

March 11th, 2019

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 11th March 2019** at **3:00 pm** in the **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

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18.0 Historic Action Tracker Update. (Copy attached)

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Exempt Information Items

19.0 Licence of Heron's Nest Delamont. (Copy attached)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

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Not included

20.0 FFNI Update. (Copy attached)

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📄 *Rpt re FFNI Update.docx*

Not included

📄 *Appx - FFNI Investment Panel Letter.pdf*

Not included

21.0 Castlewellan Forest Park - HLF Application. (Copy attached)

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📄 *ERT Report Castlewellan 4.3.19.pdf*

Not included

22.0 Slieve Gullion Forest Park - Repairs to Plateau Path. (Copy attached)

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📄 *ERT Report Mar 19 - Slieve Gullion Path Capital Approval.docx*

Not included

📄 *Appx Full Business Case Slieve Gullion Trail.docx*

Not included

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ACTION SHEET - ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2019

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/ 019/2019	FORKHILL PLAY AREA	<p>(a) To proceed to put in place the relevant Licence Agreements with the Department of Communities (DFC) to enable the proposed Forkhill Play Area to be both constructed and maintained thereafter by the Council.</p> <p>(b) The Council to maintain its interest in the site as part of the ongoing D1 site disposal process to ensure those elements that the Council are maintaining are transferred into Council ownership.</p>	M Ward	<p>Playpark to commence on site in March 2019.</p> <p>Council working with FADDA, DFC, DAERA on the long term future for the site.</p>	N
ERT/ 020/2019	PUBLIC REALM SCHEME - WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE	<p>(a) Approve the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme, and to proceed to procurement of an integrated Consultancy Team (ICT). If within budget, proceed to appointment.</p> <p>(b) Council establish a relevant Task and Finish Working Group for the</p>	M Ward	Council officials now discussing consultant procurement.	N

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		Design and Delivery (subject to DFC funding) of the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme. (c) Officers to look at the possible renaming of the Public Realm Scheme to include Cole's Corner, Dock Street and the Baths.			
ERT/ 021/2019	NEWRY CITY PURPLE FLAG	(a) The Council renew the annual Purple Flag Accreditation Membership for 2019. (b) The Chairperson of Council and relevant Council Official to attend the Purple Flag Awards in Dublin to be held on Wednesday 6 March 2019.	M Ward	Complete. Completed	Y Y
ERT/ 022/2019	RING OF GULLION	The Council enter into a partnership agreement with Translink for a refurbished tram carriage to be hosted on their site at Newry Train Station as a Ring of Gullion welcome feature, for a minimum of 10 years, to be maintained by Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership (RoGLPS) or AONB volunteers.	M Ward	In progress	N
ERT/ 023/2019	ENVIRONMENT FUND APPLICATION	(a) To submit an application to DAERA for Environment Fund funding for a period of 4 years	M Ward	Complete - application under assessment.	N

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	RING OF GULLION AONB STRANGFORD & LECALE AONB	from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023 for the delivery of actions in Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford Lough & Lecale AONB (RGSLL). Continue to provide support for RGSLL and the work to deliver the AONB Action Plans and Marine Site MPA Scheme in support of the Councils role in heritage based projects and activity based tourism and the conserving of landscape as a resource, rural economic development, outdoor recreation, biodiversity, environmental sustainability legislation and healthy and active communities.			
ERT/ 024/2019	LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK (LFFN)	<p>(a) To finalise the Consortium Agreement in conjunction with NMDDC legal department and Belfast Legal Services.</p> <p>(b) Following notification of the successful application to DCMS on behalf of FFNI, it is recommended to enter into a Consortium Agreement with NMDDC acting as lead Council.</p>	A Smyth	<p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>Update report to March 2019 ERT.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p>

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		(c) Ms M Ward Director ERT, to provide details to Councillor D McAteer regarding the issues raised in relation to how FFNI will benefit the creation of network connections in rural areas.			
ERT/ 025/2019	NEWCASTLE AND WARRENPOINT BEACHES	<p>(a) The development of the beach front area in Warrenpoint to be included in the development brief for the Environmental Improvement scheme and that the Council enters into a period of Water Quality Testing to establish water quality and the potential for a bathing water designation in three years time.</p> <p>(b) To host a workshop with officials of the Marine Strategy and Licensing Branch of DAERA to discuss proposals for the beach front at Warrenpoint and to discuss obtaining a Marine Licence for the necessary works required at Newcastle Beach.</p> <p>(c) To refer to the Neighbourhood Services Directorate to improve the provision of litter bins and cleansing on Newcastle Beach</p>	A Patterson		N

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		and surrounding area.			
ERT/ 026/2019	SUSTAINABLE DESTINATIONS GLOBAL TOP 100 AWARDS	To note the achievement of County Down being recognised as the only destination in the UK/Ireland to be included in the prestigious `Sustainable Destinations Global Top 100 Awards Ceremony in March 2019 in Berlin to receive the award.	A Patterson	Complete	Y
ERT/ 027/2019	RESURFACING OF ENTRANCE ROAD - DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK	(a) To appoint a contractor through the CPD Framework to undertake resurfacing works to the entrance road at Delamont Country Park, before the Easter period, at a cost of £70,000. (b) Officials look at providing additional woodchip at the Play Area in Delamont Country Park to dress wet areas around play equipment ie, slide and swings.	A Patterson	In progress In progress	Y Y
ERT/ 028/2019	SPAIN VISIT	To accept an invitation from the Mayor of Vimianzo Spain for the Chairperson of Council to visit the	A Patterson	Complete.	Y

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		region from 1-3 March 2019.			
ERT/ 029/2019	TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMME 2019/20	<p>(a) To approve the Tourism Events Programme for the 2019/20 Financial Year.</p> <p>(b) To approve funding to the following events, by way of Service Level Agreement; Letter of Offer and Contractual Documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ulster Pipe Band Championship Newcastle £20,000 - Ulster Fleadh 50th Anniversary Castlewellan / County Down / Castlewellan CCE - £25,000 - UK and Ireland Pride - Newry Rainbow Community - £50,000 - Maidens of the Mourne 30TH Anniversary - £20,000 - Down Time Festival - Down Community Arts in Partnership with Down Community Collective - £30,000 - Skiffies Festival - to be delivered by way of Service Level Agreement with Coastal Rowing Association - £40,000 	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th March 2019
Subject:	Newry Canal Lock No.5 Upgrade works
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Seamus Crossey, Capital Project Officer (ERT)

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<p>As previously agreed by ERT, Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) grant aid was accepted to match fund Council Capital monies to carry out the Works to Newry Canal Lock No.5 Restoration.</p> <p>Over the years, tree routes have significantly dislodged sections of wall and stones in walls. Also, overgrown vegetation has gathered on all the walls, various debris has built up in the Lock Chamber and a host of other structural issues have come about from significant dereliction of the Lock Chamber over many years.</p> <p>With works due to continue to the early summer of 2019, there is a potential underspend on this overall project, which could be used to carry out survey/design studies and actual contractual works for restoration now required to Lock No.6.</p>		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	Located along the Towpath, Lock No.6 given its closeness to the Carnbane Entrance, gets a lot of passing pedestrians and cyclists and these works will help to secure the integrity of the listed monument structure and ensure its attractiveness on a heavily used tourist/recreational route.		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	<p>1.) Council transfer any underspend from the Lock No.5 Restoration to Lock No.6 Restoration Project.</p> <p>2.) Subject to budget Transfer, Council carry out the required survey/design studies and actual contractual works for restoration now required to Lock No.6.</p>		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	Overall Landfill Communities Fund (LFC) grant aid was available (£92k) to match fund Council Capital monies in 2018/19 and 2019/2020 (Total of 55k)		
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
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 March 2019
Subject:	Artisan Markets - Downpatrick & Newcastle
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Margaret Quinn Project Development Manager

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

For decision	x	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			Approval was given by Council in June 2018 to enter into Service Level Agreements with Down Community Collective and Unit T (Mourne Markets) to deliver Artisan Markets in Downpatrick & Newcastle respectively. 10 successful markets have been held in each location.
2.0			Key issues
2.1			Analysis of attendance at the markets was undertaken and a report presented to Committee in November 2018. Average attendance at each of the markets is 600+ and the markets have become a draw for both visitors and residents in each location. High quality food producers and crafters attend the markets and there is now a waiting list for available pitches. The service level agreements with both the delivery agents are now due for renewal.
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			To approve the renewal of the service level agreements with Downpatrick Community Collective and Unit T to deliver 10 Artisan markets in each location in the 2019/20 financial year.
4.0			Resource implications
4.1			£10,000 (£5,000 per location) is included in 2019/20 budgets.
5.0			Equality and good relations implications
5.1			The Artisan Markets will be accessible to all and Section 75 legislation is recognised.
6.0			Rural Proofing implications
6.1			The Artisan Markets will be promoted across the district including rural locations.
7.0			Appendices
			N/A
8.0			Background Documents
			N/A

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 th March 2019
Subject:	Support to Made in Mourne on an International visit
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie Ward Director of Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

For decision	x	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Made in Mourne is a not for profit social enterprises based in Kilkeel. They provide a stimulating and inspiring space giving local entrepreneurs & creatives the opportunity to showcase their work locally but also globally.</p> <p>As a collective, the Made in Mourne network will profile the 70+ companies on an international scale at trade visit to Washington and New York during March. This opportunity follows a period of engagement with international contacts, which has resulted in one of the Made in Mourne Businesses, BITE TO SAVOUR, supplying the Washington breakfast with Local artisan food hampers as a corporate gift, organised & funded through NI bureau /Invest NI and Tourism Ireland.</p> <p>Made in Mourne have secured assistance from Invest NI and Collins Aerospace to support their 3 day visit, and have sought support of £1250 from Council</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The key outcome of this visit is for the Made in Mourne network of 70 + businesses to benefit from export opportunities through the establishment of new business & customers in an international market.</p> <p>As well as opening a new market, MADE in Mourne will be Launching their e-commerce site, giving the 70+ business the platform to start selling globally collectively</p> <p>Other objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect with the Irish & Mourne Diaspora - Launch the MADE in Mourne e-commerce website - Give our creatives the platform to success globally <p>Meetings will be held with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irish Arts Centre - NYC, a potential sale outlet • Food Ireland - an online e-commerce site based in the NYC • Meeting delegates at the Washington DC - St Patrick Breakfast event organised by NI Bureau, opportunity to secure future

	<p>business, investment or funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank of Ireland Start Lab in NYC - provide 7 Irish companies a year to scale their business by providing them a space in NYC • InvestNI office in NYC
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note that Council have provided support of £1250 for 2 representatives from Made in Mourne to undertake an international Trade Visit to American in March 2019 in order to develop international trading opportunities for the 70+ creative business within the Made in Mourne network
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	£1250 which is available from existing budgets
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	All necessary considerations have been taken care of
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	All necessary considerations have been taken care of.
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 th March 2019
Subject:	NMDDC/Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership application for Coastal Communities funding
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice (Landscape Partnership and AONB Manager)

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

For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	<p>Newry, Mourne and Down Council through the SLLP Partnership have developed a proposal and are seeking funding through the Coastal Communities Fund for a project of approx £100,000.</p> <p>The proposal will deliver actions 3.4 and 3.5 of the Strangford and Lecale AONB Action Plan 2017 – 22 (concerning supporting local people to provide access to and new community uses for built heritage in state care and engaging local communicators and educators in delivering messages of sustainability and AONB care).</p> <p>It will also feed into the strategic framework of the council and contribute to the tourism strategy.</p>	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	<p>The coastal Communities fund supports economic development projects in coastal areas across the UK by promoting sustainable economic growth and jobs. Tourism is a significant economic driver across NMDDC and is an important tool in encouraging communities to value and protect their local environment as a resource that sustainably supports their economy. The tourism products envisioned by this project would also promote the sustainable use of the built heritage of the area</p> <p>The proposed project is in three parts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A scoping exercise carried out in disadvantaged communities on the coast of Lecale and the Mournes, to animate interest in the development of community tourism clusters this will match a current scoping project being funded by Invest NI through North Down and Ards BC, so that the whole of Strangford Lough AONB and the coast of the Mournes will benefit from the initiative • Taking the results of these two scoping exercises, recruiting a facilitator and developing two clusters, one in each of the two zones above to develop experiential tourism packages in their areas and providing training identified in the first stage as required to include eg tour-guiding, marketing, interpretation etc • To market the experiential packages developed in stage 2 and 	

	<p>support the delivery of them in their first year</p> <p>The application has been submitted prior to the funding deadline of 01 March 2019</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Officials continue to develop the SLLP Coastal Communities fund proposal through the application process, and if successful to implement the project as laid out in a Letter of Offer. A further report to be tabled notifying the Council of the outcome of the application and if successful, the outputs of the final programme of activity.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>This project is 100% funded therefore there is no financial requirement from Council and the grant will cover all project costs.</p> <p>NMDDC/SLLP staff will co-ordinate, manage and promote this project - a management fee will be included in the application, which will provide matched funding leverage with NIEA.</p>
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	Having considered the proposal it is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	<p>Having considered the proposal it is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon rural proofing.</p> <p>The implementation of this project will have a positive impact on this rural area of our district</p>
7.0	Appendices
	n/a
8.0	Background Documents
	n/a

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 th March 2019
Subject:	Belfast Region City Deal: Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive

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

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			<p>In November 2018 Chancellor Philip Hammond announced in the 2018 Autumn Budget an investment of £350 million from Treasury. As part of the City Deal, this investment will be matched by a further £350 million from the NI Executive with City Deal Councils and partners contributing over £100 million.</p> <p>Securing a City Deal for the Belfast Region in November 2018, followed a period of engagement with key stakeholders, and development of key strategic initiatives that would deliver against the City Deal vision of accelerating inclusive economic growth for the whole region and delivering up to 20,000 new and better jobs with a positive spread of benefits across the region.</p> <p>Throughout the development and assessment of the investment proposals, the Belfast Region City Deal Programme Board worked in partnership with key stakeholders and partners from our Universities, Colleges, Permanent Secretaries, the NIO and key Department Officials who fed into the various elements of the City Deal themes.</p> <p>In September 2018, Council, along side the other City Deal partners approved submission of the Proposition for investment to the UK lead Department: Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), which included for the Council region, the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Relief Road • Newry City Regeneration (Theatre & Conference + Public realm) • Mournes Gateway <p>The below are other BRCD initiatives that will also have an impact on our area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employability and Skills programme • Regional Innovators Network • Infrastructure Enabling Fund • Smart District & Test bed • Digital Innovation Platform <p>The investment programme has been developed on the four key pillars of Innovation and Digital, Infrastructure, Tourism and Employability and Skills. The Proposal is supported strategically through the Belfast Regional Industrial Framework, a Skills and Employability Framework, a Digital and Innovation</p>

	Proposition, an Infrastructure Investment Framework, and a Tourism Product Development Framework
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Following the Chancellors announcement in November 2018, the City Deal Partners with the UK and NI Government departments have been developing a Heads of Terms agreement in order to commence the next phase of the City Deal process. The Heads of Terms is a tripartite agreement between the UK Government, the NI Government and the BRCD Partners, which outlines both the broad financial commitments being made by all the partners to the BRCD and the collective commitment to work in partnership to ensure delivery of the BRCD programme. The Heads of Terms have now been agreed by the City Deal Programme Board, which represents each of the City Deal partners. Formal approval is now sought from each individual partner.</p> <p>Governance Arrangements are also being developed which will incorporate a Joint Council Forum, an Executive Board and Advisory Boards for each of the Pillars of Investment. This is key to ensure that the structure is in place for implementing the next phase of the City Deal which will be development of Outline Business Cases and financial plans for each of the City Deal projects, which are essential requirements to satisfy MHCLG City Deal conditions. Key to this Structure is the Joint Members Forum which will ensure member engagement in the strategic direction of the City Deal process. Development of Council led projects will remain as the responsibility of Council, guided by the City Deal principles. Through the Joint Members Forum the Programme Board, and the Advisory Boards, Council will also have an input into the development of projects that will have an impact on our area.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve and sign the Belfast Region City Deal Heads of Terms agreement with the BRCD Partners, UK Government, and the NI Government which confirms the collective commitment to work in partnership and ensure delivery of the BRCD programme.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	A budget has been included for City Deal revenue costs in 2019/20. During this period Council will be responsible for the development of Council led projects through the OBC process and further details will be brought to committee on these costs.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	All necessary considerations have been taken care of.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	All necessary considerations have been taken care of.
7.0	Appendices
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heads of Terms - Governance Structures
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Belfast Region City Deal

UK GOVERNMENT, BELFAST CITY REGION AND
NORTHERN IRELAND DEPARTMENTAL COMMITMENTS TO A
BELFAST CITY REGION DEAL
MARCH 2019

Our signing of this deal confirms our joint commitment to achieve full implementation of the Belfast Region City Deal.

	<p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Mayor</p>
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	<p>Vice Chancellor</p>	
	<p>Vice Chancellor</p>	
	<p>Secretary of State</p>	
<p>On behalf of NI Departments</p>	<p>NICS Senior Official</p>	

Introduction

The UK Government has committed to working with Northern Ireland Government and Belfast Region partners to deliver a City Deal that builds upon the strengths and unique characteristics of the Region and addresses barriers to economic growth by delivering an integrated programme of investment that will deliver a step change in inclusive economic growth and productivity that will benefit all communities.

This document sets out the commitments of the UK Government and Belfast Region City Deal (BRCD) partners to invest up to £500 million in the Belfast Region City Deal. The projects outlined in this document cut across the responsibilities of local, NI and UK Governments and unlocking their full potential will also require a funding commitment of £350 million from Northern Ireland Government.

In the absence of the Northern Ireland Ministers, it is not currently possible to secure the commitment of the Northern Ireland Executive to specific funding commitments. However, the programme has been developed with the full engagement of Northern Ireland Departments and is consistent with the previous Executive's draft Programme for Government. Under the powers available to NI departments at present, and having taken into account the NI (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018 and the guidance issued by the Northern Ireland Secretary of State, the NI Departments are empowered to and will continue to advance preparatory work as far as possible until such time as decisions can be taken by Ministers.

The delivery of this deal requires the UK Government and local partners from the Belfast Region economic area to invest up to £500 million in the Belfast Region City Deal and in due course, the Northern Ireland Executive match funding the UK Government contribution of £350m.

The Belfast Region

The Belfast Region is the home of Northern Ireland's capital city and accommodates a population of over 1 million people. The region is comprised of six local authorities: Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council; Ards and North Down Borough Council; Belfast City Council; Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council; Mid and East Antrim Borough Council; and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. It is a young, ambitious and growing region, with more than 550,000 people under the age of 40 and two excellent universities supporting the education of 45,000 students within the Region as well as four Regional Colleges with a combined enrolment of more than 110,000 students.

In 2017, 56.8% of Northern Ireland's active business base was located within the region. It is Northern Ireland's key economic engine, generating total GVA of approximately £24,320m and provides critical access and transport links for trade and tourism.

A successful Belfast Region is vital to the future wellbeing of everyone living in Northern Ireland, and since the Good Friday Agreement twenty years ago has undergone visible transformation that has elevated its reputation as both an attractive national and global destination to visit and do business. Unemployment within the region has decreased, tourism is flourishing and significant and sustained business investment has underpinned robust economic growth.

Challenges

However, like many city regions, the Belfast Region faces a range of barriers to continued economic growth.

- **Productivity** levels historically fall below the UK national average and lag even further behind international competitors.
- Levels of **Economic inactivity** are amongst the highest in the UK and high levels of deprivation persist in many communities.
- Approximately 16% of adults have no qualifications and a potential **Skills Gap** is emerging as the nature of jobs in the region's economy increasingly require educational qualifications.
- Despite a strong research base at local universities and some highly innovative companies, there are comparatively low levels of regional investment in the drivers of **innovation** in both business and higher education.
- The capacity of **Tourism** infrastructure within the region is beginning to constrain the burgeoning tourist industry and investment is required in world class tourism products and attractions to increase visitors from new markets and grow new types of tourism.
- Many of the region's towns are in need of **Regeneration** to realise their untapped economic potential, attract and sustain greater visitor numbers and support job creation and investment in the local and regional economy.
- **Physical and Digital infrastructure** is in need of enhancement. Modernised transport links and utilities are necessary to service the increasing demands that regional economic growth is bringing and to ensure that the new jobs being created can be accessed by all our communities. It is also vital that the Belfast region's digital infrastructure can support the increasing demands of the region's targeted growth sectors.

