughes suggested the meetings need to be made relevant to cover health, education and young people attending. In addition, Councillor McAteer suggested themes should also include Fishery and agriculture.

Councillor Mulgrew queried that reducing meetings would not be good in this period of uncertainty and that it is important to continue with communication and participation this close to Brexit.

Recommendations made by the Advisory Forum were relayed by Councillor McAteer as follows and added to the MOU Action plan for noting:

Decade of Centenaries Programme

i) 14 October 1318 Battle of Faughart (or Battle of Dundalk) - significant event in Scottish / Irish history (700 year anniversary). Could an event be organised for this.

ii) Memorial for World War I in Dundalk (Louth CC Programme has funding open. Advisory Forum members would like to ensure someone applies for this.

iii) 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I – November 2018 - Councils should be considering an event to mark this.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 September 2018, 10am in Louth County Council Offices, Dundalk.

Signed: M Ward
 Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

ACTIONS

	ACTION	Referred to
1.	Brexit - It was agreed that the response report to Options Paper submitted to Secretary of State, Karen Bradley be circulated to members following meeting today	EBR

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Date of Meeting:	10 th December 2018
Subject:	Audit of Access to Strangford Lough for water-based recreation report complete
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice, Ring of Gullion and Strangford Lough & Lecale Manager Abby McSherry, Strangford Lough and Lecale AONB Officer

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

For decision	For noting only	x
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>SLLP on behalf of Newry Mourne and Down DC and Ards and North Down BC commissioned a report by Outdoor Recreation NI to complete an audit of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current and potential access to the lough for water-based activity; • site based recommendations for potential development for sustainable water based recreation • strategic recommendation relevant to holistic development and management of sustainable water based recreation • and a stage 1 (screening) of Habitats regulation Assessment for the site based and strategic recommendations. <p>Each site was assessed for its facility eg beach, river etc; the access type eg public shore or private access arrangement; the existing facilities there eg car parking numbers; its capacity measures eg barriers; its biosecurity measures eg washing facilities for boats; and its signage.</p> <p>Some of the findings from the report included: The delivery of any of the recommendations requires a strategic approach to the entire Lough. Site based development needs a joined up approach. There are key sites where access needs to be secured for the future through partnership and joined up approach. Some projects will need skills of structural engineers before they are considered. Councils need to develop a consistent proactive approach to access agreements for water based recreation.</p> <p>For each of 36 sites were assessed and recommendations made. It should be noted that the key opportunities relate not to the</p>

	development of new access but rather better and smarter use of what is already there.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Where appropriate, include the report's recommendations in the review of the Strangford Lough and Lecale AONB management plan.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Some recommendations are no cost or low cost and should be prioritised. eg council management arrangements for public access to private slipways etc Significant funding may be needed for some of the structural solutions eg pontoons, dredging etc. feasibility of these projects needs to be assessed and potential funding partners need to be found for these
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	none
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	None
7.0	Appendices
	none
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p> <p>An audit of access to Strangford Lough for water-based recreation May 2018 prepared by Outdoor recreation Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Link to full document:- https://www.ringofgullion.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/STRANGFORD-LOUGH-WATER-ACCESS-REPORT-Final-Version.compressed.pdf</p> <p><i>This relates to meeting requirements outlined in Part 8 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, Access to Meetings and Documents, wherein for four years after a meeting the following must be available at the Council Offices and on the website:</i></p> <p><i>Background papers which are defined as those documents relating to the subject matter of a report which:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Disclose any facts or matters which in the opinion of the Chief Executive, the report or an important part of the report is based upon; and</i> <i>b) Have, in the Chief Executive's opinion, been relied upon to a material extent in preparing the report.</i> <p><i>These are documents on which the report, or an important part of the report, is based upon and have been relied upon to a material extent in preparing the report.</i></p>



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Mr Liam Hannaway
Chief Executive Officer
Newry Mourne and Down District Council
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21 November 2018

Dear Liam,

RE – Newry Southern Relief Road, Preferred Option.

Now that the preferred option for the NSRR has been announced we thought it might be appropriate to remind the NMDD Council of a commitment expressed in early consultations. This was:

The Council indicated that the minimum clearance for a moveable bridge will be those that allow the tallest of ships with large masts (up to an air draft of 30 metres plus). Therefore a minimum vertical clearance between high water level and bridge deck soffit be 37metres for those vessels was adapted for assessment.

From: Newry Southern Relief Road Stage 1 Scheme Assessment Report, page 50 (June 2017).

We commend the Council on this approach and now that there is public consultation we hope that the Council continue to make the case for tall ship access to the Albert Basin.

I am attaching a note of concern expressing why the case for such a bridge is essential to maintain the heritage of Newry as a city with a historic maritime past. And, hopefully such amenities will contribute to a bright tourist future.

Brian Cunningham
Hon. Branch Secretary

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Note of Concern re Newry Southern Relief Road and Access to The Albert Basin.

In our December 2017 submission, to the Department for Infrastructure, NI, we argued the case for full navigational access to the Albert Basin. The Newry Southern Relief Road (NSRR) poses a threat to the access of tall ships and, thus, could endanger the potential use of the canal for tourism and cut Newry off from its historic link to the open sea.

