

March 11th, 2020

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 16th March 2020** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Civic Centre Downpatrick.**

Chairperson Barra O'Muirí

Vice Chairperson Mark Gibbons

Cllr S Doran

Cllr H Gallagher

Cllr G Malone

Cllr L McEvoy

Cllr K McKevitt

Cllr A McMurray

Cllr G O'Hare

Cllr C Mason

Cllr M Ruane

Cllr M Savage

Cllr D Taylor

Cllr J Trainor


Cllr W Walker

Agenda

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7.0 Notice of Motion - Referred from Council Meeting held on 3 February 2020

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Howell:

That this Council recognises 2019 saw the North of Ireland experience the highest number of domestic abuse incidents since records began and agrees to work collaboratively with the statutory agencies and health trusts to ensure support and protection of individuals and families experiencing domestic violence be a priority in all Council facilities".

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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

16.0 Lislea Green Field Lease

This item is deemed to be exempt under 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.

 *Lislea Gaelic Football Pitch March 2020.pdf*

Not included

17.0 Lease of Lands at Barcroft CC

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 ***Lease of lands at Barcroft CC March 2020.pdf***

Not included

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Mr Kieran Gordon

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Terry Hearty

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Mr Roland Moore

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Barra Ó Muirí

Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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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 John Trainor
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/092/2019	Leasing of Council land known as Rosconnor Playing Fields, Strangford Playing Fields and the back Pitch, Greenbank, Newry	It was agreed subject to Departmental Consent that the following leases be agreed at a peppercorn rent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease of Rosconnor Playing Fields, Downpatrick to Teconnaught GAC for the term of 5 years. • Lease of Strangford Playing Fields, Strangford to Strangford FC for the term of 5 years. • Lease of the Back Pitch, Greenbank, Newry to Newry AFC for the term of 25 years. 	C Haughey	Ongoing Teconnaught and Newry have been approved by DFC and Julie is sending out the agreed lease docs to clubs Rosconnor is finalising the lease agreement and Departmental consent being given Strangford have declined the lease option but will enter into a SLA.	N
AHC/120/2019	Application to DFC: New Model Farm Community Centre proposal, Downpatrick	It was agreed to accept the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the Committee agree to proceed with an application to DfC for a replacement facility for the Trojan Horse, Downpatrick. Including the development of a business case, design proposals and submission of a planning application. 	K Hynds	Ongoing. Funding application to be completed by NHR Officer & CDRCN for submission to DfC.	N
AHC/144/2019	Castlewellan Lease & 3G Pitch Condition Survey	It was agreed to note and approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council to pay a contribution of 50% towards the replacement of the synthetic carpet in 5 years' time.. • Improvement works to bring the 3G pitch up to necessary standards to be completed by Neighbourhood Services 	J Hillen	Castlewellan CC Lease issued and signed 3G Pitch FMA ongoing Ongoing	N N

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		department using existing maintenance budgets. • Council to provide replacement goals from existing budgets.		Ongoing	N
AHC/148/2019	Healthy Vending Machines in Leisure Centres	It was agreed to note that when clear guidance on minimum nutritional standards (MNS) for Council Catering Outlets and Vending is established, a future report will be brought back to Active and Healthy Communities Committee regarding the potential implementation of these standards.	P Tamati	Report to future AHC Ongoing, MNS not established yet, anticipated April 2020.	N
AHC/152/2019	Notice of Motion – Disability Access on to Newcastle Beach (Referred from Council Meeting 2 September 2019)	It was agreed that officers investigate the provision of disability access on to Newcastle beach to enable the facility to be inclusive, which will enhance the visitor experience for all. An update report to be provided to the Active & Health Communities Committee following on from a meeting of Neighbourhood Services department, Enterprise, Regenerations & Tourism department and Corporate Services departments.	M Lipsett M Lipsett	Meetings held with internal officers on with a further meeting to be arranged. Awaiting a date for Mae Murray to undertake assessment for beach equipment provision at Newcastle Beach Report to future AHC Meeting.	N
AHC/181/2019	ORNI Community Trails Legal Agreement and ongoing Maintenance Costs	It was agreed to approve Council to enter into legal agreements for a period of 20 years (subject to a fee of 5 pence per annum) with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in respect of Forest/Community Trails and Car Parking (if relevant) at the following locations: - Drumkeeragh Forest - Tivenadarragh Forest	P Tamati	Ongoing	N

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corrywood Forest - Seaforde Forest 			
AHC/184/2019	Autism Friendly Sessions	<p>It was agreed to introduce Autism Friendly Swim Sessions at Newry and Kilkeel Leisure Centre and Tropicana (subject to closures and holiday arrangements) as a pilot with a 6-monthly review period from 1 April 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newry Leisure Centres: Saturdays from 4.00pm – 5.00pm - Kilkeel Leisure Centre: Mondays from 3.45pm to 4.30pm - Newcastle Tropicana: Fridays from 12noon to 1pm (July and August only) 	P Tamati	Consultation with Autism groups and key stakeholders has been commissioned in relation to identified programme times at each individual centre with update report due back to AHC Committee March 2020 and implementation from 1 st April 2020	N
AHC/181/2019	Action Sheet	It was agreed to have the Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreational Northern Ireland extended beyond March 2020.	P Tamati	Subject to future Committee Report and budget identification	N
AHC/199/2019	Summer Activity Programme for 2020	It was agreed to implement an alternative and enhanced Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2020.	P Tamati	Draft Summer Activity Programme to be submitted for notification at March Committee meeting	N
AHC/200/2019	Castle Park Seasonal Operations	It was agreed to approve a public tender for a minimum of 5 years for the delivery of alternative and enhanced seasonal (Easter to September) operations and services at Castle Park in Newcastle.	P Tamati	Public tender to be advertised February 2020 Currently ongoing	N
AHC/201/2019	Everybody Active (EBA) 2020 Delivery Contract – New Tender	It was agreed to approve Council to tender of the Everybody Active 2020 Delivery Contract for 12 months from 1	P Tamati	Public tender to be advertised February 2020 Currently ongoing	N

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		April 2020 – 31 March 2021 with possible extension subject to funding.			
AHC/202/2019	Sport NI Your School Your Club Funding	<p>It was agreed to examine the availability of funding for Newry City Football Club with a follow up meeting with Council official to be arranged.</p> <p>It was agreed the update on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Projects that applied for Your School Your Club was agreed and approval given for the commissioning of the Tennis Bubble Project at Our Lady's in Newry.</p>	<p>P Tamati</p> <p>P Tamati</p>	<p>Meeting with Newry City FC to be arranged.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p>
AHC/206/2019	Adoption of Suicide Down to Zero	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council formally adopt the approach and aspiration of Suicide Down to Zero. A suitable launch and media statement to be prepared for Council Chairperson. • An amount of £10,000 is allocated to a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Scheme administered through a Financial call subject to the estimates process. • A working group involving the Council, the Southern and South Eastern Health Trusts and local relevant Voluntary Organisations is created to examine ways of attaining the goal of zero suicides across the District. 	E Devlin	Ongoing	N

AHC/4/2020	Overflow Car Park at Donard Park	<p>It was agreed to proceed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with 'winter arrangements' for the unofficial overflow car park at Donard Park to remain in place until Easter 2020 as per historical arrangement. <p>Winter arrangements – closed from the 1st November to Easter 2020 (10th April)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a budget became available in the interim, the opening of the overflow car park could be brought forward on busy days prior to Easter 2020. <p>The proposed establishment of an official and permanent overflow car parking arrangements at Donard Park as per appendix 1, and commit £250k to Council Capital Programme. Following such approval, a detailed capital proposal will be brought back to Committee for further consideration.</p>	P Tamati	Commissioning meeting with the Capital Team to take place. Confirmation of budget to be agreed.	N
AHC/6/2020	Annual Licence Agreement with Communities Facilities	It was agreed to replace existing tenancy arrangements within Council Community Facilities to updated Licence Agreements.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

AHC/9/2020	Kilclief Play Park	<p>Mr Tamati to confirm the completion of works regarding fencing along the road side area at the new Play Park at Carrievemaclone.</p> <p>Assurance given that once the Carrievemaclone Play Park was completed and operational, if concerns were raised these could be examined.</p> <p>It was agreed to proceed with: The leasing of land from the Trustees of Kilclief Gaelic Athletic Club for the creation of a play area at Kilclief Gaelic grounds as identified as part of play strategy consultation process. The revised estimated capital spend for Kilclief Play Park of £159,000.00 was as a result of feedback from the final stage consultation process.</p>	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
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ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/162/2019	Saintfield Community Centre	<p>It was agreed to note and agree to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed to Expression of Interest Process in line with Councils Sporting and Community Facilities Leasing Policy for the rear of Unit C and the whole of Unit B. • Providing an additional area to the rear of Unit C to increase the amount of storage space within the Community Centre, approximate cost £15,000. 	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/174/2019	Castlewellan 3G Pitch	It was agreed to remove the agreement to lease the 3G pitch to Castlewellan Community Partnership as per minute (AHC/071/2019) and replace this with a Facility Management Agreement for the 3G pitch.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/175/2019	Lands at Barcroft	It was agreed to the application being made for departmental approval to allow Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to lease the site identified at a peppercorn rent	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/13/2020	No 16 The Square, Rostrevor	It was agreed to approve officers proceeding as outlined in the report: Withdraw the original application Complete the procurement process Submit an application to the RDP for up to 75% through the Village Renewal Scheme of the total project costs.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM AHC MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2020

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/018/2020	District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update Report	<p>It was to note the report and to approve the actions from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2020 • Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 	J Hillen	Actioned	Y
AHC/019/2020	Financial Assistance – Community Engagement	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund applications in Call 1 as per the Appendices contained within the officer's report; • Open Financial Assistance Call 2 in March 2020 and Call 3 in April/May 2020; • Provide workshops/training to applicants during Call 2 and 3 on the use of the online system (three sessions per Call) 	J Hillen	Actioned	Y

AHC/020/2020	Peace Plus – Response to Consultation	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept the revised Letters of Offer for the PEACE IV Local Action Plan (Children and Young People, Shared Spaces and Services and Building Positive Relations) representing an approved extension to December 20201; • Approve the PEACE PLUS consultation response as circulated with the officer's report. 	J Hillen	Actioned	Y
AHC/021/2020	Community Centre – Hire Charges	<p>It was agreed to maintain the hire charge pricing that had been adopted for the 2019/20 period with exception of Bridge Centre, Killyleagh, Gold Card Membership Fitness Suite – Over 60 Membership, Off peak £3.80 plus £1.00 per use.</p>	J Hillen	Actioned	Y
AHC022/2020	Renewal of Lease Agreement for Barnmeen Community Centre	<p>It was agreed to provide a further 12-week timeframe to the Parish for the lease to be agreed and signed. In the event of this deadline not being met, the keys of the building will be returned to the Parish.</p>	J Hillen	Actioned	Y

AHC/023/2020	Inclusive Cities Project	It was agreed to take the issue of nominating a strategic lead (Elected Member) back to Parties for agreement with nominations presented at the Council Meeting. It was agreed to select an operational lead for the Inclusive Cities Project. The operational and strategic leads to join the next meeting which will be held on 16 and 17 March 2020 in Peterborough.	J Hillen	Actioned	Y
AHC024/2020	Leisure and Sports – Scale of Charges	It was agreed to approve the proposed scale of charges for Leisure and Sports Section for 2020/21, commencing the 1 April 2020 as per appendix 1 of the report.	P Tamati	Actioned	Y
AHC/025/2020	Organ Donation Initiative	It was agreed to facilitate a sign up of Elected Members and employees with associated publicity and a similar event to be hosted within each of the seven DEAs.	E Devlin	Ongoing	N
AHC/026/2020	Review of Charges for Port Health Inspections	It was agreed to implement the new charging regime with effect from 1 April 2020.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/027/2020	Request for Nuclear Free Local Authorities to host a meeting in NMD area	It was agreed to host a Nuclear Free Local Authority Forum Meeting on Friday 20 March 2020 in the Boardroom, Monaghan Row.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y

AHC/028/2020	Acceptance of Funding from OPSS	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Mason, to accept the offer of funding from Office of Product Safety and Standards and to carry out the procurement exercise on behalf of the 11 Councils.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/029/2020	Social Investment Fund	It was agreed to note the update report on Social Investment Fund.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/030/2020	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Report	It was agreed to note the report and Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 November 2019, which were approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 22 January 2020.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/031/2020	Policing and Community Safety Partnership Report	It was agreed to note the report and Minutes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the Policing Committee held on Wednesday 18 September 2019, approved at the Policing Committee Meeting on Tuesday 21 January 2020. Minutes of the PCSP Meeting held on Wednesday 18 September 2019, approved at the PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 21 January 2020. 	J Hillen	Noted	Y

AHC/032/2020	Ballykinlar Electricity Supply	It was agreed to note the report and to use the money ringfenced for Ballykinlar within the budget to hire and fuel a generator for the community centre, until such budget is exhausted to enable officers to negotiate with NIE to resolve the issue.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/033/2020	Autism Friendly Swim Sessions	It was agreed to note the arrangements for the launch of Autism Friendly Swim Sessions in Newry, Kilkeel Leisure Centres and Tropicana from 1 April 2020.	P Tamati	Noted	Y

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/034/2020	Recognition of Achievement for High Levels in Sport	It was agreed to approve the revised criteria and processing procedures for Council's Recognition of Achievement for High Level Sports 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 within the officer's report.	M Lipsett	Actioned	Y
AHC/035/2020	Contract for Public Analyst Services	It was agreed to appoint the persons listed within the Officer's report at paragraph 3.1, employed by Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd to act as Public Analysts under the provisions of The Food Safety Order (Northern Ireland) 1991, The Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/036/2020	Threeways Community Centre – Refurbishment of Ropework Pitch	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the business case and the recommendation contained within same. • Proceed with a procurement exercise to appoint a contractor to carry out the refurbishment works. • Incorporate the legacy Service Level Agreement into the current Facility Management Agreement for Threeways Community Association in line with other similar facilities. • Review booking over the period detailed in the Facility Management 	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

		Agreement and present options to Council in order to inform potential future investment in the facility.			
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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 March 2020
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To note the report.To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below				
1.2	Background <p>The information in Appendix 1 is provided to update the Committee on DEA activity being undertaken now and the coming months. DEA Coordinators continue to implement actions detailed in their respective local DEA action plans.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	None.				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the report.Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020.➤ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 13 February 2020.➤ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020.➤ Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 21 February 2020.➤ Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2020.				
4.0	Resource implications				
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.				
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications				
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.				
6.0	Rural Proofing implications				
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.				
7.0	Appendices				
7.1	Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs. Appendix 2: Action Sheet Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting Tuesday 11 February 2020. Appendix 3: Action Sheet Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting Thursday 13 February 2020. Appendix 4: Action Sheet Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting Tuesday 18 February 2020. Appendix 5: Action Sheet Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting Friday 21 February 2020. Appendix 6: Action Sheet Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting Tuesday 25 February 2020.				
8.0	Background Documents				
8.1	None.				

Appendix 1

The following information is provided to update the Committee on activity that the DEAs are planning to undertake:

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

Level of Health Status:

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs in partnership with SEHSCT Carer Support are hosting a Carers and Loved Ones Health and Wellbeing Event on Thursday 12th March 2020 in The War Memorial Hall, Crossgar from 10.30am-12.30pm.

In Crotlieve DEA a Women's Health and Wellbeing Programme will begin with Mayobridge Women's Group on Wednesday 25th March 2020. The 6-week programme will include Take 5 Steps to Wellbeing, Cook-it, Mindfulness and Meditation, and Strength and Balance.