Targeted Growth Sectors

Although there are a number of long-term and persistent barriers to growth, the Belfast Region has key assets in terms of its workforce, its colleges and universities and expanding businesses in a number of sectors in which it has competitive advantage and could be world class. On the basis of expert analysis of the Belfast Region's economic characteristics, the BRCD partners believe that they are particularly well placed to target the development of the following growth sectors:

- Financial, Business and Professional Services
- Agri-Food
- Digital and Creative Technologies
- Advanced Manufacturing, Materials and Engineering
- Life and Health Sciences
- Tourism
- Construction and Materials Handling

As part of the second fastest growing UK Knowledge Economy for five consecutive years, the Belfast Region has considerable strengths across these sectors. However, to sustain this progress and accelerate growth across all priority growth sectors, investment is required in research and development, innovation and digital capabilities, new technology, skills and infrastructure.

Recognising both the opportunities and challenges within the region, The UK Government is committed to working with the BRCD partners and Northern Ireland Government to realise a vision of inclusive economic growth for the Belfast Region ***“That delivers more and better jobs, a positive impact on the most deprived communities and a balanced spread of benefits across the region”.***

The Deal

The BRCD partners have agreed an investment plan consisting of projects across four key Investment Pillars: Infrastructure, Tourism and Regeneration, Innovation and Digital and Employability and Skills. The Investment Plan will channel investment to support the Belfast Region's priority growth sectors and help to deliver a vision for inclusive growth. It is an integrated programme of investment that cuts across the responsibilities of local, NI and UK Governments with each pillar building on and supporting the others. The delivery of this deal requires the UK Government and partners from the Belfast Region to invest up to £500 million in the Belfast Region City Deal and in due course, the Northern Ireland Executive match funding the UK Government contribution of £350m.

The Belfast Region City Deal has the potential if implemented in full, to play a key role in delivering high growth ambitions for the Region that could deliver 20,000 jobs, with an annual GVA impact of £470m and create a Belfast Region that is not just self-sufficient but a driver for a rejuvenated NI economy.

Innovation & Digital

At the core of the Belfast Region City Deal is a proposal to transform the Belfast Region's innovation and digital capabilities. This will involve creating **global centres of innovation excellence** in our priority growth sectors that leverage the research capabilities within our universities, through new partnership structures and enhanced **digital capability and connectivity**, to extend their impact across the Belfast Region's economy. The vision is for an interconnected, innovation and digital ecosystem in which researchers and businesses are able to work together to test, develop and apply new technology to improve performance, productivity and, critically, bring new products and services to market.

Investment by the UK Government and the BRCD partners in innovation and digital would enable the delivery of transformative projects such as:

The Global Innovation Institute (GII) is a cross-disciplinary digital innovation hub that will draw together the leading-edge skill-sets of three of Queen's University's Global Research Institutes with the aim of expanding the regional cluster of hi-tech companies from 200 to 600.

The Centre for Digital Healthcare Technology (CDHT) will see the establishment of a high visibility, high quality centre for digital technology and associated living labs in the areas of cardiology, diabetes, respiratory and stroke and will support more than 550 jobs through spin outs and FDI.

The Institute for Research Excellence in Advanced Clinical Healthcare (i-REACH) is a transformative project that brings together existing clinical infrastructure from across the region to establish a state-of-the-art, integrated clinical research facility that will attract national and international investment into the region to conduct leading, large scale clinical trials.

The Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre (AMIC) will operate at the interface between academia and industry to accelerate the development of new manufacturing technology developments and ensure that real industrial challenges based on market need are solved through collaboration with the best university research.

The Screen and Media Innovation Lab will provide the Belfast region with a world-leading research and innovation centre to accelerate the growth of the creative industries sector with the aim of supporting the creation of the strongest performing screen Industries sector outside London.

The Regional Innovators Network will comprise a network of state of the art innovation spaces incorporating high quality, digitally advanced co-making spaces in each Council area that will offer technologists, local businesses and local communities the space and equipment to pursue innovation projects at small and medium scale and provide a platform for training and education for new economy skills and digitally enabled design.

The Digital and Innovation Platform and Partnership (DIPP) will consist of a common platform to share expertise and data capabilities across City Deal projects, along with a regional partnership to facilitate collaborations and a challenge fund to encourage businesses to test products in a cost-effective, secure and supported environment.

The Infrastructure Enabling Fund will deliver the next generation of digital connectivity required within and between the Belfast Region City Deal projects and make provision for connectivity needs in Belfast Region rural locations identified as testbeds for smart agriculture and tourism.

As well as being an area for dynamic industry and specific technology testing, the *Smart District* will act as the flagship for the *Regional Testbed Network*, including connectivity infrastructure, such as 5G networking, at a large enough scale for multiple large-scale use cases across different sectors. Technology-ready testbeds will be created to develop and attract investment in technologies related to key sectors: health, tourism, logistics, advanced manufacturing.

Subject to full business case approval of projects, the UK Government will commit up to £350m over a 15 year period from 2019/20 to support the Belfast Region deliver transformative projects that will position Belfast Region as a globally competitive destination for digital and innovation investment.

The Region's Universities and local authorities will support the UK Government's investment in the Belfast Region's digital and innovation capabilities with a joint funding commitment of at least £50m towards the development of digital and innovation projects and a commitment to underwrite the related future revenue costs.

The UK Government and the Northern Ireland Government will support the BCRD partners to develop their full business cases, including through the development of assurance frameworks to ensure the value for money of the proposals. All funding will be subject to full business case approval.

Infrastructure, Tourism and Regeneration

The BCRD partners have been engaging with the NI Government Departments to develop a programme of investment in infrastructure, tourism and regeneration that will support the delivery of ambitions for inclusive growth. Delivery of the programme will require a future NI Government to invest £350 million in the overall infrastructure, tourism and regeneration programme. This will be supplemented by a further £100million investment by the six partner Councils in BCRD to support the Tourism and Regeneration pillars.

Infrastructure

The proposed infrastructure investment will play a critical role in helping to deliver inclusion by connecting people living in some of the most deprived areas of the region to key employment centres. Planned investments include the *Southern Relief Road*, a strategically important route that will connect the A1 Belfast and Eastern Seaboard Corridor with the A2 Warrenpoint dual carriageway. *Phase II of Belfast Rapid Transit* will improve the connections between North and South Belfast, neighbouring council areas including Antrim & Newtownabbey and Lisburn & Castlereagh and the wider Belfast

region and a pedestrian and cycle-bridge across the River Lagan will improve access to Belfast City Centre.

Tourism and Regeneration

Given the unique history, natural environment and cultural heritage of the Region, there is a real opportunity for a further step change in the tourism offering, building upon the significant success already achieved in terms of tourism growth. Through this City Deal the Belfast Region is seeking to deliver a series of internationally visible tourism products that will extend the tourist route from Belfast through Carrickfergus, towards the Causeway Coast and Glens along Ards and North Down and into the Mourne Mountains. In addition, if the Belfast Region is to achieve its potential it is also vital that investment is directed towards towns which have suffered from industrial decline and economic restructuring, so that they have the opportunity to play a full part in the Region's growth. Supporting major regeneration projects will help to transform the economic potential of key towns across the region. It is estimated that if fully implemented the following tourism and regeneration projects could deliver up to 2,800 permanent jobs across the region.

Investment by the NI Government and the BRCD Council partners in a BRCD Tourism and Regeneration fund would enable the delivery of transformative projects such as:

- *Belfast Destination Hub*, a multi-venue cultural destination inviting visitors to explore the many stories of the city and its people through an immersive, multigallery experience
- *Gateway to the Mournes*, redefining the visitor destination experience associated with the Mourne Mountains and coastline, including new adventure based attractions
- Creating a world class heritage attraction at *Hillsborough Castle and Hillsborough Village*
- Extending *the Gobbins* to create a "Must Do" adventure experience on the Antrim Coast
- The *Game of Thrones Legacy Attraction* at Moneyglass will transform the Winterfell Castle filmset into a unique visitor experience
- *Whitespots Regional Park*, opening up access to Strangford Lough and the Ards Peninsula
- Regeneration, repositioning and rebranding the town of *Carrickfergus*, placing the Castle and Walled Town firmly on the map as an authentic heritage-led tourism hub
- *Bangor Waterfront Regeneration* of a two mile stretch of coast from Ballyholme Beach to Bangor Town Centre, Marina and Waterfront, creating a seaside destination of choice
- Innovation led, phased regeneration of *St Patricks' Barracks* in Ballymena
- Delivering a thriving city centre through investment in *Newry City Centre Regeneration*

As devolved matters, new funding commitments in relation to infrastructure, tourism and regeneration in Northern Ireland will require the agreement of the Northern Ireland government. The proposed infrastructure projects have been developed with the input of the relevant Northern Ireland Departments and take account of the assessed infrastructure priorities for the region. Full business cases will be developed for these projects by the Department for Infrastructure. The Northern Ireland Government will support the BRCD partners to develop the full business cases for tourism and regeneration projects, including through the development of assurance frameworks to ensure the value for money of the proposals. All funding will be subject to full business case approval. In due course, the Northern Ireland Executive will consider the proposals and set out their plans for investment in infrastructure, tourism and regeneration as part of the Belfast Region City Deal alongside the BRCD partners.

Employability and Skills

The Belfast Region recognises that nothing is more important to the delivery of sustainable economic growth and supporting social inclusion than the education and skills of our workforce. The BRCD partners, working with the Northern Ireland Departments, therefore propose to invest £30 million in

a strong, complementary employability and skills package to ensure that the right skills are available within the Region to support the growth created by the capital investment set out across the Investment Pillars of the Deal. This will involve measures such as establishing an Employability and Skills Partnership for the Belfast Region responsible for delivery of a transformative, inclusive employability and skills programme; a City Deal Apprenticeship Programme and a Digital Skills programme. It will also include the delivery of a major programme which targets support towards getting people who are economically inactive into sustainable employment. In addition, the programme will have a strong focus on careers enhancement and improving productivity in priority growth sectors through investment in skills. The breadth and depth of the employability and skills pillar will be subject to the strength of final business cases and the prioritisation of the £30m package in a way which maximises the impact of funding in a Belfast region inclusive employment and skills package.

Employability and skills is a devolved matter and the Northern Ireland Government will support the BRCD partners to develop an integrated programme for employability skills, supported by a full business case that demonstrates value for money and which meets the dynamic skill requirements of business in priority sectors. In due course, the Northern Ireland Executive will consider the proposals and set out their plans for investment in employability and skills as part of the Belfast Region City Deal alongside the BRCD partners.

City Deal Governance

The Belfast Region has developed a clear governance structure to support the initial development of the Belfast Region City Deal (BRCD). This includes a Joint Council Forum and a Programme Board supported by Steering Groups tasked with developing coherent, integrated programmes in each of the Investment Pillars. The formal governance structures have been supported by wider engagement with local and regional partners, across all sectors.

The BRCD partners recognise the need to strengthen governance following agreement of Heads of Terms to provide the necessary assurance to the UK and NI Governments and the local partners that decisions will be made in accordance with the requirements and commitments detailed in the Head of Terms. The governance structures must provide clear lines of accountability for expenditure of public funds and demonstrate how local decision making will drive economic growth across the Belfast Region. The partners also recognise the need to develop new structures and approaches that will intensify direct engagement with the business sector, both to deliver co-investment and maximise economic benefits and job creation.

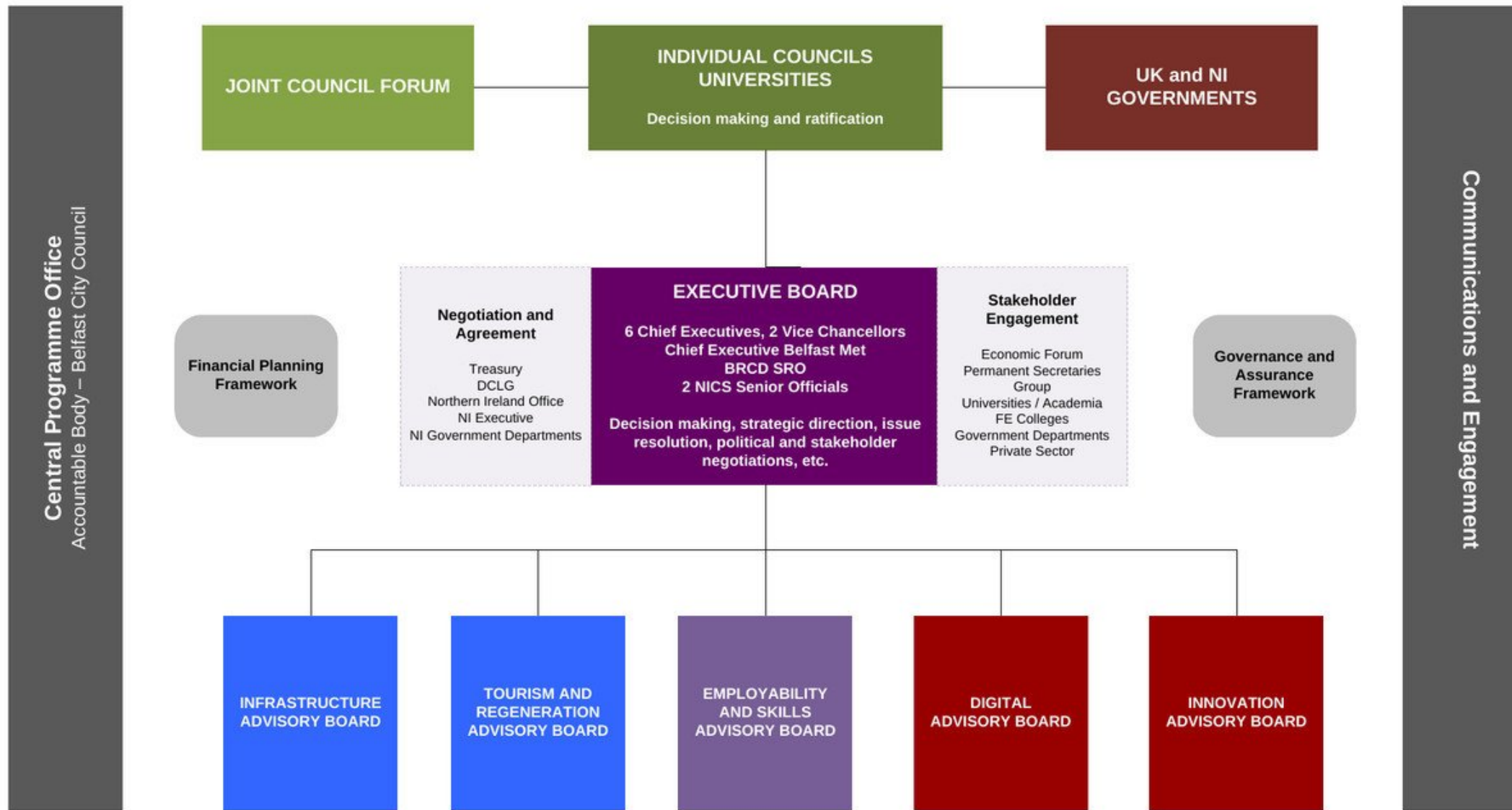
The BRCD partners will establish robust frameworks for the development of business cases and will demonstrate value for money for each project and how projects will contribute to our vision of inclusive growth before funding is made available. Assurance will be required on effective accountability arrangements in respect of the UK Government's commitment of £350m to the satisfaction of all parties to the deal and in respect of the Northern Ireland Government's commitment of £350m to the satisfaction of the Northern Ireland administration.

The BRCD partners will work with the UK Government and the NI administration to develop a final Belfast Region City Deal Document, a financial plan, a detailed implementation plan incorporating monitoring and evaluation frameworks and business cases for all projects receiving funding from the UK and/or NI Governments.

The BRCD partners will also work with both governments to develop a communication strategy and operating protocol. These documents will set out how communications and the Belfast Region City Deal and its associated activities are taken forward in a way that meet the needs of BRCD partners as well as the UK and NI Governments.

Belfast Region City Deal

Governance for Phase 2 – Develop the Implementation Plan and Funding Agreement



Potential Advisory Boards – oversight of OBC production

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Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th March 2019
Subject:	Service Level Agreements 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			In line with the strategic focus of the Council and ERT Department, a number of Service Level Agreements will be implemented in the next financial year which will assist in the delivery of key projects and services to our customers across the District.
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<p>Service Level Agreements for the 2019/20 financial year:</p> <p><u>Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIBSUP Interim programme delivery: Year 3 contribution - £70,000 • NMEA, Social Enterprise Programme renewal - £51,000 • East Border Region Committee - £20,000 • University of Ulster: Sectorial Analysis - £10,000 • University of Ulster: Confucius Institute - £5,000 • NMEA and Down Business Centre Innovation Alliance in partnership with Louth and Meath LEO - £25,000 • NMEA and DBC General Enterprise Development Support - £20,000 • Co Down Rural Community Network - £10,000 • WIB Female Entrepreneurship Programme - £7,000 <p>Skills and employment programmes (includes support for ESF programmes, and other skills and enterprise focused programmes, (subject to application approval for year 2 activity) - £50,000</p> <p>Support for local Economic Development events, activities and support (subject to application approval) - £25,000</p> <p>Downpatrick Community Collective and Unit T (Artisan markets) - £10,000</p> <p><u>Tourism</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mourne Heritage Trust - £300,000 • Outdoor Recreation NI - £25,056 • Royal National Lifeboat Institute (Tyrella, Murlough, Cranfield) - £49,904 • National Trust - £9,000 • St Patricks Visitors Centre - £115,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Down Railway - £21,600 • Kilkeel Development Association – existing SLA to be extended into 19/20 Financial Year in line with ongoing review of Visitor Information Service provision. <p>The projects covered by the above SLAs have had prior ERT Committee approval. Upon approval NMDDC will issue letters of offer to the above organisations for the implementation of the above programmes.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To consider and approve the list of Service Level Agreements for 2019/20 as detailed in Point 2.1 within this report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Required budgets have been profiled within the 2019/2020 rates
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:	11 th March 2019
Subject:	Tyrella Beach
Reporting Officer	Andrew Patterson - Assistant Director 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			Tyrella Beach is a designated ASSI and has held Blue Flag status for numerous years. It is one of the best tourism coastal facilities in NI. This paper sets out recommendations for undertaking significant improvement works at the site.
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<p>Car parking, toilet provision and walk ways are already provided at Tyrella beach however accumulations of sand has resulted in the current parking provision being inadequate. Lack of car parking spaces means visitors park along the roadside in busier periods causing traffic flow problems on the main road. There are not enough designated disabled or family car parking spaces and these do not meet the current required dimensions. The surface for disabled users and prams to access the beach from the car park is unsuitable.</p> <p>Visitor orientation has become worn and broken with no clear directional signage for visitors.</p> <p>Sustainable improvement works are needed at Tyrella Beach to improve the overall visitor experience, create a better first impression and improve the surface and availability of parking spaces in the car parking area as well as clear information and directional signage for visitors.</p> <p>If the works are not undertaken then continued deterioration of facilities may result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • potential impact on Blue Flag and ASSI status • a negative visitor experience • reduced visitor numbers • a decrease in income due to a potential reduction in visitors
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To appoint a design and build contract from the Council Framework to upgrade the car park at Tyrella beach, improve visitor servicing thus improving the visitor experience on the basis of budget provision of £275,000 which will complement £40,000 commitment previously agreed by Council to undertake minor aesthetic improvements around the site as per the business case.
4.0			Resource implications
4.1			The budget available in this year capital provision is £275,000.
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:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 March 2019
Subject:	Cranfield Beach
Reporting Officer	Andrew Patterson - Assistant Director 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			<p>Cranfield Beach had works carried out in 2015 which was Phase 1 of the project. These works included an upgrade to the children's play park with new adult fitness equipment; installation of new pathways; erection of fencing; and the provision of entrance feature signage and interpretation panels in line with the Mourne Coastal Route branding. As well as the above, separate works at the site included installing rock armour along the beach front. These environmental improvement works were funded through Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and the South East Area European Fisheries Fund (SEA). Further work for Phase 2 was to follow with plans to improve road drainage, sea defences, lighting and extend pathways. Full funding was not secured and planning permission has now been withdrawn. Although lack of funding will mean all planned work for Phase 2 cannot take place, work is required to improve access for inclusive beach equipment users, repair breakwater and drainage, improve access for residents and provide safer pedestrian and disability access and signage at facility.</p>
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<p>A number of key issues at the site include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricted access for inclusive beach equipment and disabled users through pedestrian railings. • No pedestrian access or safe route across car park for visitors using the less abled equipment . • Access issues for residents and some visitors because of high ramps on access road. • Breakwater needs repaired to prevent further damage. • Gabion sea defences have failed due to salty water and exposed wire pose a health and safety risk in places. • Water run of man holes have become blocked and damaged from storms and high tides and stone build up. • Road has become worn and drains blocked.
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To appoint a contractor to undertake remedial works to improve Breakwater, disabled and pedestrian access, minor improvements to Ameracam lane and drainage and repair damage to man holes