Now that further consultations are taking place on the preferred option we wish to remind NMDD Council of the need for full navigational access for tall ships, that is, those with masts of up to 37 metres.

The Potential Treat from the Newry Southern Relief Road

We have no objection to the proposed road. Indeed we welcome it as a useful addition to road infrastructure. We agree with the Councils assessment that there should be access for tall ships to the Albert Basin. We have read the *Newry Southern Relief Road Stage 1 Scheme Assessment Report (June 2017)*. It is a technical report and requires engineering expertise. In this document it is acknowledged that the Newry Mourne and Down District Council place prime importance of Canal access to the Albert Basin. The following is from this report, page 50.

There are a number of factors that will influence this structure but the most significant is a desire by Newry Mourne and Down District Council to maintain navigation on the canal north of Victoria Lock and on the open river to the south of the lock. The Council indicated in 2008 that, "*The minimum clearances for a moveable bridge will be those that allow the tallest of ships with large masts (up to an air draft of 30m plus)*". Therefore a minimum vertical clearance between high water level and bridge deck soffit of 37m for these vessels was adopted for assessment. This means that fixed bridges crossing the navigation channel would require >37m vertical clearance and all lower level bridges would require an opening span, assumed to be a single leaf bascule structure for the purposes of this assessment. The bascule section of the bridge, which entails a section of deck rotating vertically about a pivot mechanism at one support, will provide unrestricted clearance above the navigable channel.

Fixed bridges should have a clearance of 37 m at high tide. In the Leaflet for public consultation this again emphasises – in that, an objective is to “maintain navigation of the Newry Ship Canal”.

Later in the Report (page 106) it states:

Bridging the River / Canal Valley.

All five of the corridors require a bridge structure to traverse the river valley. Whether it is at low level or high level, any such structure is likely to have a Moderate to Very Large Landscape and Visual effect within this valley. Whether this effect is adverse or beneficiary is a very subjective assessment and would be dependent on the final design of the bridge structure.

There are five indicative crossing points, two of which are within the Greenbank Industrial Estate on the Newry urban fringe, one at approximately 17m high (Corridor 1) and the other (Corridor 5) at a lower level (approximately 9m). To the south-east of the Greenbank Industrial Estate, Corridor 2 would also cross the valley at approximately 9m. The other two corridors cross the river valley further south towards Green Island, one at a high level, and the other at a low level. Corridor 3 is a high level bridge crossing (canal clearance of at least 35m) and Corridor 4 is a low structure (approximately 6m) at a range of possible crossing points over the valley.

With the new preferred option the only solution is an opening bridge over the canal.

Our Argument

The loss of Northern Ireland's industrial heritage has occurred, not by mass extinction, but by erosion of small sections, bit-by-bit. For example maps of Northern Ireland's rail network show an extensive permanent way linking villages and towns. The destruction of the permanent way, something that is forbidden by law in Continental counties, denies this generation access to what would have been wonderful greenways and even potential for new innovative methods of travel within Northern Ireland. Figure 1 shows what existed as permanent way in 1925. Only one line now remains.



Figure 1: The permanent way network 1925. All embankments, bar main Belfast /Dublin line, now lost.

The same applies to loss of canal towpaths and canal waterways. Concrete road bridges over the Newry Canal cut off access to the wonderful old inland waterway. And now with the new Newry Southern Relief Road comes what could be the final indignity for the most historic canal in UK or Ireland. If a lifting bridge is not installed then Newry will be finally cut off from its past, and show it has no regard for its future.

Arguments can be made for not having a lifting bridge. We can rehearse, the crude, but principal one:

It will cost too much and won't be used.

This is a self-fulfilling-prophecy. Those who are familiar with the campaign to save the inland waterway from Newry to Portadown will know that, far from not being used, it is the second most widely used facility in NI with a footfall of over 150,000. Our predecessors,

The Newry Canal Preservation Group, fought a long battle to prevent the canal being in-filled and to have the towpath and locks to Portadown preserved. Many at the time used the same argument that is being used now for not having a lifting bridge. A generation of planners and politicians who did not retain access will, in the future, be condemned for their lack of foresight perhaps even vandalism. WA McCutcheon's book, 'The Industrial Archaeology of Northern Ireland', shows what a rich heritage we once had. We must retain what's left. We, as a relatively small band of volunteers, have shown what can be achieved. The commitment of such volunteers to our heritage should be matched by professionals, planners, and decision/policy makers.

Our argument is a simple one – no boats can access the town centre as low concrete bridges were built over the canal in the 1950-60's thus cutting access to the inland section. It is tautological to state that if you deny access to use then something can't be used. Similarly no tall ships will be able to access the Albert Basin unless a lifting bridge or a bridge with a height of 37 metres above water level is built. It is now generally acknowledged by the people of Newry that denial of waterway access was a mistake.

The historic ship canal which allows access from the sea to the Albert Basin has tourist and heritage potential that has yet to be optimised by local and central government. Not having a lifting bridge, will limit any future tourism and recreational development.