Slieve Gullion DEA will be delivering a 4 week Connect to Health programme for participants in Cullyhanna, Crossmaglen, Whitecross, Slieve Gullion, and Jerettspass. The programme will include a health fair, free health checks, healthy eating and fitness workshops as well as a mental health awareness workshop.

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

Level of Civic Participation/Good Relations:

Slieve Gullion and Newry DEAs will be delivering a Shared Schools Education programme in Newtownhamilton High School. The programme will bring together 120 students to explore and challenge issues of sectarianism, racism, and engagement with the police.

In Slieve Gullion DEA women from various community backgrounds will have an opportunity to get together and celebrate International Women's Day in Crossmaglen. The event will highlight the achievements of women in the local community, share best practice, and encourage women to take up leadership roles in their communities.

Level of Personal Safety and Crime:

Crotlieve DEA is working in partnership with the EANI and PCSP to deliver a youth diversionary programme in the Warrenpoint area to address ASB issues. The programme will begin in March 2020.

A Community Sport Diversionary Programme will be delivered by Newry, Slieve Gullion and Crotlieve DEAs in partnership with PCSP and NIHE in the Ballyholland, Warrenpoint, Bessbrook, Cloughreagh, Meadow, Barcroft, Damolly and Ballynacraig areas. The programme has the aim of reducing ASB in 8 hotspot areas. The programme will take place between April and June 2020.

Slieve Gullion DEA has organised an Anti-Drugs Awareness workshop for community groups in Newtownhamilton. The workshop will include a talk by Theresa Burke, as well as support and information services for young people and parents.

A seven-week sport programme in the Slieve Gullion DEA to address issues of anti-social behaviour will be delivered in the Bessbrook and Camlough areas. The aim of the programme is to help reduce anti-social behaviour in the area by introducing young people to a range of sporting opportunities, activities and clubs.

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Have a Good Start in Life and Fulfil Their Potential:

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Level of Educational Wellbeing:

Crotlieve DEA has been engaging with St Mark’s High School to deliver a range of activities in the coming months. Activities will focus on mental health, health and wellbeing and police engagement.

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**Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 10.00am in KDA Offices, Kilkeel**

Chairperson:	Councillor Seán Doran
In Attendance:	Councillor Glyn Hanna Councillor Harold McKee
Independent Members:	Donna McConnell, KDA Andy Hall, SANDSA
Statutory Partners:	None present
Others in attendance:	Mary Lynch, Mediation NI
Council Officials:	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Tresa McAvoy, DEA Administrative Assistant
Apologies:	Kathleen Magee, Mournes DEA Coordinator Danielle Begley, Biodiversity Officer, NMDDC Paul Connolly, PSNI Jacinta Linden, SPACE Trevor McConnell Paula Nixon, CDRCN Ann Grant Rosie Carey, Education Authority

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/2020/1	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	
DEA/2020/2	Anti-social behaviour	Agreed to contact PSNI requesting attendance at the next Mournes DEA Forum meeting.	DEA Coordinator to contact PSNI.
DEA/2020/3	Rat Infestation at the Square, Kilkeel	Environmental Health has checked the site.	DEA Coordinator will follow up with Environmental Health for progress report.
DEA/2020/4	Kilkeel Harbour project	ERT has requested meeting with Minister.	DEA Coordinator to request ERT to keep the Forum updated on progress.
DEA/2020/5	Newcastle Leisure project	Paul Tamati Assistant Director Leisure to attend April meeting of the Mournes DEA Forum.	DEA Coordinator to follow up with Assistant Director Leisure.
DEA/2020/6	River clean up – Kilkeel River	Agreed to request a Mournes Councillors site meeting with relevant agencies be held regarding possible clean-up of area around Kilkeel River.	DEA Coordinator to contact relevant Council Department.
DEA/2020/7	Out of Hours GP Service provision	Letter issued to Southern Health and Social Care Trust re: response times for the Mournes area and viability of nurse led Minor Injuries facility.	DEA Coordinator to refer to Democratic Services as agenda item for next meeting of Chief Executives.
DEA/2020/8	Consultation on Public Health Agency Community Development funding	Consultation document not yet available.	DEA Coordinator to circulate when available.

DEA/2020/9	Playpark at Ballymartin	Agreed to request relevant official from Council's Leisure Services meet with Mourne Councillors to discuss stile and lighting at this site.	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/2020/10	Traffic calming measures at Moor Road, Kilkeel	Meeting to be requested with DFI. Mourne Councillors agreed to raise the issue of DFI responses to Council requests with their relevant party representatives in the Assembly.	DEA Coordinator to progress. Mourne Councillors to progress.
DEA/2020/11	Head Road car park	Request relevant representatives from Council's Tourism and Car Park Management section attend the next meeting of the Mourne DEA Forum to discuss parking at the Head Road, in view of the impact of the proposed Geo Park.	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/2020/12	Christmas Illuminations Kilkeel	Agreed to request that a relevant representative from Council's Facilities Management section attend the next meeting of the Mourne DEA Forum to discuss Christmas Illuminations for Kilkeel 2020.	DEA Coordinator to contact Facilities Management.
DEA/2020/13	PEACE Cultural Project	Agreed to request that the Terms of Reference for the PEACE IV Cultural Event Project be forwarded to the Mourne DEA Forum for information.	DEA Coordinator to contact PEACE Unit.
DEA/2020/14	PEACE IV DEA Training Project	Mary Lynch, Mediation NI attended the meeting to discuss this item.	

		<p>Agreed to contact all members of the Mournes DEA Forum requesting their preferences for scheduling this training as per:</p> <p>Option A: 4 stand alone 4 hour sessions</p> <p>Option B: 8 x 2 hour sessions 5 of which would be following on from the scheduled DEA Forum meetings with the remaining 3 being held as stand alone sessions.</p>	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/2020/15	Question and Answer Session for Young People	Agreed to proceed with a request from Newry Street Youth Group for the Mournes DEA Forum members to hold a question and answer session with the Group.	DEA Coordinator to progress.

The meeting ended at: 12.00 noon.

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Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Private Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2020 at 1.00pm in the Seán Hollywood Arts Centre, Newry

Chairperson:	Councillor Gavin Malone
In Attendance:	Councillor Charlie Casey Councillor Valerie Harte Councillor Gary Stokes
Independent Members:	Raymond Jackson, CCG Eamon Connolly, BID Jessica Kane, Newry Chamber
Statutory Partners:	Warren Roberts, PSNI Graham Offer, PSNI
Others in attendance:	Mary Lynch, Mediation NI
Council Officials:	Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Treaasa McAvoy, DEA Administrative Assistant Danielle Begley, Biodiversity Officer
Apologies:	Colin Hanna, N&M Enterprise Agency Niall Fitzpatrick, NIHE Jacinta Linden Councillor Roisin Mulgrew

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/2020/1	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	
DEA/N/2020/2	Appointment of Chair	On the proposal of Cllr C Casey and seconded by Cllr V Harte, it was agreed that Cllr R Mulgrew would take over the position of Newry DEA Forum chair.	
DEA/N/2020/3	Proposal from DFI to put vehicle waiting restrictions on Windmill Road.	Road to be resurfaced once utilities works completed.	
	Southern Relief Road	Awaiting update.	DEA Coordinator to follow up.
	Ravensdale Villas commitment given by DFI and work to start imminently	Work has started.	
	Bollards at Clanrye Avenue/NLC	Approval given.	
	Street Lights	Reports are being reported on an ongoing basis.	
DEA/N/2020/4	Homelessness	Proceed with clearing green area on Abbey Way adjacent to St Colman's Park.	DEA Coordinator to liaise with PSNI and DFI.

DEA/N/2020/5	Traffic Management	DFI to carry out transportation survey in Newry. 30 mph limit on Old Warrenpoint Road.	DEA Coordinator awaiting specification for Newry DEA and to circulate.
DEA/N/2020/6	Social Value Event	Approval given to support and host launch event on 19 th March 2020 at cost of £400-£500.	DEA Coordinator to action.
DEA/N/2020/7	Pilot Savings Programme	R Jackson invited Forum members to launch of event on 26 th February 2020 at 12.30pm.	R Jackson to action.
DEA/N/2020/8	Action Plan Review	Agreed to use as part of capacity building training with Mediation NI. Agreed to contact Forum members regarding scheduling of Capacity Building Training.	DEA Coordinator to circulate to Forum members. DEA Coordinator to Action.
DEA/N/2020/9	PSNI LGBT recruitment drive	Event taking place 21 st February 2020 at 6.00pm.	DEA Coordinator to circulate information to Forum members.
DEA/N/2020/10	Dog fouling	Agreed to invite Council Enforcement Officers to next Forum meeting.	DEA Coordinator to contact Enforcement Officers.
DEA/N/2020/10	Re wilding	Members to contact Danielle Begley with suggestions regarding possible Council owned sites for consideration of rewilding.	Forum members to contact Danielle Begley.

The meeting ended at: 2.00 pm.

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 3.30pm in The Lodge, Castlewellan**

Chairperson:	Councillor Roisin Howell
In Attendance:	Councillor Alan Lewis Councillor Hugh Gallagher Councillor Catherine Mason Councillor Andrew McMurray
Independent Members:	Alan Dumigan, Down Senior Forum Catherine Kennedy, Loughinisland Youth Club David Workman, Ballynahinch Rugby Club Felix Blaney, Castlewellan Community Partnership Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network
Statutory Partners:	None present
Others in attendance:	Gordon Douglas, Mediation NI Mary Lynch, Mediation NI
Council Officials:	Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator
Apologies:	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Donna Weir, Youth Services, Education Authority Patricia McMurray, South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SC/3/2019	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	
DEA/SC/4/2019	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 4th December 2019	<p>Action Sheet from 4th December 2019 were proposed as a true record.</p> <p>Report from public meeting held by Castlewellan Residents and Traders Association on Wednesday 12th February 2020 regarding time restrictions to on-street and off-street parking in Castlewellan to be forwarded to DEA Coordinator.</p>	<p>Councillor Hugh Gallagher proposed. Councillor Alan Lewis seconded.</p> <p>Councillor Roisin Howell to forward copy of report to DEA Coordinator.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to circulate report to Council's Car Park Facility Manager for consideration.</p>
DEA/SC/5/2019	Peace IV Training Programme	<p>All members agreed to participate in 4 x 4-hour training sessions on: Tuesday 10th March 2020, 2-6pm Tuesday 12th May 2020, 2-6pm Tuesday 13th October 2020, 2-6pm Tuesday 12th January 2021, 2-6pm</p> <p>Agreed training to be held in Ballynahinch and Castlewellan locations alternatively.</p>	<p>Mediation NI to book venue and contact members with updates.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to check dates on Master diary.</p>

DEA/SC/6/2019	RAPID Bins	Agreed a suitable location of the RAPID Bin is adjacent to public toilets in Upper Square, Castlewellan.	DEA Coordinator to advise PCSP Officer of proposed location.
DEA/SC/7/2019	Council Rewilding Project	<p>The following locations were identified as possible sites for rewilding: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beside the public toilets entering the play park on Newcastle Road, Dundrum • Mourne Park, Castlewellan • The Dam, Drumaness • Park and Share, Clough • Lower Square, Castlewellan • Middle of road beside Castlewellan Primary School 	Biodiversity Officer to investigate the feasibility of rewilding at these sites.
DEA/SC/9/2019	Action Plan Update	All Forum members approved projects outlined and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator to action.

The meeting ended at: 4.55pm.

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**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Private Meeting
held on Friday 21st February 2020 at 12.30pm in The Market House, Ballynahinch**

Chairperson:	Councillor Patrick Brown
In Attendance:	Councillor Robert Burgess Councillor Kathryn Owen Councillor William Walker
Independent Members:	Brian Gamble, Saintfield Development Association
Statutory Partners:	Heather Bradley, DFI
Others in attendance:	Gordon Douglas, Mediation NI
Council Officials:	Danielle Begley, Biodiversity Officer Ellen Brennan, Rowallane DEA Co-Ordinator Marie McKee, DEA Administrative Assistant
Apologies:	Councillor Terry Andrews Lise Curran, CDRCN Lawrence Murphy, SANDSA Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective Roisin Erskine, Crossgar Community Association

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/1/2020	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	
DEA/ROW/5/2020	Mediation NI PEACE IV DEA Training Programme	<p>Gordon Douglas outlined the training needs that had been identified and asked what method the forum would like to adopt to undertake the training.</p> <p>It was agreed that the 16 hours would be completed in 4 hourly sessions to be delivered on 10th March, 12th May, 13th October 2020 and 12th January 2021.</p>	DEA Coordinator to have these dates entered in Master Diary and Gordon Douglas and/or colleague to deliver the required sessions.
DEA/ROW/6/2020	Council Rewilding Project	Danielle Begley, Biodiversity Officer, outlined Council motion to identify areas in Council ownership for rewilding in each DEA and sought suggestions from members.	Members provided the Biodiversity Officer with suggested areas to be explored in the Rowallane area which she agreed to follow up.

DEA/ROW/8/2020	Parking issues in various towns and villages in the Rowallane area.	<p>Heather Bradley, Network Development DFI, attended to discuss issues regarding parking in Crossgar and Saintfield and updated the forum on the Park and Ride facility at Downpatrick Business Park project.</p> <p>Suitable sites for park and ride facilities at Crossgar and Saintfield would need to accommodate 300+ cars.</p> <p>She explained that it was difficult to implement limited waiting in town/village centres as consensus was required and residents living in the area would understandably be resistant.</p>	Members agreed to contact the DFI if they could identify areas suitable for a park and ride facility in either Crossgar or Saintfield.
DEA/ROW/7/2020	DEA Co-ordinator's report and upcoming events.	DEA Coordinator updated members on recent initiatives and advised that the Building Resilience and School's Dance Project had been particularly well received with some schools now continuing the projects with their own funding.	Noted

The meeting ended at: 1.10pm.

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Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Private Meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 4pm in Newtownhamilton Community Centre

Chairperson:	Councillor M Larkin
In Attendance:	Councillor P Byrne Councillor D Taylor Councillor D Murphy Councillor U Magennis
Independent Members:	None Present
Statutory Partners:	Annie Clarke, Community Development Worker, SHSCT
Others in attendance:	Gordon Douglas, Mediation NI
Council Officials:	Taucher McDonald, Slieve Gullion DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Catherine Lynch, Slieve Gullion DEA Administrative Assistant Danielle Begley, Biodiversity Officer
Apologies:	Theresa Nugent Sinead Boyce

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SG/001/2020	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	
DEA/SG/02/2020	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 10 December 2019 in Bessbrook Community Centre	Action Sheet of previous meeting on 10 December 2019 was agreed.	Proposed by Cllr Larkin and Seconded by Cllr Magennis.
DEA/SG/03/2010	Disability Access	Disability parking issues within Crossmaglen.	Older Person's Forum has taken this onboard – Completed.
DEA/SG/04/2020	DEA Private Forum Membership	Update received on amendments to process for appointing independent representatives to DEA Forums.	Invite to tender has been re-issued. Update to be provided at the next Forum meeting in April.

