

February 19th, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 19th February 2024 at 6:00 pm in Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre & MS Teams.

**Committee Membership 2023 - 2024**

Councillor R Howell **Chairperson**

Councillor O Magennis **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor L Devlin

Councillor D Finn

Councillor A Finnegan

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor A Mathers

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor S O'Hare


# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

## 3.0 Action Sheet arising from Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2024

*For Information*

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### *Community Development*

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## 4.0 Digi Hub Report - East Border Region Application to 2.4 PEACEPLUS: Smart Towns and Villages

*For Approval*

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### *Leisure and Sports*

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## 5.0 Expressions of Interest - Leasing of Council Land

*For Approval*

Appendices attached to the report.

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### *Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014*

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## 6.0 Programme Delivery Partner – Public Tender

*For Approval*

 *Report - Public Tender - Programme Delivery Partner.pdf*

*Not included*

 *Appendix 1 Programme Delivery Partner Business Case.pdf*

*Not included*

## 7.0 Fitness Equipment – Servicing and Maintenance

*For Approval*

 *Report- Fitness Equipment Servicing and Maintenance.pdf*

*Not included*

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## **8.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report**

*For Approval*

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## **9.0 Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report**

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## **10.0 Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report**

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## **11.0 Living High Street Funding - Dunleath Park**

*For Information*

## **12.0 Living High Street Funding - Newcastle**

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## **13.0 Newry Mourne and Down District Council Sports Awards**

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# Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Mrs Fionnuala Branagh

Cllr Jim Brennan

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Mr Andrew Cassells

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Ms Joanne Fleming

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mrs Laura Higgins

Cllr Roisin Howell

Ms Catherine Hughes

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Josephine Kelly

Cllr Tierna Kelly

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Cathal King

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Miss Lauren McMenamy

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston

Cllr Declan Murphy  
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Sinead Murphy  
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Cllr Kate Murphy  
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Cllr Selina Murphy  
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare  
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Mr Andy Patterson  
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Cllr Áine Quinn  
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Cllr Henry Reilly  
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Cllr Michael Rice  
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Ms Alison Robb  
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Cllr Michael Ruane  
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin  
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Donna Starkey  
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Sarah Taggart  
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Paul Tamati  
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Cllr David Taylor  
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly  
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Cllr Jill Truesdale  
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Mrs Marie Ward  
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**ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 22 January 2024**

AHC/083/2023	Community Trails Update	It was agreed that AHC Committee: • Consider Outdoor Recreation NI's (ORNI) presentation on the 2022/23 SLA. • Agree Community Trail Development Priorities as per appendix 1 of the officer's report. • Agree the NMDDC Beach Access Framework as per appendix 2 of the officers report. • Agree the Review of Sea Swimming at Newcastle Harbour as per appendix 3 of the officer's report. It was agreed that a report would be brought back to Council to consider the feedback from the report including: • That a Task and Finish Group for Newcastle Harbour be established to include DEA Councillors from the area, local businesses and stakeholders to take the masterplan forward as a matter of priority. • That provision be made for a lifeguard at the Newcastle pier in the summer period during times of high tide within the estimates and that requests be forwarded to the ERT Directorate.	P Tamati	Ongoing	Y
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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/111/2023	Notice of Motion – Homelessness	It was agreed to note the contents of the report and consider inviting NIHE to present on the issue of Homelessness to Council in due course. It was agreed that a presentation regarding homelessness be made from advocacy groups such as those listed and a webpage signposting organisations to help people in crisis be included on the Council website. Mrs Robb confirmed she had noted the proposal for a presentation and a webpage and that she would bring forward a report to committee in due course.	A Robb	Ongoing	Y

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/133/2023	Access and Inclusion Funding	It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful funding bids to the DfC Access and Inclusion Fund.</li> <li>• A Public Tender and appointment to complete the works outlined in the Access and Inclusion Funding Application.</li> <li>• To approve the Business Case for this Public Tender as per appendix 1 and Council's Procurement Policy.</li> </ul>	P Tamati	Agreed	Y
AHC/134/2023	Sport NI Community Planning Investment Programme	It was agreed to approve the successful funding bid to Sport NI's District Councils Community Planning 23/24 Investment Programme and the revised Business Case as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.	P Tamati	Agreed	Y

**ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Actions taken/ Progress to date</b>	<b>Remove from Action Sheet Y/N</b>
AHC/003/2024	Action sheet arising from Committee Meeting held 18 December 2023	It was agreed to note the action sheet	All	<b>Noted</b>	
AHC/004/2024	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheet for - Community Coordination Hub Meeting Wednesday 13 December 2023.	A Robb	<b>All actions being actioned as agreed</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/005/2024	Saintfield Community Centre – Request for additional land	It was agreed to approve Saintfield Community Association's request to extend the current Community Garden at Saintfield Community Centre and include it within its Financial Management Agreement with Council.	A Robb	<b>Being actioned</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/006/2024	DEA Forums Update	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Hare, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, to note the officer's update report on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.	A Robb	<b>Noted</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/007/2024	Newry Neighborhood Renewal (NRP) report	It was agreed to note the report and note the minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 29 November 2023, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2024.	A Robb	<b>Noted</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/008/2024	Multi Sports Hubs	It was agreed to note the officer's report.	P Tamati	<b>Noted</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	East Border Region Application to 2.4 PEACEPLUS – Smart Towns and Villages
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Alison Robb (Assistant Director of Community Development)
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Julie McCann (Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events)

For decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For noting only <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b> To approve Council's inclusion as a partner organisation in the East Border Region application to PEACEPLUS under investment area 2.4.</p> <p><b>Background</b> PEACEPLUS has launched a funding stream under Investment Area 2.4 Smart Towns and Villages. The key objective of Investment Area 2.4 is to support economic and social development using Information Communication Technology (ICT) to deliver outcomes in target areas, particularly those of a rural nature, leading to the creation of a more cohesive community.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>East Border Region is submitting a cross border project under this measure called: <i>"Bridging the divide and fostering innovation"</i>.</p> <p>As part of this project, it is hoped to establish five mini-Digi hubs and one mobile digital lab (DKIT/Louth). Digi hubs will be located in the other five local Council areas in the East Border Region, with a focus on using underutilised public buildings to try to inject renewed vitality into Community Centres. The call opened on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and closes on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To approve Council's inclusion as a partner organisation in the East Border Region application to Peaceplus under investment area 2.4
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	None. Project progress subject to a funding bid.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>
	None
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

Report to:	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Subject:	Leasing of Council Land and Facilities - Expressions of Interest
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

For decision	x	For noting only	

1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>To seek approval to progress the following two sites through Sport and Community Leasing Policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Playing Field at High Street, Bessbrook (Appendix 1)</li><li>2. Playing Fields at Carrigenagh Road, Kilkeel (Appendix 2)</li></ol> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Council has received correspondence from interested parties for the two named sites and is seeking approval to progress these requests through Council’s Sport and Community Leasing Policy.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Council’s Sport and Community Leasing Policy allows groups interested in Council owned land and facilities to be considered for lease arrangements via a 3-stage process as outlined below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Stage 1: Expressions of Interest for identified Land/Facilities.</b> This stage requires an EOI for identified land/facilities to be publicly advertised, a submission of an outline business case from prospective leasers, and evaluation of the outline business cases scored against set criteria. Submissions must meet the minimum threshold score in order to progress to stage 2 of the process.</li><li>• <b>Stage 2: Full Business Plan Submission.</b> Submissions that meet the minimum threshold in stage 1 will be requested to submit a Full Business Plan which will also be evaluated against set criteria. Submissions must meet the minimum threshold score in order to progress to stage 3 of the process.</li><li>• <b>Stage 3: Recommendation and Decision</b> Submissions that meet the minimum threshold in stage 2 will progress to stage 3 and a Committee Report submitted to Strategic, Policy and Resources Committee for recommendation and decision.</li></ul> <p>As per the recommendation of this report, officers are seeking approval to commence stage 1 of Councils Sport and Community Leasing policy for the 2 areas of land identified in 1.1 of</p>