In September 2018, the World Canals Conference took place in Ireland. Delegates visited the Newry – Portadown Canal. They were surprised to see that not more was being made of this historic canal and believed it had tremendous potential. It is acknowledged to be the first true summit level canal in the British Isles, predating the Bridgewater Canal at Manchester by 20 years. As such it has potential for a growing interest in heritage tourism.

It would be difficult to make a case for a tall ship access purely on a quantifiable argument. To do so would be to deny historical/heritage issues and questions of value as opposed to questions of costs. Wilde's definition of a cynic comes to mind. We would just like the Council and planners/decision makers to adhere to something they regarded as 'the most significant desire' for this new road.

We hope the Council will insist on the case it has already made, that is, to allow access for tall ships.

Bruce Crawford,	Chair	Paul McKeown,	Vice Chair
Brian Cunningham,	Secretary	Peter Maxwell,	Treasurer

IWAI – Newry and Portadown Branch
21 November 2018



Better Connecting Dublin & Belfast Enterprise

June 2018

Strategic Development Plan



1. INTRODUCTION & OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

Approximately 3.3 million people live within a 40 mile commute distance from the Dublin-Belfast corridor. This is projected to grow to 4 million by 2030 and represents half the islands population. Development of the Enterprise rail service is key to building competitiveness and in the creation of close communications between the people living in and between the two cities and the businesses on the corridor. Both Governments support improving rail services and reducing journey times and this paper outlines the strategic opportunities for further developing the Enterprise service through the following initiatives:

- **Introduction of an hourly service frequency between the two cities,**
- **Infrastructure enhancements to improve journey times and connections,**
- **Electrification through investment in infrastructure and rolling stock**

These opportunities align with both the Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland Programmes for Government by further strengthening the economic links between north and south, supporting the common travel area, decongesting our roads, reducing carbon emissions and promoting all Ireland tourism. This will further support and promote the inherent economic potential of the corridor, building upon existing strengths. The delivery of infrastructure is a prerequisite for sustainable economic growth on the island of Ireland regardless of the implications of Brexit.

2. ENTERPRISE TRAIN SERVICE

The Dublin-Belfast train service, branded as Enterprise, and jointly operated by Iarnród Éireann and Translink connects Connolly station in Dublin with Lanyon Place Station, (formerly Belfast Central station) and stops at up to 6 intermediate locations. The average journey time is 2'10" serving approximately 1 million passenger journeys per annum. The current service offering at 8 departures in each direction per day compares poorly with many paired European cities offering up to 40/50 services per day. However, it has the potential to become the preferred transport mode and act as a driver of economic development activity along the corridor. Equally rail modal share is low compared to road at c.20% and needs to increase to better serve the growing population on the corridor. Translink is planning an extensive redevelopment of Belfast Great Victoria Street station and the adjacent bus station to form an integrated Belfast Transport Hub. This will bring all cross-border trains into the new facility, ensuring better connectivity and access between Belfast and Dublin city centres and reduced journey times. Dublin Connolly already provides similar integrated hub services in Dublin.

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3. HOURLY SERVICE FREQUENCY

One of the priority strategic initiatives required to develop the Belfast-Dublin service is the introduction of additional services moving towards an hourly frequency with a clock-face timetable pattern in both directions. This type of a service development would be similar to those introduced on other lines in recent years:

- **Introduction of an hourly Dublin-Cork service in 2007 resulted in a 30% passenger growth within 18 months.**
- **An increase in Dublin-Sligo services, from 3 to 8 in two stages, led to a doubling in passenger numbers over a five year period.**
- **Introduction of an hourly Belfast-Derry~Londonderry service in July 2017 has already led to an increase in passenger numbers of over 20%**

The provision of an hourly frequency is considered as the minimum service standard required between the two largest cities on the island of Ireland, to be achieved as soon as possible and as an essential step towards delivering more strategic infrastructure and service developments, given the objective of developing the corridor as a European growth hub of trans-national importance. The key enabling resource required to deliver such a step change in service frequency on the Dublin-Belfast line is additional rolling stock and the availability of train paths to both stations. The short term objective of achieving an hourly frequency at the peak hours could be achieved by Translink and Iarnród Éireann providing a train set from each of their existing fleets, this would mean effectively prioritising the Dublin-Belfast route within their respective networks and could be achieved by late 2019. The next step would be an hourly frequency throughout the day and would require an investment in new train sets at a cost of c.€50m(£44m). Subject to procurement commencing in 2018, these could be available by 2023. The longer term strategy would require the purchase of suitable fleet for an electrified network by 2035.

4. JOURNEY TIME IMPROVEMENT

The average rail journey time between Dublin and Belfast is 2hrs 10mins. This is long for the respective distance of 105 miles between the two cities. The requirement to reduce this journey time and to further develop rail as the mode of choice along the corridor, is a key priority. The current maximum speed is 90 mph with an in service speed of less than 50 mph achieved after account is taken of station stops and current infrastructure limitations. Most of the associated track and signalling was renewed or upgraded 20 years ago, in 1997, as part of the Cross Border Upgrading Project. There are lengthy sections of track that have speed restrictions, termed as temporary or permanent in nature, that are in place for some considerable time and will require investment to remove. These restrictions reduce the overall average speeds and adversely impact on journey times by up to 15 minutes.