DEA/SG/05/2020	Safety Issues	Camalough Heritage Society sent letter to Forum looking for Department of Infrastructure to extend the 30MPH speed sign further up the Newry side of the Camalough Road.	Response from DFI on 15/11/2019: - Area does not fit criteria. DEA Coordinator has sought further clarification regarding criteria and is awaiting Response from DFI.
DEA/SG/06/2020	Capital Projects	Poet's Meadow, Creggan.	DEA received the following update from Council Tourism Department: - The site is owned by Church of Ireland and Council currently maintain the graveyard only. Council are not in a position to purchase the site as there are issues with the back-site ownership which is currently used for grazing cattle – Completed.
DEA/SG/07/2020	Up-Coming Good Relations Projects and events Up to March 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Schools Education Programme • Inter- Youth Club Programme • Mental Health Event 	<p>Next event on 15/1/2020 in Newry High School – Completed.</p> <p>Next Event on 19/12/2019 – Completed.</p> <p>Series of 4 mental health events delivered. One event to be held in March 2020. DEA Coordinator to coordinate.</p>

			DEA Coordinator to contact Cllr Taylor regarding programme in Jerettspass.
DEA/SG/08/2020	DFI Accessible Parking Proposal for Crossmaglen	DFI have proposed 5 Accessibility spaces in Crossmaglen.	Members are to forward their comments to DEA Coordinator before next Forum meeting.
DEA/SG/09/2020	PEACE IV Training	Gordon Douglas from Mediation NI gave an update and overview of the PEACE IV training for DEA Forums.	Members to agree training schedule and focus at the next Forum meeting in April following consultation with Members not in attendance.

The meeting ended at: 5.10pm.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 th March 2020
Subject:	Financial Assistance
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen - Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sonya Burns - Head of Programmes

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1.0	Purpose and Background						
1.1	Purpose To consider and agree to recommendations contained in 3.1.						
1.2	Background Call 3 2020 will open in April/May 2020, the themes we aim to include are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Community Capital- Community Minor Works- Community Minor Capital Items- Sports Capital- Sports Minor Works- Sports Development- Christmas Illuminations- Suicide Prevention Several issues/recommendations have been noted in relation to the Capital and Minor Works Financial Assistance themes, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A recommendation of the Efficiencies working group (on 17th January 2020) was that the Maximum level of funding for each applicant should be £50,000. (A reduction in the number of applications under Community Capital with a threshold £50,000-£100,000 has been noted. In the most recent Call, only 2 applications were received in comparison to Minor Works Schemes with a threshold of £10,000-30,000, which received 10 applications).2. A further recommendation of the Efficiencies working group (on 17th January 2020) that the new total budgets for Capital should be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Capital Build FA £275,000• Sports Capital FA £275,0003. Projects applying to Capital and Minor works are having difficulty, we noted in Call 1 2020 no applicants progressed to Letter of Offer.						

	<p>4. Perception that applications are being received from the same organisation on an annual or bi-annual basis. In some cases, the same organisation has received multiple Capital and Minor Works awards (as outlined in the report provided) The Efficiencies Working group (held on 17th Jan 2020 also noted this and recommended a '3 year' application veto.</p> <p>In response, several considerations are outlined below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As the amount available (total budget) is reduced and in response to the Efficiency groups recommendations, Capital funding threshold levels to be revised for both Sports and Community, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minor Capital items – Threshold max of 5,000, 100% funded by Council. - Minor Works – Thresholds between £7,500 - £37,500, 75% match funded by Council (project total value between £10,000 - £50,000) - Capital – Thresholds between £25,000 - £50,000, 50% match funded by Council (project total value between £50,000 - £100,000) 2. To assist groups going through the process, a series of workshops to be held across the district and all 2020 applicants will have been invited to attend a feedback meeting. 3. Council to consider implementing a veto on all organisations that have already or are successful in receiving funding under the Capital and/or Minor Works themes (Sports and Community). This veto would prohibit any organisation applying under the above themes for a 3-year period.
n	Key issues
2.1	<p>To revise Capital thresholds as outlined above and update Financial Assistance Policy to reflect these changes.</p> <p>To support Community Capital/Minor Works applicants and build their capacity to apply under the next open Call of the Community Capital and Minor Works funding (Call 3).</p> <p>Council to consider an implementation of a veto on organisation's that have or will in the future receive funding through the Minor Works or Capital themes and updating the Financial Assistance Policy to reflect this change.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee agree to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree Financial Assistance Call three themes. 2. To agree the proposed revised thresholds for Capital, Minor Works and Minor Capital items funding. 3. Consider implementing a veto on all organisations that have already or are successful in receiving funding under the Capital and/or Minor Works themes (Sports and Community). This veto would prohibit any organisation applying under the above themes for a 3-year period. 4. To update Financial Assistance Policy to include recommendations.

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The above recommendations will have no negative impact on current Council resources.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Capital Spend Analysis Appendix 2: Financial Assistance Capital applications by Applicant
8.0	Background Documents
	None

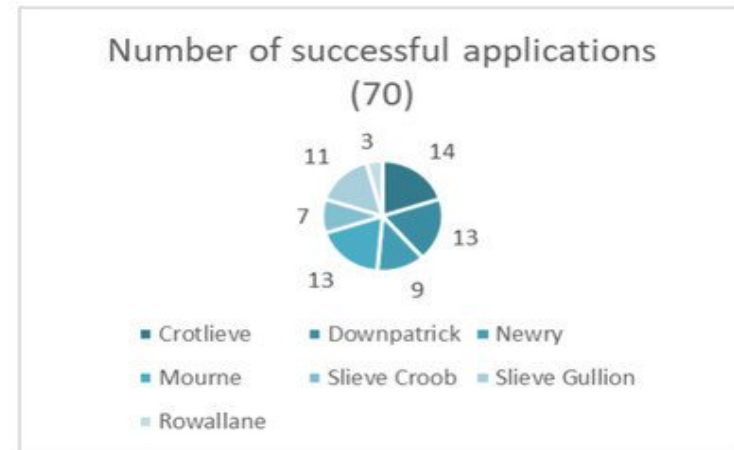
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Community and Sports Capital data 2015 – 2020 (current)

Total amount awarded: £3,236,812.41

Total amount claimed to date: £2,017,183.01

DEA	Crotlieve	Downpatrick	Newry	Mourne	Slieve Croob	Slieve Gullion	Rowallane
Number of successful applications (70)	14	13	9	13	7	11	3
Amount awarded Total (£3,236,812.41)	£711,546.50	£501,227.42	£376,984.60	£637,222.00	£366,009.00	£505,347.89	£138,475.00

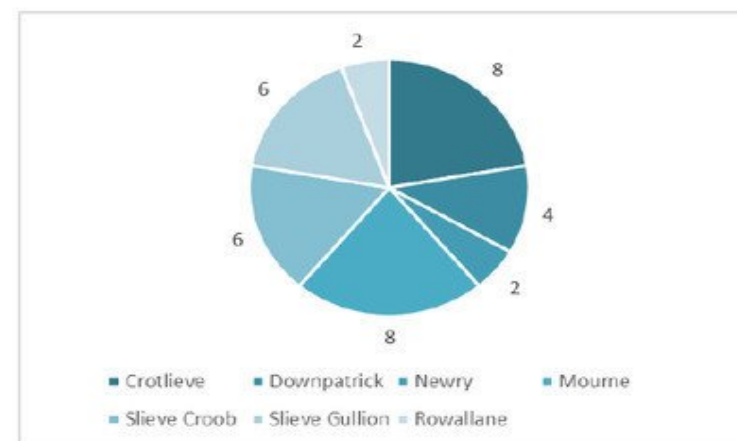
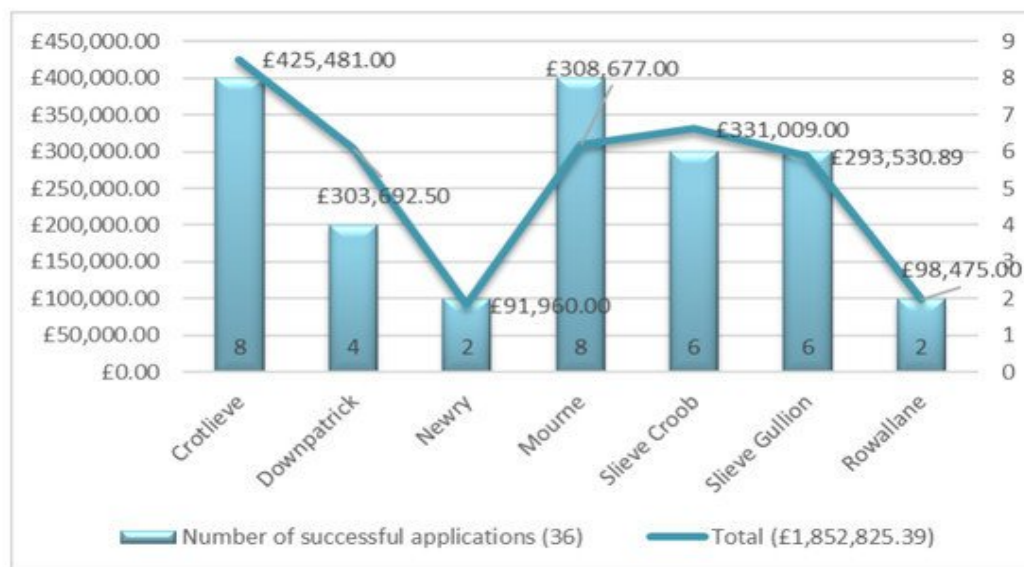


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Sports Capital data 2015 – current

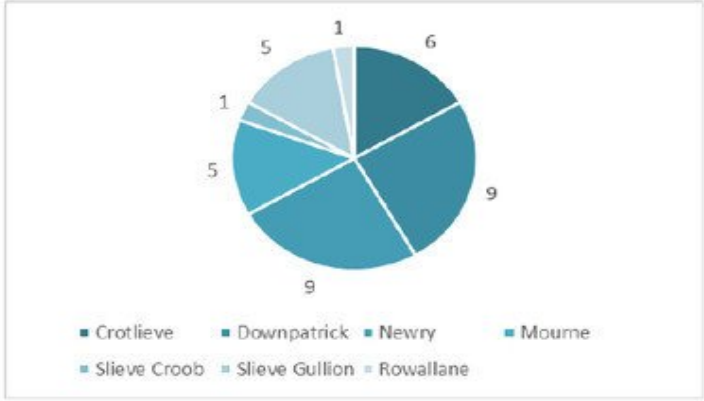
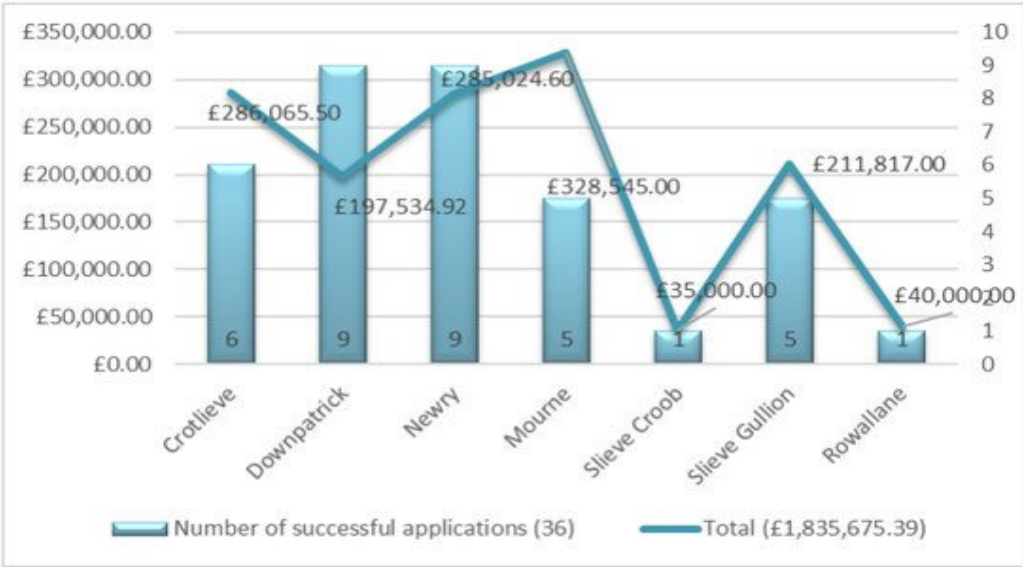
DEA	Crotlieve	Downpatrick	Newry	Mourne	Slieve Croob	Slieve Gullion	Rowallane
Number of successful applications (36)	8	4	2	8	6	6	2
Amount awarded Total (£1,852,825.39)	£425,481.00	£303,692.50	£91,960.00	£308,677.00	£331,009.00	£293,530.89	£98,475.00



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Community Capital data 2015 – current

DEA	Crotlieve	Downpatrick	Newry	Mourne	Slieve Croob	Slieve Gullion	Rowallane
Number of successful applications (34)	6	9	7	5	1	5	1
Amount awarded Total (£1,383,987.02)	£286,065.50	£197,534.92	£285,024.60	£328,545.00	£35,000.00	£211,817.00	£40,000.00



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Thresholds		Number of applicants received	Number of applicants passed & awarded	Amount awarded	Success rate
Capital 2015/16	£100,000	30	8	£345,983.00	26.6%
Capital 2016/17	£50,000	29	8	£287,721.00	27.5%
Community Capital 2017/18	£100,000	19	9	£534,045.60	47%
Sports Capital 2017/18	£100,000	23	9	£407,251.20	39%
Community Capital 2018/19	£100,000	13	5	£248,715.00	38.5%
Sports Capital 2018/19	£100,000	15	7	£569,057.50	46.6%
Minor Capital Works 2018/19	£30,000	23	8	£126,213.22	34.5%
Community Capital 2019/20	£100,000	16	4	£157,300.00	25%
Sports Capital 2019/20	£100,000	15	9	£475,108.39	60%
Minor Capital Works 2019/20	£30,000	20	5	£85,417.50	25%
Total		203	72	£3,236,812.41	35.5%

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Financial Assistance Capital applications by Applicant

A total of 71 applications have been awarded £3,393,095.43 under the following capital themes from 2015 to present – Community, sports and Minor Works.

Out of the 54 applications (groups) that were awarded, 11 applicants have been awarded funding on more than one occasion:

43 applicants have been successfully awarded on one occasion.

5 applicants have been successfully awarded on two occasions.

6 applicants have been successfully awarded on three occasions.

Applicant	Number of successful applicants	Amount awarded
A	2	£54,840.00
B	2	£122,859.00
C	2	£94,925.00
D	2	£40,921.50
E	2	£108,501.00
F	3	£126,599.00
G	3	£300,000.00
H	3	£211,109.50
I	3	£219,200.00
J	3	£61,990.00
K	3	£154,117.50

Broken down by applicants and themes:

Community Capital

23 successful applicants were awarded £1,229,143.68

There were no multiple successful applicants.

Minor Works

13 successful applicants were awarded £211,781.42

There were no multiple successful applicants.

Sports Capital

35 successful applicants were awarded £1,952,170.33

17 applicants have been successfully awarded on one occasion.

6 applicants have been successfully awarded on two occasions.

2 applicants have been successfully awarded on three occasions.

Applicant	Number of successful applicants	Total amount awarded
A	2	£54,840.00
B	2	£200,000.00

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C	2	£113,565.50
D	2	£40,921.50
E	2	£50,275.00
F	2	£131,730.00
G	3	£126,599.00
H	3	£219,200.00

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 March 2020
Subject:	Peace IV Local Action Plan
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sonya Burns – Head of Programmes

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose <i>To consider and agree to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership.				
1.2	Background The Peace IV Partnership met on 5 March and recommendations arising from this meeting require AHC Committee approval.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<p>The following recommendations were agreed by the Partnership on 5 March and require AHC Committee approval:</p> <p>Children and Young People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To procure and appoint a provider for 'Hands on History' Summer Scheme. Estimated costs £30,000. <p>Shared Spaces and Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To withdraw project I.10 due to time and budget constraints (subject to approval from SEUPB);To re-allocate budget from project I.10 to a capital project in the same DEA (subject to approval from SEUPB). <p>Building Positive Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To procure and appoint facilitators for two Shared History and Culture projects: Newcastle Community History Project and Textiles Project: Exploring 200 years of South Armagh Lace-making. Estimated costs: £6,000 each.				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	That the Committee agree to the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as set out in 2.1.				