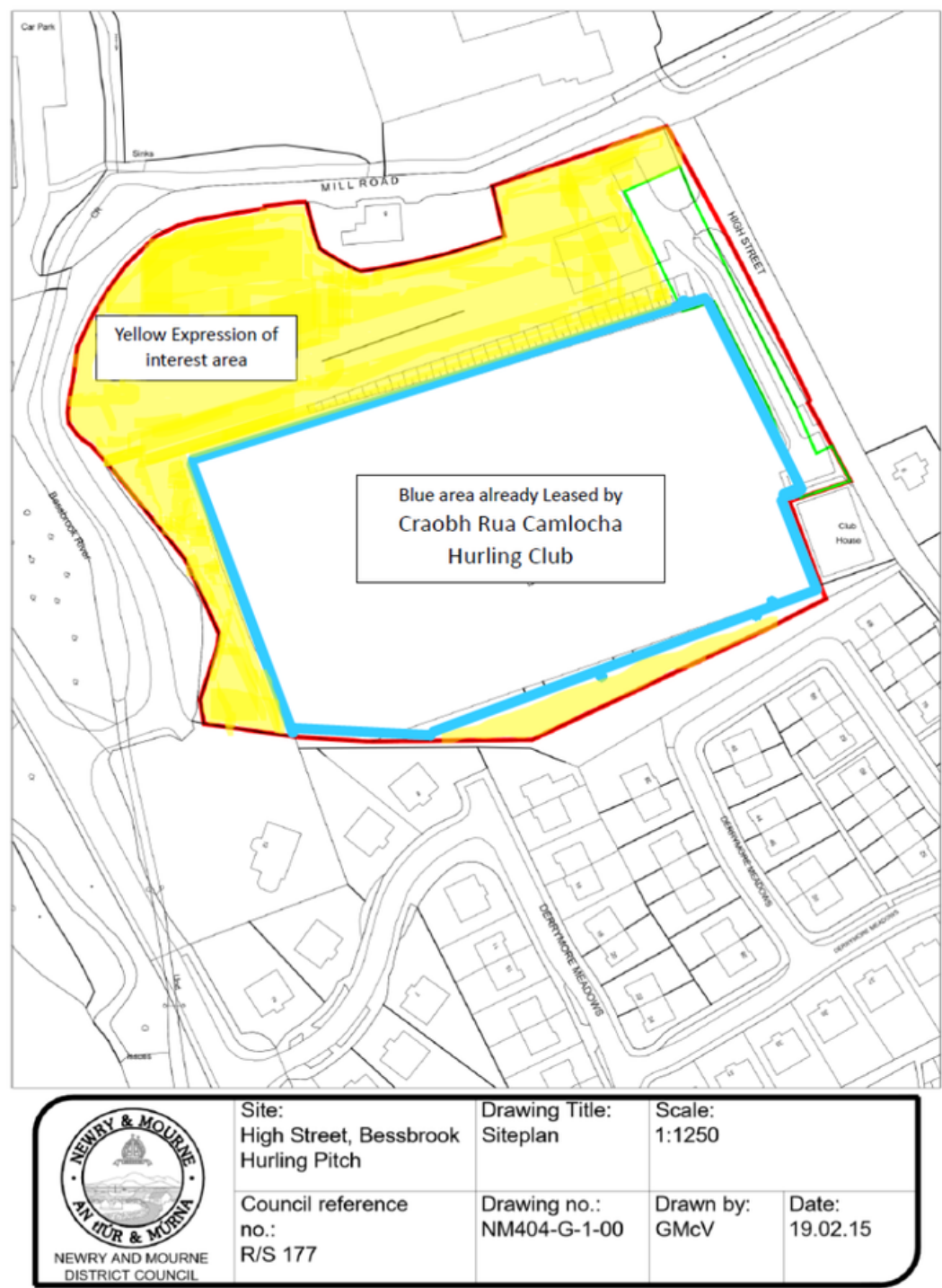


	this report.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p>Approval to progress the two named sites through the various stages of Councils Sport and Leasing Policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Playing Field at High Street, Bessbrook</li> <li>2. Playing Fields at Carrigenagh Road, Kilkeel</li> </ol>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<p><b>Revenue:</b> It is proposed that Council incur the land/facility independent evaluation costs associated with stage 2 of this process. These costs will be met within current budget estimates for 2023/24 and/or 2024/25.</p> <p><b>Capital:</b> There are no identified capital budget implications associated with this report.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision.</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation. <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation. N/a</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	<i>Rationale:</i>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing, or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appendix 1- Playing Field at High Street, Bessbrook</b></li> <li>• <b>Appendix 2- Playing Fields at Carrigenagh Road, Kilkeel</b></li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	<b>None</b>

Appendix 1: Map identifying land at High Street, Bessbrook

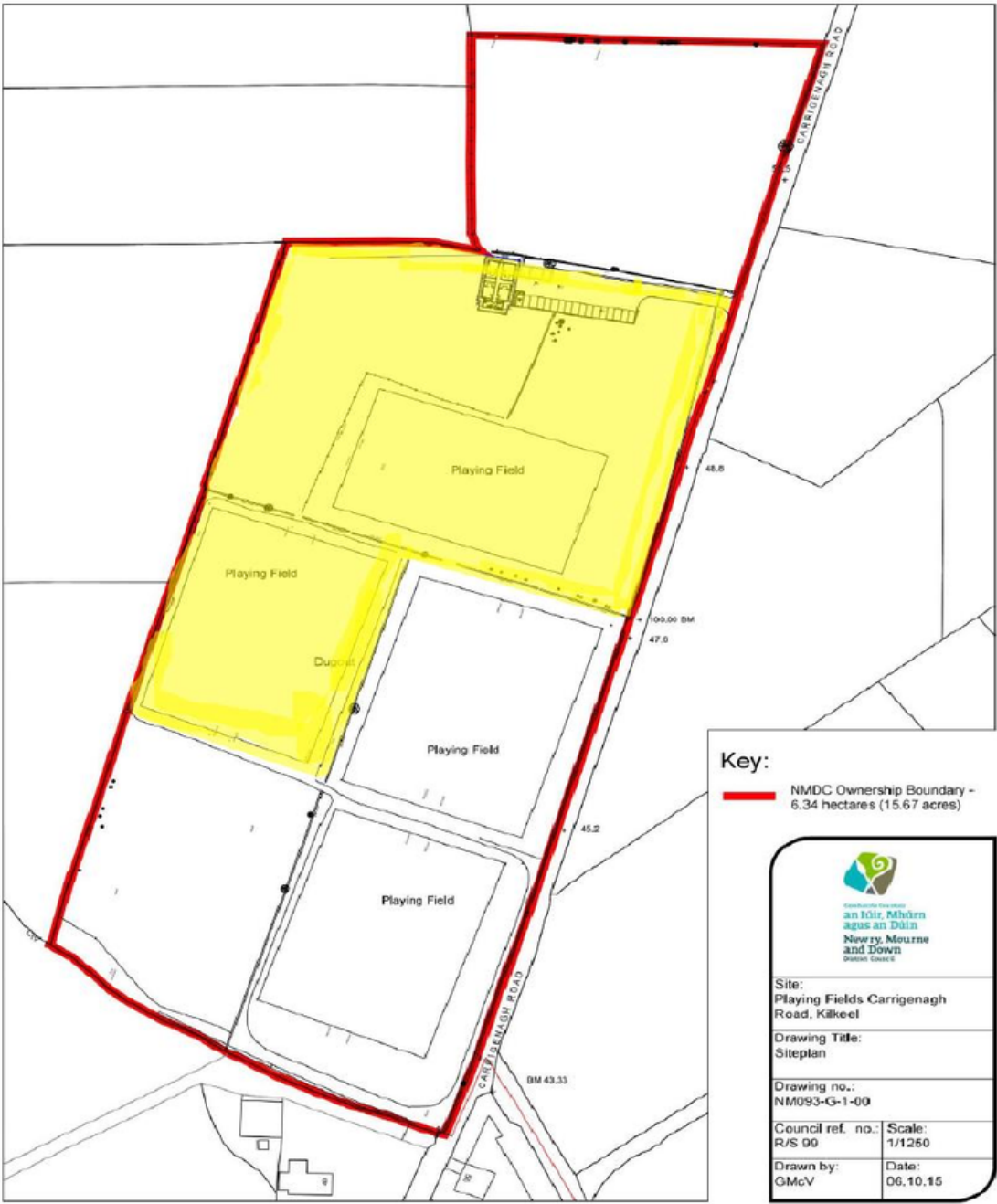
- Key:
- Red Area – Land under Councils Control
  - Blue Area – Football pitch already Leased by Ca
  - Yellow Area proposed area – Expression of interest Area