Opportunities exist in the medium term for higher speeds to 100mph over sections of the network with the undertaking of track and signalling upgrades. The infrastructure works involve improvements through track relaying and geometry improvements along various sections so as to accommodate the higher line speed. This could be achieved in the short term with work commencing in 2019 and concluding 2023. The cumulative impact of upgrades could result in a journey time improvement of up to 15 minutes achieving the short term objective of less than 2 hours. Indicative costs for these developments amount to c.€220m(£195m). Longer term, speeds of up to 125mph could be possible through electrification and associated track and signalling improvements. This could result in a journey time of 90 mins or less. (This would have to be validated through a detailed Technical and Feasibility study).

£44m/€50m

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5. LINE ELECTRIFICATION

The longer term ambition is to electrify the line from Dublin to Belfast to provide further increased speed, frequency and improved journey times on the route. Furthermore, this achieves improved efficiency, energy consumption and a reduction in carbon emissions. Such an initiative requires investment in the network and replacement of existing rolling stock with electrically powered units, the timing being from 2035. The Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035, by the National Transport Authority, already provides for the extension of the electrified DART network to Drogheda. This would be a significant step towards the ultimate objective of upgrading the Dublin-Belfast line to electrified standard. It is projected that electrification of the remaining track from Dundalk to Belfast could be completed by mid-2030's. New Enterprise fleet comprising of 9 train sets will need to be procured to permit an hourly service. Indicative costs for infrastructure and rolling stock investment amount to €550m (£487m) and €160m (£142m) respectively, (again, indicative costs would be validated through the Technical and Feasibility study).

6. INDICATIVE ROADMAP AND FUNDING REQUIREMENT

In summary, an hourly Belfast-Dublin service could be achieved within 5 years with a journey time of less than 2 hours.



5 years
<2 hours

Initiative	Indicative Timeline from Commencement	Indicative Cost subject to Study
Hourly Frequency all day – New Fleet	5 years	€50m (£44m)
Journey Time <2 hours – Infrastructure	5 years	€220m (£195m)
Electrification - Infrastructure	10+ years	€550m (£487m)
Electrification - Rolling Stock	10+ years	€160m (£142m)



7. CONCLUSIONS

In summary, an hourly Belfast-Dublin service could be achieved within 5 years with a journey time of less than 2 hours. Longer term, additional improvements could be achieved with investment in line electrification to achieve further frequency improvements and a journey time of potentially 90mins or less. This paper requests that approval is granted to start procurement of the new fleet and fund a project to undertake a detailed Technical & Feasibility study for journey time improvement options.



WIDER SUPPORT

This document was issued to a range of stakeholders earlier this year to seek their views and help shape our plans for the Enterprise service. We received positive feedback from a broad selection of key organisations including business, community and tourism across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

CBI NI/Ibec

'The CBI NI/Ibec Joint Business Council...welcomes Translink/Iarnród Éireann's proposals to upgrade this vital service. The UK's decision to leave the European Union has added to the strategic importance of having comprehensive, reliable and sufficient all-island transport connectivity. Now is an appropriate time to re-examine the current service and put the plans in place to upgrade it to the necessary standard in both the immediate and longer term.'

'Ultimately, businesses believe that the service must be upgraded to the point where the train journey between Belfast and Dublin is 'commutable'. This means it must be faster than the comparative car journey and as flexible as a car journey, offering a sufficient range of arrival times to suit both tourists and business commuters.'

'The JBC has long been a supporter of an hourly service and businesses across the island will welcome the proposals outlined ...to procure additional train sets to allow services to operate on an hourly schedule.'



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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		ERT - MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016			
ERT/178/2016	Caravan and Campsite Management	(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. (b) To revert to Council with the completed Business Rational and Specification prior to progressing to seek Expression of Interest.	Andy Patterson	Under consideration.	N
		12 JUNE 2017			
ERT/101/2017	Cranfield Beach	Councillor Quinn asked for Officials to look at replacing the turning bay with a roundabout as during warmer weather cars park in the turning bay resulting in residents being unable to get into their homes.	Andy Patterson	Currently with Planning	N

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ERT/118/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.	Andy Patterson	Improvement works completed to Tennis Courts. Discussions on lease ongoing.	N
		AUGUST 2017			
ERT/140/2017	Clanbrassil Barns and Tea Rooms Tollymore Forest Park	(a) It was agreed the Council enter into a legal agreement with 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.	Andy Patterson	Currently under review.	N
		ERT MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017			
ERT/171/2017	GREENWAY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS	<p>(a) 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>(b) Council explores how the work relating to the negotiation with landowners can be progressed</p>	Jonathan McGilly	Departmental funding secured. Consultants appointed - work commenced with Councillor briefing planned Dec/Jan	N
ERT/191/2017	CAMLOUGH LAKE - LAND RELATED	<p>Closed Session Item</p> <p>(a) To enter into negotiations with</p>	Andy Patterson	Ongoing	N