	<p>on beach as per the Business Case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To undertake a structural assessment of the breakwater to identify work required to ensure it is structurally sound.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>A capital budget of £120,000 is available in 19/20 to carry out improvements in at Cranfield Beach</p> <p>Work carried out will improve and enhance the facility and repair the Breakwater before they become more damaged.</p>
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	<p>It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.</p>
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	<p>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.</p>
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

AGREED 20.2.19



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Louth County Council



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Newry, Mourne
and Down
District Council

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

**Report of Meeting held Tuesday 20 November 2018 at 10.30 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 D Curran,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Councillor C Casey,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Councillor W Walker,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Councillor P Bryne,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Councillor J Tinnelly,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Mr L Hannaway,	Chief Executive NMDDC
	Ms J Martin,	Chief Executive LCC
	Mr J McGuinness,	Director LCC
	Ms M Ward,	Director NMDDC
	Mr R Moore,	Director NMDDC
	Ms D Carville,	Director NMDDC
	Mr J McGilly,	Assistant Director NMDDC
	Ms S McEldowney,	NMDDC
	Ms D Hughes,	East Border Region
	Ms A Powell,	NMDDC (Notes)
Invited Guests:	Fiona Bryant	Coastal Officer, National Trust

ITEM 4a. 20.2.19

1. Welcome and Apologies:**Apologies received from:**

Councillor D Minogue,	Louth County Council
Councillor D Saurin,	Louth County Council
Councillor T Byrne,	Louth County Council
Councillor R Culhane,	Louth County Council
Councillor E Coffey,	Louth County Council
Councillor M Larkin,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor C Enright,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor M Ruane,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Mr F Pentony,	Director LCC
Mr P Donnelly	Director LCC
Ms B Woods	Director LCC
Mr M Lipsett,	Director NMDDC
Ms P Arthurs,	East Border Region

2. Presentation – Coastal Erosion – Climate change

A presentation on coastal change was provided by Fiona Byrant, Coastal Officer, National Trust.

The presentation described the ethos and remit of the National Trust in relation to Coastal Management. A summary of the main points raised included –

- Aim to protect coast from development usually by purchasing land
- View defence structures as interruption of the natural cycle
- Campaign for a strategic shoreline management plan

Main points discussed by members following the presentation included -

- Issues with silt build in rivers and harbours
- Issues with land defence rock armour and sand banks
- Issues with access from beach for private landowners
- Expertise / advice on methods of sea defence
- No clear legislation

Liam Hannaway informed that a recent application for EU funding was unsuccessful. The proposal was to carry out a survey in relation to Coastal Erosion which would inform strategic regional planning.

AGREED: Liam agreed to speak to Permanent Secretary, those monitoring of coastal change and planners to keep channels of communication open.

Liam will also contact those involved in the coastal study being undertaken by Atlantic Area with a possibility of a presentation to the Committee.

ITEM 4a. 20.2.19

3.a) Report of Louth/Newry Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2018 (attached)

On the proposal of Councillor A Watters, seconded by Councillor P McGeough, report of meeting held on the 20 June 2018 was approved.

3.b) Report of Advisory Forum Meeting held on 12 June 2018

Report having previously been circulated was noted

Liam Hannaway informed that there has been poor attendance at meetings and proposed reducing the number of meetings could improve attendance.

Councillor McAteer suggested more planning and preparation for meetings be made and asked if the Joint Management Team could consider future planning for Advisory Forum.

AGREED: Joint Management Team to consider future planning for Advisory Forum.

4. Matters Arising

Councillor McAteer welcomed Councillor Casey to the meeting as replacement for Councillor Hearty.

Councillor McAteer also voiced sympathy for Councillor Hearty on the recent loss of his mother and for Joan Martin on the recent loss of her sister.

Changes to personnel were announced as Roland Moore is now confirmed as Director of Neighbourhood Services in NMDDC and Emer O'Gorman's post of Director is now vacant in LCC. Joan informed that the responsibility for EU Projects is now with Frank Pentony during the period of the vacancy.

5. MOU Action & Communication Plan Update

Brexit

Joan Martin informed that the Border Corridor group will continue to lobby for continuation of programmes and free movement of people.

Councillor McAteer enquired if issues with signage for Carlingford Ferry had been rectified. Joan confirmed that this has now been erected.

ITEM 4a. 20.2.19

Dette Hughes provided the following updates for the Action Plan:

- EBR are making application to join the Smart Cities network which is at no cost.
- Urban Innovation – Digital Transitions Smart Solutions application. A Consultant has been appointed and Bid due to be submitted at end January 19.
- EBR leading on Near Zero Project under the Northern Periphery stream.
- Bathing Water Quality – Beaches selected are Newcastle and Clougherhead and will be monitored to inform visitors about water quality.

Joint Chair, Councillor Corrigan made the following points on the Action Plan:

- Cultural / Social events – it would be useful to review the Fleadh Ceoil event
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- Has there been progression on a small publication or a report marking the end of 4 year Committee period
- Councillor Corrigan sought guidance on proofing of policies / documents with consideration of regional development

AGREED: It was agreed to consider these questions at next Joint Management Team meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 February 2019, 10am in Louth County Council Offices, Dundalk.

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

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ACTIONS

	ACTION	Referred to
1.	<p>Liam agreed to speak to Permanent Secretary, those monitoring of coastal change and planners to keep channels of communication open.</p> <p>Liam will also contact those involved in the coastal study being undertaken by Atlantic Area with a possibility of a presentation to the Committee.</p>	LH
2.	Joint Management Team to consider future planning for Advisory Forum.	Joint Man Team
3.	<p>The following questions will be considered by the next Joint Management Team meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural / Social events – it would be useful to review the Fleadh Ceoil event • Councillor Corrigan informed that she had received information that The Newry Rainbow Committee were successful in their Bid to hold the Pride Festival. As an international summit and cross border project, she suggested the group come and present at the Committee. • Has there been progression on a small publication or a report marking the end of 4 year Committee period • Councillor Corrigan sought guidance on proofing of policies / documents with consideration of regional development 	Joint Man Team

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MOU Advisory Forum
(for Joint Committee between Newry Mourne and Down District Council
and Louth County Council)

Tuesday 27 November 2018, 4.00pm
Boardroom, NMDDC Monaghan Row Offices, Newry

In the Chair:	Councillor D McAteer,	NMDDC (Joint Chair - Committee)
Present:		
Forum Members:	Jackson Wright Garrett Duffy Paddy Malone Melanie McClements Jessica Kane	Ulster Farmers Union Dundalk Institute of Technology Dundalk Chamber of Commerce Southern Health & Social Care Trust Newry Chamber of Commerce
EBR:	Dette Hughes	EBR
NMD /LCC Officials:	Angela Powell	NMDDC (Notes)

Apologies received from:

Councillor E Corrigan	Louth County Council (Joint Chair - Committee)
Marie Ward	Director NMDDC
Frank Pentony	Director LCC

Forum member organisations:
Newry Mourne Youth Council
Louth Comhairle na nOg (Youth Council)
Warrenpoint Chamber of Commerce
Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce
Drogheda Chamber of Commerce
Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency
Down Business Centre
Southern Regional College
South Eastern Regional College
CAWT
South Eastern Health & Social CareTrust

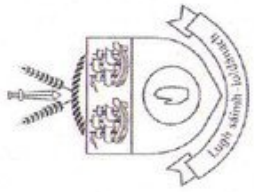
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Health Service Executive
 National Association of Community Enterprise Centres
 Fáilte Ireland
 Intertrade Ireland
 N I Fish Producers Association, Ardglass
 Anglo NI Fish Producers Organisation, Kilkeel
 Clogherhead Fishermen's Co-Op

Ref		Referred to
1.	<p>Welcome – Joint Chair of Louth /NMD Joint Committee</p> <p>Councillor Declan McAteer welcomed all in attendance.</p>	
2.	<p>a) Report of Meeting held 12 June 2018 (attached) b) Report of Joint Committee meeting held on 20 June 2018 (for noting)</p> <p>The reports were accepted by those present</p>	
3.	<p>MOU Action Plan</p> <p>The MOU action plan was circulated at the meeting for information and noted by members in attendance.</p>	
4.	<p>Presentation – Health: Cross Border Issues</p> <p>A presentation was provided by Melanie McClements, SHSCT on Cross Border Issues for the Health Sector and the potential impact of Brexit.</p> <p>Issues highlighted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural isolation • Mental Health • Shared Access NI checks 	
5.	<p>Brexit Update</p> <p>The following suggestion was made by Paddy Malone regarding Brexit and endorsed by Councillor McAteer -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A letter / formal statement regarding Brexit to request the issues in regard to Cross Border Health Services, movement of people for work, Businesses that provide services and goods on cross border basis, the effect on Farming of the Backstop agreement etc. The Chambers of Commerce for Dundalk and Newry, Health Service, DKIT and Ulster Farmers Union would sign this. They would like this to be sent to North South Ministerial Council, Brexit Minister, Prime Minister, Taoiseach. <p>AGREED: It was agreed to make request to the Joint Management Team at the earliest opportunity</p>	<p>Joint Management Team</p>

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Ref		Referred to
6.	<p data-bbox="252 309 603 342">National Framework 2040</p> <p data-bbox="252 371 1222 439">The following suggestion was made by Paddy Malone regarding the National Framework 2040 and endorsed by Councillor McAteer -</p> <ul data-bbox="300 472 1267 674" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="300 472 1267 674">• To make a request for a public consultation event in Dundalk from the Department managing these for the 2040 National Planning Framework Individual Plans. These are due to take place next week at 3 other locations for Eastern & Midland Individual Plan. Paddy Malone felt this is necessary in order to highlight the importance of the Economic Corridor and ensure funding is allocated from the Capital Programme. <p data-bbox="252 701 1262 768">AGREED: It was agreed to make request to the Joint Management Team at the earliest opportunity</p>	<p data-bbox="1297 701 1481 790">Joint Management Team</p>
7.	<p data-bbox="252 835 539 869">Date of next meeting</p> <p data-bbox="252 898 1169 931">Wednesday 6 March 2019, 4pm , Louth County Council Offices, Dundalk</p>	



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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL AND LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL**

ACTION PLAN

FEBRUARY-19



Preamble

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the detailed workings of the Strategic alliance between Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Louth County Council which seek to support and promote the economic development and competitiveness of the region. The key objectives of the MOU are:

- To promote, strengthen and stimulate the social, cultural and economic links within and between the people of the region.
- To provide an enabling framework to promote the region more effectively for inward investment and open up further opportunities for the sharing of services and coordinated management of key resources.
- To consolidate the long established working relationships between the parties, positioning them on a strategic long term footing, and with an outward looking focus.
- To coordinate core functions of the Partners in selected areas of cooperation.
- To enhance the leadership position of the Parties within the cross border region and bolster their influencing and coordinating role for the benefit of the entire community.
- To develop links with other local authorities and regional stakeholders.
- Brexit changes the context of cross border co-operation between the two councils and reinforces the need for a strong working relationship between the both areas.

Purpose of MOU

- To outline the key themes under which closer collaboration and joint actions will be pursued.
- To elaborate the changes for co-operation between the local authorities, including supporting structures and decision making mechanisms.
- To define a number of reciprocal activities to be undertaken by the local authorities.

Way Forward

In 2015 the MOU was reviewed following the Reform of Public Administration in Northern Ireland and the Review of Local Government in ROI and both councils agreed that East Border Region Ltd should facilitate the MOU as part of their role as the cross border organisation representing the Local Authorities. Brexit poses a very real challenge to the Ireland/N Ireland border region in particular necessitating the need to review the MOU Action Plan in spring 2017.

It was agreed to develop an Action Plan outlining realistic and time bound activities which can be delivered by both Councils under the auspices of the MOU.

When the MOU was first launched on 2 March 2011 in Brussels it was acknowledged as an extremely innovative approach. Colin Wolfe, EU Head for Territorial and Transnational Cooperation said:

“This is a first in Europe. I have studied the MOU and the supporting strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive growth and this is unique in Europe. I intend to showcase this model to other regions in Europe”.

In light of Brexit there is still an opportunity to showcase this strategic alliance as an example of best practice on a cross border basis and to use the MOU as a mechanism to draw down funding for cross border cooperation and to represent the views of both councils in the area. The Councils should consider the following

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- 2. Use the Action Plan to raise the profile of the MOU, locally, nationally and at an EU Level.
- 3. Use the Action Plan as a means of drawing down additional EU and national funding into the cross border region.
- 4. Ensure that the issues affecting the cross border region as a result of Brexit are presented to both governments north and south and the European Commission.
- 5. Endeavour to mitigate the potential negative impact of Brexit on both areas.

Theme	Possible sources of Funding	Timeframe for implementation	Lead Officer	Progress
1				Traffic Ligh
1.1	Both councils need to document the potential impact of Brexit on the cross border region.	On-going from July 2016 Political engagement with politicians from all parties North and South	L Hannaway	Ongoing
1.2	Both councils will Organise deputations to Brussels/Dublin and Westminster to prioritise the Ireland N Ireland border area in Brexit discussions	Deputation to Brussels October 2016	F Pentony/ M Ward	Complete
1.3	Engage with other relevant organisations in this regard	Deputation to Brussels 11 October 2017 Meeting with President of Bundestag February 2017	P Arthurs	Complete
1.4	Produce a document assessing the impact of Brexit on the Ireland/N Ireland border area.	Document April 17. Printed and distributed Oct 17. •Launch of Border Corridor Brexit Report in NI Executive Office, Brussels, 11th October 2017		Complete

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1.5 Lead on an Ireland/N Ireland border corridor Local Authority led event outlining the key impact of Brexit.		Border Corridor event 4 May 17. A range of meetings have taken place with Officials and politicians to highlight the impact of Brexit on the Border Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to Seanad Special Select Committee on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, • Officials from the Irish government: Dept of An Taoiseach, Dept of Local Government and Dept of Foreign Affairs • Andrew Elliott, Head Of Office, NI Executive Office Brussels • Declan Kelleher Irelands Permanent Representative in Brussels & Emer Deane, Head of Ireland's Brexit Team • Nina Obermaier, European Commission's Brexit team, responsibility Ireland/Northern Ireland Border, Brussels, • Ireland & NI MEPS, Brussels • Meeting with Mir Robin Barnet, British Ambassador to Ireland 		Ongoing

Theme	Possible sources of Funding	Timeframe for implementation	Lead Officer	Progress Traffic Light
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegation of senior officials from Whitehall • Minister of State for European Affairs, Helen McEntee • Mr David Lidington MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office • All Island Civic Dialogue, DKIT, 30th April 2018. Attended by Michel Barnier, The Taoiseach and Minister for Foreign Affairs. • Ms Karen Bradley, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland • Delegation from the Committee Of the Regions 		