# Appendix 2: Map identifying land at Cargineagh Road Playing Fields, School Road, Kilkeel

Key:    Red Area – Land under Councils Control

         Yellow – Expression of interest land for Leasing





<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 February 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Development
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manger Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

<b>For decision</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>For noting only</b>	
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the report.</li> <li>To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below.</li> </ul> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	None.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the report.</li> <li>Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2024.</li> <li>➤ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 25 January 2024.</li> <li>➤ Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 31 January 2024.</li> <li>➤ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 6 February 2024.</li> <li>➤ Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2024.</li> <li>➤ Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>

5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	<p><b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b></p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs.  Appendix 2: Action Sheet of The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting, 23 January 2024.  Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting, 25 January 2024.  Appendix 4: Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting, 31 January 2024.  Appendix 5: Action Sheet of Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting, 6 February 2024.  Appendix 6: Action Sheet of Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting, 7 February 2024.</p>

	Appendix 7: Action Sheet of Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting, 13 February 2024.
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None.



## **Appendix 1**

### **Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs**

The following information is provided to update the AHC Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.

#### **All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Enjoy Good Health and Wellbeing**

##### ***Level of Health Status:***

The Mournes DEA supported the annual Heat & Eat event in Newcastle. The event brings together a number of support agencies that provide information and support to help those struggling financially.

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs were part of a multi-agency partnership that provided a Neurodiversity Café in Downpatrick SERC on Thursday 1 February 2024. The Café provided practical help and support to families navigating neuro-diverse challenges and signposted families to the relevant agencies.

In partnership with the Education Authority, Downpatrick DEA is providing a football initiative for the young people within the Killough community. The area has seen limited youth provision over the last couple of years and this initiative provides an opportunity for the Education Authority to bring the young people together again.

The Mournes DEA will be hosting a taster event for over 50s in the Newcastle Centre on Tuesday 13 February 2024. The aim of the event is to raise awareness of activities available in the centre and encourage people in the area to become more active.

#### **All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Live in Respectful, Safe and Vibrant Communities**

##### ***Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:***

The Mournes DEA along with the Council's Safety, Health and Emergency Planning (SHEP) Section will be hosting an interagency meeting in mid-February 2024 with the Department for Infrastructure and Rivers Agency representatives to explain the role of the RCRG (Regional Community Resilience Group) and additional mitigation measures available for local residents.

Crotlieve DEA will be hosting a series of Good Relations events, three of which will occur by March 2024. The events will focus on shared history surrounding graveyards in the DEA and will feature talks about the Next Decade, a follow on from the Decade of Centenary events.

Crotlieve DEA is supporting Kilbroney Integrated Primary School's 25-year celebration of Integrated Education in Rostrevor. The DEA is supporting an Afternoon Tea event at the school on Thursday 21 March 2024 which will be attended by current and former staff, governors, parents and dignitaries.

The Mournes DEA continue to link with statutory agencies and the Council's Social Inclusion Officer to provide support and opportunities for engagement for asylum seekers recently accommodated in the area including links with local food banks, and community kitchen programmes.

All seven DEAs will be providing support to local community groups in submitting Financial Assistance applications.

##### ***Level of Personal Safety and Crime:***

The Downpatrick DEA is supporting the Downpatrick PSNI's Friday Night Football Programme involving young people aged 14-20 from the local Downpatrick area. The aim of the initiative is to alleviate anti-social behaviour and to build relationships with young people from all different cultural identities living in the area.

**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**

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**Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 4.00pm in Newcastle Centre**

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Councillor William Clarke</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Councillor Laura Devlin Councillor Jill Truesdale</b>
<b>Independent Members:</b>	<b>Paula Nixon, County Down Rural Community Network Lloyd Douglas, Frontier Support Network</b>
<b>Statutory Partners:</b>	<b>Annie Clarke, SHCST</b>
<b>Council Officials:</b>	<b>Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator, The Mournes Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer Paula Earley, Activity Referral Coordinator, Leisure</b>
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Councillor Leeanne McEvoy Councillor Michael Rice Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Kenny Gracey, PSNI Aisling Renick, Engagement &amp; Development Manager Donna McConnell, Kilkeel Development Association Clare Shiels, County Down Rural Community Network Laura Sage, Community Facilities Manager</b>

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
MOU/2024/1	Welcome/Apologies	Welcome by Cllr. Clarke.	Noted.
MOU/2024/2	Declarations of Interest	None made.	Noted.
MOU/2024/3	Action Sheet 28 November 2023	Brief update and overview of the actions from the previous Forum meeting was given.	Noted.
MOU/2024/4	Election of Chair	Cllr. Clarke was proposed by Cllr. Devlin and second by Cllr. Truesdale as Chair during Cllr. McEvoy's Maternity Leave.	Noted.
MOU/2024/5	PARS Presentation	The Activity Referral Coordinator provided a brief overview of programmes and activities available in the Newcastle Centre.	Noted.
MOU/2024/6	DEA Coordinator's Update	DEA Coordinator provided an update on proposed programmes and initiatives that took place in December 2023 and January 2024.	Noted.
MOU/2024/7	PCSP Update	<p>The PCSP Officer provided an update on activities and programmes including RAPID Bins.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding the possibility of a speed indication mobile device for Bryansford.</p> <p>Issues around used needles being disposed of in RAPID Bins was raised. A Public</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>PCSP Officer to raise the issue with PSNI.</p> <p>PCSP Officer to come back with possibilities.</p>

		<p>information campaign around the proper use of RAPID Bins was suggested.</p> <p>A suggestion was also raised regarding investigation of a used needle exchange scheme in the Newcastle area.</p>	<p>PCSP to look at options and come back to the Forum.</p>
MOU/2024/8	Communities Facilities Update	No updates.	Noted.
MOU/2024/9	Agency Updates	Agency updates from CDRCN and the Southern Health Care Trust were given.	Noted.
MOU/2024/10	Emerging Issues	None.	Noted.
MOU/2024/11	Meeting Dates	DEA Coordinator to forward dates.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at: 5:00pm

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### Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 3.30pm in Boardroom, Monaghan Row

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Councillor Geraldine Kearns</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Councillor Aidan Mathers Councillor Cathal King</b>
<b>Independent Members:</b>	<b>Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups Eamonn Connolly, Newry Business Improvement District Allison Slater, Family Support Hub Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network</b>
<b>Council Officials:</b>	<b>Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement &amp; Development Manager Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer</b>
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Councillor Doire Finn Councillor Valerie Harte Councillor Killian Feehan Colin Hanna, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency Maria Hamill, Area Learning Group Anne Auderson, Frontier Support Network Deirdre Magill, Southern Health and Social Care Trust Promoting Wellbeing Team Declan Murray, Area Learning Group/St Joseph's High School Laura Sage, Community Facilities Manager Noreen Rice, Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Thelma Thompson, Altnaveigh House Ltd Martina Flynn, Safer Communities &amp; Good Relations Manager</b>

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2024/1	Declarations of Interest	No declarations made.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2024/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2024/3	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator's update report given.	Noted.
DEA/N/2024/4	PCSP Update	Update reported by PCSP Officer. Information on upcoming initiatives to be circulated via DEA Coordinator.	Noted.
DEA/N/2024/5	Independent Member Update.	Members provided updates in relation to DFC funding, Hardship Scheme funding and local projects.	Noted.
DEA/N/2024/6	Raymond McCreesh Park	Update requested in relation to current D1 process.	Engagement & Development Manager to progress.