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	No cost to Council. Project 85% funded by the EU and 15% by the two Governments.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
7.0	Appendices
	Minutes of PEACE IV Partnership (January 2020).
8.0	Background Documents
	<i>None</i>

PEACE IV Partnership Meeting
Council Chamber, Monaghan Row, Newry
Thursday 09th January 2020

Present:

Cllr Michael Ruane
 Cllr Terry Andrews
 Cllr Karen McKeivitt
 Cllr Charlie Casey
 Cllr David Taylor
 Cllr William Walker
 Judith Poucher (Social Partner)
 Paul Yam (Social Partner)
 Seamus Camplisson (Social Partner)

Officers Present:

Justyna McCabe (Head of Programmes)
 Elaine Carr (PEACE Officer)

Apologies noted from:

Ryan Duffy (PSNI)
 Ruth Allen (Southern Heath & Social Care Trust)
 Breige Jennings (Social Partner)
 Helen Honeyman (Social Partner)
 Janine Hillen, NMDDC
 Martina Flynn, NMDDC

In attendance:

Julie-Anne Harte (PEACE Admin)

1. Welcome and apologies

Cllr Michael Ruane chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.
 Apologies noted.

2. Conflict of Interest

Judith Poucher, Clanrye Group declared a conflict of interest.
 Seamus Camplisson, Community Trust declared a conflict of interest.

3. Minutes from previous meeting (07th November 2019)

The minutes were approved –
 Proposed: Judith Poucher
 Seconded: Cllr Karen McKeivitt

4. Management Report

Justyna McCabe presented the Management report update, she confirmed the request to extend the Letter of Offer until December 2021 will be considered by the Steering committee

at their next meeting at the end of January. She introduced the new PEACE Officer, Elaine Carr and the new PEACE Admin, Julie-Anne Harte.

It was put to the Chair that the Partnership meetings are moved from monthly to bi-monthly.

Proposed by: Cllr Terry Andrews

Seconded by: Cllr Karen McKevitt

Justyna reported the next PEACE PLUS meeting will be Monday 27th January in The Burrendale Hotel. Cllr Charlie Casey commented the location was not considerate of all areas, notably South Armagh and suggested The Ballymascanlon Hotel or The Carrickdale be considered for future meetings.

Action: Justyna to contact SEUPB to request a session to be held in Newry/South Armagh area.

5. Partner Delivery Agent Report

Partner Delivery Agent reports were circulated to the PEACE Partnership members.

Children and Young People (CYP)

Elaine Carr presented the CYP report. No delegated authority requested.

Cllr Casey asked if we are confident we are reaching the right community groups. Justyna McCabe advised that was monitored and asked the Social Partners to refer any groups to the Programmes Unit or pass on their details to the unit should anyone wish to discuss potential projects. She also said a short synopsis of current information could be sent to group members to read in the interest of sharing information.

Building Positive Relations (BPR)

Justyna McCabe presented the BPR report. No delegated authority requested.

Judith Poucher highlighted the need for more active engagement from the PUL community. Cllr David Taylor expressed his frustration that he never hears of any such need until the last minute and felt getting the message out wasn't always effective. Justyna suggested recruitment exercises would be forwarded to Partnership members to assist with spreading the word.

Paul Yam expressed concern re the T8 Beyond Skin Cultural Diversity Programme; will targets be achieved in the next year due to intensity of the programme. He also commented the Intercultural Forum was very useful and asked if it would be extended. Justyna advised she was hopeful.

Shared Spaces and Services (SSS)

Elaine Carr presented the SSS report. No delegated authority requested.

Cllr William Walker complimented the Saintfield Project, it was an excellent facility being used by all community groups.

PCSP

Apologies received from PCSP. No delegated authority requested.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday 05th March in Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16th March 2020
Subject:	Renewal of Lease Agreement for Lisnacree Community Centre
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen (Assistant Director Community Engagement)
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Julie Mc Cann (Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events)

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1.0		Purpose and Background			
1.1		Purpose: <i>For Decision.</i>			
1.2		Background At the full council committee meeting of Feb 2018: <i>"it was agreed to approve Officers to initiate discussions to progress the development of new lease agreements for community centres located at Mullaghbawn, Barnmeen and Lisnacree – subject to completion of legal agreements, acceptable to all parties".</i> The Council currently pays 5p if demanded for the site which Lisnacree Community centre is located. The Lease relating to the Community Centre was drafted by Council and sent to the Parish Solicitors.			
2.0		Key issues			
2.1		The Parish contacted NM&DDC to ask if they would be interested in purchasing the land rather than renewing the lease. The Council advised that prior to considering this option the Parish should provide the Council with a valuation. The Council has now received the Valuation of the land from the Parish and they would like the Council to consider purchasing the land at a cost of £40,000.			
3.0		Recommendations			
3.1		<i>To consider and agree to:-</i> NM&DDC to contact the Parish to advise that they would not like to purchase the land and would like to extend the lease for another ten years.			

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Officer time. 5p per year if demanded.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	No equality impact assessment is required at this time
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	A Rural Needs Impact Assessment is not required at this time
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	<i>None</i>

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 16 th March 2020
Subject:	Consultation from DfE on Energy Strategy Call for Evidence
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin, Asst Director AHC
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McElDowney, Head of Sustainability

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1.0	Purpose and Background						
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To consider and agree to return the attached consultation response to Department for Economy.						
1.2	<p>Background</p> <p>The Department for Economy (DfC) is seeking evidence for a proposed energy strategy. The proposed strategy will enable new and challenging decarbonisation targets for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Energy demand, markets and supply has changed substantially since the Strategic Energy Framework (SEF) 2010. The SEF facilitated a significant increase in low carbon electricity, and the target of 40% electricity from renewable sources has been exceeded ahead of the 2020 date. However, according to DfE, policy to achieve the 10% renewable heat target was poorly designed and the target was not achieved. This demonstrates the importance of robust, reliable and evidence – based policy making and hence the ‘Call for evidence’ for a new Strategy.</p> <p>DfE has produced a discussion document designed to give stakeholders the opportunity to express their opinions freely on a wide range of energy issues facing Northern Ireland.</p>						
2.0	Key issues						
2.1	<p>The proposed Energy Strategy for NI considers the existing energy mix and how it will be reshaped. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Energy Demand reductionWhole Energy SystemsEnergy ConsumersEnergy EfficiencyHeatPower						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Impact on whole society <p>The draft strategy highlights the need for collaboration and joined -up delivery across government departments, the energy sector and other key stakeholders including local government.</p> <p>It also acknowledges the opportunity to educate the public on some of the adverse human health and environmental implications of energy usage.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response. The response has been returned by the required date on the proviso that it will be subject to Council Approval.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	This report has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix I: NMDDC Consultation Response
8.0	Background Documents
	https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/energy-strategy-call-for-evidence



Energy Strategy

Call for Evidence

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Submission March 2020

1. General Information

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2. Energy in Northern Ireland

- Q1. What lessons can we learn from elsewhere in addressing energy within an overarching climate action framework?
- Q2. What are the key considerations for decarbonising Northern Ireland's energy sector given existing linkages to other jurisdictions?
- Q3. To what extent should Northern Ireland implement the key energy-related recommendations from the CCC 'Reducing Emissions in Northern Ireland' report?
- Q4. Do you agree with the 30-year timeframe? If not, please state your preferred approach and reasons.

Q1. Northern Ireland is the only jurisdiction within these islands without a Climate Change Act. As such, NI should seek to learn from the experience of neighbouring jurisdictions which have progressed climate action frameworks – England, Scotland, Wales, the Republic of Ireland, as well as the European Union. It is considered that an integrated energy and climate framework would be most effective in this regard.

On renewable heat and electricity, there is a lot that can be learned from Scandinavian countries such as Sweden and Denmark, which have similar rurality and indigenous renewable energy resource potential. Sweden, for example, is capitalising on energy from organic farm waste, utilising AD technology to convert methane to liquefied methane to fuel local HGVs. This would seem like a sensible approach in Northern Ireland, as there is a surplus of organic farm waste to requirement which creates significant environmental issues.

Q2. Northern Ireland is a member of the all-island Integrated Single Electricity Market (I-SEM) shared with the Republic of Ireland. The delivery of the Tyrone to Cavan Interconnector project will be essential to the decarbonisation efforts as it will provide increased grid capacity for renewables in Northern Ireland. There may be other opportunities to cooperate with the Republic of Ireland on decarbonisation such as through EU PEACE funding, an interoperable all-island rapid charge point network for ULEVs; utilising the services of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and perhaps exploring other shared services and infrastructure to facilitate the transition to a low carbon economy.

Q3. The recommendations of the Committee on Climate Change Report "Reducing Emissions in Northern Ireland" should be implemented to their full extent. With regards to energy, we support recommendations for policy to "incentivise the installation of low-carbon heating", "incentivise energy efficiency improvements in homes" and encourage "transport behaviour change".

The report highlights that a large proportion of Northern Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions arise from land use, and as such, we must ensure that energy and agricultural policies are not developed in isolation from each other with competing visions.

Failure to integrate these policies can result in major long-term negative implications for the climate, which has been the case following implementation of the Going for Growth Strategy which saw a drive to expand the agricultural sector in Northern Ireland in order to grow sales by 60% without due regard to the environmental implications.

An approach to neutrality in the agriculture and land use sector by 2050 must be defined and advanced.

Q4. We agree with the timeframe as described in Figure 2. The inclusion of three 10-year milestones, 5-year action plans (with additional mid-term reviews) will allow flexibility in responding to international developments, emergent technologies and areas of concern or underperformance throughout the life of the strategy.

Climate targets and energy targets must be aligned and, if possible, integrated. In order for this to happen, we must first pass legislation that commits Northern Ireland to becoming a net-zero carbon at the very latest by 2050 – in line with the UK Climate Change Act. There should be an interim climate target (2030) and five year carbon budgets in line with neighbouring jurisdictions. These should be included in the Energy Strategy.

3. The Energy Transition in Northern Ireland

Q5. What are the unique characteristics of Northern Ireland that need to be considered in a net zero carbon energy transition?

Q6. Is your organisation undertaking or planning to undertake projects to support the energy transition? If so, please provide further details.

Q5. The energy regime in Northern Ireland is unique due to a variety of factors.

- NI has no economically viable oil or gas supply and is heavily reliant on fuel imports
- The gas network in NI is not nearly as extensive as in Great Britain, with around 68% of homes in Northern Ireland heated by oil
- Rural communities are more reliant on oil for home heating than urban communities
- Northern Ireland has the highest rate of fuel poverty in the UK, therefore climate justice issues are more relevant here
- Northern Ireland is regarded as having one of the greatest wind and tidal energy resources in Europe
- Given our relatively small geographic size, NI has the potential to implement considerable change far more rapidly than larger jurisdictions.

Q6. NMDDC as part of our Climate Adaptation Planning will look to identify measures that can be taken to reduce carbon emissions.

4. Consumers

Q7. How should we ensure that energy remains affordable for domestic consumers? What approach should be taken to eradicate fuel poverty?

Q8. What steps could be taken to improve the relative cost competitiveness of larger non-domestic consumers?

Q9. Is a strategic position of “enable and protect” the correct policy stance?

a) What policies or schemes are needed to enable active consumers?

b) What policies or schemes are needed to protect vulnerable consumers?

Q10. What types of advice and information are required by all consumers and what are the best mechanisms for facilitating this?

Q11. Are there examples of successful citizen energy projects in Northern Ireland and elsewhere that have delivered improved energy efficiency and/or clean energy to local communities?

Q12. What opportunities are there in both urban and rural areas for citizen energy communities in Northern Ireland? What role could government have in facilitating these?

Q13. What evidence can you provide that identifies the challenges and opportunities for NI energy consumers in decarbonising energy?

Q7. A household is said to be in fuel poverty if it needs to spend more than 10% of its income on energy costs on heating. In 2018, the estimated fuel poverty figure was 131,000, equivalent to 18% of all households¹.

Fuel poverty should be addressed by a two-pronged approach of efficiency measures (e.g. loft and cavity wall insulations) as well as replacing oil-fired boilers with low-carbon heat technologies.

With regard to energy efficiency, a “fabric-first” approach, can help alleviate fuel poverty and deliver quality, sustainable housing. In addition, we would like to see the integration of renewable energy technologies, both in the design of new buildings and through the appropriate retrofitting of existing buildings.

While retrofit schemes will be needed to accelerate the update of low-carbon technologies to the mass market, households that are vulnerable and / or at risk of fuel poverty should be targeted first.

Q8. The prospect of leaving the EU Emissions Trading System as a result of leaving the EU presents Northern Ireland with an opportunity for innovation in the field of carbon pricing. A better approach could reduce the cost of decarbonisation and prevent the offshoring of emissions.

Q9. NMDDC would be supportive of a policy landscape which provides competitive energy prices and investment returns that are supportive of ‘citizen energy communities’ facilitated by local councils, community groups and energy companies coming together to form energy co-operatives. This approach ensures citizen engagement in energy as a limited resource, which encourages smarter energy behaviour and reduces consumption. Learning from the early adoption of community energy models in the UK, Denmark and New Zealand has shown that government support to erode barriers to the establishment these entities is invaluable, and that on-shore renewables are more accepted by local communities when they have a stake in their ownership.

Targeted affordable warmth schemes should be implemented. The eligibility criteria should be simple and the government should take a more active role in promoting these schemes e.g. through the national health service.

To enable ‘active consumer’ behaviour models, government could consider incentive schemes for ‘good behaviour’ i.e. cheaper tariffs for using energy at certain times, or cheaper household rates as a reward for installing smart meters or energy efficiency improvements.

Q10. Information and advice should be provided in a wide variety of formats to cater to a broad range of customers. This may include websites, social media, telephone, post etc. Information where possible should be centrally co-ordinated e.g. through NI Direct, Citizen’s Advice or the Consumer Council, which other agencies could signpost to. In addition, consumers should have direct access to real time energy consumption as well as their usage patterns, through smart meters, to help drive change in demand and consumption.

Customers should be able to commission a low-cost or free independent home energy survey to identify the largest sources of energy wastage in the home, and outline recommendations for improvements.

Q11. Brixton Energy, a not-for-profit co-operative based in south London has established several co-operatively owned renewable energy projects whos financial revenues stay within the local

¹ <https://www.nihe.gov.uk/getmedia/1f9e55a1-66c2-46b7-bf92-9ee192ce355f/estimates-of-fuel-poverty-northern-ireland-2017-and-2018-revised.pdf>

community. Repowering London, the company which set up Brixton Energy, carry out projects to empower communities to develop, own and manage renewable energy projects. There is an important social benefit aspect to their projects, which would be welcome in Northern Ireland. Projects include:

- Internships for young people aged 16-24
- The development of alternative business models for community energy; Solar PV and energy storage, anaerobic digestion, energy efficiency, on-site electricity supply, heat networks
- Energy advice sessions for local residents
- Solar panel-making workshops

Q12. As stated in our response to Q9, government could stimulate citizen energy communities by providing subsidies for renewable energy installations or rates relief for homes and businesses using renewable energy or improving the energy efficiency of their buildings.