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	MATTERS	Richardson Estate to settle any outstanding mortgage they hold pertaining to Camlough Lake To complete detail design and submit planning associated with multi purpose building at Camlough Lake to assist in informing land acquisition requirements			
		ERT MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017			
ERT/218/2017	ARDGLASS HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT	(a) To contribute £25k (25%) to Local Harbour Development Group to complete a business case for Harbour Development and wider regeneration projects. (b) That the Group contribute 10% overall costs. (c) That the Group secure remaining (65%) budget from external source i.e. FLAG. (d) That a Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Officer support the Group in their work.	Jonathan McGilly	Work in progress. Meeting has been held with Permanent Secretary. DAERA's proposed way forward has been communicated to Council via November 2018 ERT Committee. Chief Executive has communicated concerns to DAERA seeking an urgent meeting.	N
		February 2018			
ERT/029/2018	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	1. To submit an application to the DAERA Rural Tourism Scheme in	Jonathan McGilly	Phase I application submitted. Outcome	N

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	REPORT	<p>respect of funding in the region of £500,000 in respect of Castlewellan Forest Park. Council will be required to commit match funding in the region of £167,000 (25%). The application is inclusive of a Technical Assistance Grant in the region of £50,000. (EOI submission February 2018.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To submit a formal project enquiry to Heritage Lottery Fund followed by a full application in Summer 2018 requesting funding of £1000,000. Council commit to match funding this request with £100,000. 3. To procure the necessary services and contracts - inclusive of Economic Appraisal, Business Plan, Multi-disciplinary Design Team and Contractors in accordance with the applicable funding guidance. Appointments in respect of construction contracts subject to successful award of funding. 4. To submit applications for Statutory Approvals ie Planning, Building Control and NIEA if required. 		<p>expected Dec 2018. Integrated design team appointed. Commenced work for the DAERA application.</p>	

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		<p>5. To procure a facilitator for the purposes of consultation required for the project development.</p> <p>6. Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board report dated 12 February 2018 to be amended to read £100,000 as opposed to £1,000,000.</p>			
		MARCH 2018			
ERT/044/2018	FORKHILL FORMER BARRACKS SITE	<p>1. Council Officials continue to work closely with DFC to ensure that Councils interest in the site is maintained and any follow up Business Cases are completed and submitted to the Department for Communities.</p> <p>2. Council Officials and DEA reps on the Forkhill Site Development Steering Group to liaise closely with DFC and any other registered government departments to ensure that a balanced mixed use development of the site takes place.</p>	J McGilly	<p>Ongoing/Work in Progress Planning application in for playarea. Playarea to be delivered March 2019. Working with NIHE re next steps.</p>	N
ERT/045/2018	DFC YEAR END UNDERSPEND	<p>1. Council Officials continue to work up a Call Off Capital List of smaller projects that would be eligible for potential DFC under-spend in 18/19 financial year.</p>	J McGilly	<p>Approved at Nov 2018 ERT Committee. Working with DFC on this.</p>	N

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		<p>2. Council approve a Letter of Offer for £15,000 that will come from DFC in regards to small elements of Newry City Christmas Illuminations, Dereliction Decoration and Floral Planters that they wish to fund in 17/18.</p> <p>3. Report back to ERT Committee in due course on progress with the longer term 18/19 underspend list across our urban centres.</p>	<p>J McGilly</p> <p>J McGilly</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Completed at Nov 2018 ERT.</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>
		ERT APRIL 2018			
ERT/059/2018	ERT BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19	<p>1. Members are asked to note the contents of the report, give consideration and agree to: The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Business Plan (2018-19)</p> <p>2. To note the section of the Business plan which refers to Building Control and Regulation and Planning. This section of the Business plan will be approved at the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.</p> <p>3. A comment regarding the deprivation in the district to be added to the ERT Business Plan</p> <p>4. To note the concerns for partially sighted and blind people with regard to the proposed</p>	M Ward	Ongoing	N

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		implementation of street cafes			
ERT/060/2018	CHAMBRE HOUSE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procure an Interpretation Consultant. 2. Meet all mandatory requirements for 'Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Rural Tourism Scheme' application. 3. Submit a full application to DAERA based on Option 3b. 4. If successful, deliver project as set out in the application and the Letter of Offer 	J McGilly	Ongoing. Application being reviewed and economic appraisal commissioned early 2019.	N
ERT/061/2018	SKILLS FORUM UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council adopt the report 2. Officials work with Social Research Centre to develop an online survey to capture the views of a wider cross section of industry and education and complete this exercise by end May 2018 3. Further meeting of the Forum be convened mid-June before school term ends to consider the combined response and agree next steps 4. Council include as part of the Innovation Event in September an engagement/skill fair whereby students from across the region can learn more of the job career opportunities that exist in the 	J McGilly	Research completed. Report compiled. Skills Forum meeting held in June. Further meeting scheduled for early 2019.	N