The meeting ended at: 4.10pm

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 6.00pm in Newtownhamilton Community Centre**

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Councillor David Taylor</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Councillor Aine Quinn Councillor Declan Murphy Councillor Aoife Finnegan</b>
<b>Independent Members:</b>	<b>Teresa Nugent, Rural Health Partnership Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network Laurence Bradley, Confederation of Community Groups</b>
<b>Statutory Partners:</b>	<b>Insp Adam Corner, PSNI Sgt Robin Blair, PSNI</b>
<b>Council Officials:</b>	<b>Aisling Rennick, Engagement &amp; Development Manager</b>
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	<b>Paul Douglas, The Executive Office</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Councillor Pete Byrne Councillor Oonagh Magennis Councillor Mickey Larkin Linda Henry, Frontier Support Network Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Martina Flynn, Safer Communities &amp; Good Relations Manager Briege Boyle, Community Facilities Manager Therese Hamill, ANOB Officer Maureen O’Gorman, EA Youth Services Niall Fitzpatrick, NIHE Deirdre Magill, Southern Health and Social Care Trust</b>

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
<b>DEA/SG/1/2024</b>	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
<b>DEA/SG/2/2024</b>	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Action Sheet confirmed as true and accurate record.  Members expressed their best wishes to Claire Loughran.	Approved.
<b>DEA/SG/3/2024</b>	DEA Coordinator's Report	Engagement & Development Manager delivered the Coordinator's Report.  Agreed to distribute information regarding upcoming Blood Donation Session in Cloughreagh Community Centre on 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024.	Noted.  Engagement & Development Manager.
<b>DEA/SG/4/2024</b>	The Executive Office (TEO)	Paul Douglas explained his role within the TEO District Council Good Relations Programme.	Noted.
<b>DEA/SG/5/2024</b>	Rural Health Partnership Update	Teresa Nugent gave an update on current work in which the Partnership is involved including the Social Supermarket and Hardship Scheme Funding.  She noted that NICVA had been appointed to undertake a recruitment process for the roll out of Area Integrated Partnership Boards and outlined some of the concerns of Community Sector representatives on the current Pilot Project in the Southern Area.	Noted.



<b>DEA/SG/6/2024</b>	Community Safety and Good Relations Update	<p>Verbal update provided by Insp Adam Corner, PSNI.</p> <p>Engagement &amp; Development Manager gave details of an update from PCSP regarding RAPID Bins, Speed Indicator Signs, a Community Engagement Event on 6<sup>th</sup> February and a Community Safety and Wellbeing event to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February in Newry Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Councillor Finnegan requested an update on progress with regard to a request for transfer of the SID at Ballymacarry Bridge to the Culloville Road.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Engagement &amp; Development Manager/DEA Coordinator to contact PCSP.</p>
<b>DEA/SG/7/2024</b>	Community Facilities Update	<p>Engagement &amp; Development Manager gave details of upcoming Community Facilities Driving Theory and Food Hygiene programmes.</p> <p>Councillor Finnegan requested an update regarding issues relating to the hire of meeting rooms at Council buildings in respect of preparation for Council funded annual events.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Engagement &amp; Development Manager/DEA Coordinator to request update from Community Facilities.</p>
<b>DEA/SG/8/2024</b>	Emerging Issues	<p>Environmental:</p> <p>Members discussed issues in respect of roads in the area which did not meet the gritting criteria and requested that DFI consider that exceptions be made in certain specific cases where schools or care homes were affected with particular reference to Ballymoyer Road, Newtownhamilton, Maphoner Road, Mullaghbawn, and Creamery Road, Crossmaglen.</p>	<p>Engagement &amp; Development Manager/DEA Coordinator to contact DFI.</p>

		<p>Community:</p> <p>Ann Grant stated that the Department for Foreign Affairs Reconciliation Fund was opening on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.</p> <p>Laurence Bradley reported that the Confederation of Community Groups had been awarded the contract for the Good Morning Service for Newry and Mourne and for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon. Local hubs had been agreed for the WALD centre and for Lislea Men’s Shed.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<b>DEA/SG/9/2024</b>	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 @ 5.30pm	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 6.30pm

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**Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 18.00 pm in The Boardroom Warrenpoint Town Hall**

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Councillor Michael Ruane</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Councillor Selina Murphy Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly</b>
<b>Independent Members:</b>	<b>Richard McGaffin - Frontier Support Network Thelma Thompson Little - Altnaveigh House Trust Martina Byrne- Hilltown Community Association/Clonduff Development Enterprise/Women of Clonduff</b>
<b>Statutory Partners:</b>	<b>Maureen Larkin – Education Authority</b>
<b>Council Officials:</b>	<b>Shirley Keenan – Crotlieve DEA Co-ordinator Aisling Rennick – Engagement &amp; Development Manager</b>
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Councillor Mark Gibbons Connaire McGreevy – Greater Newry Chamber of Commerce Damien Brannigan – Head of Engagement Deirdre Magill - Southern Health and Social Care Trust Claire Shiels - County Down Rural Community Network Keith Parke - Ardarragh Accordion Band/Lisnamullion Rural Association/Drumlough &amp; Ballygorian RDA Shannon Creaney - PCSP</b>

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/1/2024	Welcome and Apologies.	Councillor Ruane welcomed the Forum and noted apologies.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/2/2024	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/3/2024	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held September 2023.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.  Proposed by Councillor Selina Murphy and seconded by Martina Byrne.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/4/2024	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	Update from DEA Co-ordinator Ms S Keenan on projects and programmes that had taken place from the date of the last meeting and planned projects for the coming months including a Good Relations Programme, an older person's event and an Integrated Education Celebration.	Noted.

DEA/C/5/2024	Action Plan Update/New Projects.	Upcoming projects agreed by Forum Members along with associated budget.  Spend for projects proposed by Councillor Selina Murphy and seconded by Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly.	DEA Co-ordinator to continue with delivery and implementation.
DEA/C/6/2024	Update from Education Authority.	Update provided by Ms M Larkin, EA.	Noted.
DEA/C/7/2024	Hilltown Christmas Illuminations.	Ms M Byrne advised that there were issues with the electrics in Hilltown Square.	DEA Co-ordinator to contact relevant Council department.
DEA/C/8/2024	Halloween 2023 Mayobridge and Burren.	DEA Co-ordinator provided details from Council department on cost of clean-up operation for Halloween 2023.  Item to remain on Agenda.	Noted.
DEA/C/9/2024	Congratulations Notices.	Members asked for congratulations to be sent to Councillor Gibbons and Mr McGreevey on the recent births of their children.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward letters of congratulations on behalf of the Forum.
DEA/C/10/2024	Acknowledgement of Death of former DEA Forum Member.	The Forum acknowledged the passing of Thomas 'Baker' McCann a former Member of Crotlieve DEA Forum.	DEA Co-ordinator to send letter of condolence on behalf of the Forum.

DEA/C/11/2024	Date of Next Meeting.	The next meeting date:  16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance.
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The meeting ended at: 18:40 pm

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**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in The Mill Room, Ballynahinch Community Centre, at 10.30 a.m.**

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Councillor Terry Andrews</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Councillor Jonathan Jackson Councillor David Lee-Surginor</b>
<b>Independent Members:</b>	<b>Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective</b>
<b>Statutory Partners:</b>	<b>Bethany McClune, Education Authority Kim Dunn, Sergeant PSNI Rowallane</b>
<b>Council Officials:</b>	<b>Ellen Brennan, DEA Co-Ordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement &amp; Development Manager</b>
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Councillor Callum Bowsie Councillor Tierna Kelly Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Joseph Deegan, Community Services Manager (East) Lise Curran, County Down Rural Community Network Robert Burgess, Rowallane &amp; Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show, Saintfield Community Estates</b>

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/03/02/2024	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	No declarations of interest.
DEA/ROW/03/03/2024	Action Sheet of meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	On the <b>proposal</b> of Richard Orme and <b>seconded</b> by Councillor Jonathan Jackson it was recommended that the action sheet from the 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023 meeting be approved as a true record.	Agreed.
DEA/ROW/03/04/2024	PSNI Update on burglaries and criminal activity in Rowallane	Sergeant Kim Dunn PSNI provided an update on recent burglaries in the Rowallane area. She advised the PSNI would arrange a crime prevention leaflet drop to local businesses. Members were advised an extra patrol car had been added in the Ballynahinch area.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/03/05/2024	Update from Community Safety and Good Relations	Read: update report from PCSP.  Members were advised that signage for the RAPID Bins for disposal of illegal and legal drugs was being considered.  Agreed to request statistics from the Ballynahinch Speed Indicator Display.	Noted.      DEA Coordinator to contact PCSP to request the SID statistics for the Ballynahinch area for circulation to members.