Q13. Challenges and opportunities for NI energy consumers include:

- The wide-scale proliferation of oil-fired boilers (68% of households)
- Rural communities and those in the west of the province do not have access to gas networks
- The need for consumer advice and information on how to generate their own energy and make their homes more efficient
- Rural households may have adequate outside space for ground source heat pumps, which presents an opportunity for homes not on the natural gas grid
- Many houses are located close to industry and / or large public buildings which could be equipped with combined heat and power technology, which could be linked to district heat and electricity networks

5. Energy Efficiency

Q14. What, if any, energy efficiency target or targets should be set for Northern Ireland?

Q15. How should we define, measure and monitor energy efficiency to optimise its potential in our homes, business, economy and environment?

Q16. What are the most important policy levers for government to ensure zero carbon in:

- a) New domestic and commercial buildings by 2050?;
- b) Existing domestic and commercial buildings by 2050?

Q17. What should the future of energy efficiency support look like and who should be the key delivery bodies?

Q14. A new, legally binding standard for home energy efficiency should be implemented to help tackle climate change and eradicate fuel poverty. This should be part of a broader ambitious energy efficiency target in line with the UK net zero carbon target.

Q15. NMDDC supports the use of EPCs in setting the energy efficiency standards for buildings as EPCs are widely known and provide a clear way to model and understand a building's energy performance. However, there are some issues with EPCs, NI could work with the Scottish government which is undertaking research to understand the issues and ensure that EPCs record the energy efficiency of buildings more accurately.

Q16. Building Regulations could be used in the future to ensure new buildings and buildings being refurbished or extended will meet the net zero carbon target.

The use of EPCs and related energy efficiency standards, as outlined in Q15, are be critical policy levers in ensuring zero carbon in both domestic and commercial buildings.

Q17.

NMDDC believes that local councils, as 'front-line' service providers, are ideally placed to deliver a range of new measures and interventions under a future Energy Strategy. English councils were actively involved in delivering the UK Government's ECO programme and resident surveys showed that citizens are more likely to 'accept' insulation schemes operated by their local council than a private company or other 'unknown' agency.

Learning from UK retrofit programmes, however, has shown that even when insulation and other measures are 'free' they are still difficult to implement as householders are sceptical about anything being offered for free, and often do not understand why insulation is necessary. This demonstrates that insulation and retrofit measures must be part of a wider suite of policy and communication measures to drive demand for these services.

6. Heat

- Q18. What is the appropriate pathway and timeline for the decarbonisation of heat between now and 2030, and subsequently to 2050?
- Q19. What are the appropriate ways to measure the progress of decarbonising heat?
- Q20. What are the most cost-effective and sustainable steps that government might take to accelerate the reduction of the carbon intensity of heating fuels?
- Q21. Is decarbonisation of the gas grid a viable option and what evidence can be provided on both the speed and affordability of decarbonising the gas grid?
- Q22. What evidence can you provide on the opportunities for district heating schemes in Northern Ireland and where should responsibility lie for facilitating these?
- Q23. Can you provide any evidence or information on the opportunities for geothermal heat supply?

Q18. NMDDC believes the proven efficacy of NI renewables (now 44.9% of total electricity consumption) makes a strong corollary argument for the greening of heat through electrification. We believe that decarbonising heat by transitioning from oil to gas is an incremental and temporary solution to a longer term problem. NI is uniquely positioned to "leapfrog" gas and transition to a clean, renewable energy system.

Geothermal energy research and demonstration projects should be funded to help realise the potential for this technology in Northern Ireland. Research should be undertaken to establish if (and where) this technology may be feasible.

Q19. The upcoming 2021 Census and Continuous Household Survey presents an opportunity to ask more detailed questions on the types of heat sources used within NI households. The government could work with utility providers to roll out smart meters, for heat and electricity, beginning with making it a requirement for all new connections.

Q20. Provide incentive to move from carbon intensive fuels.

Q21. Given the relatively small-scale of the natural gas network, the impact of decarbonisation efforts may be minimal upon overall emissions. However, the potential for mixing hydrogen with natural gas / bio gas should be considered.

Q22.

District heating networks should form an integral part of the Energy Strategy. For district heating to play its full role, the government needs to become more involved in the sector to catalyse the speed and scale of heat network delivery in Northern Ireland. Investment should be mobilised to bring forward smaller real-world projects to illustrate how they would operate in practice whilst looking to assist industry in accessing some of the UK Government's £320m Heat Network Investment Project funding for longer-term schemes. EU funding could also be drawn down to support heat network infrastructure under low-carbon funding priorities.

District heating should be a consideration in large scale public infrastructure projects such as new energy from waste plants.

Q23. In Iceland 87% of buildings obtain their heat requirements from geothermal sources, in part due to its geological profile. Research by the Geological Survey of Ireland highlighted that every location in Ireland has the potential to harness shallow geothermal energy, which, coupled with heat pump technology, can be used for space heating, cooling and hot water. Geothermal is also the only renewable energy source that is available 24/7, regardless of climatic conditions.

7. Power

- Q24. What is the appropriate pathway for the decarbonisation of power from now to 2030, and subsequently to 2050?
- Q25. What target for electricity consumption generated from renewable sources by 2030 is ambitious, achievable and affordable?
- Q26. How can the new infrastructure necessary to meet a new renewable electricity target be delivered in a timely, affordable and acceptable way for consumers and society?
- Q27. What innovations and solutions could contribute to meeting a new renewable electricity target?
- Q28. What market incentives and support are necessary for investors to deliver the investment in renewable generation assets at a scale that will achieve a new renewable electricity target?
- Q29. What steps need to be taken by Government to facilitate investment in offshore and marine renewables for NI?

Q24.

NMDDC would refer the Department for the Economy to the UK Committee on Climate Change for advice on suitable policies for the decarbonisation of the power sector in Northern Ireland, in line with the revised UK net zero target and associated carbon budgets.

Q25. In 2019, 44.9% of total electricity consumption in Northern Ireland was generated from renewable sources located within NI. Given the considerable progress made in the last ten years (from 1.5% in 2001 to 44.9% in 2019), we believe a target of 80% of electricity generated renewable sources by 2030 would be both stretching and achievable.

Q26. We believe this can be achieved through financial incentives for low-carbon energy generation. Additional support should be provided to assist community energy schemes, as these models have been shown to increase consumer acceptability of low-carbon technology deployment locally. Funding and support should also be targeted toward vulnerable, fuel poor households and communities.

Q27. NMDDC believes the potential for geothermal, tidal and off-shore wind energy is largely untapped in Northern Ireland and offers tremendous potential for 'greening the grid', as well as continued roll-out of familiar technologies such as on-shore wind and Solar PV, in combination with energy storage facilities.

Q28.

The Partnership for Market Readiness (PMR) 2017 has produced an overview of the effectiveness of carbon taxes in different countries. We note that Ireland has committed to raising the national carbon tax from €20 per tonne to €80 per tonne by 2030, to help government meet national carbon reduction targets. The money raised (€90m in 2020) is ringfenced to fund new climate action measures, and protect the fuel poor.

Q29. Special incentives such as funding and other measures will be needed to support and enable the exploration of marine renewable technologies. Government should do this in partnership with the environment sector, as no technology should be advanced to the detriment of the natural environment.

8. Transport

- Q30. What would be an appropriate pathway to decarbonised energy for transport to 2050?
- Q31. What role should active travel have in the decarbonisation of the transport sector and what should government do to support this?
- Q32. What energy infrastructure is needed to facilitate the uptake of electric vehicles in line with UK Government's 'Road to Zero' targets?
- Q33. How will transport integrate with other energy uses (e.g. homes with solar generation, battery storage, EV charging) and what can government do to optimise the opportunities represented by this integration?
- Q34. To what extent can alternative low carbon transport fuels contribute to decarbonisation of the transport sector?
- Q35. Do you have any data/research to help inform and reduce the carbon intensity of our transport energy in order to achieve net zero carbon by 2050?

Q30. The Energy Strategy should recommend that DfI develops a 'transport hierarchy' in which the least carbon intensive forms of travel are prioritised over the most carbon intensive forms. This should then lead to increased funding and investment in cycle paths and walkways – as these are cleanest forms of travel – and also public transport infrastructure.

The Energy Strategy should support the electrification and expansion of the railway network, undertaking a review of the old railway network and the feasibility of reopening parts of it.

Public procurement should be used to ensure replacement of aging public transport vehicles with low-emissions vehicles. Government will need to commit to a target to phasing out diesel and petrol vehicles.

Q31. Active travel has a significant part to play in the energy transition and in improving health outcomes. A proportion of roads funding should be diverted to improving walking and cycling routes aimed towards making them safer, which is a major issue in Northern Ireland. In addition, funding should be identified to extend the cycling network to aid the movement of people into and within urban areas in particular.

Government could also work with local councils to offer incentives to encourage people to walk and cycle to their place of work or school e.g. closer parking for bikes or financial measures such as low-emission zones or differential parking tariffs.

A switchover to low-carbon vehicles will not tackle the problem of congestion in our towns and cities. Government efforts should focus on encouraging motorists to use bicycles, public transport, taxis or car clubs.

NMDDC notes that often a person's travel choices are limited depending on where they live, and the infrastructure available. NMDDC would encourage DfI to review national planning policy to ensure access to safe walking, cycling and / or public transport infrastructure is a basic provision in all new permitted development.

Q32. Rapid EV charge points should be installed throughout NI although this should be market-led not publicly funded. Charge point operation and charging should be consistent on both sides of the Irish border, if possible.

NMDDC would recommend that a lifecycle carbon assessment is carried out on the technologies and supporting infrastructure under consideration, and that government remains technology neutral where ever possible.

Q33. The Call for Evidence describes some of the ways in which transport will integrate with other energy uses e.g. homes with solar generation, battery storage, EV charging. We recommend that a fully integrated energy and transport strategy, underpinned by carbon reduction objectives, is used to optimise these opportunities. It is likely many of the solutions will be linked to the development of smart energy tariffs, smart meters and smart devices which will be market led.

Q34. NMDDC is not in a position to comment on which low carbon transport fuels will contribute to decarbonisation of the transport sector.

Q35. No comment.

9. Other Issues:

a. Security of Supply

- Q36. What specific risks to security of energy supply are likely to emerge as a result of our changing energy mix, and what actions can be taken to mitigate these?
- Q37. What measures or indicators could be adopted or developed to monitor energy security of supply?

Q36. It could be argued that our energy security is already compromised from an over-reliance on oil and gas, which is a finite natural resource and imported from politically volatile regions.

By having a mix of home-grown renewable energy sources, Northern Ireland can ensure price stability and security of supply into the future. One issue with increased renewable generation from wind and solar is over and under supply in different climatic conditions. However, the development of battery and / or hydrogen storage facilities could help ensure continuity of supply. For example, where there is overproduction of electricity (e.g. on an exceptionally windy day), this energy could be stored for later use. Equally electric vehicles can act as 'mobile batteries' with dynamic charging rates to encourage charging and storage during peak grid capacity.

Other non-intermittent renewable technologies could be developed to ensure energy security. When energy storage costs are taken into account, non-intermittent technologies such as tidal and geothermal may be cheaper on balance.

It is clear that a diverse mix of technologies will be necessary to ensure the energy network is resilient and secure.

NMDDC also recommends the government takes account of the projected climatic changes that the region is facing over the coming 50 years, including hotter temperatures in the summer and wetter winters, and more extreme conditions such as storms. This will be an important factor when selecting resilient technologies for the future.

Q37. Threats to energy security can affect either the physical supply of energy or its price. Therefore, measures of security include diversity of fuel supplies, spare capacity in infrastructure and reduced exposure to increased energy costs.

NMDDC supports the adoption of a diverse portfolio of indigenous renewable and low-carbon energy sources over imported fossil fuels, as this improves energy security by reducing exposure to rising global energy costs, reduces exposure to technology-specific risks through energy diversification, and also supports our climate change targets.

b. The Role of Data

- Q38. What is the most cost-effective method of capturing consumer energy usage data in electricity and natural gas (where meters are in place)? In heating oil (where there is no metering obligation)?
- Q39. What concerns need to be addressed regarding data privacy, security and/or ownership?
- Q40. What are your views on applying the key recommendations of the Energy Data Taskforce for NI?
- Q41. What organisations or businesses do you see as having a key role in optimising the value of data? How will they do this?

Q38. Metering should be a legal obligation to ensure effective data collection across all energy sectors. Whilst domestic oil tanks are not currently metered, data on heating oil could be collected directly from oil suppliers – i.e. total litres sold within a given geographic area (by council area, postal code etc).

Q39. Data should be collected in line with data protection regulations.

Q40. No comment.

Q41. No comment.

c. Carbon Capture and Storage

Q42. What steps, if any, should NI policy-makers consider with regard to the development or implementation of CCUS in NI?

Q42.
Carbon capture can be achieved through natural means e.g. by creating greenspace, restoring woodland, rewilding unused and underperforming farmland, restoring peatlands and other natural carbon sinks.

d. Energy and the Economy

Q43. What specific economic opportunities will arise from the decarbonisation of energy?

Q44. What skills are needed to realise the potential economic benefits of energy in the future?

Q45. What are your views on the future of overall energy demand in NI and how can we ensure that any potential demand growth aligns with our net zero carbon target?

Q43. The economic opportunities from decarbonisation of the energy sector are well understood. Jobs will be created in the renewable and energy efficiency energy sector, as well as the construction sector, and businesses and industry in Northern Ireland will be at an economic advantage by having access to cheaper, more secure energy than other nations.

Further economic benefits will accrue from helping people without jobs or on low incomes to heat their homes affordably, freeing up spending power for other things. The public sector will also see economic benefits through direct cost savings from energy efficiency measures in their buildings, and protection from future taxes and penalties related to the use of fossil fuels.

Q44. The upskilling of construction workers, planners, civil servants and local authority officers must happen concurrently with the introduction of policy measures and incentives. A common baseline of climate and carbon literacy should be established in key sectors. Relevant actors should be able to access the training they need to enable them to support delivery of the energy and climate strategy.

A suite of jobs and skills will be essential ranging from domestic and non-domestic energy assessors, carbon management specialists, smart meter installers, resilience planners, green finance experts, low-carbon transport officers and regional expertise on low-carbon spatial planning and development.

Government could support this by providing a central source of knowledge, information, and training to support the energy transition in all sectors.

Q45

The Call for Evidence document alludes to improvements in ‘energy consumption’ and ‘energy intensity’ and whilst it is true that gains have been made here, energy use is only part of the story. To tackle climate change head on, as described in the New Decade, New Approach document, the Energy Strategy should use net carbon emissions as the measure of progress, not energy consumption.

e. Delivery Framework for an Energy Strategy

- Q46. Do the existing division of responsibilities and powers across government enable the most effective approach to the overall aim of decarbonising energy? If not, what are your suggestions for improvement?
- Q47. What are the opportunities for local government to contribute to the delivery of the net zero carbon target?
- Q48. What are your views on how statutory duties and accompanying legislation and regulatory frameworks would need to change to facilitate the transition to net zero carbon by 2050?
- Q49. Is there a need for a dedicated organisation to champion, lead and deliver sustainable energy interventions? If so, what should this look like?

Q46.

NMDDC notes that in the UK, climate action and energy is part of the same policy portfolio. We also note that in both Ireland and Scotland, energy policy and climate policy are managed by the same division.

Q47. As ‘front-line’ service providers, councils are ideally placed to deliver a range of new measures and interventions under a future Energy Strategy.

Q48. The list of statutory duties and accompanying legislation and regulatory frameworks that need to change to facilitate the transition to a net zero economy is extensive. A myriad of government policies will need to change.

Built Environment

The built environment has a critical impact on the achievement of energy and climate targets. Well-designed homes and buildings are efficient and cost effective to run. They help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by incorporating features that encourage sustainable lifestyles. They maximise natural ventilation, avoid overheating, minimise sound pollution and have good air quality.