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		District through the range of employers across Sectors			
ERT/062/2018	RDP VILLAGE PLANS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In order to meet pre application eligibility, to appoint, within existing available budgets, the necessary disciplines, that are required to develop projects through design and costing stages and secure any required statutory approvals 2. In order to comply with pre application eligibility requirement, to undertake procurement for the identification of preferred bidders, for any Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services, and contractors for implementation of works 3. To make applications to the Mourne Gullion Lecale Village Renewal measure for implementation of suitable and eligible actions following an analysis across the Village Plans 4. To appoint Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services and contractors following acceptance of a Letter of Offer for implementation of the Village Renewal initiatives 	J McGilly	<p>Village plans complete. Meeting DEA'S to discuss 3-4 applications. Applications to be submitted in early 2019.</p> <p>Design team appointed. Work commencing January 2019 with consultations etc.</p>	N
ERT/064/2018	DEVELOPING THE BELFAST - DUBLIN ECONOMIC	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the request by Translink for them to undertake a	M Ward	Work In Progress	N

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	CORRIDOR	detailed Technical & Feasibility study of all proposed options for the development of the Dublin & Belfast Enterprise service.			
ERT/065/2018	WOMEN IN BUSINESS	Council approve participation in 'The NI Woman in Enterprise Challenge 2018-2021' at a cost of £6,162 in Year 1. Following an assessment of Year 1 outputs and impact a decision to progress in subsequent years will be brought to this Committee for further consideration.	J McGilly	Work in Progress	N
ERT/067/2018	RURAL BROADBAND UPDATE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendation that Council approves the report which highlights potential solutions for rural broadband; 2. Work with local communities and engage suppliers to ensure uptake of Gigabit Voucher Scheme regarding Community Owned Network models; 3. Continue to signpost businesses and residents to future broadband initiatives and explore future funding such as Local Full Fibre Network Wave 3 (Summer 2018) to implement potential service models; 	J McGilly	Study complete. Progressing through LFFN and City Deal	N
ERT/068/2018	GIGABIT VOUCHER SCHEME	That the Gigabit Voucher Scheme is promoted in areas of poor connectivity across NMD Council area as identified by the RDP	J McGilly	Ongoing	N

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		<p>Feasibility and Needs Analysis Report. Officers should engage with suppliers and rural communities to encourage multiple voucher applications to pool the value, which can then help meet the installation cost charged by the supplier.</p> <p>2. The following marketing campaign is recommended in order to promote the Gigabit Voucher Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting a series of community information seminars to encourage uptake; • District wide newspaper campaign consisting of advert and a press release inviting businesses & residents to explore and complete the application process; • Social Media campaign promoting scheme through NMDBusiness & NMDCouncil profiles aligning to hashtag: #GigabitVoucher; • Promotion through NMD Business e-zine; • Information to be placed on Council websites, : http://www.newrymouredown.org and DigitalNMD website: www.digitalnmd.org • Leaflet drop to local businesses and 			

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		<p>enterprise agencies, chambers, colleges, partner organisations etc;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails / Information packs sent to elected members regarding the scheme, that could be circulated to businesses. 			
ERT/069/2018	ARTS AND CULTURE MARKETING PLAN	Approval to tender for the services of a marketing agency to develop a marketing plan, and to implement specific campaigns to drive the growth of the Council's Arts, Culture and Heritage venues and programmes, for a period of 1 year with the option of renewal for a further two years on an annual basis subject to satisfactory performance.	A Patterson	Ongoing	N
		May 2018			
ERT/087/2018	ATLANTIC AREA PROGRAMME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit application to Atlantic Area, NMDDC as Lead Partner. 2. Forward for consideration for rates estimate subject to satisfactory submission 	J McGilly	Application approved. Commence 2019.	N
ERT/088/2018	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the facilitation through St Paul's High School of a host visit from School No 7 to Newry, Mourne and Down District and to develop a wider connection across the area. Any future visits should give consideration to the school 	J McGilly	Ongoing.	N

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		<p>calendar.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Approve further development of potential links with Post Primary Schools in relation to International Relations considered through the skills forum and recognition of the opportunities that exist through music. 3. Development of links with SERC and SRC in International Relations with consideration of participation in the upcoming Changchung visit. 4. To develop our Junior Competitions as part of the USA Kids Golf 5. To consider alternative accommodation exchanges to promote and encourage visits from both areas to visit from both areas to visit reciprocally. 6. To target golfing societies attached to our Golf Clubs to visit each other's areas as part of exchange (Ryder Cup approach). 7. To audit, inform and promote craft and niche products in each other's Council areas, Visit Centres etc. 8. To make Chamber connections and assist in encouraging ideas for collaboration. 9. To consider the possibility of an international link with Newry City 			

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		Football Club			
ERT/090/2018	<u>NOTICE OF MOTION:</u> COUNCIL TO SUPPORT ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council lead, support and enhance the Saint Patrick's Day festivities in the home of Saint Patrick, and in order to encourage greater connectivity with businesses and local communities to establish an inter - community and business forum for local people to contribute to the festival planning jointly with the Council. 2. Terms of Reference of the Saint Patrick's Day Sub Committee to be circulated to ERT Committee Members. 3. The policy regarding the flying of flags at Saint Patrick's Day festivals to be circulated to ERT Committee Members. 4. Dates of the Saint Patrick's Day Sub Committee meetings to be circulated to ERT Committee Members in due course. 	A Patterson	Ongoing	N