DEA/ROW/03/06/2024	Update from Community Facilities	<p>The DEA Coordinator provided an update report on The Market House and proposed works to Ballynahinch Community Centre.</p> <p>Members asked for a copy of the proposed plans for Ballynahinch Community Centre to be circulated again to refresh their memory.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The DEA Coordinator to circulate plans of the proposed building works to Ballynahinch Community Centre to members.</p>
DEA/ROW/03/07/2024	Action Plan Update/New Projects	<p>Read: update report on projects carried out since the previous meeting.</p> <p>Bethany McClune updated members on proposals from the Education Authority for the Rowallane area.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
DEA/ROW/03/08/2024	Date of Next Meeting	<p>Agreed the next meeting to be held "in public" in Saintfield on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The format of the meeting to be a meet and greet of the Forum members, PCSP, CDRCN, ASCERT, Education Authority, and other suitable statutory agencies. The meeting to finish with a multi-agency panel discussion on priorities for the Rowallane area.</p>	<p>Next meeting to be held in Saintfield Community Centre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.</p>

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 5.30 pm via Teams**

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Councillor Cadogan Enright</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Councillor Gareth Sharvin Councillor Philip Campbell Councillor Oonagh Hanlon Councillor Conor Galbraith</b>
<b>Independent Members:</b>	<b>Jim Masson, Down Business Connect, Down Community Health Committee, Ardglass Harbour Dev Limited Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Housing Community Network Macartan Digney, Downpatrick Community Collective Jenny Laverty, NI Housing Executive Housing Community Network</b>
<b>Statutory Partners:</b>	<b>Paul Fitzsimons, Education Authority</b>
<b>Council Officials:</b>	<b>Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator</b>
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Andrew Martin, RHD Flute Band, Inch Ulster Scots, LAMP Youth Club Daniella McCarry, County Down Rural Community Network Mel Murray, Education Authority Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Aisling Rennick, Engagement &amp; Development Manager</b>

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/24/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/02	Declarations of Interest	None.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/03	Action Sheet of Meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Action Sheet was adopted on the proposal of Dan McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Campbell.	DEA Co-Ordinator.
DEA/DPK/24/04	Emerging Issues a) Flood Resilience	A discussion ensued regarding the establishment of a Downpatrick DEA Community Resilience Group that could provide support in future emergency incidents. The DEA Co-Ordinator advised members that following the proposal at the Sustainability & Environment Committee the Council's SHEP Team will attend a future DEA Meeting to advise members of the Council's Corporate approach to emergency planning and community resilience.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/05	Update from Education Authority re Youth Provision	The Senior Youth Officer for the District gave members an update on projects being rolled out within the Downpatrick DEA area. Members were asked to consider nominating young people from the community in one of the categories within this year's YAFTAs Awards. The	DEA Co-Ordinator.

		DEA Co-Ordinator to forward information on programmes and YAFTAs to members.	
DEA/DPK/24/06	Update from ERT re Irish Street Project	The DEA Co-Ordinator updated members on the derelict building on Irish Street.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/07	Access to Dunleath Park from St Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick	Following discussion, members were advised that this project will fall under the remit of the proposed Skateboard Park in Dunleath Park.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/08	Consider inclusion of Walkway between Killough Road and Racecourse Road to list of Paths & Walkways	It was established that the land in question falls within the remit of several statutory agencies and private landowners. It was agreed that as the pathway did not meet the criteria of being an established tourist pathway/greenway it could not be included in the list of same.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/05	Report on DEA/Good Relations Initiatives	The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members.  DEA Co-Ordinator to request a further update from Translink in relation to any measures they plan to implement in relation to possible additional traffic on the Ardglass Road and if the existing bus stops will be relocated or removed.	DEA Co-Ordinator.

The meeting ended at: 6.40pm

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 February 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Development
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

For decision		x	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To note the report.</li><li>To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet of the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting listed in 3.1 below.</li></ul> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The information in the Action Sheet attached is provided to update the Committee on recent CCH activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the CCH and its member organisations.</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	To coordinate actions to mitigate impact on individuals and groups in the community.			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the report.</li><li>Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub Meeting held on Wednesday 17 January 2024.</li></ul>			
4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the CCH action sheets.			
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)			
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations</p> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div>			
5.2	<b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b>			

	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p><b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b></p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Community Coordination Hub Meeting Action Sheet of Wednesday 17 January 2024.</p>
8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

## **NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Action Sheet of Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 @ 2:00pm via Teams**

**In Attendance:** Chair: Damien Brannigan (Engagement)

Raymond Jackson (Confederation of Community Groups and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)  
James Elliott (DFC)  
Rosemary McDonnell (Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)  
Laura Higgins (Admin Assistant AHC)  
Justyna McCabe (Diversity and Inclusion)  
Aisling Rennick (DEAs)  
Aidan McCabe (SHSCT)  
Lauren McMenamy (Community Planning)  
Sonya Burns (Programmes Unit)  
Aveen McVeigh (Regeneration & Business Development)

**Apologies:**

James Campbell (Health & Wellbeing)  
Sinead Trainor (Health & Wellbeing)  
Brian Rankin (Sustainability)  
Alison Robb (Assistant Director Community Development)  
Nicholas McCrickard (County Down Rural Community Network and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)  
Alan Beggs (Community Planning)  
Julie McCann (Community Services, Facilities and Events)  
Lynda Vladeanu (SEHSCT)  
Gerard Rocks (SHSCT)  
Martina Flynn (PSCP)

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion and Action Agreed</b>	<b>Raised by/ Referred to</b>
1.	Welcome & Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted.</li> </ul>	All
2.	Actions from last CCH Meeting held on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actions from the last CCH meeting held attached.</li> </ul>	All
3.	Funding Opportunities for NI Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding Opportunities for NI Community. Copy attached for information and distribution as appropriate. Damien thanked Laura for updating this each month for CCH members as it is very helpful resource.</li> </ul>	All
4.	Update on Refugees and Asylum Seekers Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justyna advised that there are some new residents in the Hotel in Newcastle, 34 service users in total and some residents moved out of the Hotel before Christmas into housing.</li> <li>Sinead Bailie (Council's Social Inclusion Support Officer) continues to meet with families in the district and signpost them to support services.</li> <li>There is a new resident guide being developed for Newry, Mourne and Down. It is hoped that it will be available on the NMD Council Website at the end of March, and it can be translated into various languages.</li> <li>There is also work ongoing on 2 training orientation programmes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Asylum Seekers – An introduction to life in NI, processes, systems, education, how to report Hate Crime, information on refugee transition from asylum seekers, housing, health, safeguarding etc. It is hoped that the first</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	JMcC