Theme	Possible sources of Funding	Timeframe for implementation	Lead Officer	Progress Traffic Ligh
<p>2 Lobbying and Advocacy Role</p>				
<p>2.1 Dedicated meetings with relevant Ministers and officials within Government Departments, North and South should be held on a range of cross border issues. Meetings to take place in Stormont, Leinster House and the office of the North South Ministerial Committee to raise the profile of the MOU and to lobby for certain projects within. Where appropriate, delegations should meet with MEP's, officials from the European Commission and Committee of the Regions.</p>	<p>Councils own funding</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>L Hannaway / J Martin</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>2.2 Initially lobbying Activity should take place around the following themes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brexit • Roads Infrastructure/ Narrow Water Bridge • Cross Border Mobility (Tolls/Banking/Taxation/Employment) • Broadband/ Mobile phone coverage • Tourism Marketing • Water Course Management • Health/Social Deprivation/Social Inclusion 				<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>2.3 Cross Border Emergency Services Management Consideration to be given to the future of local services for communities situated along the border following Brexit e.g. Ambulance / Emergency Service arrangements.</p>		<p>Emergency Services provided a presentation to Joint Committee June 2018.</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>3 Infrastructure</p>				
<p>3.1 Newry – Carlingford Greenway. Development of a Greenway from the Newry towpath to Carlingford and Greenore providing the first genuinely cross border Greenway development. The Greenway will form part of the Great Eastern Greenway and should be marketed and promoted jointly by the Councils. The Greenway could be used as both a Tourism and Health and Well Being product.</p>	<p>INTERREG VA</p>	<p>Project received €3.8m INTERREG VA Funding. Launch 16 June 2017. A section of the Greenway from Middlebank to Victoria Lock has been completed and opened to the public in May 2018. An official launch of this section held July 18. Design of the remaining stretch is currently underway. Presentation provided to Advisory Forum in June 2018. Cross Border element of the project is due to completed in 2020.</p>	<p>F Pentony / M Ward</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>3.2 Southern Relief Road. This strategic road development links the A1 Newry bypass directly to the A2 Warrenpoint road around the south side of the City. Transport NI are finalising options for appraisal.</p>	<p>Dept. of Regional Development</p>	<p>Medium term. Community Consultation held - closed 22 Dec 17</p>	<p>L Hannaway</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>3.3 Narrow Water Bridge This strategic cross border infrastructure project remains a priority for both Councils. As part of the Fresh Start Agreement a paper on delivery options is being prepared by both departments.</p>	<p>Dept. of Regional Development and Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport</p>		<p>F Pentony / M Ward</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>3.4 Carlingford Lough Car Ferry Construction complete on this genuine cross border project which commenced in the summer of 2017. Through the MOU the councils should seek to capitalise on the increasing number of visitors that will come to the area as a direct result of the Car Ferry. Signage support continues to be provided to the Ferry company to help direct visitors using the Ferry</p>	<p>Private Funding</p>	<p>Commenced Summer 2017. Presentation from the Ferry Company made to Joint Committee January 2018.</p>	<p>C Moss / M Ward</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>3.5 National Grid Campaign to extend the National Grid into the Newry Mourne Down District area.</p>			<p>NMDDC Energy Officer</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>4 Tourism/Economic Development</p> <p>4.1 Establishment of a cross border Advisory Forum To develop strategic linkages with key stakeholders in Business/Education/Training/Health. This Forum will assist the councils to adopt a strategic cross border approach to their activities, ensuring they adopt an inclusive approach involving all key stakeholders. This forum will also be instrumental in identifying future lobbying issues and funding opportunities which arise within the Region.</p>	<p>Own funding. Partners: Chambers of commerce, Third level colleges, Enterprise Agencies, Intertrade Ireland / Southern & South Eastern Health Trust//HSE/CAWT / Tourism NI / Failte Ireland. Extended to Fishing / Agricultural Organisations from April 2018.</p>	<p>Brexit seminar involving Local Authorities and Chambers of Commerce – 4 May 2017. First meeting of Advisory Forum 20 June 2017. Meetings bi-annual. Next meeting scheduled for 6 March 2019.</p>	<p>F Pentony / M Ward</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4.2 Geo Tourism Project</p> <p>Application submitted for UNESCO Geo Park status. This will enable the Mourne, Gullion Region to become a member of the Global Geoparks Network, which seeks the promotion and conservation of the planet's geological heritage, as well as focusing on local protection, education and development of the natural heritage.</p>	<p>Newry Mourne and Down District council funding</p>		<p>M Ward / A Patterson</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>4.3 Dublin Belfast Corridor Development</p> <p>Given both Council's unique position in the centre of the corridor, it is important both link into national initiatives to develop the economic potential of this part of Ireland. Newry Mourne & Down District Council's involvement in the Belfast Growth Area initiative with the view for promoting a Growth Deal for the greater Belfast area, including Newry Mourne and Down Council offers an opportunity. The objective of this initiative is to drive infrastructure investment to grow this area over the next 10 – 20 years. The Memorandum of Understanding between Louth and NMDDC offer an opportunity to promote a cross border aspect to this initiative. This could help us develop Newry City and Dundalk as centres of investment and economic growth thus growing the economy in both our areas.</p>	<p>Own Funding</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>L Hannaway / J Martin</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>4.4 To Join the EUROCITIES Network: EUROCITIES is the network of major European Cities, members are the elected local and municipal governments of European cities. EUROCITIES bring together the local governments of over 130 of Europe's largest cities and 40 partner cities that between them govern 130 million citizens across 35 countries. EUROCITIES provides a high profile international platform for ambitious outward looking cities. The Network effect of EUROCITIES also means that members have potential partners for short term European Projects ready to hand. Such projects offer cities the chance to draw down quite significant sums of money to help them deliver their priorities in a particular field such as; climate, mobility, social inclusion or ICT. Through the thematic forums and wide range of working groups, proactive partnerships of European cities can be formed for a Transnational project bid. As a small City Newry could only qualify as an Associate Partner on the Thematic Forums, the Economic Development forum may be most appropriate in the first instance as there is a cost involved with each forum. The main aim would be to source potential funding streams.</p>	<p>Council own funding.. November 2015 Council agreed to seek membership of Eurocities network.</p>	<p>In August 2016 council agreed to review application in light of Brexit. Further internal consultations required. EBR has been in contact with the Eurocities Secretariat regarding the application process, awaiting a final decision from the Councils. Consideration being made to join Smart Cities network in 2018</p>	<p>P Arthurs / M Ward</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>4.5 Cultural/Social events and festivals Enhancement of existing events, and also creation of new social and cultural events and festivals to be undertaken across the region with the aim of bringing the communities in both council areas together to strengthen cultural and social linkages. These events would also have a positive impact on the local economies of both areas, in particular for the hospitality/tourism sector. Efficiencies would be created through the joint marketing and promotion of these events using the latest technologies.</p>	<p>Council own funding PEACE IV</p>	<p>Newry Mourne and Down Strategy launched March 2017. Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann was held in Drogheda 12 – 19 August 2018.</p>	<p>M Lipsett / P Donnelly</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4.6 Tourism Strategy Both councils will link their respective tourism strategies to promote each region.</p>			<p>C Moss / M Ward</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>5 Environment</p>				
<p>5.1 Coastal Erosion To explore Transnational EU funding to address the environmental impact of coastal erosion and to identify environmental monitoring and prevention systems.</p>	<p>Atlantic Area Programme</p>	<p>A second funding application has been made to the Atlantic Area Programme for the SAR Project. Ulster University are the LP and the consortium has Academic and Local Authority Partners in France, Spain and Portugal. The Dept of Infrastructure NI and DAERA have both joined as Associate Partners. Outcome should be known by Autumn 2018. Presentation on Coastal Erosion provided by National Trust for Joint Committee meeting in November 2018.</p>	<p>L Hannaway</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>5.2 Nearly Zero Energy The Energy Performance of Buildings Directive 2010/31/EU (EPBD2) requires that new buildings occupied by public authorities erected after 2018 and all other new buildings erected after 2020 must be 'nearly zero energy'. Member states have transposed this requirement into national law, almost five years in advance. The project would facilitate research and development into various construction methodologies and technologies and these would be piloted on public buildings in the region.</p>	<p>Northern Periphery Programme</p>	<p>Application successful in June 2018. EBR are leading on this project with the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme.</p>	<p>P Arthurs</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>5.3 Biodiversity. Collaborative Action for Natura Network. CANN NMDDC is Lead Partner in this project which was submitted to SEUPB on Friday 8th January 2016. The objective is to promote cross border cooperation to facilitate the recovery of selected protected habitats and priority species. A range of partners including Scottish National Heritage are involved in the five year project worth €10m</p>	<p>INTERREG VA</p>	<p>INTERREG VA Funding approved €9.8m. All staff are in place and the project is progressing well, official launch on 12th June 2018 in the Nuremore Hotel.</p>	<p>NMDDC Officer</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>5.4 Bathing water quality project This project will produce a predictive bathing water quality model. This model will provide advance warning of poor quality in beaches in Louth, Newry Mourne & Down, Ards & North Down and Antrim. Latest technology in signage will be utilised and be visible along the beaches. This will impact positively on the tourism offering of the area.</p>	<p>INTERREG VA Programme Partners: Louth/Newry Mourne and Down, Ards and North Down, UCD, AFBI, Loughs Agency</p>	<p>Project was successful in securing INTERREG VA Funding, EBR are a member of the Project Steering Committee so will be in a position to update members on an ongoing basis. Beaches selected for monitoring for water quality are Newcastle and Clougherhead</p>	<p>P Arthurs / M Ward / J O'Hagan</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

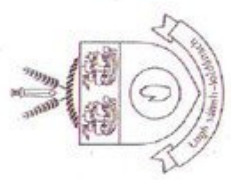
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<p>6 Social Inclusion</p> <p>6.1 Peace IV Cross border element focusing on the key Programme themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Children and Young People · Shared Space · Building positive relations <p>Completion of a cross border complementary programme of work through the PEACE IV strategies. These will build upon programmes previously delivered on a cross border basis which included; Challenge of Change, Work it Out! Good relations seminars and training and Decade of Centenaries.</p>	<p>PEACE IV Programme Council own funding</p>	<p>The current Peace IV Programme is scheduled to run until June 2020 in NMDDC area and January 2021 in Louth CC area. A presentation was held with Advisory Forum in April 2018 and scheduled for Joint Committee meeting in February 2019</p>	<p>M Lipsett / E O’Gorman</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>6.2 Decade of Centenaries Programme.</p> <p>This will include cross border co-operation and project implementation for the period 2016 onward. There will be linkages across a number of internal plans e.g. museums, arts etc.</p>		<p>1916 Commemorations held during 2016. End of World War II events are planned for November 2018 by NM Museum. Recent revamp of NM Museum has incorporated a range of Decade of Centenary Commemorative material. Down County Museum is currently undertaking a major project to restore Ballykinler Hut which was occupied by soldiers during World War I marking the Decade of Centenaries. The Hut is envisaged as a cross-community resource attracting interest from local people in NI and also the ROI audience</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>6.3 Age friendly initiatives – (Men sheds, Health and Well being)</p>				<p>Ongoing</p>

	Theme	Possible sources of Funding	Timeframe for implementation	Lead Officer	Progress Traffic Ligh
	<p>Louth County Council has had a number of successful Age Friendly Initiatives and some of that best practice has already been shared with Newry and Mourne and Down Council. There is a need to further develop Age Friendly initiatives on a cross border and Transnational basis.</p>		<p>Groups continue to meet and collaborate.</p>		

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BETWEEN NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL AND LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

FEBRUARY 2019



(ITEM 6b.)

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the detailed workings of the Strategic Alliance between Newry Mourne and Down District Council and Louth County Council which will seek to support and promote the economic development and competitiveness of the region.

The overall aim of the communications plans is to promote the work of and raise the profile of the MOU Joint Committee in both jurisdictions and further afield e.g. Brussels

Stakeholder	Why	What	When	How	Who	Evaluation
Ministers, senior policy makers in Belfast, Dublin, London and Brussels, and in the cross border bodies, and the wider policy community	To lobby in relation to the needs of the cross border area Highlight areas of concern e.g. Brexit	Portraying the message that the MOU Joint Committee is committed to working together in a cohesive manner and to highlight issues of concern	Structured meetings/deputations as and when required	Face to face meetings and formal presentations	MOU Joint Committee Chairs/ Members as required/ MOU Secretariat	Progression of issues raised
The Media	To promote knowledge and understanding of the work of the Joint MOU and to achieve PR on relevant successes/ challenges e.g. Brexit	Press Releases, photo calls and invites to press to project launches/key events/ milestones	Regular cycle of communication to Press in both jurisdictions e.g. after each MOU meeting/ event	Press Releases, briefings, availability of spokesperson, invitations sent to launches/ key events Radio Interviews	MOU Secretariat/ Joint Chairs	Media Monitoring

Stakeholder	Why	What	When	How	Who	Evaluation
Local County Council	To keep up to date on the work of the MOU Committee and retain support and commitment	Efficient, effective updates on MOU Committee progress delivered in a regular format to each Council	Standard item noted at monthly full Council meetings, website and e-zine. Meeting Reports circulated to Councillors for noting.	Presentation to Council meetings MOU dedicated website? Distribution of bi-annual MOU e-zine	Joint Chairs/ Chief Executives of both Local Authorities	Feedback from Members
General Public	To raise awareness of the work of the MOU Committee and to develop knowledge of particular initiatives being taken forward by the Committee	Promotion of the work of the MOU and the opportunities arising from MOU initiatives	Structured communications following each MOU meeting/ Event/ project launch/ funding announcement e.g. press releases/ photo call	Press Releases disseminated through the press in both jurisdictions Dedicated Website presence? Initiative specific communications e.g. billboard advertising	MOU Secretariat	Media Monitoring
EU Commission	To inform of the work of the MOU Committee/ raise profile of the border area. Lobby in relation to identified need	Portraying the message that the Joint MOU is a successful vehicle, highlighting successes and disseminating the needs of the region	As and when deemed appropriate	Dedicated written letters to key influencers/ meeting requests, including submission of e-zines Website/ Dedicated webpage?	MOU Joint Chairs/ Joint CEOs	Commission representation on at key events

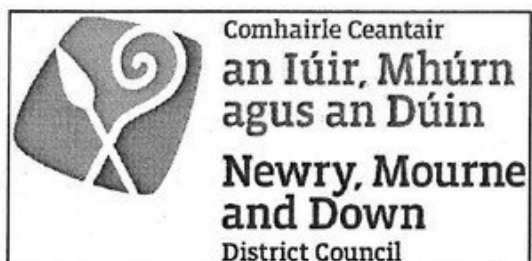
Activity/Milestones

- Key press releases issued after every MOU meeting
- Press releases and photo calls in relation to individual success stories/funding secured etc
- Development of a dedicated MOU website or web page on current Local Authority websites
- Development of a quarterly e-zine for wide scale distribution
- Attendance and/or presenting at key events/conferences of relevance

Report to:	Louth County Council / Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Joint Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 February 2019
Subject:	Cross Border Anti-Dumping Project
Reporting Officers:	Roland Moore, Director: Neighbourhood Services (NMDDC) Willie Walsh, Director of Services, Operations (LCoCo)
Contact Officers:	John O'Hagan, Senior Engineer, Waste Management and Environment (LCoCo) John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer, Community Section. (LCoCo) Johnny McBride, Assistant Director: Waste Management (Acting) (NMDDC)

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1.0	Purpose & Background			
1.1	The purpose of this report is to recommend for Joint Committee approval the initiation of a cross border anti-dumping project between Louth County Council and Newry, Mourne & Down District Council.			
2.0	Key Issues			
2.1	Recent discussions between Officials of both Councils suggest there is considerable scope for a joint project to help address issues of fly-tipping an illegal dumping, particularly in border areas. A similar proposal was considered at the recent Joint Management Meeting on the 12 February 2019.			
<u>Vision & Aims</u>				
2.2	This project plan will aim to deliver the vision of; "A future for Louth Co. Council & Newry, Mourne and Down District Council where we work together so as to bring about a significant reduction in the unacceptable social, economic and environmental harm caused by illegal dumping of waste".			
2.3	The project will target illegal dumping activities along the border corridor by coordinating, supporting and enhancing the prevention, investigation and enforcement activities of partner organisations to tackle the problem and reduce the number of incidents in the border area.			
2.4	The project will be delivered through enhanced partnership and increased collaboration between all relevant bodies and organisations within the two jurisdictions, to ensure the best outcome for our environment, communities, businesses and resources.			
<u>Scope</u>				
2.5	The scope of the project includes:			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Joint clean-up operations – identifying projects where joint clean-up initiatives through a combination community groups own resources can be effectively rolled out i.e. National Spring Clean events ii. Awareness campaigns – social media campaigns, local print and radio and how to effectively utilise these resources to address the problem; iii. GDPR – data sharing agreement; iv. Preventative measures – pooling of resources and information sharing in identifying illegal activity and actions for prevention; v. Joint surveillance operations – sharing and best use of intelligence, potential CCTV operations, trail surveillance; and vi. Smart enforcement technologies – best practise use of technology to establish cross-border dumping trends and hot-spots.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>The Joint Committee is asked to consider and agree to the recommendations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Initiate the cross border anti-dumping project; ii. Mandate Officials from both Councils to prepare a joint action plan; and iii. Support the identification of external funding sources to support the implementation of the project.
4.0	Resource Implications
4.1	<p>There are no resource implications attached to this specific report; however, it is likely the project will have resource implications for both Councils to consider. These cannot be quantified at this stage, however it is anticipated that the resourcing requirements (financial and human capital) of the project will be identified as part of the production of the joint action plan. The Joint Committee will be provided with a copy of the action plan for approval at a future meeting.</p>
5.0	Appendices
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appendix I – Cross Border Anti-Dumping Project



JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

LOUTH Co. COUNCIL / NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

CROSS BORDER ANTI-DUMPING PROJECT

MEETING REPORT

20TH FEBRUARY 2019

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1 Introduction

1.1 Vision of the Project

This project plan will aim to deliver the vision of;

"A future for Louth Co. Council & Newry, Mourne and Down District Council where we work together so as to bring about a significant reduction in the unacceptable social, economic and environmental harm caused by illegal dumping of waste".

The project will target illegal dumping activities along the border corridor by coordinating, supporting and enhancing the prevention, investigation and enforcement activities of partner organisations to tackle the problem and reduce the number of incidents in the border area.

The project will be delivered through enhanced partnership and increased collaboration between all relevant bodies and organisations within the two jurisdictions, to ensure the best outcome for our environment, communities, businesses and resources.

1.2 Current Situation – Scale of the Problem

Illegal dumping of "litter" and "waste" *is a significant blight on the landscape along the border corridor. It is a criminal offence and one of the most common forms of anti-social behaviour. It poses a significant negative environmental, social and financial impact on both Councils. In addition to being a blight the countryside, it is a threat to livestock and local wildlife, a source of pollution, a danger to public health, and attracts other forms of anti-social behaviour and environmental crime such as arson, littering, graffiti and dog fouling.*

Illegal dumping can also affect both the tourism and inward investment potential of an area as well as the value of local homes. It undermines legitimate waste businesses, as illegal operators avoid waste disposal costs and undercut those who abide by the law.

The consequence of illegal dumping is not only a significant risk to local communities, but also a considerable draw on valuable local authority budgets and other responsible bodies' resources which could be better directed elsewhere, as well as a cost to private landowners.

1.2 Drivers for change

There are three key drivers for developing a joint approach to tackling and reducing illegal dumping along the border corridor:

A. Environmental, Social and Financial Impact:

The environmental and social harm caused by illegal dumping is unacceptable, with increased financial costs for collection, investigation and disposal activities impacting on Council services. This does not take into account the considerable costs incurred by private landowner.

This money would be better directed towards other services, particularly in a climate where local authorities and other public bodies are increasingly required to make difficult decisions about where to focus their resources due to cuts in Government funding.

B. Improved Partnership Working:

Continue to further develop the potential of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed between the two Councils to explore how this can be turned into more practical development opportunities.

The aim is to share information and resources to develop a holistic best practice approach between Louth County Council and Newry & Mourne District Council to tackle the problem of fly-tipping through a joint strategy.

C. Public Perception:

It is acknowledged that illegal dumping is an issue of particular interest to residents, communities and businesses, evidenced by correspondence received by local authorities, regular concerns expressed by private landowners (Coillte), other rural interests and the level of coverage in the local media.

Illegal dumping impacts upon local environmental quality in a way that is immediately visible. It can have an impact upon house prices and local businesses and often can be viewed alongside other environmental crimes such as graffiti, whereby it is associated with a general decline in local standards. Along the border corridor it is also particularly associated with a damaging impact upon the highly valued countryside. These are all reasons why it is an issue of concern to the public, and one which needs to be addressed.

2. Factors that Contribute to Illegal Dumping:

The primary causes of illegal dumping along the border corridor are:

- financial gains or savings (not paying for a bin collection services, landfill costs)
- illegal financial gains on fuel laundering (Gangs based on the border move between the Republic and Northern Ireland to avoid detection. Some gangs have portable laundering facilities).
- lack of waste disposal facilities or access to them
- laziness and an attitude that it's someone else's responsibility / country to clear up the waste.
- The legality issues of cross border enforcement and following up of legal prosecutions / fines.

In addition to the above, there are a number of other reasons that are believed to be contributing to the amount of fly-tipping:

- Increased economic activity (e.g. housing/home development) contributing to larger amounts of construction waste.
- Agencies scaling back enforcement activities / resources with illegal dumping not treated as a priority (likely to be associated with reduced budgets).
- Prevention measures not working.
- Rural characteristics of some areas of the county offers opportunities to dump waste with relatively low chance of being spotted.

3. Developing the Project

3.1 Scope of the Partnership

This project is a partnership approach led by Louth County Council (LCC) and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC). However as the initiative further develops and projects are identified other potential organisations, listed below, could also form part of an overall partnership. Not all organisations listed are directly responsible for dealing with illegal dumping, but all are working collaboratively to help address the issue:

- East Midlands Waste Region
- National Trans Frontier Shipment Office (NTFSO)
- Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)
- Local Tidy Towns / Communities / Environmental groups
- Local Schools
- Private Landowners

3.2 Common Issues:

This project plan will look to address the following common issues:

- **Cross-border Partnership Working** – With a focus on the wider concerns of sharing data, legislation, awareness, joint initiatives and potential funding opportunities.
- **Education of Communities and Businesses** – Many households & businesses on both sides of the border are unaware of their responsibilities when disposing of their waste (i.e. to keep waste safe and to make sure it's dealt with responsibly and only given to businesses authorised to take it).
- **Data Recording / Smart Technologies** – Encouragement and support will be offered to Litter Wardens, Enforcement Officers and other stakeholders in the reporting of incidents. How data is recorded and shared can assist further investigations by Enforcement Officers within both jurisdictions.
- **Partnering Resources** – Different levels of access to information and resources to assist with investigation and enforcement activities against illegal dumping.

3.3 Project Scope:

The scope of the project includes:

- **Joint clean-up operations** – identifying projects where joint clean-up initiatives through a combination community groups own resources can be effectively rolled out i.e. National Spring Clean events
- **Awareness campaigns** – social media campaigns, local print and radio and how to effectively utilise these resources to address the problem
- **GDPR** – data sharing agreement
- **Preventative measures** – pooling of resources and information sharing in identifying illegal activity and actions for prevention
- **Joint surveillance operations** – sharing and best use of intelligence, potential CCTV operations, trail surveillance
- **Smart enforcement technologies** – best practise use of technology to establish cross-border dumping trends and hot-spots.