The Committee of Climate Change Report “UK housing fit for the future?”, published in February 2019, states without a near elimination of greenhouse gas emissions from UK buildings, the UK’s legally binding climate change targets will not be met. NMDDC believes that new homes should be designed to be energy efficient, low or zero carbon, water efficient, and climate resilient.

Transport

- Legislation to ban the use of petrol and diesel cars on NI roads from 2030
- Regulation to promote sustainable biofuels e.g. a 'Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation'
- Regulation to help industry achieve significant reductions in emissions from HGV operations and vans
- Significant funding and investment in public and active transport, particularly cycling and rail infrastructure

Q49. There is a role for a lead agency to help accelerate the transition to zero carbon, much like the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland.

10. Additional information

Q50. Is there anything else you would like to add in response to this Call for Evidence?

No further comment.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 16 th March 2020
Subject:	Sustainability and Climate Change Forum
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin, Asst Director AHC
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To note the reportTo consider and agree to approve the actions in the attached Action Sheet.			
1.2	Background <p>The Sustainability & Climate Change Forum took place on Thursday 20th February 2020.</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	The actions arising from the meeting are attached 'SCCF Action Sheet 20 February 2020' in Appendix 1.			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	Consider and agree to approve the actions in the attached Action Sheet.			
4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	None			
5.0	Equality and good relations implications			
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.			
6.0	Rural Proofing implications			
6.1	This report has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.			
7.0	Appendices			
	Appendix I: SCCF Action Sheet 20 February 2020			
8.0	Background Documents			
	<i>None</i>			

Sustainability and Climate Change Standing Forum**Thursday 20th February 2020 Commedagh Room, Downshire Civic Ctr, 3 00pm****Councillors present:****Clarke, Mason, Tinnelly, Enright.****Chaired by Councillor Clarke****Officers present: E Devlin, S. McEldowney, R. Moore, J.McBride.****Apologies for non-attendance: Cllr Curran, Cllr Owen, Cllr Brown, Cllr Andrews, Cllr Taylor, M. Lipsett**

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Agreed way forward (if matter requires Committee/Council approval, a separate Report should be compiled and submitted to Committee)	Lead Officer	Actions taken/Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
2.0	Review Actions SCCF 19 Dec 2019	S. McEldowney updated members on progress of Single Use Plastics Strategy.	S. McEldowney	Noted	Y
3.0	NOM Climate Change 03 Feb 2020 C/039/2020	Cllr Enright provided an overview of the NOM raised on 03 Feb 2020 in relation to the NFLA 10 Point Plan for declaring a Climate Emergency. After discussion it was agreed that when Officers are developing the Climate Adaptation Plan for the Council the relevant elements of	M. Lipsett/R. Moore	In-progress	Y

		<p>the NFLA 10 Point Plan will be considered.</p> <p>Once the Adaptation Plan is drafted any elements of the NFLA 10-point plan not within the remit of the plan will be reviewed with wider public sector stakeholders.</p>			
4.0	Climate Symposium	S. McEldowney provided overview on Climate Symposium agenda, speakers and sustainable travel arrangements.	S. McEldowney	Noted	Y
5.0	AOB	S. McEldowney advised members of the 'Draft Energy Strategy, Call for Evidence' which is open until 20 March 2020. A Council response is being drafted and will be considered by AHC Committee on 16 March 2020.	S. McEldowney	In-progress	Y
5.0	AOB	S. McEldowney advised members of a letter received by the Council Chairperson from Solar Energy Parks Ltd regarding a proposal for developing an industrial / commercial solar energy Park within the District. The company advised they would require funding of £12,000 to support expenses within the initial year of developing such a site. It was agreed to invite a representative from the Company to attend the next SCCF Meeting on Thursday 19 th March 2020.	S. McEldowney	In-progress	Y

	AOB	Cllr Tinnelly requested an update on the rewilding NOM, discussed at November SCCF. S McEldowney advised that the Biodiversity Officer had met with Grounds Maintenance Dept to identify council owned sites across the seven DEA's suitable for rewilding / wildflower Planting. To date the Biodiversity Officer has attended two DEA Forum meetings to progress the NOM. Further meetings are planned over the coming weeks.	S. McEldowney	In progress	Y
7.0	Agenda next meeting	Solar Energy Park to be invited to present at the next SCCF Meeting on Thursday 19 th March 2020 in Newry.	S. McEldowney	In progress	Y

Signed: _____ Lead Officer

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 th March 2020
Subject:	Funding request from Sustainable NI
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose To consider and agree to provide funding of £5000 to Sustainable NI for 2020-21 year.				
1.2	Background Sustainable NI (SNI) is a charity set up to advance the pursuit of sustainable development by local authorities and others. Sustainable NI manages the Local Government Sustainable Development Forum which provides networking and advice to Council Officers engaged in the field of Sustainability.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	Council have previously agreed to pay an annual subscription to Sustainable NI. They are now requesting the annual contribution of £5000 for our continuing membership of the Forum (Appendix I) and have provided a copy of their Annual report for 2018/2019 (Appendix II). SNI are proposing the following workplan for 2020/21: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist members in complying with the Sustainable Development Statutory Duty through development of a sustainability policy, screening and reporting tool.• Provide ideas, advice and support to members to help meet sustainability and climate targets in the region.• Manage and maintain the Sustainable Development Forum and Tackling Plastic NI Working Group, to promote and share good practice among councils and public-sector organisations				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as secretariat for the regional All-Party Group on Climate Action to foster understanding, awareness and good practice at elected member level and influence climate change policy decisions • Support members in phasing out single use plastics from their estate and operations by disseminating research, information, policy guidance and best practice • Promote greater understanding and awareness of sustainability and climate issues in member organisations through the provision of presentations and workshops, as and when required <p>SNI will be a useful resource and support to the work of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Standing Forum, the Single Use Plastics Officer Working Group and the proposed Officers Climate Adaptation Working Group.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Council agree to provide funding of £5000 to Sustainable NI for 2020-21 year.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	£5000 provision has been made within estimates
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	✓ No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	✓ This report has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	<p>Appendix I Letter from SNI dated 20 Feb 2020</p> <p>Appendix II SNI Annual report for 2018/2019</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

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20 February 2020

Sustainable NI Subscription 2020/21

Dear Michael

I have pleasure in attaching a copy of our Annual Report for 2018/19 which details some of our activities and achievements last financial year, along with the deliverables for 2020/21.

In his recent letter to Councils, the Minister reaffirmed the Executive's commitment to tackling climate change set out in the 'New Decade, New Approach' Deal, and outlined the important role that local councils play in influencing local action on climate change.

As climate issues crosscut geographical boundaries and institutional responsibilities, central and local government must work together to develop a consistent and coordinated response. Sustainable NI is supporting this by providing a critical interface between councils, public bodies and the Northern Ireland Assembly on matters relating to climate change and sustainable development policy and practice.

By providing the secretariat for the *Northern Ireland Sustainable Development Forum* and the new *All Party Group on Climate Action*, we believe these forums encourage much needed dialogue and sharing of good practice between councils, government departments and other public sector organisations, at both officer and elected member level.

Additionally, Sustainable NI provides strategic and technical support for members as they begin to develop policies and plans to address climate change and continue to embed the UN Sustainable Development Goals across their operations and plans.

SNI achievements this year included:

- Establishing a new **All Party Group on Climate Action** with MLA and Councillor representation
- Supporting Climate NI to establish the **Local Government Climate Action Network**
- Delivering **an event** on sustainable food and **training** on climate change and corporate social responsibility

- Organising four meetings of the **Sustainable Development Forum** covering sustainable procurement, community food growing, climate change and community planning
- Ongoing **policy work** with and on behalf of councils and the wider public sector, including preparing a response to the Department's Environment Strategy Consultation
- Establishing a new **Tackling Plastic NI** working group to support officers in their work to reduce plastic pollution
- Ongoing **technical and strategic support** to officers as and when required

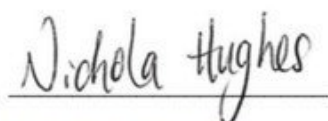
In the lead up to the next major UN Climate Summit, COP26 in Glasgow next September, Sustainable NI will be actively supporting councils and public sector organisations as they develop and launch their climate change and sustainability action plans. The workplan overleaf outlines our proposed deliverables for next year, which focus on policy development, standardised monitoring and reporting methodologies, and providing forums for officers and elected members to exchange information and good practice.

I hope you will agree that Sustainable NI provides excellent value for money, despite our modest size and hope you will be able to continue supporting our work through a subscription of £5000 next financial year.

An invoice will be sent at the beginning of April, and payment terms for invoices are 28 days unless agreed in writing. We encourage members to secure the necessary approval in advance of invoice, to enable timely payment.

If you require any further information please contact me on t: 07591172485 or e: nichola@sustainableni.org.

Sincerely,



Nichola Hughes

Executive Director

SNI Deliverables 2020/21

- Assist members in complying with the Sustainable Development Statutory Duty through development of a sustainability policy, screening and reporting tool
- Provide ideas, advice and support to members to help meet sustainability and climate targets in the region
- Manage and maintain the Sustainable Development Forum and Tackling Plastic NI Working Group, to promote and share good practice among councils and public sector organisations
- Act as secretariat for the regional All Party Group on Climate Action to foster understanding, awareness and good practice at elected member level and influence climate change policy decisions
- Support members in phasing out single use plastics from their estate and operations by disseminating research, information, policy guidance and best practice
- Promote greater understanding and awareness of sustainability and climate issues in member organisations through the provision of presentations and workshops, as and when required



sustainableNI

Annual Report
2018-2019

Executive Summary

Sustainable Northern Ireland (SNI) is a NI charity working with partners to build a more sustainable and resilient society by inspiring, influencing and informing. We are committed to the principles of sustainable development; our work programmes encourage organisations to integrate these principles throughout their own operations and business planning functions. Sustainable Northern Ireland also established the Belfast Food Network, a project to develop initiatives that will make Belfast a Sustainable Food City.

We offer a range of services to subscribing partners:

- Sustainability Training
- Strategy & Policy Development
- Sustainability Reporting
- Sustainability within Community Planning
- Climate Change Planning
- Accessing Funding
- Forums & Networks

This Review covers the period 2018-2019. With introductory comments from the Chair of the Board of Directors, this report summarises our work with councils and other agencies through the Sustainable Development Forum, the development of Community Plans and Local Development Plans, our projects and partnership initiatives, policy and advocacy work, as well as a governance update and financial summary.

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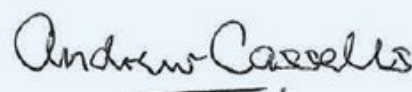


Chair's Report

This year Sustainable Northern Ireland (SNI) launched its new strategy - A Time for Change - a 5-year plan to help us achieve our goal of building a more sustainable and resilient society. The plan sets out our ambitions and areas of focus that will guide our work over the next five years. In reviewing the mission and purpose of Sustainable NI, the board and staff reflected on the crucial role the organisation plays in informing and coordinating the sustainability activities of local authorities and public sector bodies, which is now more important than ever given the diminished role of central government in Northern Ireland.

It is clear from scientific evidence on the climate and ecological breakdown, that urgent change is needed to steer away from the current 'take-make-throw' consumption pattern we have all become accustomed to. This will require radical reform, but no single action by a government, business or individual will be enough. If the UN Sustainable Development Goals are to be realised, collective action is key. This was a theme that emerged from the very successful Global Goals, Local Action event that Sustainable NI ran this year, and reinforces why our focus on collaborating with others to deliver projects, campaigns and policy change is the right approach.

In recent months, public concern about climate change has grown, thanks to figureheads like Sir David Attenborough, Greta Thunburg and others. Sustainable NI stands ready to work alongside Climate NI and others in helping to shape and deliver Northern Ireland's response to climate change. Key opportunities next year include feeding into Local Development Plans; Northern Ireland's first ever Environment Strategy and the next Strategic Energy Framework. I have no doubt that Sustainable NI will grasp these opportunities and others over the coming twelve months, and feel optimistic that change, although overdue, is happening.



Andrew Cassells

Chair



Policy Development

Government Consultations

Despite the current political impasse at Stormont, Sustainable NI has been influencing policy development by responding to a number of government consultations released in 2018/19, considered relevant to long-term sustainability objectives. These included:

- Environmental Governance Post-Brexit
- Northern Ireland Future Agricultural Policy Framework
- Reforming the UK Packaging Producer Responsibility System
- Introducing a Deposit Return Scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Sustainable NI consultation responses can be viewed on our website: www.sustainableni.org/reports

Climate Change Adaptation

Sustainable NI plays an ongoing and important role on the Climate Northern Ireland Steering Group. Climate NI is an inter-sectoral network devoted to increasing public understanding of the climate change impacts and risks likely to face Northern Ireland and promoting the necessary adaptation actions. It is funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). Sustainable NI contributes to the Climate NI

Steering Group by providing local government context and perspective on both climate change mitigation and adaptation issues.

Sustainable NI played an important role in engaging councils in the development of the Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019-2024, and together with NILGA helped develop the local authority actions being delivered under the programme.

Policy Development in Councils

Sustainable NI attended a number of consultation events in relation to the development of community plans and local development plans, as well as commenting on several internal sustainability policies and strategies, e.g. the Northern Ireland Assembly's Sustainable Development Strategy.

Sustainable NI provides a screening tool, the Sustainability Assessment Toolkit, which is used by many local councils to screen new policies and plans for sustainability impacts. This year, Sustainable NI also embarked on researching and sharing best practice policies and approaches to eliminating single use plastics within government bodies, as part of the Single Use Plastic project funded by DAERA, more information on p9.

“good
environmental
policy is good
economic
policy”

Bernie Sanders, US Senator

Forums & Networks

NI Sustainable Development Forum

Now six years since it was first established, the Sustainable Development Forum continues to grow from strength to strength, with its membership currently totaling 87 people. The Forum represents a network of officers from the eleven councils and wider public sector, with a mutual interest in and responsibility for the implementation of sustainable development in Northern Ireland.

This year, meetings were organised around themes selected by members, in order to focus the discussions and ensure suitable representation at each meeting. Four meetings took place this year:

- 20 June 2018, Clean Technologies, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- 19 September 2018, Circular Economy, Ards and North Down District Council
- 5 December 2018, Food & Biodiversity, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 20 March 2019, Sustainable Procurement, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

These quarterly network meetings help to share and stimulate good practice on sustainable development among councils and other public sector organisations, especially important in the face of a diminished role undertaken by central government.

Communicating the work of the Forum is an essential component of its success. SNI has facilitated this through the dissemination of news, member updates and best practice case studies in our monthly eBulletin and on our website.

In the year ahead, we will continue to utilise the Forum as a platform to raise the profile of sustainable development activity in all sectors; and explore web-based tools to facilitate exchange of information and communication between members. In so doing, we are confident that the Forum will continue to thrive into the future.



**Sustainable
DEVELOPMENT
Forum**

Belfast Climate Commission

The climate breakdown is an urgent issue for individuals and organisations, with many complex challenges, but it also presents opportunities in how cities and their citizens live and work. Sustainable NI has supported Belfast City Council and Queens University Belfast in establishing the Belfast Climate Commission, which is part of a wider Place-based Climate Action Network (PCAN) across the UK, which has seen commissions established in Edinburgh and Leeds as well.



**BELFAST
CLIMATE
COMMISSION**

The Commissions will help local delivery of the UK's climate change objectives by supporting action in cities through partnerships made up of the private, public and civic sectors.