		<p>session will take place at the end of January in Downpatrick and will be led by the Law Centre. It will be aimed mostly at dispersals.</p> <p>(2) Stakeholder Training – Information on the asylum and refugee process, will be delivered by the Law Centre and will consist of a series of workshops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newry and Downpatrick/Newcastle Stakeholder groups both met in December. There will be an online TEAMS meeting for the Downpatrick/Newcastle group next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 12:00-13:30.</li> </ul>	
5.	Update from DfC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James advised that DfC plans for next year are prepared and in place, however there may be cuts made once budget allocations are announced. James will update CCH as and when he has any budget updates.</li> <li>John Smith is the acting Deputy Secretary of Communities, Place &amp; Local Government at DfC and he has arranged a visit to Newry on 6<sup>th</sup> March where he aims to visit the Social Supermarket, Clanrye and DfC funded projects.</li> <li>Damien asked James if there was provision within next year's proposed plans for Social Supermarkets, James replied that the plans are based on this year's projects so yes.</li> </ul>	<p>JE</p> <p>DB</p>
5.1	DfC 2023/2024 Social Supermarket (SSM) Support Fund update on progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damien thanked Clanrye Group for the case study they provided in their Social Supermarket OBA report (circulated with today's meeting agenda) and acknowledged how great it is to see the way people are being assisted. Raymond highlighted the importance of the wraparound service for users.</li> <li>Raymond advised that Norbrook gave additional food at Christmas and will continue to do so over the year. They will provide meals on wheels at Easter. Raymond thanked everyone involved in the Norbrook 'We Care at Christmas' campaign which was a great success.</li> </ul>	<p>DB</p> <p>RJ</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosemarie added that it is great to see the business community working together with the voluntary and community sector.</li> </ul>	RMcD
5.2	DfC Hardship Grant Scheme Funding 2022/2023 update on progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raymond advised that the OBA report cards have all been submitted and were circulated with today's meeting agenda. There was an increase in demand in the run up to Christmas with people requiring assistance with paying their utility bills, this was aided by the Credit Union utility bill fund which has now finished.</li> <li>Damien thanked Raymond and the 6 partner organisations for the OBA reports relating to the allocation of Hardship Funding, he added that it is very beneficial when you can actually see through the case studies the individuals and families who are benefiting from the fund. Raymond added that part of the EOI criteria is that case studies are provided.</li> </ul>	RJ  DB
6.	Updates from CCH Members:	<p><b><u>Community Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raymond said that the BBC had been in Newry interviewing some people from the community and voluntary sector (including Women's Aid, CCG and Bolster) asking their views on the state of the economy and cost of living etc and it was expected to be aired over the next few days.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Trusts &amp; PHA Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adian explained that the Verve programme was piloted in Newry a couple of years ago and now the SHSCT are in a position to roll it out again in the Newry and Mourne area which will benefit 3,000 people across the area, it is already a successful programme in the Craigavon area.</li> <li>Aidan advised that the Verve programme is funded by DfC and the objective of the network is to address health inequalities prevalent within each of these areas through delivery of healthy lifestyle programmes.</li> </ul>	RJ  AMcC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aidan invited CCH members to the Verve 10 year Celebration event in Craigavon on 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre. This would be a great opportunity for CCH members to see the strength of the Craigavon programme and to visualise the possible outcomes for the Newry and Mourne area.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Council Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sonya advised that the funding workshop due to take place in Downpatrick this week has been moved to next week due to the weather warnings.</li> <li>Sonya reported that the EOI process is ongoing for PeacePlus and if anyone requires any information the best contacts are Sarah and Elaine in the Programmes Unit.</li> <li>In relation to EGMS, Sonya explained that the new provider is still testing the system and the planned 'Go live' is Monday. The old system will end in March 2024 and online claims can still be completed until mid-March.</li> <li>Sonya advised that Financial Assistance Call 1 will have 10 themes and opens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 12 noon and closes Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 12 noon. It is anticipated that Letters of Offer will be issued mid-May 2024.</li> <li>Aisling predicts that there could be further cuts to Good Relations Programme funding from TEO for next year but has no details at present.</li> <li>Damien reminded members that all Social Supermarket and Hardship Scheme Funding must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and that no extensions to this deadline are expected from DfC.</li> </ul>	<p>SB</p> <p>AR</p> <p>DB</p>
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7.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All business was discussed and noted through the other items on the agenda.</li> </ul>	DB
7.1	Go Succeed <a href="http://www.go-succeed.com">www.go-succeed.com</a> (Aveen McVeigh, NMDDC Head of Regeneration and Business Development)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aveen gave a presentation on the 'Go Succeed' programme and explained that it was launched by all Councils in mid-November 2023. Go Succeed is the new go to source for free expert business advice. There is currently a large advertising campaign via television and social media. Go Succeed replaces the previous Go For It programme.</li> <li>The service provides free 1-2-1 mentoring, workshops, masterclasses, and a grant of up to £4,000. Businesses can require assistance through Start, Grow, Scale and Grant stages.</li> <li>Go Succeed has secured funding of £17M from the Levelling Up Fund. Mentoring will be bespoke to successful applicants. Applications can be made via <a href="http://www.go-succeed.com">www.go-succeed.com</a>. More information can be requested by telephoning 0800 027 0639.</li> <li>Laura will email Aveen's presentation to CCH members after today's meeting.</li> </ul>	AMcV         LH
8.	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 2.00pm</li> </ul>	All

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 February 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

<b>For decision</b>	<b>For noting only</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>	
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the report.</li> <li>To note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee &amp; PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 28 November 2023, approved at the Policing Committee &amp; PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 30 January 2024.</li> <li>To note the attached Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2023, approved at Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Wednesday 24 January 2024.</li> <li>To note the attached Downpatrick NRP Action Plan (updated November 2023), approved at Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The attachments referenced above are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of the PCSP and Downpatrick NRP.</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>	
2.1	None.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the report.</li> <li>Note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee &amp; PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 28 November 2023, approved at the Policing Committee &amp; PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 30 January 2024.</li> <li>Note the attached Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2023, approved at Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Wednesday 24 January 2024.</li> <li>Note the attached Downpatrick NRP Action Plan (updated November 2023), approved at Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2023.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>	
4.1	None.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>	

5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p><b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b></p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Minutes of Policing Committee &amp; PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 28 November 2023</p> <p>Appendix 2: Minutes of Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2023</p>

	Appendix 3: Downpatrick NRP Action Plan (Updated November 2023)
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None.

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

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### Action Sheet of Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 4.00 pm via zoom

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<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Nicholas McCrickard</b>	<b>County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Jenny Laverty</b> <b>Dan McEvoy</b> <b>Macartan Digney</b> <b>Mary Cahalane-Woodward</b> <b>Maria Kelly</b> <b>Catherine Shipman</b> <b>Brian Morrow</b>	<b>County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)</b> <b>Downpatrick Community Collective</b> <b>Downpatrick Community Collective</b> <b>South Eastern Trust</b> <b>Downpatrick Surestart</b> <b>SERC</b> <b>Department for Communities (DfC)</b>
<b>Council Officials:</b>	<b>Katrina Hynds</b> <b>Aisling Rennick</b> <b>Damien Brannigan</b>	<b>Technical Officer, Downpatrick NHR</b> <b>Engagement &amp; Development Officer</b> <b>Head of Engagement</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Mel Murray</b> <b>Anita Waite</b> <b>Edel Curran</b>	<b>Education Authority</b> <b>Department for Communities</b> <b>NIHE</b>



ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DNRP/01/2023	Welcome and Apologies	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting	
DNRP/02/2023	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	No declarations were declared	
DNRP/03/2023	Action Sheet	Members unanimously agreed to adopt the Action Sheet 5 July 2023	Technical Officer
DNRP/04/2023	Review of Action Plan	<p>Members reviewed the Annual Report and agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All new or amended projects to be presented to and approved by the Partnership</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SERC’s Driving to Success Programme ended June 2023. Initiative has been replaced with the Be Your Own Boss Programme which commenced in September 2023</li><li>• Reduce costs associated with Family Heath &amp; Wellbeing Officer due to reduction in staff number</li><li>• Remove feasibility study to convert old Social Security Office to Community Facility</li><li>• Reduce budget for Speech and Language Therapy</li><li>• Saul Street – meeting to be organised on site</li><li>• Replace ‘extension of allotments’ to supply of electricity to allotments. Approval granted to proceed with appointment of consultant to manage project</li></ul>	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend projected costs for replacement of Trojan Horse and play park. Agreed that the project could be split into two, if funding opportunities arose that would be suitable for either</li> <li>• Provision of sensory equipment – completed</li> <li>• Storage Unit Marian Park - completed</li> </ul>	
DNRP/03/2023	Promoters' Reports	The Promoters' Reports were presented to members and noted	Technical Officer
DNRP/04/2023	Update from Department for Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expression of Interest for any Small Capital Projects to be submitted to DfC or Technical Officer</li> <li>• Invite Anne Marie Dooey, MDT to next meeting to discuss health &amp; wellbeing initiatives</li> <li>• New funders reporting method to commence in the New Year</li> </ul>	Technical Officer / Department for Communities