5. Aims and Objectives of the Project:

This Plan will initially focus on delivering the following three key *aims and objectives*, which will address the common issues listed above:

Aim 1: Stimulate and maintain a change in behaviour amongst cross-border communities, residents, businesses and landowners that helps reduce the amount of illegal dumping along the border corridor, underpinned by a common understanding of illegal dumping as a socially unacceptable behaviour.

Objective: Joint Partnership working in;

- creating awareness of the financial and environmental impacts of illegal dumping.
- educating residents and businesses about their "duty of care" responsibilities when disposing of waste.
- highlighting the consequences of illegal dumping.
- enabling and encouraging landowners to help prevent illegal dumping.
- encouraging and enabling the reporting of illegal dumping incidents.
- making it easier to report dumping and perpetrators

Aim 2: Jointly agree the most efficient process for reporting, collecting & sharing of data, enabling enforcement measures to be undertaken in each jurisdiction.

Objective: Sharing of Data

- Establish and agree a common understanding of the legislations and the mechanisms in relation to sharing of information etc., whilst complying with GDPR and Data Protections Regulations. This will help to define a collaborative approach in terms of actions and information sharing.

Aim 3: Work together to maximise investigation resources and knowledge, to achieve improved outcomes.

Objective: Working together

- Establish a network and platform to share intelligence on illegal dumping incidents, as well as best practice and resources on prevention between partner organisations.
- Use technology to assist with intelligence gathering and enforcement activities.
- Identify resources that can be applied to investigation activities and processes.
- Work together to investigate and identify actions against serial offenders.
- Ensure enforcement is used to good effect with maximum penalties and fines in both jurisdictions, with subsequent media / awareness campaigns to help serve as a deterrent to future incidents.

Outcomes:

The delivery of the aims and objectives will work towards achieving the following outcomes:

- It will become easier for people to understand how they can dispose of their waste responsibly.
- Effective mechanisms are put in place to catch those responsible for illegal dumping, leading to a higher conviction rate with greater penalties being levied where possible.
- A decrease in the number of fly-tipping incidents across the border corridor, improving the environment and reducing the cost to the taxpayer and private landowners.

6. Key Enablers

- Existing MoU in place & current working relationships between LCC and NMDDC
- Maintaining current & future contact with each other's waste management sections.
- Establishing a working forum, regular meetings etc.
- Previous & Existing Experiences - experience in terms of the management and enforcement of waste issues and previous experience of joint initiatives undertaken.
- Community Group relationships - each Authority has well established links with environmental and community groups and by building on this to create further initiatives
- Instilling / restoring pride/willingness in communities, private landowners and residential areas to combat illegal dumping from the knowledge that Local Government is also tackling the issue.



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Re: Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES)

A Chara,

Please find attached the submission of Louth County Council in respect of the Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES). Louth County Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the process and respectfully requests that the Eastern Midland & Regional Authority takes into consideration the issues raised.

Please do not hesitate to contact Louth County Council if you require clarification of any of the specific comments in this submission or any further information on Louth County Council policies or strategies which is necessary for the finalisation of the Draft Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy (RSES).

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Louth County Council response to the Draft RSES

Introduction

Louth County Council welcomes the preparation, publication and public display of the Draft RSES (November 2018) for the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (EMRA). The Draft successfully incorporates the vision and policy objectives of the National Planning Framework (NPF). The Council agrees in principle with the settlement and economic growth strategy for the Region, as provided for in the published document and as encapsulated in the vision statement:

To create a sustainable and competitive region that supports the health and well being of our people and places, from urban to rural with access to quality housing, travel and employment opportunities for all.

Growth Strategy (Chapter 3)

The growth strategy for the Region sets out the key locations for population and employment growth. The role of the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor and the regional centres, of Athlone, Drogheda and Dundalk, is acknowledged and supported in the Draft RSES, as two of the key growth enablers for the region. The Growth Strategy for the Eastern and Midland Region will *inter alia*:

- *Facilitate the collaboration and growth of the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor*
- *Target growth of our regional growth centres of Athlone Drogheda and Dundalk as regional drivers.*

The Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor

In the matter of the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor Louth County Council acknowledges and supports the following inclusion, Section 3.2 'Growth Enablers for the Region' in the Draft RSES text.

The Growth Enablers for the Dublin-Belfast Corridor include:

- *Compact and focused growth in the regional growth centres of Drogheda and Dundalk to grow to city scale*
- *Drive in the linkage between Dundalk and Newry to strengthen a cross border synergy in services and functions*
- *Improve accessibility and service by rail, road and communication between Dublin and Belfast*

It is acknowledged that the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor is a key element in the development of the Draft RSES. It is further acknowledged that the Corridor has the capacity to provide the only potential paired city European growth pole of scale on the island: reaching a European benchmark 5 million population target to compete with similar city regions in the EU. It is further recognised that the imperative to counteract BREXIT with a proactive spatial economic policy adds to the significance of the Corridor. We note in particular National Policy Objective 44:

In co-operation with the relevant Departments in Northern Ireland to further support and develop the economic potential of the Dublin-Belfast Corridor and in particular the core Drogheda-Dundalk-Newry network and to promote and enhance its international visibility.(NPF, February 2018)

It is clear that further development of the linear Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor by providing alternative accessible locations for setup or relocation of indigenous businesses and FDI within the urban centres identified in the Drogheda-Dundalk-Newry cross border network will complement the national growth engine in Dublin.

The regional drivers of Athlone, Drogheda and Dundalk as urban centres of population and employment growth

Louth County Council endorses the translation into the Draft RSES for the Eastern and Midland Region of the National Planning Framework designations of Dublin and the regional centres of Athlone, Drogheda and Dundalk, as the principal drivers of regional growth. The methodology adopted in the Draft RSES underpinning the settlement and economic growth strategy is evidence based and logical. The Draft RSES clearly defines the urban centres of scale that have the potential to achieve greatest agglomeration and sustainable productivity growth using a transparent evidence base. The adoption of an asset-based approach to underpin the settlement and growth strategy for the Region is welcomed and supported.

Development of an Asset-Based Approach:

In developing the Growth Strategy for the Region, there has been a strong recognition of the need to integrate an evidence driven asset-based approach to the identification of settlements which have the greatest capacity and potential for growth and to act as engines for wider regional growth.

Drogheda and Dundalk are urban centres of significant scale. Drogheda has a population of 42,347 (2016) and Dundalk and Environs Plan area has a population of 39,004 (2016). They are the largest towns in the State. It is welcomed that the existing scale of Drogheda and Dundalk and their potential to grow sustainably to city scale is recognised. The vision for both towns to achieve city scale as provided for in Section 3.2 'Growth Enablers for the Region' will be supported and promoted by Louth County Council and in the instance of Drogheda in collaboration with Meath.

In tandem Drogheda and Dundalk are uniquely located between the Dublin and Belfast metropolitan areas with access to the deep labour markets in both city

regions. The existing population and employment agglomeration in Drogheda and Dundalk and collectively within the cross-border network of Drogheda, Dundalk and Newry will support and promote RPO 6.4 (Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor):

Support the collective planning and development of the large centres of employment along the main economic corridor, in particular Drogheda and Dundalk.

Settlement Strategy (Chapter 4)

The settlement strategy 'People and Place' prioritises the designations identified in the NPF as national and regional drivers, namely Dublin and Athlone, Drogheda and Dundalk, respectively. The regional drivers, located outside the Dublin metropolitan area, are in addition to Dublin, critical to the implementation of effective regional development as set out in the NPF.

Furthermore the acknowledgment of the role of the regional drivers within the broader Drogheda, Dundalk and Newry cross-border network is welcomed: Drogheda and Dundalk have the potential to form part of a sustainable network of centres of scale, including Newry, connected by public transport within the Region and within the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor. It is appreciated that the location of Drogheda and Dundalk provides for enhanced cross-border interactions which if promoted can help to realise the growth potential of Drogheda, Dundalk and Newry as an important cross-border network for regional development. Louth County Council will support in collaboration with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council through the existing MOU, and otherwise, and with all other stakeholders the progress of this vision.

Urban Area Plans (UAP)

The Council welcome the preparation of the strategic urban area plans (UAP) for Drogheda and Dundalk, as provided for in the NPF, the NPF Implementation Road Map of July 2018 and in the text of the Draft RSES:

Drogheda

RPO 4.8

A cross-boundary joint Urban Area Plan (UAP) shall be prepared by Louth County Council and Meath County Council to provide a coordinated planning framework to identify and deliver strategic sites and regeneration areas for the future physical, economic, social development of the town to ensure targeted compact brownfield / infill growth of a minimum of 30% and ensure a coordinated approach is taken to the future growth and development of the town.....

Dundalk

RPO 4.15

An Urban Area Plan (UAP) shall be prepared by Louth County Council for Dundalk to provide a coordinated planning framework to identify and deliver strategic sites and regeneration areas for the future physical, economic, social development of the town to ensure targeted compact growth of a minimum of 30% is achieved.....

Target Population Growth

In the context of the regional drivers, the vision provided for Drogheda and Dundalk in the Draft RSES is that Drogheda and Dundalk will perform the function of regional centres of population and employment growth each individually with a population target in the Region of 50,000 by 2031. Louth welcomes the incorporation of population targets rather than population caps, which will support National Policy Objective 5:

Develop cities and towns of sufficient scale and quality to compete internationally and to be drivers of national and regional growth, investment and prosperity (NPF, February 2018)

Targeted Area Regeneration Drogheda & Dundalk

Louth County Council has prepared urban design visions for the physical, economic and social regeneration of the Westgate area of the historic town centre of Drogheda and the Longwalk area of Dundalk. Their inclusion in RPO 4.8 and RPO 4.15 is welcomed on pg. 49 and pg. 51, respectively. Both of these projects have secured funding under the URDF. In tandem the Council has commenced the public realm regeneration project on Clanbrassil Street in Dundalk, which will support RPO 4.15 in general, and in specific in improving accessibility and sustainable mobility in the town centre by enhancing modal choice through integration of transport modes. The targeted area regeneration of Westgate in Drogheda and Longwalk in Dundalk will support and promote the following: Drogheda RPO's 4.8 (strategic site & regeneration), 4.11(balanced growth), 4.12 (urban tourism destination), 4.13 (social inclusion) and Dundalk RPO's 4.15 (regeneration), 4.17(Strategic employment location), 4.18 (DKIT), 4.20 (social inclusion).

The amendment of RPO 4.8 is suggested to include an objective to achieve within the growth vision for Drogheda the implementation of the Urban Design Framework Plan for the Heritage Quarter, Drogheda (2013). The amendment of RPO 4.15 is suggested to include within the growth vision for Dundalk an objective to achieve the implementation of the Dundalk Urban Design Framework Plan (2008), or as may be revised as part of the Urban Area Plan process.

Smaller Towns and Villages

It is considered that the identification of Drogheda and Dundalk as regional drivers of growth is a viable and sustainable growth framework for their functional catchments

in Louth and beyond the County boundary. This strategy will provide for the spatial and economic development of these large towns themselves to city scale, the measured development of other towns and villages in the County and the extensive cross border and cross boundary rural hinterland.

In Louth, the population allocation must be informed by the future housing needs of all urban settlements including Level 2, 3 and 4 settlements in County Louth. All of the designated settlements act as the service locus of their immediate rural hinterlands and are the sustainable locations to promote compact urban living. In instances housing development on serviced sites abutting the build urban footprint can be an attractive alternative to one-off housing in the countryside. It is considered that the RSES should include a RPO which would acknowledge the existing pattern of development in smaller urban settlements and the role of serviced sites in urban settlements in providing an attractive alternative to one-off housing development in the rural hinterland. In this regard Louth County Council supports the inclusion of RPO 4.51.

Dublin Metropolitan Area Strategy (MASP) (Chapter 5)

Louth welcomes the MSAP for Dublin, which is the first statutory metropolitan regional plan for Dublin and its CSO defined metropolitan area. The Council acknowledges that Dublin is the engine of national and regional growth and that the proper planning and sustainable development of the Dublin Metropolitan Area will promote and enhance the growth of the broader region and in specific the key enablers of the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor.

Economic Strategy (Chapter 6)

The economic strategy sets out Guiding Principles for location of strategic employment areas that include access to; sustainable locations; serviced sites; relocation opportunities; connectivity; proximity to Third Level; diverse local economy

sectoral mix; emerging specialist clusters and cross industry chains. In the context of the comparative advantage of Drogheda and Dundalk both are target locations for international and domestic investment for the following non-exhaustive reasons including:

- Existing agglomeration effects in identified economic sectors including fintech and pharmaceuticals embedded in resilient diversified local economies;
- Proximity to the deep labour markets of metropolitan Dublin and Belfast;
- The availability of young and skilled local talent and the availability of up-skilling at accessible third level institutions including DKIT in Dundalk and third level institutions in Dublin;
- The potential for business to grow in locations proximate and easily accessible by rail and road to Dublin and Belfast City centres with available serviced and zoned lands but without the growth constraints evident at the city core;
- The availability of international connectivity through Dublin and Belfast airports, Drogheda Port, Greenore Port and Dublin Port;
- Economies of scale resultant from proximity to other urban centres of scale on the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor;
- Latent spare capacity in infrastructure including water services;
- Universal broadband access for business.

It is acknowledged that regional growth centres will serve as focal points to gain critical mass and to deliver positive impacts to their surrounding areas and enhance overall regional and national growth.

Connectivity (Chapter 8)

The Council welcome the inclusion in Road Projects for the Region of the N52 Ardee bypass and the N2 Ardee to the south of Castleblaney in section 8.4 'Transport Investment Priorities'.

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It is important to recognise the significance of Drogheda Port as a commercial port within the EU Core Port Network. The status of Drogheda Port within a wider national and European context is crucial to future funding potential for enhanced connectivity with the wider EU. It is noted that the Port Access Northern Cross Route (PANCR) is not included in the list of critical road infrastructure to be delivered to achieve the objectives of the RSES, as provided for in Section 8.4 'Transport Investment Priorities'. The delivery of this link route to Drogheda Port from the motorway network will enhance regional and national connectivity. In tandem it will facilitate port relocation and will remove unnecessary port traffic from the town centre supporting compact growth in Drogheda town centre and the Drogheda Docklands.

The inclusion of the PANCR in the EMRA Strategic Road Network objectives would support the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor objective set out in RPO 8.9, which references the EU Ten-T network, while enhancing the international visibility of the Corridor as mandated in National Policy Objective 44:

In co-operation with the relevant Departments in Northern Ireland to further support and develop the economic potential of the Dublin-Belfast Corridor and in particular the core Drogheda-Dundalk-Newry network and to promote and enhance its international visibility.

Quality of Life (Chapter 9)

The Draft RSES recognises that place-making is an essential link between spatial planning and facilitating improvements to people's quality of life while developing places that are attractive to live, work, visit and in which to invest. The Draft RSES acknowledges that planning for the regeneration of historic town needs an integrated approach that balances the protection of the built heritage and the sustainable development of historic urban areas with the needs of modern living and takes account of the community and key stakeholders.

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The Urban Development and Building Height Guidelines (December 2018) acknowledge that historic environments can be sensitive to large scale and tall buildings. Planning Authorities must assess the existing character and setting of a place, which will establish the sensitivities of a place and its capacity for development or change and define opportunities for new development and inform its design.

Louth County Council is implementing urban design visions for the regeneration of the Westgate area of the historic town centre of Drogheda and the Longwalk area of Dundalk. Both of these projects have secured funding under the URDF.

Infrastructure (Chapter 10)

Water Infrastructure

Further and additional to Louth County Councils "Settlement Statement of Capacity" for Drogheda, submitted to EMRA in May 2018, in regard to potable water it is noted with reference to RPO 10.3 that investment in the provision of potable water is required in order to support the development of Drogheda as a regional driver of population and employment growth due to constraints presently identified.

Regional Hospital for the north-east

Essential infrastructure should include an RPO to support the development of a regional hospital for the north-east. It is suggested that the location of the regional hospital should be the subject of further spatial analysis in order to determine the optimum location. This is in the context of targeted population growth in the north-east, as provided for in the settlement hierarchy in the NPF and as distilled in the RSES.

All-island Cohesion (Chapter 11)

The recognition that the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor is the principal agglomeration on the island with the potential to achieve a European growth designation of scale to compete with other European growth centres of 5 million in population is welcomed. The requirement for collaboration and the recognition of the cross jurisdiction nature of the Drogheda, Dundalk and Newry cross-border network is acknowledged. The objective of enhanced linkages between Dundalk and Newry to strengthen a cross border synergy in services and functions is also welcomed. The vision of enhanced synergy, complementary growth and cross jurisdiction collaboration is endorsed and supported by Louth. It is considered that this vision of the Drogheda, Dundalk and Newry cross-border network is of heightened relevance in the context of BREXIT.

Conclusion

Louth County Council supports the settlement and economic growth strategy for the Region published as the Draft RSES. The inclusion in the Draft RSES of matters submitted in previous submissions made by Louth is noted and welcomed.

In conclusion Louth County Council supports in principle and in detail the content of the Draft RSES with minor alteration proposed, which may be given due consideration in the preparation of the final RSES document.