Belfast will share £3.5 million in funding from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) over the course of five years. The network is led by researchers from academic institutions in each of the partner cities and will seek to increase engagement with the public, private and third sectors in tackling climate change.

A key dimension of the Belfast Climate Commission is to ensure that low carbon energy transition creates more and better jobs and that the benefits are distributed so that no community is left behind.

Sustainable NI will be a partner of the project, and will share any learning and good practice with district and borough councils in Northern Ireland.



Knowledge & Awareness



Rewarding Excellence

Sustainable NI was delighted to sponsor the Excellence in Environmental Sustainability Award at the 2018 Local Government Awards, which took place in Armagh City Hotel on 11 October.

The Awards are coordinated by NILGA and the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE), and provide a great opportunity to showcase and reward excellence in sustainability among local councils.

A total of nine applications were received this year and all of the projects were of an extremely high calibre. Three councils were shortlisted for the award - Ards and North Down Borough Council, Mid and East Antrim District Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council.

The overall winner was Derry City and Strabane District Council for their Environmental Stewardship approach. Judges were impressed by the council's leadership on climate action, as demonstrated by their CLIMATE project.

Promoting the SDGs

Sustainable NI this year organised two events to raise awareness, understanding and promote the UN Global Goals among our stakeholders.

The first, Making Global Goals Local Business in May 2018, was organised in partnership with UN Global Compact. The event's overarching aim was to raise awareness about what the Global Goals are, why businesses should care about them and how they can contribute to achieving the Goals and benefit from doing so. The event was attended by 68 people from the business, local government, civil society-NGO and academic sectors. Sustainable NI was a named partner as well as appearing on the discussion panel.

As a follow up to the business event, Sustainable NI arranged a Global Goals Local Action event which took place in Bangor Castle in November 2018. The event targeted local authorities, aiming to increase understanding of the role of local government in driving the SDGs at a local level, as well as celebrating good practice already happening.

The Keynote was delivered by Michael Ewing who has been coordinating national voluntary reporting on the Sustainable Development Goals in the Republic of Ireland. Michael was able to offer some international and national context in terms of the usefulness of the SDG framework in delivering real change to local communities.



Panellists were selected to discuss the following themes:

- procurement
- tourism
- business
- climate change
- circular economy
- food

The event was a great success. It was attended by 61 people, most of whom were councillors or local authority officers.

A key outcome of the event was a preliminary agreement to establish a regional cross-party working group to look at sustainable development and climate change policy and practice, and ensure that Northern Ireland is taking the appropriate level of action at central and local government level, to meet current UK and International targets and commitments.



Knowledge & Awareness

Training

Sustainable NI delivered a series of training events over the course of the year, in response to a request from the Sustainable Development Forum for more training and professional development opportunities.

The courses were developed around topics officers said they would benefit from increased knowledge and awareness on and included:

- Carbon Management - May 2018
- Climate Change - January 2019
- Corporate Social Responsibility - March 2019

The courses were organised by Sustainable NI and delivered by appointed facilitators. The carbon management course was opened up to the wider Northern Ireland public sector, the other events were closed to Sustainable NI subscribing councils.

Typical attendees included environment managers, sustainability managers, energy managers and heads of service for estate management and planning.

There were practical exercises and activities throughout the courses followed by an end of course review. Successful candidates were issued with a Professional Certificate of Achievement. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.



Partner Events

In March 2019, we were proud to contribute to the planning of the first ever Green Infrastructure and Climate Change Conference in Northern Ireland.

The conference, organised by Derry City and Strabane District Council, took place in the Guildhall in Derry-Londonderry and attracted a range of experts from the field, underlining the Council's commitment to becoming a more sustainable region.

Sustainable NI also spoke at a Social Enterprise NI stakeholder event, to raise awareness about our Social Value Toolkit, launched in 2017, and how sustainable procurement can help achieve social and environmental objectives, getting more value out of every pound spent.

Sharing Good Practice

Sustainable NI continues to promote and share good practice on sustainable development at every opportunity. This includes sharing inspiring news stories via social media and monthly eBulletin as well as writing up local case studies for our website, including:

- the reuse of resources which would otherwise have been landfilled at Haffey Sports Grounds in Portadown
- the use of video-conferencing to reduce staff travel in Fermanagh & Omagh, saving the Council almost £20,000 in mileage costs
- the leasing of low-carbon cars for business travel in Derry & Strabane District, generating savings of almost £20,000
- an innovative low-carbon retrofit project by NI Housing Executive at Loanda Crescent in Newry



Projects & Partnerships



Tackling Single Use Plastic

By 2050, there will be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish. That is a startling statistic. Sustainable NI and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful have formed a partnership to tackle the plastic crisis, looking at a range of measures and interventions to reduce the production and consumption of single use plastics in Northern Ireland.

Funded by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), the three year single use plastic project will endeavour to change behaviours and cultural norms around the consumption of plastic, by delivering interventions and campaigns across four key audiences:

- general public
- schools
- businesses
- local authorities/government

Sustainable NI is leading the local authority and central government workstream, which began in Q4 of 2018/19 with a review of current policy and progress in Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom on tackling single use plastics within local and central government. Year two (2019/20) will focus on the development of a working group and supporting toolkit with templates and resources to help councils and initially DAERA, and later other government departments, eliminate single use plastics within their estates and operations.

Sustainability Support

Sustainable NI provides a range of technical and strategic support services to councils and other public sector members, including 1-2-1 advice, speaking at events, running training and policy or strategy development.

Most councils took up the 1-2-1 support offer, and benefitted from Sustainable NI's knowledge, expertise and network of contacts.

Sustainable NI was pleased to have been able to continue Chairing the Environment Theme within the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Community Planning Partnership, which included overseeing the development of implementation plans for short-term environment actions.

We were also invited to deliver a workshop on sustainable development to the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Community Planning Partnership.

Other direct support included a review of the Belfast City Council sustainable development framework and contributing to the development of a 'Green Checklist' for Culture Night 2019.

Sustainable NI also responded to a number of local development plan preferred options papers, highlighting the need to favour options which promote the generation and use of renewable energy, climate resilience, and facilitate a low-carbon zero-waste economy.



Governance

Staff

Sustainable NI appointed Emma Adair in September 2018 as the interim SNI Manager to replace Nichola Hughes whilst she was on maternity leave.

Emma was appointed on secondment from Ards and North Down Borough Council and brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role, in particular on implementing solutions on sustainable development within a local authority setting.

Sustainable NI did not host any student or graduate placements in 2018/19.

Hosting

In July 2018 Sustainable NI moved office from NILGA's premises in Bradford Court to Northern Ireland Environment Link, where Sustainable NI has previously been housed.

NI Environment link provide office space and finance administrative support for a fixed annual fee.

Board of Directors

The SNI Board of Directors met on the following dates this year:

- 19th June 2018
- 11th September 2018
- 12th December 2018 (AGM)

No new board members were appointed in 2018/19.

The following board members resigned during 2018/19:

- Gary McFarlane
- Murray Watt

Policies & Procedures

Sustainable NI formally updated its constitution (Articles of Association) and introduced new finance procedures. Additionally, a Director Code of Conduct and Register of Interests was introduced, and interests are declared at the beginning of each board meeting.

Sustainable NI also undertook a review of its corporate strategy and published a 5-year plan called 'Time for Change'.

Finances

In 2018/19 the following organisations subscribed to Sustainable NI's services:

- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
- Ards and North Down Borough Council
- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Belfast City Council
- Derry City and Strabane District Council
- Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
- Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
- Mid Ulster District Council
- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
- Northern Ireland Assembly
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive

In addition, funding was secured from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) to deliver a project with councils on minimising the use of single use plastic.

An annual budget is approved in March each year. Accounts are prepared at quarterly intervals and expenditure is monitored against budgets.

The accounts are audited on an annual basis by an independent examiner, and presented to the Board of Directors for approval at the AGM in December.



Financial Summary

31 March 2019

Directors' statement on the summary financial statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees present herewith the summary financial statement of Sustainable Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 2019 and confirm the following:

- the summary financial statement is not the statutory financial accounts but is a summary of information relating to both the Statement of Financial Activities and the balance sheet;
- the full financial statements from which the summary is derived have been externally examined by an independent auditor; and he has provided an unqualified report;
- the full annual accounts, the external examiners report and the trustees'/directors' report can be obtained on application to Sustainable Northern Ireland;
- the annual accounts were approved by the Board on 10th December 2019

This directors' statement was approved by the Board of Directors on 10th December 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Nichola Hoehn / Company Secretary

Independent examiner's statement to the members of Sustainable Northern Ireland

I have examined the summary financial statement of Sustainable Northern Ireland.

Respective responsibilities of directors/trustees and auditors

The directors/trustees are responsible for preparing the summary financial statement in accordance with applicable law. My responsibility is to report to you my opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statement with the full annual accounts and Directors/Trustees' Report, and its compliance with the relevant requirements of Section 427 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereunder. I also read the other information contained in the summary financial statement and consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial statement.

Basis of opinion

I conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 "The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion

In my opinion the summary financial statement is consistent with the full annual accounts and directors' report of Sustainable Northern Ireland for the year ended 31st March 2019 and complies with the applicable requirements of Section 427 of the Companies Act 2006, and the regulations made thereunder.

Nigel V Skillen FCA

Diamond & Skillen Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor Sinclair House 89/101 Royal Avenue Belfast BT1 1FE

10th December 2019

Extracted Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Totals 2019 £	Totals 2018 £
Income					
<i>from donations and legacies</i>					
• Donations	3	-	-	0	-
• Grants	3	60,000	12,000	72,000	53,000
<i>from charitable activities</i>					
• Business income and sponsorship	3	940	-	940	-
<i>from other activities</i>					
• Investment income	3	153	-	153	77
Total income		61,093	12,000	73,093	53,077
Expenditure					
<i>on raising funds</i>					
• Promotional costs	4	2,551	1,030	3,581	-
<i>on charitable activities</i>					
• Employee costs	4	33,147	8,640	41,787	31,004
• Premises costs	4	597	-	597	577
• Travel & training costs	4	644	238	882	2,147
• General administration costs	4	1,444	1,223	2,667	2,307
• Programme costs	4	9,768	757	10,525	13,047
<i>On other items</i>					
• Legal & professional fees	4	2,555	-	2,555	2,405
• Other expenses	4	189	112	301	266
• Depreciation of assets	4	-	-	0	-
Total expenditure		50,895	12,000	62,895	51,753
Net (expenditure) / income for the year		10,198	0	10,198	1,324
Transfers between funds	10	-	-	0	-
Net movement in funds for the year		10,198	0	10,198	1,324
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
• Fund balances brought fwd at 1st April		38,909	-	38,909	37,585
• Fund balances carried fwd at 31st March		49,107	0	49,107	38,909

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

Statement of Financial Position as at 31st March 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed Assets			
• Tangible assets	11	-	-
		0	0
Current Assets			
• Receivables	12	17,743	-
• Cash at bank and in hand		42,792	42,285
		60,535	42,285
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(11,428)	(3,376)
Net current assets		49,107	38,909
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		49,107	38,909
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
Net assets		49,107	38,909
The funds of the charity			
<i>Unrestricted income funds:</i>			
• General funds	16	49,107	38,909
		49,107	38,909
<i>Restricted income funds:</i>			
• Single Use Plastic (SUP) Project	16	-	-
Total funds		49,107	38,909

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Chairman of Directors

Adrian Davis
Treasurer

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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 March 2020
Subject:	Consultation on the Draft Update to Nutritional Standards for School Food
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Murphy Head of Environmental Health (Commercial)

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	To consider and agree to submitting the response to the Department of Education on the Draft Update to Nutritional Standards for School food.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<p>The Nutritional Standards for School Lunches and Other Food and Drinks in Schools were developed in keeping with government guidance on healthy eating in 2007. In the 12 years since these standards were developed, evidence and research has emerged that indicates we should consume more fruit, vegetables and dietary fibre while reducing the amount of sugar, salt, fat and processed meat in our diets. The Department of Education propose to update the existing Nutritional Standards to ensure that all food provided in grant-aided schools is in keeping with up-to-date government guidance on healthy eating.</p> <p>The proposed changes aim to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase availability of fruit and vegetables• Increase availability of fibre• Reduce the availability of saturated fat• Reduce the availability of sugar• Reduce the availability of salt• Reduce the availability of processed red meat <p>The proposed changes also include that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Nutritional Standards for Other Food and Drinks should become mandatory in all grant-aided schools and apply equally to all food provided in the school setting• independent monitoring and evaluation arrangements should be established to ensure the updated Nutritional Standards are being implemented in all grant-aided schools• In the absence of funding, to increase the price of a school meal for paying pupils by around 5 to 7 pence a meal to ensure a September 2020 implementation.				

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	The committee agrees to the attached response being submitted to the Department of Education which agrees with the Department of Education's proposals to improve the nutritional standards for school foods and notes some considerations in respect of the proposals.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	A rural Needs Impact Assessment is not required at this time
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – Consultation response on Draft Update to Nutritional Standards for School Food
8.0	Background Documents
	The consultation document is available on https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations.

Consultation on the Draft Update to Nutritional Standards for School Food

This response has been prepared by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC).

Document: <https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations>

Response submission: Via online form available at above link.

Alternatively, paper copies can be obtained by contacting the Department of Education:

By Phone: 02891 279852

By e-mail: nutritional.standards@education-ni.gov.uk

By writing to: Food in Schools Team
Department of Education
Room 6.06
Rathgael House
43 Balloo Road
Bangor BT19 7PR

Closing Date: 27th March 2020

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft update to Nutritional Standards for school food.

Q1 Do you agree with the change(s) proposed above aimed at increasing the availability of fruit and vegetables?

Yes NMDDC agrees with the proposed changes to increase availability of fruit and veg but recognise that cooking methods can greatly impact on the overall nutritional content of the fruit and vegetable served. i.e. steaming as opposed boiling.

Q2 Do you agree with the change(s) proposed above aimed at increasing the availability of fibre?

Yes NMDDC agrees with the proposed changes to increase availability of fibre.

Q3 Do you agree with the change(s) proposed above aimed at reducing the availability of saturated fat?

Yes NMDDC agrees with the proposed changes aimed at reducing availability of saturated fat.

Q4 Do you agree with the change(s) proposed above aimed at reducing the availability of sugar?

Yes NMDDC agrees however reformulation to provide alternative means of sweetening pancakes and scones should be explored to ensure these foods remain appetising to children.

It is acknowledged that the monitoring of a maximum portion of 10 ml of condiment will be challenging.

Breakfast cereals can have a high sugar content therefore it would be worthwhile also setting criteria for the sugar content of breakfast cereals on offer at school breakfast clubs.

Q5 Do you agree with the change(s) proposed above aimed at reducing the availability of salt?

Yes NMDDC agrees. Again it is acknowledged that the monitoring of a maximum portion of 10 ml of condiment will be challenging.

Q6 Do you agree with the change(s) proposed above aimed at reducing the availability of processed red meat?

Yes NMDDC agrees with the proposed changes aimed at reducing availability of processed red meat.

Q7 Do you agree the Nutritional Standards for Other Food and Drinks should become mandatory in all grant-aided schools and apply equally to all food provided in the school setting?

Yes NMDDC agrees.

Q8 Do you agree that independent monitoring and evaluation arrangements should be established to ensure the updated Nutritional Standards are being implemented in all grant-aided schools?

Yes NMDDC agrees that independent monitoring and evaluation is essential to ensure consistent implementation of the updated Nutritional Standards in schools. Any changes to the level of school meal uptake following implementation of the updated Nutritional Standards should be included in any monitoring and evaluation undertaken.