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		June 2018			
ERT/104/2018	ARTISAN MARKETS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the decision to enter into Service Level Agreements with Downpatrick Community Collective and Unit T to deliver the respective monthly Artisan markets in Downpatrick and Newcastle is confirmed. 2. Conduct a scoping exercise with artisan producers to assess if it would be feasible to consider extending the monthly artisan market to include Warrenpoint. 	J McGilly	Markets ongoing. Will be held throughout the year.	N
ERT/105/2018	ERDF FUTURE APPLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit funding applications to INI ERDF Investment for Growth and Jobs for future business development programmes, by current deadline of June 2018 2. To allocate 20% match funding against eligible programme costs. (Estimate match funding requirement is £130,000 over 3 financial years (approx £45,000 	J McGilly	3 applications Submitted 1 x application approved Nov 2018. Awaiting outcome of remainder March 2019.	n

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		per year). Estimate total grant drawdown is £520,000 over same period.)			
ERT/106/2018	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve and adopt contents of the attached Castlewella Forest Park Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 18.05.18. 2. Proceed with HLF and DAERA applications based on the recommendations of consultant's reports. 3. Review costs and look into other potential sources of funding. 4. Review final application and consider a phased approach if other sources of funding are not available 	J McGilly	HLF Stage 1 application submitted. Outcome expected December 2018	N
ERT/110/2018	IRISH STREET PUBLIC REALM	Agreed to note that the Irish Street Public Realm Scheme will commence in Autumn 2018 and that Council will, upon receipt of	J McGilly	Work commencing January 2019, to be completed by March 2019	N

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		the letter of offer from DFC, procure the granite.			
		August 2018			
ERT/120/2018	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the contents of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 13.06.18 • To proceed with procurement of consultant to carry out an Economic Appraisal at Castlewellan Forest Park • To approve and adopt contents of the Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 06.07.18 • Proceed with submission HLF and DAERA applications based on the costs that have been provided by Consultants reports. • NMDDC to proceed with procuring a Multi-Disciplinary Team for DAERA and HLF works in Walled Garden and Bothy Yard in Castlewellan. • NMDDC to identify and explore 	J McGilly	Ongoing - application submitted. Awaiting outcome.	N

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		element of HLF Development works that can be undertaken prior to December 2018.			
ERT/121/2018	SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN PROGRAMME UPDATE	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the additional activity and outputs for the Social Enterprise Newry, Mourne and Down Programme	J McGilly	In progress	N
ERT/122/2018	DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council offices continue to progress land purchase to include the additional property at No.39 Irish Street which is adjacent to Former Police Station. • Officers explore with relevant government departments any issues that may arise due to Heritage Merit of the site • As the site was purchased on the basis that the link road not being included in the brief. DEA Cllrs request via DEA officers a meeting with Transport NI • Officers bring back to council via ERT suitable governance structures for the project 	J McGilly	In progress	N

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ERT/124/2018	DFI Letters Of Offer for further Greenway Project development work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that Council accept both DFI Letters of Offer for the Downpatrick to Newcastle and Downpatrick to Comber proposed Greenways. • Council proceed to appoint Consultants, via Scape Framework to assist in Project Bid/Detail Design stages. • Council work in Partnership with Ards & North Down Borough • Council to establish a steering committee to oversee this next stage of the projects to ensure that all interests particularly those of local landowners are being considered. • Councillor Burgess to be sent updated list on the Rights of Ways in the Down area. 	J McGilly	In progress	N
ERT/125/2018	Changchun Region Friendship Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that the attendance of the Chair, Chief Executive and one other officer to attend the Leaders' Summit in Dalian and agree future working relationships with Changchun 	L Hannaway	Ongoing	N

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		City and Region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sign the Friendly Cooperation Cities Agreement. 			
ERT/126/2018	C8 Eastern Economic Corridor Conference	1. Agreed that a Study on the Eastern Corridor to be completed by Ulster University and Dublin City University that will analysis the real economic opportunities along the corridor and potential projects of economic merit that can be delivered in collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the study is 5 months (draft: Early October, Final Dec 18) • The overall aim for the research is to profile the Eastern Economic Corridor on the island of Ireland and establish an evidence base for potential local government-led collaboration along the corridor. • The specific objectives for the research project include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To provide an evidence base for an economic corridor on the Eastern 	M Ward	In progress	N