	Additional Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invite representatives from Clanmill to the next Meeting</li></ul>	
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The Meeting ended at 5:15pm

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## Action Plan 2019 – 2022

(Agreed 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 – Updated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023)

Key to tables:

Green	Continuing 'core' DSD- funded or mainstreamed project, agreed or expected to go ahead
Red	NR Partnership priority project, subject to future funding
Pink	Possible priority project via NR funding or promoted through DEA Forum / Community Planning Framework
Yellow	Community Planning-related project – to be promoted through DEA Forum / Community Planning framework

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**Strategic Objective:**      **Community Renewal** - Community Involvement

**Overview of Need:**

At the outset of the Neighbourhood Renewal programme, levels of community infrastructure and capacity in Downpatrick NRA were extremely variable. The Flying Horse Ward Community Forum, an active umbrella body for a range of community and sporting groups in the 3 main estates in the Ballymote Ward, contrasted with a low level or total lack of community activity in other estates. Levels of community activity have increased through support from the NR programme, particularly through the provision of a dedicated NR community development worker, also essential to co-ordinating access to the range of other social and economic programmes but this remains an ongoing need. Of particular importance is the need to support community- identified actions in the Ballymote Ward, in particular the replacement of the Trojan Horse Community Facility which has played a pivotal role in providing a cost effective facility that enables community health & wellbeing initiatives

**Key Priorities**

1. To increase the number of local people involved and the levels of involvement in activities and decisions contributing to improvements in the quality of life in the NR area.
2. To develop community infrastructure within the NR area and to support the delivery of community-based activities.
3. To promote youth engagement and seek opportunities for youth development.
4. To promote partnership working between local community and local statutory bodies.
5. To provide opportunities for increased use of shared community and recreational facilities.
6. To build stronger links between communities in the NR area and create more opportunities for positive contact between residents.

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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored	DfC Indicators
<b>NMDDC Technical Assistance</b>	Community: all Economic: all Social: all Physical: all	NMDDC	Annual cost - £15,223.86	April 2023	Quarterly monitoring reports on agreed outputs and outcomes. Evaluation of programme upon delivery	All
<b>PHA Health &amp; Community Engagement Programme</b>	Community: 1, 2, 4, 6 Economic: 7 Social: 1, 3, 5 Physical: 2, 3	CRDRN	Annual Cost £25,000	7 groups involved throughout the year	Quarterly monitoring by NRP/DDC Annual review by NRP Number of men & women in health programmes Participants in youth activity Effective interagency meetings	CR5 CR6 SR(H)2

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**Strategic Objective:**      **Economic Renewal - Work and Worklessness, Qualifications, Skills and Training**

**Overview of Need:**

The most recent update of NISRA statistics for the Downpatrick NRA show some improvements in the economic position from the 2001 baseline. The proportion of economically active people has also risen from 50.8% in 2001 to 60.6%, although again well below NI at 66.2%. After a fall in 2006 – 2008, unemployment has resumed 2001 levels and is at 7.6%. This is reflected in the proportion of residents on Job Seekers Allowance at 9.7%, up sharply from 2001 (5.8%) and three times the lowest level in 2008 (3.1%)

**Key Issues:**

1. To support local people with few or no qualifications to access vocational and personal development training.
2. To help local people, in particular those unemployed and dependent on state welfare benefits, to access suitable employment and training opportunities
3. To source and develop opportunities to provide training relevant to local business needs and local residents.
4. To support and help local people avail of money management advice.
5. To encourage new businesses to locate in the area, and to support expansion of existing businesses in the NR area.
6. To source and develop opportunities for community/socio-economic projects that will provide long term sustainability for local communities
7. To widen economic activity and to source and develop opportunities to increase household incomes and improve prosperity within the NR area.



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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored	DfC Indicators
<b>SERC Be Your Own Boss</b>	Community: Economic: 1, 2, 3 Social: 6 Physical:	SERC	£52,874.00 p.a. April 2023-March 2024	Adequate funding in place Criteria Review (20 NRA participants)	Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Annual review by NRP Number trained and Qualifications gained	ER2 ER3
<b>Business Plan for Town Centre Social Enterprise Development, including review of derelict buildings in Town Centre &amp; funding for</b>	Community: 1, 4, 5 Economic: 2, 5, 6 Social: 3, 4 Physical: 2	Downpatrick Community Collective NMDDC Appointed consultant	Professional fees & Feasibility Study	Completion of study pending funding	Production of report Identification of preferred option(s)	CR9 PR8 PR10

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**Strategic Objective: Social Renewal** - Health & Social Wellbeing, Educational Attainment, Attitudes to Education, Crime & Safety, Income & Benefit Dependency

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### Overview of Need:

The most recent update of NISRA statistics for the Downpatrick NRA shows some improvements in the educational position from the 2001 baseline. The proportion of the population with no qualifications has fallen from 50.8% to 34.1% and the number of 16 – 74 year olds with a higher level qualification has doubled to 17.5, although this remains well below the NI average of 23.65%. Health has also seen some improvements although we should be wary of small area statistics which give widely varying results for individual health outcomes. However, those who claim that their general health is good rose from 61.8% (2001) to 73.9% in 2011. And is reinforced by the small reduction in those who have a long term limiting illness (26.7%, down from 28.2% in 2001). The latter remains much higher than the NI average at 20.69% and more people across NI claim to have good health (79.51%). In common with most parts of Northern Ireland, crime statistics have shown a major improvement. Recorded crime is down from 1,962/10,000 population to 1,305 in 2011. Rates of burglary, criminal damage and theft have fallen by more than half; although violent crime, which rose sharply until 2006, is now back to 2001 levels.

### Key Priorities:

1. To empower and support local people to live healthy lifestyles to help reduce long-term illness within the NR area.
2. To ensure local residents have access to the best possible range of health and social care services.
3. To engage with the young people to promote healthy life style choices, in particular dealing with preventative measures.
4. To provide opportunities and support for the delivery of positive and stimulating health, sports and play activities for children and young people.
5. To influence the delivery of community-based health & well-being support services, particularly for the elderly and infirm.
6. To ensure local people have access to educational provision at all stages of their lives.
7. To improve the educational attainment for school leavers.

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8. To seek and support the delivery of a variety of new and innovative pathways to education.
9. To develop programmes to engage young people and specifically age groups 8 - 12 & 13 - 25 and to provide positive alternatives for physical education, volunteering and personal development.
10. To develop joint programmes for children and parents, in particular, to address ICT skills, development and employability skills.
11. To provide support and seek opportunities to develop the extending school's programme that will include improved usage of public buildings for community development.
12. To support new and migrant workers families to participate within the community including the development of English language and other skills.

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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored	DfC Indicators
<b>SEH&amp;SCT Family Health and Wellbeing</b>	Community: 1, 2, 4 Economic: Social: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Physical:	SEH&SCT Downpatrick SureStart	£36,000.00 – March 2024		Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Annual review by NRP Number of families helped Level of support for new parents Crèche sessions Home visits	ER13 SR(H)2 SR(H)3
<b>Speech and Language Therapy</b>	Community: 1, 4 Economic: 1 Social: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Physical:	SEH&SCT Downpatrick Schools	£48,000 p.a. March 2024		Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Annual review by NRP Improvements in children's reading ages/ class/ school reading scores Integration of Talk Boost programme into curriculum	SR(Ed)6 SR(Ed)13

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**Strategic Objective: Physical Renewal** – attractive, safe, sustainable environment

**Overview of Need:**

The most recent update of NISRA statistics for the Downpatrick NRA shows some improvements which suggest a growing confidence in the Downpatrick NRA. The proportion of owner occupied homes in the area has risen from 45.7% (2001) to 50.3% in 2011 (still far behind NI average levels at 66.9%). However, the proportion of residents claiming Housing Benefit has also risen over this period from 20.9% to 29.7% in 2011.