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th March 2019
Subject:	Report of Newry Hill Street Phase III Public Realm Scheme – Task and Finish Steering Committee
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie ward – Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Seamus Crossey – Capital Projects Officer ERT

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>As previously provided to ERT, 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 completed and a Planning Application and Economic Appraisal was submitted in January 2019.</p> <p>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	With an application to the Department For Communities (DFC) having been made in early 2019, to trigger release of 90% of the required funding for the scheme, the Task and Finish Committee now need to work closely with Newry Bid and Trader Rep's in regards to the advance NIE and BT works that will have to happen in 2019, before the Public Realm Scheme can then start.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>1.) Council officers to follow-up with both Planners and DFC to ensure progress is made in regards obtaining both Planning Permission and DFC funding for the scheme.</p> <p>2.) Council Officers work closely with the Equality Officer to ensure that the proper Screening Process is carried out and to follow up with the Access Groups to let them know the outcome of the consultation process.</p> <p>3.) Council officers to ask all Utilities inclusive of NIE and BT to work closely with both DFI and Traders regarding their proposed programmes for Advance Contracts works.</p> <p>4.) Council Officers to meet with Newry BID to put in place a Trader Liaison Grouping in advance of the various Utility Contracts and ensure PR is feed out to the wider community.</p> <p>5.) Council Officers to contact the Newry DEA co-ordinator about setting up a site meeting between St Colman's Park Residents Rep's and DFI on Traffic issues effecting the street.</p>

	6.) Subject to Planning Permission and DFC LOO approval later in 2019, re-engage AECOM to complete RIBA Stages 4-7 and undertake Contractor Appointment subject to Procurement, Assessment and Award if within the Capital Works budget.
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 monies will be put forward to the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 rates to match fund DFC in regards covering the main contract costs.
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 have carried out the required Screening exercise as part of the Design Consultation Process. Further Liaison with Access Groups will also take place.
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:	Monday 11 th March 2019
Subject:	Report of the Derrymore Partnership Meeting held on 5 th March 2019
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie ward - Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Seamus Crossey - Project Manager

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>As previously confirmed with ERT, <u>Council are progressing 2 funding applications for this Derrymore project:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Co-operation project between Mourne Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership and Co Mayo Local Action group, with NMDDC as the lead partner 2) Application to Sport NI <p>With AECOM consultants now appointed and design works underway, there is a limited period of time to submit all the relevant planning applications in March 2019. The Nature of the proposed works include, Site Interpretation, Formal Play Area, Trail Development, Traffic Management, Public Convenience and Historical Conservation.</p> <p>Only when Planning Permission has been obtained, can formal Funding Applications then be lodged and relevant monies then obtained in late 2019, to begin on-site works.</p> <p>Also, initial contact has now been established between Moorehall (Project Partners) and AECOM to look at the initial concept designs for their project.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	With Planning Applications having to be submitted by late March 2019, now important that Council work closely with its Partners to ensure that relevant funding applications are made in the summer of 2019, to enable the required finance to be obtained to deliver the Derrymore and Moorehall Projects.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Further Meetings with HED, Planners, Council Playpark section and Signage consultants to be held in early March 2019 2.) Subject to final approval by the Derrymore Partnership in mid-March 2019, the outline design and interpretation as presented by consultants will be submitted to Planning. 3.) It was agreed to hold a Community Information Evening on the proposals in Bessbrook Community Centre at the end of March 2019. 4.) Council officers and AECOM consultants to follow-up with Planners

	<p>post submission of the applications to ensure that there is no hold up in the stream lining process.</p> <p>5.) Council Officers work closely with the Equality Officer to ensure that the proper Screening Process is carried out.</p> <p>6.) It was agreed to arrange a Co.Mayo visit by the Derrymore Partnership to Moorehall for their programme launch in late March 2019.</p> <p>7.) Council now proceed to Contractor Tender for the Derrymore and Moorehall Schemes in advance of the RDP funding application process in July 2019. Contractor appointment will be subject to grant aid from the RDP being given in late summer 2019.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Over the next 2-3 Financial Years, Council have agreed to consider Capital and Revenue match funding contributions for the Derrymore Project. The Councils required match funding monies (£322,000) for this project have been set aside in the 19-20 and 20-21 budgets. Subject to successful funding applications being made to RDP and Sport NI, an overall Project cost of £862,000.00 is predicted.
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 be carrying out the required Screening exercise as part of the Design Consultation Process.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	The recommendations have 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:	Monday 11 th March 2019
Subject:	Financial Assistance Programme - Tourism Events Fund
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism Events and Culture
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism Events and Culture

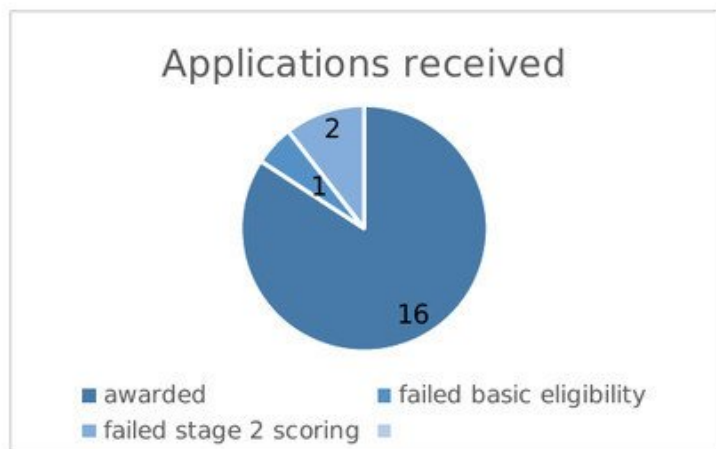
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	The evaluation of applications to the financial assistance programme for tourism events has been concluded. A high level analysis of the evaluation is included in appendix 1
2.0	Key issues
2.1	19 applications were received following the open funding call. The amount requested by successful applicants was £198,695 and the total amount offered will be £163,945.00
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note contents of Appendix 1
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Required budgets have been profiled within the 2019/20 departmental requirements
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
	1. Tourism Events Financial Assistance Report 2019/20
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Appendix 1

Tourism and Events Financial Assistance 2019/20
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council



Applications received 19

16 Applications recommended for funding

84% of applications awarded

Amount requested from successful applicants **£198,695.00**

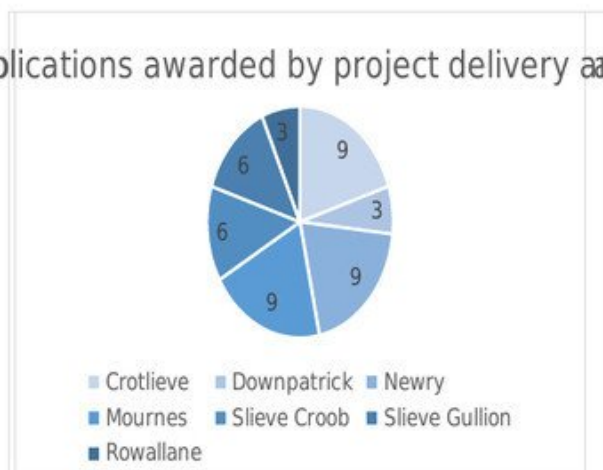
Total amount awarded **£163,945.00**

Of the 19 applications:

1 failed basic eligibility = 5%

2 Failed stage 2 scoring = 10.5%

Applications awarded by project delivery area



Appendix 1

Breakdown of Applications per stage and final amount recommended for award.

Stage 1 = 1 Fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility
TE -11- 2019	no

Stage 2 = 2 fail

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
TE-2-2019	yes	No
TE-3-2019	yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 = 16 Passed & 16 Recommended for Awarded

Group	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
TE-1-2019	yes	yes	£15,000.00
TE-4-2019	yes	yes	£5,500.00
TE-5-2019	yes	yes	£15,000.00
TE-6-2019	yes	yes	£5,150.00
TE-7-2019	yes	yes	£6,130.00
TE-8-2019	yes	yes	£6,040.00
TE-9-2019	yes	yes	£15,000.00
TE-10-2019	yes	yes	£14,125.00
TE-12-2019	yes	yes	£7,600.00
TE-13-2019	yes	yes	£5,000.00
TE-14-2019	yes	yes	£15,000.00
TE-15-2019	yes	yes	£15,000.00
TE-16-2019	yes	yes	£6,500.00
TE-17-2019	yes	yes	£2,900.00
TE-18-2019	yes	yes	£15,000.00
TE-19-2019	yes	yes	£15,000.00
Total Awarded			£163,945.00

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Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 th March 2019
Subject:	Kilbroney Trails Project
Reporting Officer	Andrew Patterson - Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer	Michelle Boyle - Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	Council agreed in June 2017 to progress with the procurement of a design and build contract for a range of Trails at Kilbroney Park The trail network has been agreed.	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	Subject to budget provision the project seeks to firstly deliver a walk trail network of up to 20km made up of new build, upgrade of existing walk trails and existing forest roads. Subject to budget 5km of Category 3 Blue Grade off road cycling trail. The network is subject to Planning Permission The Council have capital budget provision of £480,000 and 170,000 has been made available within the 18/19 financial year from DAERA	
3.0	Recommendations	
3.1	To deliver a trails network at Kilbroney Park with budget of £480,000 from Council capital programme and £170,000 from DAERA (18/19 financial period)	
4.0	Resource implications	
4.1	The Council have made available £480,000 in the Capital Programme and DAERA have made available £170,000. DAERA funding is only available for spend 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 a rural needs impact assessment.	
7.0	Appendices	
	N/A	
8.0	Background Documents	
	Business Case for Fairy Glen Trail Business Case for Fallows and wider trail network	

PROJECT BUSINESS PLAN**Rostrevor Trails Project – Fairy Glen**

Organisation Name:	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Project Business Plan completed by:	Michelle Boyle
Date Project Business Plan completed:	6 July 2018

Project Title:	Kilbroney Trails – Fairy Glen element	
Directorate:	ERT	
Prepared by:	Michelle Boyle	
Date:	6 July 2018	
Checked by Assistant Director:		Date: 7.12.18
Director Approval:		Date:
Committee Approval: (AHC, SP&R, RTS or ERT)	ERT	Date: 10.12.18 6.7.12.6.17
Council Approval: (minutes ratified)	FULL COUNCIL	Date: 3.7.17

SECTION 1: THE PROPOSED PROJECT

In 2016, the Council completed a Kilbroney Vision and Masterplan. The Masterplan recommended a hierarchy of walking routes and dedicated trailheads for walkers providing a choice of routes for all abilities, reliable information, consistent wayfinding, good quality routes and great views.

To complement the existing Mountain Bike Trails, a 'Blue Grade' or Category 3 trail loop or less experienced mountain bike riders with purpose built technical trail features of differing levels of difficulty centred on the park, providing a looped cross-country style trail, which can also serve as a skills development, or coaching facility.

The SMART Objectives are as follow:

- To procure and appoint a delivery team with the required expertise necessary to support Council in the delivery of the project – by 1st January 2019 (subject to a full financial package being in place)
- To achieve full Planning Permission by March 2019
- To deliver a walk trail network of up to 20km made up of new build, upgrade of existing walk trails and existing forest roads by 31 March 2020. 40% of the network will be completed by 31 March 2019. This element of the project is 2.4km of lowland walking around Fairy Glen
- To deliver 5km of Category 3 Blue Grade off road cycling trail by 31 March 2019. 40% will complete by 31 March 2019

SECTION 2: STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This project will deliver on the recommendations and priorities of a variety of Strategies and Agency objectives across Northern Ireland

Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation – A New Framework

Two key strategies, which the TRPSI Framework seeks to complement, are the Executive's *Delivering Social Change* initiative and *Making Life Better. Delivering Social Change* aims to deliver a sustained reduction in poverty, associated issues across all age groups, and seeks to secure an improvement in children and young people's health with a view to breaking the long-term cycle of multi-generational problems. *Making Life Better*, the strategic Framework for public health led by DHSSPS, is designed to provide direction for policies and actions to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the north of Ireland and to reduce inequalities in health.

The new TRPSI Framework also seeks to promote the development of new and innovative approaches to address poverty and social isolation issues in rural areas. It also seeks to support interventions, which lever additional funding and other resources to target the needs of vulnerable groups.

The Rostrevor Trails project primary aim will be to deliver a service, which will reduce social isolation and contribute to enhanced physical and mental wellbeing. The trails project will assist in decreasing isolation, improve community ties and instil an appreciation for the beauty of the area

Community Plan

The vision of the NMD Community Plan is "Newry, Mourne and Down is a place with strong, safe and vibrant communities where everyone has a good quality of life and access to opportunities, choices and high quality services which are sustainable, accessible and meet people's needs".

Five outcomes of the Community Plan focus on the areas of:

- (i) People having a good start in life and fulfilling their life long potential
- (ii) People enjoying good health and wellbeing
- (iii) People benefiting from prosperous communities
- (iv) People benefiting from a clean, quality and sustainable environment
- (v) People living in safe, respectful, and vibrant communities

Actions for achievement against the above outcomes are activities under the headings of

- (i) Economic Development, Regeneration & Development,
- (ii) Environmental and Spatial Development,
- (iii) Health and wellbeing and
- (iv) Safety and good relations.

This project is a key driver for achieving the vision of the community plan. The focus of the Rostrevor Trails project will ultimately improve the quality of life, economic wellbeing

and overall health and wellbeing for rural people. The Trails project will contribute to the economic, social and environmental needs of the Rostrevor and wider NMD area.

The Trails project has been developed following extensive consultation with the local community through both the Kilbroney Vision and Masterplan and the subsequent Trail Design process

The NI Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreational 2009 - 2019

"Sport Matters" proposes a strategy for the development of sport and physical recreational in NI, one that will provide a lasting and sustainable legacy for future generations.

2 Primary outcomes for the strategy is (1) increased participation in sport and physical recreational and (2) improved sporting performances

A key development input for the achievement of the above is the improvement of quality, quantity and access to places for sport.

The Vision of the strategy is "a culture of life long enjoyment and success in sport"

This strategy states that the implementation of it relies on the contribution of a range of individuals and organisations; the targets for the strategy will only be met through effective and joined up partnership working.

The project will positively contribute towards the achievement of the aims and objectives outlined within this strategy

The Outdoor Recreation Action Plan for NI

This Action Plan highlights the importance of making the outdoors accessible to everyone and the opportunities that there are to participate. This document follows on from Sport Matters, where it shows how it can help achieve the required increased levels of participation

The Action Plan states that access to green space and opportunities for enjoying the outdoors must be improved for all sections of the community. It recognises that access to green space is important for people's health and mental wellbeing, delivering on issues associated with social exclusion, rural and urban deprivation and community cohesion.

The Project outlined for Rostrevor Trails is directly focused on creating access to walking and cycling opportunities, and subsequently the opportunity for enjoyment of physical recreation outdoors.

2009 Active Places Research Report

The above report considers the deficit in access to the Countryside and the availability of Public Rights of Way in Northern Ireland when compared to England and Wales

This report recognises that the countryside in Northern Ireland provides important facilities for many sports and makes a significant contribution to increasing levels of participation in physical recreation. Research has also identified the value of the natural environment on health and well-being, and the positive effects that 'Green Exercise' has on both physical and mental health."

This Project will assist in addressing some of the deficits outlined in the above research report

Together Building a United Community Strategy

The Strategy outlines how Government, community and individuals will work together to build a united community and achieve change against the following key priorities:

1. Our children and young people;
2. Our shared community;
3. Our safe community; and
4. Our cultural expression

This Project will support the priorities outlined in this strategy

The EBA 2020 programme has targets to:

- Increase community participation in sport and recreation, particularly among under-represented groups
- Promote social inclusion

This Project will assist the achievement of the above

The EBA 2020 programme has targets to:

- Develop at least 17 new outdoor recreational infrastructural facilities across NI, with at least one within each Council district
- Establish 480,000 user counts between April 2020 and March 2021 through new facilities

This Project will assist the achievement of the above

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Sports Development Strategy 2017

This project will deliver against elements of the above Strategy

The above strategy provides a framework for the future prioritisation, development and provision of sports facilities at a local level, to meet local need

The strategy identifies facilities needs to be developed:
Walking Networks have been identified

A recommendations from the strategy is – “NMD works with external partners develop outdoor provision comprising walking and cycling routes / trails linking sports facilities and transport”.

The strategy also references the Rostrevor and Kilbroney Trails project specifically as a priority

Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) Strategic Priorities (2012-2022)

The NIEA has the following priority themes:

- Healthy Natural Environment – ensuring Northern Ireland’s living and working places are green, clean and protected. The NIEA will ensure that the quality of NI’s air, land and water continues to improve through a network of protected areas, such as the Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
- People and Places – promoting health and well-being and influencing how the community behaves towards the environment. The NIEA will encourage access to and understanding of the environment by working with partners to actively involve communities and businesses to protect the natural and historic places for the enjoyment and benefit of everyone;

This Project will assist the achievement of the above

SECTION 3: NEED AND DEMAND

Regenerating Newry, Mourne and Down and our rural areas is a key focus of the work of the Council; It is recognised that achieving rural regeneration by empowering the communities at the grass roots level, is key to the achievement of improving the quality of life and economic well-being of people living in relatively isolated and sparsely populated areas

Current position

As the third largest Council, NMDDC make up approximately 11% of the total land area of Northern Ireland and provide services to approximately 172,000 people. With such a significant population dispersed across a largely rural area the challenge is to effectively cater for increasing demand for public services but with reduced public expenditure. The challenge is also to tackle high levels of health inequalities as well as anti-social behaviour in areas of disadvantage, poverty and a tradition of dependency

Across the District's rural areas, four rural wards are located within the top 20% most deprived in terms of MDM, and 15 wards are located within the top 20% most deprived in terms of access to services. Across Northern Ireland Newry, Mourne and Down rank 2nd high in terms of the percentage of population living in households whose income is below 60% of the NI Median

This high deprivation ranking indicates **that many of the residents of Newry Mourne and Down do not have adequate access to recreational amenities, or the means to avail of services and facilities that may be located and available in other regions.**

Kilbroney Park is located within the Southern Health and Social Services Board. The **percentage of obese adults within this area is 28% of the adult population, the highest of the Health Board areas across NI (2005).**

This project is seeking to enable the local population of NMD, to have access to facilities and amenities that will have a **direct impact on health and wellbeing.** The project will **encourage an active lifestyle through walking or cycling.**

In order to ensure the project has an impact on the health and wellbeing on people of all ages, events and activities will be organised and encouraged through other agencies. Activities within Rostrevor using the trails and the biodiversity opportunities will be used to form activities for youth organisations such as Sure Start, local schools, local youth groups such as the Alliance Youth. The older generation will be targeted through organisations such as older and bolder groups, luncheon clubs etc. Creating this awareness of the recreational opportunities will encourage future independent usage of the Park and Forest .

The target area of South Armagh and South Down is one, which is **highly deprived in terms of multiple deprivation, has high levels of unemployment, low income families, and high levels of poor health among the residents.** Access to a facility such this project will benefit these residents substantively through free access to a **resource that improves both physical and mental health, promotes social inclusion, encourages an interest and connection with the biodiversity and local history, which exists within Kilbroney Park and Rostrevor Forest**

The **target area for this project is highly deprived and disadvantaged,** and there are families that could benefit greatly from a free open and accessible resource, that encourages social inclusion, family cohesion, and health and wellbeing opportunities.

Demand and how identified

Kilbroney Park is a regional facility, which services the entire NMD area. The park offers parkland and extensive Forest and therefore an excellent local resource for the rural community. The parks has limited provision for walking and family biking trails.

In order to identify a need within the rural areas to have access to a no cost, the scoping exercise was supplemented with consultation among the local community on two different levels:

- (1) Local Community Groups and agencies were requested to express their interest for use of the park for outdoor recreation, and justification of need for it. It was a requirement that there were active groups in the area who would have ownership of actions, and that there were already identified local issues and potential solutions that could be built upon in further consultation in the formation of a Masterplan
- (2) Bodies working directly with and representing the rural community were consulted with on a one to one basis regarding areas which in their view, were active, and could achieve much

more in terms of local regeneration and renewal, if they had access to a Masterplan as their driving tool

(3) Individual with a passion for the local community and local resources which they could access

With this resource available, to identify the greatest opportunity to benefit the rural community the Council commissioned the Kilbroney Vision and Masterplan. Over the course of the project, there were lots of contributors and extensive community engagement and one clear idea emerged 'Kilbroney **is a place for everyone**' The key recommendations was

- **For parents, grandparents and minders ... a welcoming parkland, hassle free parking, lots of opportunities to roam & explore at no cost**
- **For walkers ... a choice of routes for all abilities, reliable information, consistent**
- **For the even more energetic ... biking for all ages and long distance walks**

Trails project

As a key recommendation arising out of the Kilbroney Vision and Masterplan was trails development in both walking and cycling, the Council commissioned a details trail project with the aim of providing the detail design of

- A walk trail network of up to 20km, made up of new build, upgrade of existing walk trails and existing forest roads.
- Up to 5km of Category 3 Blue Grade off road cycling trails.

After extensive consultation with the local community and a wide range of Agencies and groups the following accessible trail proposals were recommended:

- **Fairy Glen A 2.4km Category 2 trail using primarily existing paths to form a loop around Kilbroney Park.**
- **Slievemartin Trail** This 6.4km Category 4 trail ascends from the Kilbroney Car Park adjacent to Upper Glen Stream to the upper car park.
- **Cloughmore Return** This 4.6km Category 4 trail ascends from the Kilbroney car park to Fiddlers Green and through the ancient woodland and SAC.
- **Red Bog Lake** This 7.2km Category 4 trail ascends from the Yellow Water Car Park adjacent to Yellow Water River on existing trail.
- **Fallows** This 16.8km Category 4 trail takes in the best of Rostrevor Forest. It uses sections of the shorter routes described above as well as taking in unique new build sections.
- **Blue Grade MTB Trail**

This 4.1km blue grade (Category 3) trail departs from Kilbroney Car Park and gently climbs on new build switch backing trail.

SECTION 4: PROJECT OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND PREFERRED OPTION

In the development of this project there were 3 options considered. The preferred option is option 4.

Option 1: Do nothing

Option 2: Provision of walking trails only

Option 3: Provision of cycling trails only

Option 4: Provision of walking and cycling trails

Option 1 was discounted first, at this option would not deliver against any of the SMART objectives, and would not address any aspect of the project need identified through consultation.

Options 2 and 3 were also discounted, as they would only partially deliver against the identified need.

By providing only walking trails, this option would not deliver against the many requests for a family-cycling trail, which was identified through community consultation. The key objective of this project is to provide the community with a no cost resource which will encourage activities which will promote social wellbeing and encourage improved health overall. In terms of cycling, the consultation identified this as a key opportunity to engage the entire family and particularly young people who can be difficult to engage in outdoor recreation.