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		<p>seaboard of the island of Ireland;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o To identify the basis for collaboration and potential interventions and actions that might assist in the development of an Eastern Economic Corridor. <p>(2) Early in 2019, a Conference will be held to look at the combined strengths of the 8 Council regions, and how the Dublin-Belfast economic corridor is the primary region on the island of Ireland with the potential to compete with the world's largest cities and metropolitan zones. The objective of this Conference is to highlight and explore in greater depth the significant economic potential and benefits of a cohesive Eastern Economic Corridor achieved through greater connectivity</p>			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will bring together an influential group of leaders, thinkers and investors from around the world, to show what the corridor can offer through investment in vastly improved connectivity and partnership growth. • It will also see key figures from the private, public and third sectors from both sides of the border discuss how best to pool the resources of the corridor to compete on a global basis and address the diverse opportunities from across the investment community. • It will explore how and where complementary skills can be combined along the Eastern Economic Corridor, where economies of scale can be found and where the joint efforts of both cities can produce a global force which is 			

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		<p>even more powerful than the sum of its parts. Critical to success is connectivity along the corridor and between the cities, both physical and digital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops Themes might include: (opportunity to each Council to lead on a Theme) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Infrastructure and accessibility o Social innovation o Sectoral cluster growth o Employability, skills and talent o The developing position on Brexit o Global competitiveness o Attracting investment 			
ERT/130/2018	DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK MASTERPLAN	Approval be granted to begin a comprehensive engagement process on the development of this Masterplan with local residents, user groups, stakeholders, and businesses, etc on the development of Delamont Country Park.	A Patterson	Ongoing	N

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ERT/131/2018	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - TOURISM EVENTS FUND SUMMARY	Mr Patterson to review the current guidelines for the Financial Assistance Programme.	A Patterson	In progress	N
		September 2018			
ERT/139/2018	AONBs UPDATE - RING OF GULLION, STRANGFORD LOUGH & LECALÉ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out an independent review of the management of the Ring of Gullion and Strangford Lough & Lecale AONBs, and the relationship between NMDDC and ANDBC in managing Strangford Lough & Lecale AONB. Review the management of the relationship between NMDDC and Mourne Heritage Trust in managing the Mourne AONB. Assess the relationship of the aspiring Geopark and the AONBs. Through the AONBs much of the Geopark requirements are being delivered. Remove any references to changes to staffing and major projects contained in the AONBs Update Report dated 10 September 2018. 	J McGilly	Ongoing. Appointing consultants to review AONB management structures.	N
ERT/140/2018	NEWRY CHAMBER VISIT TO CONSTRUCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agree funding of £5,000 to Newry Chamber of Commerce 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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	AND DESIGN EVENT 3/4 DECEMBER 2018	<p>and Trade towards the London Construction and Design event 3rd and 4th December 2018. This is subject to there being a suitable application process to ensure wide participation of companies from the local area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the potential benefit of sending a Council delegate to the Construction and Design Event on the 3/4 December 2018 with Newry Chamber. 			
ERT/142/2018	GREENWAY TRANSPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Officers engage DfI/Translink Officials to progress the possibility of installing a bus stop at the Victoria Lock site, and in increasing the number of buses passing the site each day. • The provision of 'round the lough' public convenience services be included for discussion at future meetings with Translink. 	A Patterson	Ongoing	N
		October 2018			
ERT/156/2018	CREST Skills Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the evaluation report of the Crest SRC skills enhancement programme • To Approve a £10,000 contribution 	J McGilly	Complete. Reported to Oct 2018 ERT on outcomes.	Y

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	Programme	towards the SRC / SERC Colleges Connected programme that will secure delivery of the below outputs in this District Council area 64 participants engaged on the Skills programme, with 35% engaged in further education and employment upon completing the programme and 12% in employment upon leaving the programme.			
ERT/157/2018	AUDIO TOUR GUIDES FOR NEWRY AND MOURNE MUSEUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project will contribute to enhancing Newry's product as a destination for tourists, with the audio guides enriching the visitor offer at the Museum. Recommendation - go out to Tender for a new audio tour system. 	A Patterson	Work in progress	N
ERT/160/2018	<u>NOTICE OF MOTION</u> COMMUNITY LED FESTIVALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Officers continue to undertake the review of the Financial Assistance programme in relation to the funding support provided via the Tourism Events Fund - including the timing on the provision of potential funding, with the view that all 	M Ward	Ongoing	N

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		festival and event organisers require as much lead-in time and assurity of funding support as possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A workshop to be scheduled to look at events generally in the district. • The definition of Council events and community led events to be circulated to all Councillors. 			
ERT/162/2018	<u>ACTION TRACKER UPDATE SHEET</u> ERT/104/2018 - ARTISAN MARKETS	An updated report on the performance of the artisan markets to be brought to a future ERT committee meeting.	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/166/2018	NI BUSINESS START UP PROGRAMME	To agree that officers continue to engage via the NI NIBSUP Programme board to develop a proposal and subsequent funding for a new NI / regional Business Start Up Programme commencing in 2021.	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/169/2018	<u>EXEMPT INFO TENDER FOR FLYING DISPLAY DIRECTOR</u>	Agreed that procurement is undertaken to appoint a Flying display Director for the Festival of Flight in 2019, with the option of	A Patterson	Ongoing	N

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		extending the appointment to cover the event to 2020, and in 2021 in order to be assured that the airshow is managed safely, in compliance with the necessary regulations, and provides value for money.			
		November 2018			
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