**Key Priorities:**

1. Higher availability of affordable housing stock.
2. Improved quality of environment for social, economic, cultural and leisure activities including enhancement of community facilities.
3. Improved infrastructure and access to services within housing estates, including car parking, traffic calming, road improvements and better street signage.
4. Safer physical quality of environment where people live.
5. Safer areas for children and young people to play



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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored	DfC Indicators
<b>Kennedy Square/ Lynn Doyle Activity Area</b>	Community: Economic: Social: 1, 4 Physical: 2, 3, 4, 5	NRP NMDDC NIHE	Capital cost - £30,000	Completion of activity area and play/seating – small environmental improvement scheme	Six monthly review of progress Review on completion by NRP User feedback	PR5
<b>Marian Park Playground - additional equipment</b>	Community: 2, 5 Economic: Social: 3, 4 Physical: 2, 3, 4, 5	NMDDC NRP Local community	Capital cost - £7,500	Completion of activity if capital funding becomes available	Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Completion on cost and to specification Number of users from NRA User feedback	CR10 PR5
<b>Saul St./Meadowlands Environmental Improvement</b>	Community: 4 Economic: Social: Physical: 2, 3, 4, 5	NRP NMDDC DSD NIHE DRD Roads Service	Capital cost £50,000	Environmental improvement scheme, replace existing lighting with solar powered lights Renewable energy & climate mitigation to be paramount	Six monthly review of progress NRP Review on completion User feedback	PR3 SR(C)4
<b>Electricity into Allotments -</b>	Community: 1, 2,4, 5,6 Economic: 2, 4, 6 Social: 1, 5, 6, 8 Physical: 2, 4	Local Community/ NMDDC/ NIHE/ DFC	Capital Cost £5,000	Installation of electricity into polytunnels	Six month review of progress	
<b>Upgrade Replace Existing Mobile Community Facility &amp; Playpark– New Model Farm</b>	Community: 1, 2,4, 5,6 Economic: 2, 4, 6 Social: 1, 5, 6, 8 Physical: 2, 4	Local Community/ NMDDC/ NIHE/ DFC	Capital Cost £500,000	Replace existing mobile for use by community & educational purposes by March 2020	Six month review of progress	

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<b>Funding towards new Irish preschool Naiscoil Dhun Padraig</b>	Economic: 2, 4, 6 Social: 1, 5, 6, 8 Physical: 2, 4	Naiscoil Dhun Padraig	Capital Cost £200,000	Provision of new build for Naiscoil Dhun Padraig	Six month review of progress	
<b>Provision of Basketball Court in Model Farm</b>	Community: 1, 2,4, 5,6 Economic: 2, 4, 6 Social: 1, 5, 6, 8 Physical: 2, 4	Local Community/ NMDDC/ DFC	Capital Cost £75,000	Installation of new equipment	Six month review of progress	
<b>Provision of Sensory Equipment</b>		Surestart	Capital Cost £1,500	Provision of sensory equipment	Approved	
<b>Storage Unit – Marian Park</b>		NMDDC/ CDRCN/ DFC	Capital Cost £5,000	Provision of new storage facility to be installed	Progress to funding application	
<b>Additional Play Park Equipment – Ballymote</b>		NMDDC/ DFC	Capital Cost		Six month review of progress	
<b>Update Equipment in Play Park – Bridge Street/Mount Crescent</b>		NMDDC/DFC	Capital Cost		Six month review of progress	

<b>Report to:</b>	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Department for Communities (DFC) - Living High Street Funding – Dunleath Skate Park and Pump Track
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

<b>For decision</b>	<b>For noting only</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>	
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b> To note the contents of this report on the DfC Living High Street Funding for the Dunleath Skate Park and Pump Track project.</p> <p><b>Background</b> In October 2023 AHC Committee and subsequently full Council approved the commencement of procurement and appointment of contractors; the business case for the Dunleath Park project; and noted the submission of a funding application to the Department for Communities (DFC) - Living High Street funding stream for project delivery.</p> <p>In May 2022 AHC Committee and subsequently full Council approved a budget and the establishment of a skate park and pump track at Dunleath Park as part of a phase 1 development.</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>	
2.1	<p>As part of the funding application process Council officers explored a range of procurement options to satisfy DFC and CPD and to establish a timely delivery of this project should the Council's funding application be successful.</p> <p>Adherence to a CPD approved 2 stage procurement process utilising CPD procurement templates was required for Council's funding application to be successful, significantly extending the delivery timescale of this project.</p> <p>Council has now received and signed a contract for funding for this project with funding spend outlined in section 4.1 of this report and linked to a new delivery timescale of March 2025.</p> <p>Council's Capital team will now progress the CPD approved procurement process for this project with project delivery timescales clarified once contractor appointment is complete, however prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	



<b>3.1</b>	To note the contents of this report on the progression of DfC Living High Street Funding for the Dunleath Skate Park and Pump Track project.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<p><b>Revenue:</b> It is anticipated that there will be maintenance budget implications to be addressed within the Environment and Sustainability budget provisions once this project is complete. Officer will engage directly with this S&amp;E section to ensure these provisions are considered.</p> <p><b>Capital:</b> Council has agreed a contract for funding for £390,176.36 from DfC – Living High Street Fund with an additional Council contribution of £25,000 for this project.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<b>Report to:</b>	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Department for Communities (DFC) - Living High Street Funding – Newcastle Centre Meanwhile Use Space
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to note the update in relation to DfC – Living High Street Funding for the Newcastle Centre – Meanwhile Use space.</p> <p>In October 2023 AHC Committee and subsequently full Council approved to commence procurement and appointment of contractors and the business case for the Newcastle Centre Meanwhile Use project, subject to funding and noted the submission of a funding application to the Department for Communities (DFC) - Living High Street funding stream for this project.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>Council has now received a contract for funding for this project with funding spend outlined in section 4.1 of this report.</p> <p>Council’s Capital team will now progress procurement process for this project with project delivery timescales clarified once contractor appointment is completed.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p><b>That AHC Committee consider the contents of this report and note the update in relation to DfC – Living High Street Funding for the Newcastle Centre – Meanwhile Use Space project as per section 4.1 of this report.</b></p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<p><b>Revenue:</b> It is anticipated that there will be maintenance budget implications to be addressed within the Environment and Sustainability budget provisions once this project is complete. Officers will engage directly with this S&amp;E section to ensure these provision are consider.</p> <p><b>Capital:</b> There are no Capital Budget implications associated with this report however Council has now agreed a contract for funding for £200,000 from DfC – Living High Street</p>

	Fund. No additional Council contribution for this project is anticipated. Although the project is 100% funded, due to the 'vouching' process for retrospective claims from funders, Council's Capital programme will need updated to reflect this project allowing a capital code to be issued and spend for the project to progress.
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1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to note the update in relation the NMDDC Sports Awards planned for the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Slieve Donard Hotel in Newcastle.</p> <p>NMDDC in partnership with the Sports Association for Newry, Down and South Armagh (SANDSA) hold an annual sports awards event to recognise the sporting achievements of those from the NMDDC area.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>Nominations for this year's Sports Awards have now closed with a significant number of nominations received.</p> <p>A judging panel made up of community representatives from the SANDSA executive have now considered all nominations for the 10 categories with the winners of each category to be announced 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.</p> <p>All NMDDC elected members are invited to attend the Sports Awards event and would have received an invite from Councils Sports Development sections email address - <a href="mailto:leisureandsport@nmandd.org">leisureandsport@nmandd.org</a></p> <p>If elected members have any queries regarding this event they should contact the above email address.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p><b>That AHC Committee consider the contents of this report and note the update in relation to NMDDC Sports Awards.</b></p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>

4.1	<p><b>Revenue:</b> There are no anticipated revenue budget implications associated with this report.</p> <p><b>Capital:</b> There are no anticipated revenue budget implications associated with this report.</p>
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