By providing, only cycling trails the opportunity to engage all age groups within the community has been lost.

Option 4 is the preferred option, as this option delivers fully against the SMART aims and objectives, and addresses the identified need. This option overcomes the issues identified under delivery of options 2 and 3.

SECTION 5: DISPLACEMENT

None of the Do something options would impact on any other existing project within South Armagh and South Down. This project has a specific location focus, and no other such project exists within these areas.

SECTION 6: ADDITIONALITY

In the absence of public funding, none of the Do Something options would go ahead. Delivery of this Project requires the buy in of a trail design and build construction team. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council do not have the personal resources to deliver this project in house, nor the financial resources to purchase the required resources and deliver this project at 100% cost. The Council is in a position to provide the required match funding, which has been secured on the basis that 50% grant aid is levered in against the total project cost.

SECTION 7: BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

a) Capital Expenditure	£
- Construction cost	£32395
b) Other recurrent/revenue costs	
Maintenance cost	£7877
	£40,272

a) Capital Funding	Total
Capital grant requested from DAERA	£32395
Own Resources	£0
b) Recurrent/Revenue Cost funding	
Recurrent/Revenue grants requested from DAERA.	0
Own resources (i.e. own money used to fund non-capital costs for which grant aid is requested).	£7,877
Total	£7,877

7b: Expenditure.**Expenditure:**

Construction Costs £32395

The construction cost is for the appointment of a trail construction contractor who will work in partnership with the Council and local community to deliver a walking and cycling trails project.

Maintenance Cost £7877

The maintenance costs are based on the maintenance requirements per section and a standard maintenance cost

Income:

No direct income is expected, as the facilities will be free to use to encourage participation

7c: Funding from other funding organisations, which has already been approved?

Organisation	Funding Sought £	Funding support
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	£7.877 Maintenance cost	This annual contribution will be provided by NMDDC

SECTION 8: RISK ANALYSIS (Risks, Uncertainty & Constraints)

Use this section to set out what might impact on the projects ability to deliver the outputs or achieve its full impact. Also, explain how you will manage the risk. Add additional rows to cover all risks identified.

Guidance Note Section 8

Risk Description	Likely impact of Risk H/M/L			State how the options compare and identify relevant risk management / mitigation measures
	Opt 1	Opt 2	Opt 3	
1. Ability to deliver the 20km of walking trail and 5km of cycling trails network	L			A significant amount of preparation work has been completed to inform the detailed trail design including detailed site assessment which has considered ground conditions, access for construction and site designation, the opportunities of the site including topography, scale of the site, access and forest road infrastructure far outway any constraints. It is therefore unlikely that the full extent of the trail will not be delivered; this therefore has been deemed a low risk.
2. Ability to deliver project within indicated timeframe	M			<p>This programme requires the delivery of an extensive trail network construction within an agreed time period. Factors outside the control of the project promoter can delay a project, i.e. poor weather, unknown ground conditions, planning constraints, which could cause delays.</p> <p>To minimise this risk of the programme timeframe not being achieved additional time has been allowed in the programme to facilitate unforeseen delays, detailed site assessment on the ground has been undertaken and pre planning discussions undertaken.</p>
3. Ability to deliver project within indicated budget	L			Management of the budget will be the responsibility of the lead officer (Tourism Development Officer within NMDDC) who has demonstrated previous project and budget management experience. The risks of the project going over budget are low due to a detailed costing having been completed to inform total costs of project delivery

9a Provide details of the Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment if these have been carried out.

These Assessments will form part of the Planning Application and will be completed as required

SECTION 10: MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Management Structure & skills for implementation the preferred option

This project will be managed under the supervision of the Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture and Events, together with a Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience who will have day-to-day management of the project. All Officials involved in the project delivery have extensive Project Management experience across a range of areas including tourism, built heritage, environmental and regeneration initiatives. The officials involved can demonstrate experience across the areas of (1) project development, including scoping, project planning, securing any 3rd party agreements and securing a funding / finance package, and (2) project delivery, including procurement of required expertise, project implementation and budget management.

Quality management arrangements regarding timelines, organisation, tasks and responsibilities

A multi-disciplinary construction team will be appointed to provide expertise, which is not available in house. The cost of buying in this expertise has been included in the total project cost of delivering this project.

As part of the internal management of this project, the following reporting and QA systems will be put in place:

- The lead officer (Head of Product Development & Visitor Experience within NMDDC) will have day to management of the project and the appointed delivery team
- The lead officer will have budget management responsibility, and will complete an house financial spread sheet to monitor budget, spend and grant drawdown
- The lead officer will report to Council Management team and relevant committee on scheme progression and any arising issues
- The lead officer will keep day to day contact with the delivery agent
- The lead officer will meet formally with the delivery agent on a monthly basis, and more frequently if required to effectively manage the scheme
- The lead officer will liaise with all other relevant persons / agencies that are required to inform the project throughout the delivery of same

The project Initiates on receipt of Letter of Offer. A 9-month period is allowed for the delivery of the project, the key stages of the delivery are summarised below.

Planning Permission August – November 2018	Application submitted by Council Officials and the provision of any supplementary reports provided
Procurement of contractor September – October 2018	Tendering package issued for a design and build contract via Councils eProcurement system
Appointment of Contractor and project inception meeting November 2018	The lead officer will meet with the appointed delivery team at an inception meeting. Agreement will be made on the nature of the liaison between all parties, day-to-day management, protocols for communication, as well as the programme and scope of the consultation events. During the project inception, stage project milestones will be agreed, and a detailed programme agreed,

	taking account of the need to keep local communities engaged and paying due regard to public holiday periods.
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- 20 km of walking trails and 5km cycling trails - this element of the project is 2.4km of lowland walking trail around the fairy glen
- Actual project cost compared to proposed project cost
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The evaluation will take place 6 months after project completion

SECTION 12: EXIT STRATEGY

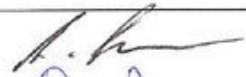

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PROJECT BUSINESS PLAN**Rostrevor Trails Project - The Fallows Walk**

Organisation Name:	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Project Business Plan completed by:	Michelle Boyle
Date Project Business Plan completed:	6 July 2018

Project Title:	Kilbroney Trails – The Fallows Walk	
Directorate:	ERT	
Prepared by:	Michelle Boyle	
Date:	6 July 2018	
Checked by Assistant Director:		Date: 7.12.18
Director Approval:		Date: 28.1.19
Committee Approval: (AHC, SP&R, RTS or ERT)	ERT	Date: 10.12.18 ^{0.1} 12.6.17
Council Approval: (minutes ratified)	FULL COUNCIL	Date: 3.7.19

SECTION 1: THE PROPOSED PROJECT

In 2016, the Council completed a Kilbroney Vision and Masterplan. The Masterplan recommended a hierarchy of walking routes and dedicated trailheads for walkers providing a choice of routes for all abilities, reliable information, consistent wayfinding, good quality routes and great views.

To complement the existing Mountain Bike Trails, a 'Blue Grade' or Category 3 trail loop or less experienced mountain bike riders with purpose built technical trail features of differing levels of difficulty centred on the park, providing a looped cross-country style trail, which can also serve as a skills development, or coaching facility.

The SMART Objectives are as follow:

- To procure and appoint a delivery team with the required expertise necessary to support Council in the delivery of the project – by 1st January 2019 (subject to a full financial package being in place)
- To achieve full Planning Permission by March 2019
- To deliver a walk trail network of up to 20km made up of new build, upgrade of existing walk trails and existing forest roads by 31 March 2020. 40% of the network will be completed by 31 March 2019
- To deliver 5km of Category 3 Blue Grade off road cycling trail by 31 March 2019. 40% will complete by 31 March 2019

SECTION 2: STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This project will deliver on the recommendations and priorities of a variety of Strategies and Agency objectives across Northern Ireland

Tackling Rural Poverty and Social Isolation – A New Framework

Two key strategies, which the TRPSI Framework seeks to complement, are the Executive's *Delivering Social Change* initiative and *Making Life Better*. *Delivering Social Change* aims to deliver a sustained reduction in poverty, associated issues across all age groups, and seeks to secure an improvement in children and young people's health with a view to breaking the long-term cycle of multi-generational problems. *Making Life Better*, the strategic Framework for public health led by DHSSPS, is designed to provide direction for policies and actions to improve the health and wellbeing of people in the north of Ireland and to reduce inequalities in health.

The new TRPSI Framework also seeks to promote the development of new and innovative approaches to address poverty and social isolation issues in rural areas. It also seeks to support interventions, which lever additional funding and other resources to target the needs of vulnerable groups.

The Rostrevor Trails project primary aim will be to deliver a service, which will reduce social isolation and contribution to enhanced physical and mental wellbeing. The trails project will assist in decreasing isolation, improve community ties and instil an appreciation for the beauty of the area

Community Plan

The vision of the NMD Community Plan is "Newry, Mourne and Down is a place with strong, safe and vibrant communities where everyone has a good quality of life and access to opportunities, choices and high quality services which are sustainable, accessible and meet people's needs".

Five outcomes of the Community Plan focus on the areas of:

- (i) People having a good start in life and fulfilling their life long potential
- (ii) People enjoying good health and wellbeing
- (iii) People benefiting from prosperous communities
- (iv) People benefiting from a clean, quality and sustainable environment
- (v) People living in safe, respectful, and vibrant communities

Actions for achievement against the above outcomes are activities under the headings of

- (i) Economic Development, Regeneration & Development,
- (ii) Environmental and Spatial Development,
- (iii) Health and wellbeing and
- (iv) Safety and good relations.

This project is a key driver for achieving the vision of the community plan. The focus of the Rostrevor Trails project will ultimately improve the quality of life, economic wellbeing

and overall health and wellbeing for rural people. The Trails project will contribute to the economic, social and environmental needs of the Rostrevor and wider NMD area.

The Trails project has been developed following extensive consultation with the local community through both the Kilbroney Vision and Masterplan and the subsequent Trail Design process

The NI Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreational 2009 - 2019

"Sport Matters" proposes a strategy for the development of sport and physical recreational in NI, one that will provide a lasting and sustainable legacy for future generations.

2 Primary outcomes for the strategy is (1) increased participation in sport and physical recreational and (2) improved sporting performances

A key development input for the achievement of the above is the improvement of quality, quantity and access to places for sport.

The Vision of the strategy is "a culture of life long enjoyment and success in sport"

This strategy states that the implementation of it relies on the contribution of a range of individuals and organisations; the targets for the strategy will only be met through effective and joined up partnership working.

The project will positively contribute towards the achievement of the aims and objectives outlined within this strategy

The Outdoor Recreation Action Plan for NI

This Action Plan highlights the importance of making the outdoors accessible to everyone and the opportunities that there are to participate. This document follows on from Sport Matters, where it shows how it can help achieve the required increased levels of participation

The Action Plan states that access to green space and opportunities for enjoying the outdoors must be improved for all sections of the community. It recognises that access to green space is important for people's health and mental wellbeing, delivering on issues associated with social exclusion, rural and urban deprivation and community cohesion.

The Project outlined for Rostrevor Trails is directly focused on creating access to walking and cycling opportunities, and subsequently the opportunity for enjoyment of physical recreation outdoors.

2009 Active Places Research Report

The above report considers the deficit in access to the Countryside and the availability of Public Rights of Way in Northern Ireland when compared to England and Wales

This report recognises that the countryside in Northern Ireland provides important facilities for many sports and makes a significant contribution to increasing levels of participation in physical recreation. Research has also identified the value of the natural environment on health and well-being, and the positive effects that 'Green Exercise' has on both physical and mental health."

This Project will assist in addressing some of the deficits outlined in the above research report

Together Building a United Community Strategy

The Strategy outlines how Government, community and individuals will work together to build a united community and achieve change against the following key priorities:

1. Our children and young people;
2. Our shared community;
3. Our safe community; and
4. Our cultural expression

This Project will support the priorities outlined in this strategy

The EBA 2020 programme has targets to:

- Increase community participation in sport and recreation, particularly among under-represented groups
- Promote social inclusion

This Project will assist the achievement of the above

The EBA 2020 programme has targets to:

- Develop at least 17 new outdoor recreational infrastructural facilities across NI, with at least one within each Council district
- Establish 480,000 user counts between April 2020 and March 2021 through new facilities

This Project will assist the achievement of the above

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Sports Development Strategy 2017

This project will deliver against elements of the above Strategy

The above strategy provides a framework for the future prioritisation, development and provision of sports facilities at a local level, to meet local need

The strategy identifies facilities needs to be developed:
Walking Networks have been identified

A recommendation from the strategy is – “NMD works with external partners develop outdoor provision comprising walking and cycling routes / trails linking sports facilities and transport”.

The strategy also references the Rostrevor and Kilbroney Trails project specifically as a priority

Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) Strategic Priorities (2012-2022)

The NIEA has the following priority themes:

- Healthy Natural Environment – ensuring Northern Ireland’s living and working places are green, clean and protected. The NIEA will ensure that the quality of NI’s air, land and water continues to improve through a network of protected areas, such as the Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty;
- People and Places – promoting health and well-being and influencing how the community behaves towards the environment. The NIEA will encourage access to and understanding of the environment by working with partners to actively involve communities and businesses to protect the natural and historic places for the enjoyment and benefit of everyone;

This Project will assist the achievement of the above

SECTION 3: NEED AND DEMAND

Regenerating Newry, Mourne and Down and our rural areas is a key focus of the work of the Council; It is recognised that achieving rural regeneration by empowering the communities at the grass roots level, is key to the achievement of improving the quality of life and economic well-being of people living in relatively isolated and sparsely populated areas

Current position

As the third largest Council, NMDDC make up approximately 11% of the total land area of Northern Ireland and provide services to approximately 172,000 people. With such a significant population dispersed across a largely rural area the challenge is to effectively cater for increasing demand for public services but with reduced public expenditure. The challenge is also to tackle high levels of health inequalities as well as anti-social behaviour in areas of disadvantage, poverty and a tradition of dependency

Across the District's rural areas, four rural wards are located within the top 20% most deprived in terms of MDM, and 15 wards are located within the top 20% most deprived in terms of access to services. Across Northern Ireland Newry, Mourne and Down rank 2nd high in terms of the percentage of population living in households whose income is below 60% of the NI Median

This high deprivation ranking indicates **that many of the residents of Newry Mourne and Down do not have adequate access to recreational amenities, or the means to avail of services and facilities that may be located and available in other regions.**

Kilbroney Park is located within the Southern Health and Social Services Board. The **percentage of obese adults within this area is 28% of the adult population, the highest of the Health Board areas across NI (2005).**

This project is seeking to enable the local population of NMD, to have access to facilities and amenities that will have a **direct impact on health and wellbeing.** The project will **encourage an active lifestyle through walking or cycling.**

In order to ensure the project has an impact on the health and wellbeing on people of all ages, events and activities will be organised and encouraged through other agencies. Activities within Rostrevor using the trails and the biodiversity opportunities will be used to form activities for youth organisations such as Sure Start, local schools, local youth groups such as the Alliance Youth. The older generation will be targeted through organisations such as older and bolder groups, luncheon clubs etc. Creating this awareness of the recreational opportunities will encourage future independent usage of the Park and Forest .

The target area of South Armagh and South Down is one, which is **highly deprived in terms of multiple deprivation, has high levels of unemployment, low income families, and high levels of poor health among the residents.** Access to a facility such this project will benefit these residents substantively through free access to a **resource that improves both physical and mental health, promotes social inclusion, encourages an interest and connection with the biodiversity and local history, which exists within Kilbroney Park and Rostrevor Forest**

The **target area for this project is highly deprived and disadvantaged,** and there are families that could benefit greatly from a free open and accessible resource, that encourages social inclusion, family cohesion, and health and wellbeing opportunities.

Demand and how identified

Kilbroney Park is a regional facility, which services the entire NMD area. The park offers parkland and extensive Forest and therefore an excellent local resource for the rural community. The parks has limited provision for walking and family biking trails.

In order to identify a need within the rural areas to have access to a no cost, the scoping exercise was supplemented with consultation among the local community on two different levels:

- (1) Local Community Groups and agencies were requested to express their interest for use of the park for outdoor recreation, and justification of need for it. It was a requirement that there were active groups in the area who would have ownership of actions, and that there were already identified local issues and potential solutions that could be built upon in further consultation in the formation of a Masterplan
- (2) Bodies working directly with and representing the rural community were consulted with on a one to one basis regarding areas which in their view, were active, and could achieve much

more in terms of local regeneration and renewal, if they had access to a Masterplan as their driving tool

(3) Individual with a passion for the local community and local resources which they could access

With this resource available, to identify the greatest opportunity to benefit the rural community the Council commissioned the Kilbroney Vision and Masterplan. Over the course of the project, there were lots of contributors and extensive community engagement and one clear idea emerged 'Kilbroney is a place for everyone' The key recommendations was

- **For parents, grandparents and minders ... a welcoming parkland, hassle free parking, lots of opportunities to roam & explore at no cost**
- **For walkers ... a choice of routes for all abilities, reliable information, consistent**
- **For the even more energetic ... biking for all ages and long distance walks**

Trails project

As a key recommendation arising out of the Kilbroney Vision and Masterplan was trails development in both walking and cycling, the Council commissioned a details trail project with the aim of providing the detail design of

- A walk trail network of up to 20km, made up of new build, upgrade of existing walk trails and existing forest roads.
- Up to 5km of Category 3 Blue Grade off road cycling trails.

After extensive consultation with the local community and a wide range of Agencies and groups the following accessible trail proposals were recommended:

- **Fairy Glen** A 2.4km Category 2 trail using primarily existing paths to form a loop around Kilbroney Park.
- **Slievemartin Trail** This 6.4km Category 4 trail ascends from the Kilbroney Car Park adjacent to Upper Glen Stream to the upper car park.
- **Cloughmore Return** This 4.6km Category 4 trail ascends from the Kilbroney car park to Fiddlers Green and through the ancient woodland and SAC.
- **Red Bog Lake** This 7.2km Category 4 trail ascends from the Yellow Water Car Park adjacent to Yellow Water River on existing trail.
- **Fallows** This 16.8km Category 4 trail takes in the best of Rostrevor Forest. It uses sections of the shorter routes described above as well as taking in unique new build sections.
- **Blue Grade MTB Trail**

This 4.1km blue grade (Category 3) trail departs from Kilbroney Car Park and gently climbs on new build switch backing trail.

SECTION 4: PROJECT OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND PREFERRED OPTION

In the development of this project there were 3 options considered. The preferred option is option 4.

Option 1: Do nothing

Option 2: Provision of walking trails only

Option 3: Provision of cycling trails only

Option 4: Provision of walking and cycling trails

Option 1 was discounted first, at this option would not deliver against any of the SMART objectives, and would not address any aspect of the project need identified through consultation.

Options 2 and 3 were also discounted, as they would only partially deliver against the identified need.

By providing only walking trails, this option would not deliver against the many requests for a family-cycling trail, which was identified through community consultation. The key objective of this project is to provide the community with a no cost resource which will encourage activities which will promote social wellbeing and encourage improved health overall. In terms of cycling, the consultation identified this as a key opportunity to engage the entire family and particularly young people who can be difficult to engage in outdoor recreation.

By providing, only cycling trails the opportunity to engage all age groups within the community has been lost.

Option 4 is the preferred option, as this option delivers fully against the SMART aims and objectives, and addresses the identified need. This option overcomes the issues identified under delivery of options 2 and 3.

SECTION 5: DISPLACEMENT

None of the Do something options would impact on any other existing project within South Armagh and South Down. This project has a specific location focus, and no other such project exists within these areas.

SECTION 6: ADDITIONALITY

In the absence of public funding, none of the Do Something options would go ahead. Delivery of this Project requires the buy in of a trail design and build construction team. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council do not have the personal resources to deliver this project in house, nor the financial resources to purchase the required resources and deliver this project at 100% cost. The Council is in a position to provide the required match funding, which has been secured on the basis that 50% grant aid is levered in against the total project cost.