Q9. In the absence of funding, do you think it would be reasonable to increase the price of a school meal for paying pupils by around 5 to 7 pence a meal to ensure a September 2020 implementation?

Consideration should be given to the impact on food poverty levels as a result of any proposed increase in school meal costs and regard given to any local and regional strategies on food poverty before doing so.

A potential impact of the revised standards and any associated price increase is that it may result in an increased uptake of school packed lunches. These currently sit outside the scope of the updated Nutritional Standards. Although it is recognised that many schools have healthy packed lunch policies, some do not and an increased uptake could have an overall detrimental effect on the diets of children. Therefore healthy packed lunch policies should be encouraged in all schools.

A media campaign aimed at parents around the implementation and content of the updated Nutritional Standards would increase awareness of the benefits of a healthy diet and could have a positive impact on the content of packed lunches and meals prepared at home.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 March 2020
Subject:	Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To note the report.To note the attached Minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting listed in 3.1 below.			
1.2	Background <p>The attached Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2019 (adopted at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020) are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of Downpatrick NRP.</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	None.			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the report.Note the attached Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2019, which were approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020.			
4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	None.			
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications			
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.			
6.0	Rural Proofing implications			
6.1	There are no negative implications identified. The work of Downpatrick NRP is statutorily restricted to the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal area.			
7.0	Appendices			
7.1	Appendix I: Minutes of Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on 26 November 2019.			
8.0	Background Documents			
8.1	None.			

Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (DNRP)
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 16:00
Denvir's Hotel, Downpatrick

Present:

Members

Nicholas McCrickard	County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) – <i>Chair</i>
Macartán Digney	Marian Park Community Association– <i>Vice Chair</i>
Raphael Crummy	Department for Communities (DFC)
Alison McCarthy	Tosú Úr
Jeanette McCarthy	Tosú Úr
Doreen Brown	Tosú Úr
Anthony Trainor	Stream Street Residents Association (SSRA)
Dan McEvoy	Downpatrick Community Collective (DCC)
Patricia Kearney	FHWCF (Flying Horse Ward Community Forum)
Lisa Perry	FHWCF (Flying Horse Ward Community Forum)
Kerry Gracey	Meadowlands Community Association (MCA)
Danny Quinn	Meadowlands Community Association (MCA)
Owen McDonnell	NIHE (Northern Ireland Housing Executive)
Donna Weir	Education Authority (EA)
Aisling Rennick	NMDDC – Engagement Development Manager (EDM)
Katrina Hynds	NMDDC - DEA/NR Co-ordinator
Laura Higgins	NMDDC – Clerical Officer

Promoters

Tatiana Seed	South Eastern Regional College (SERC)
Jenny Lavery	CDRCN/ FHCW
Anne McKeever	South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSST)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Nicholas welcomed the partnership to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Cochrane – PSNI • Susan Casement – Bridge Street Residents Association • Lillian Swaffield – Bridge Street Residents Association • Lorraine Coulter - South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (SEHSCT) 	

<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Updated Action Plan</u></p> <p>Members were provided with the updated copy of the Action Plan.</p> <p>Raphael Crummy asked the partnership for permission to purchase a fully accessible wheelchair swing for the new Meadowlands playpark. This would allow children in a wheelchair to be able to use the swing. He stated that there is no fully accessible wheelchair swing in Downpatrick or surrounding area. A basic swing would cost approx. £4,000 and an additional £2,000 to install. The advanced version of the swing would cost £20,000.</p> <p>A discussion followed, and members agreed that a fully accessible wheelchair swing should be purchased for Meadowlands play park.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Minutes of meeting held on 17th September 2019</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 17th September 2019 were a true reflection of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Dan McEvoy and seconded by Janette McCarthy.</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 17th September 2019 were adopted.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Promoter's Reports (July-Sept 2019)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Driving to Success – Tatiana Seed (SERC)</u> <p>Tatiana Seed reported on project objectives/outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 students were enrolled in the programme in quarter 2, 2 left due to personal circumstances and 15 remained. • 2 participants passed their theory test and 6 obtained provisional license. • Students have access to individual online accounts to allow them to access training resources. Laptops and headphones are provided to students with additional learning needs or who have no computer access at home. • This year's tender for provision of driving lessons under 'Driving to Success' programme has been awarded to David Blair and Graeme Wonders driving schools. • The programme of courses for quarter 2 started on 4th September and will be delivered over 12 weeks. • 15 students are registered for the qualification. <p>Tatiana added that the theory test is challenging for some students and in response to this SERC now provide improved support through website tutorials.</p> <p>Driving to Success began in 2011 and is now in its 8th year.</p>	

- **Family Health & Wellbeing – Maria Kelly (SureStart)**

Maria had provided her report on quarter 2 but was unable to attend today's meeting.

- **Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)– Anne McKeever**

- Current active caseload in quarter 2 was 31. There were 9 Speech and Language Therapy parent contacts.
- In quarter 2, there were 18 new referrals (transferred from community SLT's). This number is likely to increase as teacher's have highlighted several other children who may need referred.
- Average waiting time from referral to assessment is 9 days. There are currently no children waiting for assessment.
- 1 child has been discharged this quarter as their speech and language is now within normal limits.
- 117 child contact session has taken place this quarter. These sessions took place at Downpatrick PS, Our Lady and St Patrick PS, St Brigid's PS and St Colmcille's PS.
- Staff training sessions took place in September 2019.
- All parents of children on the caseload are being offered face to face meeting/telephone contact with the SLT to discuss assessment/therapy/discharge.

Anne added that uptake so far has been very positive. Schools and teachers are promoting the SALT service and making parents aware that it is available. The Deputy Permanent Secretary visited SALT and is delighted with how many children are benefitting from it.

- **NR Technical Assistance – Katrina Hynds (NMDDC)**

- Meadowlands play park was officially opened on 1st October 2019, the Deputy Permanent Secretary was in attendance.
- Technical Assistance budget is up to date and on track.
- Review of DNRP Action Plan took place on 17th September 2019 and priority actions identified.
- Report is being sent to Active and Healthy Community (AHC) Committee seeking approval to submit application form for replacement building for The Trojan Horse.

- **Health and Community Engagement – Jenny Lavery (CDRCN)**

Jenny Lavery reported on the progress of project objectives/outputs

- 1 new volunteer was recruited in quarter 2 (total volunteers supported in quarter 2 = 46).
- Men's health group has 13 bee keeping volunteers, 12 allotment volunteers and 4 volunteers helping at the Artisan Market.
- 1 new volunteer was recruited to the women's group.
- 20 members attended Events Management Marshalling

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 community/voluntary groups were supported (via funding applications, secretarial support and community engagement event). • 90 people attended healthy living initiatives. • Women's group have 15 weekly participants. • Men's group have 35 individual members. • Senior Women and Men only groups have 28 weekly participants. • 20 people attend the weekly Irish language classes. <p>Nicholas stated that hundreds of people are involved in community engagement and a huge number of people are benefiting. All projects need to be applied for again next year.</p> <p>Jenny added that residents are keen for these activities to remain and thanked the PHA for making the applications on the community's behalf.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>It was agreed that PSNI would only be invited to DNRP meetings as and when required.</p> <p>It was agreed that ASB in Downpatrick will be added to the agenda of the next Downpatrick Private DEA meeting in December.</p> <p>Members also requested clarification on the recruitment process for the new independent PCSP members. They also wanted a break down of the independent members appointed and what DEA they represented.</p> <p>Dan McAvoy asked Raphael Crummy if there was any indication from the Department regarding funding. Raphael Crummy stated that there will be no extra money available. Next year's budget is expected to remain the same as this year. There may be some capital budget available for this year but it would need to be spent by 31st March 2020.</p>	
6.	<p><u>Date and venue of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Katrina Hynds to forward details of date of next Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership meeting.</p> <p>Meeting concluded 17:45</p>	

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 th March 2020
Subject:	Letter from Edwin Poots MLA Re: Climate Change
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	Purpose To note the contents of letter from Edwin Poots, MLA relating to Climate Change.			
1.2	Background Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Edwin Poots MLA has written to acknowledge the commitment of Councils to date to develop local Climate Adaptation Plans and to request support from councils to encourage others to take action on adapting to climate change.			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The UK Government has legislated for a new Statutory Net Zero emissions climate change target by 2050.• The UK has been chosen to host the next UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Summit.• Local Councils' have committed to work with Climate NI to agree a framework for adaptation plans for their council.• Councils are being asked to use their influence in dealing with external organisations and individuals to promote and encourage everyone to take action on adapting to climate change.			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	To note the contents of letter from Edwin Poots MLA relating to Climate Change.			
4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	N/A			
5.0	Equality and good relations implications			

5.1	✓ No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	✓ This report has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix I Letter from E Poots MLA 06 February 2020
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

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Newry, Mourne and Down
District Council

Date 11 FEB 2020

Our reference: SUB/1032/2020
Date: 6th February 2020

Dear Marie

Chief Executive
Marie Ward

Since my Department last wrote to you, the need to take action on climate change has increased. The UK government legislated for a new statutory Net Zero emissions climate change target by 2050; the UK has been chosen to host the next major United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change summit; and the Committee on Climate Change published the, "Reducing Emissions in Northern Ireland", report.

I believe it is important that Northern Ireland continues to meet the challenge of climate change. We need to make an equitable contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and we need to ensure that there are plans in place to adapt to our changing climate.

You will be aware that my department recently published the second Northern Ireland Climate Change Adaptation Programme (NICCAP2) for the period 2019/2024 in response to the priority risks identified in the NI Evidence Report. I am pleased that councils have, in collaboration with Climate NI, contributed to the development of a NICCAP2 chapter titled 'Civil Society and Local Government Adapts'.

I am encouraged to learn that all councils have agreed to participate in Climate Northern Ireland workshops aimed at agreeing a framework for adaptation plans for their council. I encourage councils to continue the close working relationship with Climate NI on climate change adaptation matters.

I would welcome and support councils to use their influence in dealings with external organisations and individual stakeholders to promote and encourage everyone to take action on adapting to climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

If you require any further information on climate change, please contact the Head of the Climate Change Unit, Michael McCallion, on 02890569509.

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Yours sincerely



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Report to:	Active and Healthy Community (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	16 th March 2020
Subject:	AHC 2020 Summer Activity Draft Programme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Lipsett, Director: Active Health and Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport

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1.0	Purpose			
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To consider and acknowledge the first draft of the alternative and enhance Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2020 as per appendix 1.			
1.2	Background			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In December 2019 a report proposing an alternative and enhance Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2020 was agreed by AHC Committee and subsequently ratified at full Council.It was agreed that a draft Summer Activity Programme would be tabled at AHC committee when further details had been established.			
.2.0	Key issues			
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A first draft 'Be Active Summer Activity Programme', although subject to change, includes the following key initiatives:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Multi Sports SessionsPlay SessionsInclusive and Disable Wheelie Active ProgrammeAutism Friendly Swimming Session£1 Summer Discount PromotionWork is ongoing with Councils Community Development and Indoor Leisure Section to further enhance this programme Council wide.			
3.0	Recommendations			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To consider and acknowledge the first draft of the alternative and enhance Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2020 as per appendix 1.			
4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	Budget provision to accommodate the alternative and enhance Summer Activity Programme 2020 has been established within the 2020/21 rates estimates.			

5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	There are no anticipated equality and good relations implications
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
	There are no rural proofing implications arising from this specific report.
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Draft Be Active Summer Activity Programme
8.0	Background Documents
	AHC Committee Report Dec 2019 – Summer Activity Programme 2020

NMDDC 'Be Active Summer Activity Programme'

Multi Sports Sessions

- **Age Range:** 8 years to 12 years
- **Locations:** Newry LC, Downpatrick LC, Kilkeel LC, Newcastle Centre, Ballynahinch Centre, Killyleagh Centre.
- **Length of Programme:** 7 weeks
- **Dates:** Weeks commencing 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th July & 3rd, 10th, 17th August 2020.
- **Programme Week Commencing 13th July 2020:** Reduced programme delivered on Wed 15th, Thur 16th, Friday 17th of July only.
- **Times:** 9:30am – 1:00pm (x1 session, Registration opens at 9:30am)
- **Price:** £10 per week (WC 13th July £6)
- **Booking Requirements:** Registering and Payments via a mixture of online and at Front of House (FOH) for each site.
- **Registration T&Cs:** To be agreed
- **Available Places**
 1. **Newry Leisure Centre:** 60 per day
 2. **Downpatrick Leisure Centre:** 60 per day
 3. **Newcastle Centre:** 60 per day
 4. **Kilkeel Leisure Centre:** 30 per day
 5. **Ballynahinch Centre:** 30 per day
 6. **Killyleagh Centre:** 30 per day

Play Sessions

- **Age Range:** 5 years to 7 years
- **Locations:** Newry LC, Downpatrick LC, Kilkeel LC, Newcastle Centre, Ballynahinch Centre, Killyleagh Centre.
- **Dates:** Weeks commencing 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th July & 3rd, 10th, 17th August 2020.
- **Programme Week Commencing 13th July 2020:** Reduced programme delivered on Wed 15th, Thur 16th, Friday 17th of July only.
- **Times:** 9:30am – 1:00pm (x1 session, Registration opens at 9:30am)
- **Price:** £10 per week (WC 13th July £6)
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- **Registration T&Cs:** To be agreed
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 2. **Downpatrick Leisure Centre:** 60 per day
 3. **Newcastle Centre:** 60 per day
 4. **Kilkeel Leisure Centre:** 30 per day
 5. **Ballynahinch Centre:** 30 per day
 6. **Killyleagh Centre:** 30 per day

Inclusive and Disability 'Wheelie Active Programme'

- Newry Leisure Centre
 - **Dates:** Tuesday 21st July, Thursday 23rd July & Tuesday 11th August, Thursday 13th August.
 - **Time:** 2pm – 4pm
 - **Price:** £2 per session
 - **Booking:** Drop In
- Downpatrick Leisure Centre
 - **Dates:** Tuesday 28th July, Thursday 30th July & Tuesday 18th August, Thursday 20th August 2020.
 - **Time:** 2pm – 4pm
 - **Price:** £2 per session
 - **Booking:** Drop In

Autism Friendly Swim Sessions

- **Age Range:** Normal Admissions Apply
- **Locations:** Newry LC, Downpatrick LC, Kilkeel LC, Tropicana.
- **Dates:** Weeks commencing 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th July & 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th August.
- **Times:**
 - Downpatrick Leisure Centre: Thursday's 6pm -7pm
 - Newry Leisure Centre: Saturday's 4pm-5pm
 - Kilkeel Leisure Centre: Friday's 5.30pm to 6.15pm
 - Newcastle Tropicana: Thursdays 12pm-1pm
- **Price:** Proposal for £1 in line with £1 swim promotion. Normal admission criteria applies.
- **Booking Requirements:** Drop In

£1 Summer Discount Promotion

- **Days & Times:** Monday to Friday between 1pm & 5pm.
- **Age Range:** 16 years and under only (under 17).
- **Locations:** Newry LC, Downpatrick LC, Kilkeel LC, Newcastle Centre, Ballymote.
- **Activities:** Public Swimming, Sports Hall, Squash/Racket/Handball Courts, 3G pitch bookings, Teen Gym Sessions.
- **Dates:** 8 Weeks commencing 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th July & 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th August.
- **Price:** £1 for designated activities (draft terms and conditions TBC).
- **Booking Requirements:** Via normal booking protocols, **restricted to book on the day only** (advanced bookings are normal price), normal supervision and booking requirements apply.

Further Leisure Specific Programmes and Community Programmes to be established to further enhance this programme.