SECTION 7: BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS

a) Capital Expenditure	£
- Construction cost	£575,231
b) Other recurrent/revenue costs	
Maintenance cost	£53,335
	£668,838

a) Capital Funding	Total
Capital grant requested from DAERA	£139,605
Own Resources	£435,626
b) Recurrent/Revenue Cost funding	
Recurrent/Revenue grants requested from DAERA.	0
Own resources (i.e. own money used to fund non-capital costs for which grant aid is requested).	£53,335
Total	53,335

7b: Expenditure.

Expenditure:

Construction Costs £575,231

The construction cost is for the appointment of a trail construction contractor who will work in partnership with the Council and local community to deliver a walking and cycling trails project.

Maintenance Cost £53,335

The maintenance costs are based on the maintenance requirements per section and a standard maintenance cost

Income:

No direct income is expected, as the facilities will be free to use to encourage participation

7c: Funding from other funding organisations, which has already been approved?

Organisation	Funding Sought £	Funding support
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council	£435,626 Capital cost	Finance in place for any aspect of project to be delivered in 2018/2019.
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SECTION 8: RISK ANALYSIS (Risks, Uncertainty & Constraints)

Use this section to set out what might impact on the projects ability to deliver the outputs or achieve its full impact. Also, explain how you will manage the risk. Add additional rows to cover all risks identified.

Guidance Note Section 8

Risk Description	Likely impact of Risk H/M/L			State how the options compare and identify relevant risk management / mitigation measures
	Opt 1	Opt 2	Opt 3	
1. Ability to deliver the 20km of walking trail and 5km of cycling trails network	L			A significant amount of preparation work has been completed to inform the detailed trail design including detailed site assessment which has considered ground conditions, access for construction and site designation, the opportunities of the site including topography, scale of the site, access and forest road infrastructure far outway any constraints. It is therefore unlikely that the full extent of the trail will not be delivered; this therefore has been deemed a low risk.
2. Ability to deliver project within indicated timeframe	M			<p>This programme requires the delivery of an extensive trail network construction within an agreed time period. Factors outside the control of the project promoter can delay a project, i.e. poor weather, unknown ground conditions, planning constraints, which could cause delays.</p> <p>To minimise this risk of the programme timeframe not being achieved additional time has been allowed in the programme to facilitate unforeseen delays, detailed site assessment on the ground has been undertaken and pre planning discussions undertaken.</p>
3. Ability to deliver project within indicated budget	L			Management of the budget will be the responsibility of the lead officer (Tourism Development Officer within NMDDC) who has demonstrated previous project and budget management experience. The risks of the project going over budget are low due to a detailed costing having been completed to inform total costs of project delivery

9a Provide details of the Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment if these have been carried out.

These Assessments will form part of the Planning Application and will be completed as required

SECTION 10: MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Management Structure & skills for implementation the preferred option

This project will be managed under the supervision of the Assistant Director of Tourism, Culture and Events, together with a Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience who will have day-to-day management of the project. All Officials involved in the project delivery have extensive Project Management experience across a range of areas including tourism, built heritage, environmental and regeneration initiatives. The officials involved can demonstrate experience across the areas of (1) project development, including scoping, project planning, securing any 3rd party agreements and securing a funding / finance package, and (2) project delivery, including procurement of required expertise, project implementation and budget management.

Quality management arrangements regarding timelines, organisation, tasks and responsibilities

A multi-disciplinary construction team will be appointed to provide expertise, which is not available in house. The cost of buying in this expertise has been included in the total project cost of delivering this project.

As part of the internal management of this project, the following reporting and QA systems will be put in place:

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- The lead officer will report to Council Management team and relevant committee on scheme progression and any arising issues
- The lead officer will keep day to day contact with the delivery agent
- The lead officer will meet formally with the delivery agent on a monthly basis, and more frequently if required to effectively manage the scheme
- The lead officer will liaise with all other relevant persons / agencies that are required to inform the project throughout the delivery of same

The project Initiates on receipt of Letter of Offer. A 9-month period is allowed for the delivery of the project, the key stages of the delivery are summarised below.

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**SCHEME OF DELEGATION
REQUEST TO USE COUNCIL LAND**

Update for March 2019 ERT Committee Meeting

Info on event	Date of agreement/ approval	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/ requirements
Request to use Canal Towpath for annual charity walk on Sunday 9 th September 2018	11.05.18	Thelma Thompson PIPS Hope and Support	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Kilbroney Park for Darkness Into Light night walk on 12.05.18	03.05.18	J Grant, Pieta House, DIL Rostrevor	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Newry Canal Coalyard stretch area for fishing club League Match on 15 th July	14.05.18	Paul Heaney	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Newry Canal for summer season angling events: 27/05, 17/06, 30/06, 01/07, 29/07, 12/08, 02/09, 09/09, 30/09, 12/10, 13/10, 14/10	15.05.18	Geoff Quinn, Newry Canal Match Group	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Greenway for a sponsored walk on Sun 2 nd Sept	18.05.18	Margaret McShane, Southern Area Hospice	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Marcus Square, Newry on 16 th June 2018 for Festival of Windows... artists painting on boards.	06.06.18	Gary McElherron, Newry 2020	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Castle Parks, Newcastle Promenade on 13 th July 2018 for starting/finishing point for Sea2Sky Events	23.05.18	Jane Rowe, Born2Run Events	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Newry Canal	23.05.18	Michelle Monaghan, St Clare's Abbey Primary	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments,

Towpath for School Walk on 25 th May		School		Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Greenway for sponsored walk on 17.06.18	23.05.18	Caroline Anderson, Rockfield Nursing Home	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Albert Basin for Car Boot Sale on 5 th August 2018	18.06.18	Marsha McGrath, McMillan Cancer		Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Warrenpoint Beach for International Currach Championships 10 th – 12 th August 2018	02.07.18	Tom McCann Carlingford Lough Currach Club	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request for filming at Newcastle Promenade 26.06.18 for Vox Pops	02.07.18	Oonagh Talbot BBC NI	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Upper Square Castlewellan for street entertainment as part of hosting the Newcastle Comhaltas on 27 th – 29 th July	08.07.18	Paddy Breen, Newcastle Comhaltas	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request for use of Albert Basin for Firmus Energy Newry City Triathlon 25 th & 26 th August	17.07.18	Rebecca Byrne, Newry BID	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request use of Albert Basin to facilitate community event as part of lur Cinn Fleadh Festival to include community picnic, local musicians.	02.08.18	Neil Bradley Newry 2020	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Albert Basin for Newry Oktoberfest, Beer Festival 24 th - 30 th Sept &	23.07.18	Graeme Finegan	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc. and Licence Agreement

5 th 6 th 7 th Oct 2018				
Request to use Kilbroney Park Rostrevor for Kilbroney Vintage Show on Saturday 15 th June 2019	14.08.18	Paul Braham via Patricia Sands, Kilbroney Park.	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Albert Basin for Car Boot Sale on Sun 23 rd Sept 10am – 3pm	22.08.18	Martha McGrath, MacMillan Cancer Support	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Middlebank for Quays staff carparking for 6 x weeks during Christmas season	24.09.18	Cathal Austin	Approved	Signed Licence Agreement, Costs, Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request by UCD Boat Club to train on Newry Canal on Sunday 14 th October	04.10.18	Niall Farrell, UCD Boat Club	Approved	Subject to appropriate water levels being met and provision of relevant Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Request to use Towpath for Sponsored Dog Walk and 10k fun run	09.10.18	S.Loughran USPCA	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Windmill Street Car Park, Ballynahinch for Halloween Event on 31 st Oct 2018	18.10.18	Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Warrenpoint Breakwater for Halloween Event on Wednesday 31 st October 2018	29.10.18	Micky Ruane, Warrenpoint Safer Community Partnership	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Flagstaff Viewing Point for filming on		Grant Bobbitt, Wildfire Film Productions	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Use of Lower Square Strangford for Bells Funfair on circa 12 th July 2019	23.11.18	Mary Bell, Bell's Funfair	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc

Request to use Albert Basin for Circus from Fri 3 rd May – Mon 6 th May 2019	06.12.18	Padraig O'Keefe Fossett's Circus	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Request to use Albert Basin for Cullen's Funfair from Mon 4 th March – Tues 19 th March 2019 for	07.01.19	Joanne Cullen, Cullen's Funfair	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Request to use Newry Canal for training by Bann Rowing Club (Coleraine) on Sat 12 th Jan 2019	07.01.19	Geoff Bones, Bann Rowing Club	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Request to use Newry Canal Towpath on Sun 8 th September 2019	07.01.19	Padraig Harte, PIPS Hope & Support	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Request for use of Albert Basin for angling competition on 14 th April 2019	22.01.19	Oliver McGauley	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Request to use Newcastle promenade for open air services. Summer 2019	01.02.19	George Conn, The Faith Mission central.irish@faithmission.org	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Request to use Albert Basin on 25 th & 26 th May 2019 for Newry Half Marathon	06.02.19	Damian Mulholland Newry City Runners Muldamianebtinternet.com 07921566605	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
Request to use Albert Basin for Car Boot Sales 12.05.19, 30.06.19, 28.07.19, 08.09.19	21.02.19	Martha McGrath, McMillan Cancer Support	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Request to use Albert	22.02.19	Sean Keenan, Loughside Angling	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments,

Basin on 6 th July 2019 for Angling Competition		Club		Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc
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HISTORIC**ACTION TRACKER SHEET****ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		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 Rationale and Specification prior to progressing to seek Expression of Interest.	Andy Patterson	Under consideration.	N
		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	Andy Patterson	Currently with Planning	Y

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		homes.			
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
		OCTOBER 2017			
ERT/191/2017	CAMLOUGH LAKE - LAND RELATED MATTERS	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Closed Session Item</u></p> <p>(a) To enter into negotiations with Richardson Estate to settle any outstanding mortgage they hold pertaining to Camlough Lake</p> <p>To complete detail design and submit planning associated with multi purpose building at Camlough Lake to assist in informing land acquisition requirements</p>	Andy Patterson	Ongoing	N

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		DECEMBER 2017			
ERT/218/2017	ARDGLASS HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT	<p>(a) To contribute £25k (25%) to Local Harbour Development Group to complete a business case for Harbour Development and wider regeneration projects.</p> <p>(b) That the Group contribute 10% overall costs.</p> <p>(c) That the Group secure remaining (65%) budget from external source i.e. FLAG.</p> <p>(d) That a Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Officer support the Group in their work.</p>	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
		MARCH 2018			
ERT/044/2018	FORKHILL FORMER BARRACKS SITE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Council Officials and DEA reps on the Forkhill Site Development 	J McGilly	<p>Ongoing/Work in Progress Planning application in for playarea approved in Jan 2019. Onsite works to commence in Feb 19.</p> <p>Working with NIHE re next steps.</p>	N

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		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.			
		APRIL 2018			
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 	J McGilly	Research completed. Report compiled. Skills Forum meeting held in June. Further meeting scheduled for early 2019.	N

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		<p>response and agree next steps</p> <p>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 District through the range of employers across Sectors</p>			
ERT/064/2018	DEVELOPING THE BELFAST - DUBLIN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the request by Translink for them to undertake a detailed Technical & Feasibility study of all proposed options for the development of the Dublin & Belfast Enterprise service.	M Ward	Work In Progress	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	Project underway.	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 calendar. 2. Approve further development of 	J McGilly	Ongoing.	N

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		<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Football Club 			
		JUNE 2018			

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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 per year). Estimate total grant drawdown is £520,000 over same period.) 	J McGilly	<p>3 applications Submitted 2 x applications approved.</p> <p>Awaiting outcome of remainder March 2019.</p>	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 the letter of offer from DFC, procure the granite.	J McGilly	Work commenced Jan 2019. To be completed by March 2019.	N
		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 	J McGilly	Ongoing - application Approved. Update Report at January	N

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		<p>13.06.18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 element of HLF Development works that can be undertaken prior to December 2018. 		2019 ERT.	
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 	J McGilly	Ongoing	N

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		<p>No.39 Irish Street which is adjacent to Former Police Station.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 			
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 	J McGilly	Work in progress - Consultants appointed and working through relevant maps to see if there are any viable sections of the route that could be consulted on.	N

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		<p>Ards & North Down Borough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			
ERT/126/2018	C8 Eastern Economic Corridor Conference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	M Ward	<p>Draft research report received Jan 2019.</p> <p>Conference scheduled for Feb 2019 has been postponed.</p>	N

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		<p>establish an evidence base for potential local government-led collaboration along the corridor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 seaboard of the island of Ireland; 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</p>			

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		<p>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> <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. 			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 • 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 			

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ERT/130/2018	DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK MASTERPLAN	<p style="text-align: center;">o Attracting investment</p> 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
		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 	J McGilly	Ongoing. consultants appointed January 2019. Work to be completed April 2019.	N

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		contained in the AONBs Update Report dated 10 September 2018.			
		October 2018			
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	In progress	Y
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 festival and event organisers require as much lead-in time and assurity of funding support as possible. A workshop to be scheduled to look at events generally in the district. 	M Ward	Ongoing	N

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The definition of Council events and community led events to be circulated to all Councillors. 			
		November 2018			
ERT/175/2018	DFC SMALL SCALE CAPITAL SCHEMES UNDERSPEND	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council submit the Attached List of small scale projects to DFC for consideration over the next 3-4 years. 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 If DFC funds are received, progress is then made to carrying out the necessary procurement to have the agreed number of projects completed. Officials bring back a report later in the financial year to confirm 	J McGilly	Work in progress. Council officials working closely with DfC to obtain relevant funding and action projects before End March 2019. List of successfully completed projects will be brought back to future ERT meeting.	N

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		<p>what monies have been 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	<p>1. Council compile a list of Brexit technical notice and issue Council website.</p> <p>2. These notices to be tabled at future meetings of Brexit Forum.</p> <p>3. Council signpost Businesses accordingly to relevant agencies that can support Businesses work through technical notice detail and implications for their</p>	J McGilly	Ongoing.	N

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		<p>business.</p> <p>4. UU present at the next forum meeting on the various scenarios and implications.</p> <p>5. Council continue to liaise with INI regulatory potential of lands at Carnbane.</p>			
ERT/178/2018	MASTERPLANS UPDATE	<p>1. With reference to the 4 Master plan updates, to note the comments provided in relation to progress to date and next steps</p> <p>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.</p>	M Ward	Work in progress. Review to commence early 2019.	N
ERT/179/2018	WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK	<p>1. Approve the attached Warrenpoint Municipal Park Action Sheet dated 2.10.18</p> <p>2. Obtain a total cost for cleaning and painting of perimeter railings as part of refurbishment works. If HLF are content with price,</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>council proceed with carrying out these additional works as part of contract.</p> <p>3. Establish cost for Wi-Fi hotspot in Warrenpoint Park and proceed with this on the basis of being within budget.</p>			
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 Chief Executive and one officer.	M Ward	Ongoing	N
ERT/182/2018	TOURIST ACCOMMODATION FUNDING	<p>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.</p> <p>2. More detail on the capital budget funding for the tourist accommodation developments to be brought to a future ERT Committee Meeting.</p>	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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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	N
		December 2018			
ERT/200/2018	CASTLEWELLAN ON-STREET CAR PARKING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. Council using existing car park in Square to understand that is the 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		reason for all day parking at this location and consider similar restrictions as those to be imposed on street.			
ERT/205/2018	DAERA SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS SCHEME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To further engage with DAERA to secure the delivery of a Rural Business Small Grant scheme in the District 2. 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 	J McGilly	Officers to develop structure to deliver in Partnership with DAERA and report back to Committee.	N
ERT/208/2018	TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAME 2019/20	<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 and contractual documents for any bookings made, in order to support the planning and delivery of the UK and Ireland Pride Festival in Newry in 2019. 	A. Patterson	Ongoing	N

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 			

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		6. The Financial Assistance Call for Tourism Events to be open as possible in 2019.			
		JANUARY 2019			
	VILLAGE RENEWAL APPLICATION TO RDP	<p>Using the Council's Framework for Integrated Consultancy Services to appoint an Integrated Consultancy Team to manage full design and statutory requirements for all schemes. The cost of this is anticipated to £200,000, up to RIBA Stage 4 and this is available within current budgets.</p> <p>Council will also undertake procurement for the identification of a preferred contractor(s) for implementation of capital works of approximately £3.2 m. 75% of these costs will be applied for in an application to RDP. 25% balance is available within the Capital budget. Procurement of a contractor is a pre application eligibility requirement. No appointment will be made until a Letter of Offer is secured.</p> <p>To make applications to the Mourne Gullion Lecale Village Renewal measure for implementation of capital works If a Letter of Offer is secured: To sign and accept the Letter of Offer</p>	M Ward	<p>Consultancy Team appointed in January 2019 to undertake design works for EI and Gateway Schemes.</p> <p>Funding application to be submitted July 2019</p>	N

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		<p>To formally appoint the contractor(s) To further engage the Integrate consultancy Team to manage the project through RIBA stages 5 and 6 at an estimated cost of £80,000. It would be expected that 75% of this cost will be included in the LoO to be secured through RDP and 25% of cost will be paid by Council from available budgets.</p>			
ERT/006/2019	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK HLF AND DAERA APPLICATION	<p>Accept and sign off on Economic Appraisal Accept Letter of Offer of Round One funding by HLF Council to continue working towards submitting DAERA application before 31st January 2019.</p> <p>Proceed with issuing ITT for Integrated Supply Team for Walled Garden, Bothy Yard and Rhododendron Wood. The tendered prices to inform DAERA application.</p> <p>Explore the option of an additional DAERA application for Grange.</p> <p>Proceed with finalising Job Description of Project Development Officer for Castlewellan Project</p>	M Ward	Ongoing	N

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		<p>Begin preparing tender documentation for Integrated Design Team for Grange/Traffic as part of HLF Development Phase</p> <p>Begin preparing tender documentation for Horticulturalist works as part of HLF Development Phase</p> <p>Issue Press Release and have a Photocall before Christmas Holiday with appropriate approval from HLF and NMDDC Marketing team.</p> <p>Continue to keep both HLF and DAERA apprised of progress. Establish timetable for HLF Round 2 submission.</p> <p>Council Inter-Departmental team to be established to inform HLF Development Phase.</p> <p>NMDDC and FS to liaise on Agreement to Lease.</p>			
ERT/007/2019	ULSTER UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT	To renew Council's Partnership Agreement with the Ulster University for a 2 year period between February 2019 and January	M Ward	Ongoing	N

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		2021 at a cost of £25,390.			
ERT/008/2019	YOUNG ENTERPRISE NI - SUPPORT FOR STUDENT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS	To provide an SLA of £10,000 to Young Enterprise for delivery of Digital and Tourism Masterclass / Quick start Programme within NMD Secondary Schools.	M Ward	Ongoing	N
ERT/010/2019	MINOR WORKS AT TYRELLA BEACH	To progress a works contact through the Council's CPD framework to implement capital improvement works at Tyrella Beach.	A Patterson	Ongoing	N
ERT/011/2019:	ROSTREVOR DOWNHILL TRAILS	Through the CPD Framework undertake a design and build contract to facilitate the trail enhancements which will improve the trail flow and encourage a greater number of visitors to the trails.	A Patterson	Ongoing	N
ERT/014/2019	TRADING PITCH - SLIEVE GULLION PARK	To proceed with the tendering of a trading pitch for the provision of one mobile ice cream vendor at the Upper car park of Slieve Gullion Forest Park for a period of up to three years, with the lease to be reviewed annually.	A Patterson	Ongoing	N

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ERT/015/2019	IMMERSIVE TECHNOLOGY FUND NARNIA PROJECT KILBRONEY PARK	To proceed to undertake necessary procurement exercises to deliver the Narnia AV/VR project subject to funding of £150,000 from TNI and £150,000 from Council. Council contribution agreed at November ERT Committee.	A Patterson	Ongoing	N
		FEBRUARY 2019 (To follow)			
END					