



December 16th, 2022

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the **Active and Healthy Communities Committee 2022/23** to be held on **Monday, 19th December 2022** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre & MS Teams.**

**Chairperson Councillor Gallagher**

**Deputy Chairperson Councillor Malone**

Councillor Brennan

Councillor Casey

Councillor Finnegan

Councillor Lee-Surginor

Councillor Lewis

Councillor McAteer

Councillor McEvoy

Councillor McKeivitt

Councillor Moore

Councillor O'Hare

Councillor Ó Muirí

Councillor Sharvin

Councillor Tinnelly

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

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### **12.0 Financial Assistance - Major Sports Capital**

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

excluded during this item of business.

 ***Financial Assistance - Sports Capital Dec 2022.pdf*** ***Not included***

## **13.0 Procurement of Energy Contracts**

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

 ***Energy and Gas Procurement.pdf*** ***Not included***

 ***Appendix 1 - Electricity Tender - Full Economic Appraisal 12.12.22.pdf*** ***Not included***

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### ***For Noting - Exempt Information Items***

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## **14.0 Leasing of Land - Expressions of Interest**

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 ***Leasing of Council Land and Facilities - Expressions of Interest Dec 2022.pdf*** ***Not included***

## **15.0 Active and Healthy Community - Scheme of Delegation Schedule**

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

 ***Scheme of Delegation Report - December 2022.pdf*** ***Not included***

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# Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Jim Brennan
- Cllr Robert Burgess
- Cllr Pete Byrne
- Cllr Charlie Casey
- Mr Andrew Cassells
- Cllr William Clarke
- Mrs Linda Cummins
- Cllr Dermot Curran
- Cllr Laura Devlin
- Mr Eoin Devlin
- Ms Louise Dillon
- Cllr Cadogan Enright
- Cllr Aoife Finnegan
- Cllr Hugh Gallagher
- Cllr Mark Gibbons
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Glyn Hanna
- Cllr Valerie Harte
- Mrs Janine Hillen
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Mrs Josephine Kelly
- Mrs Sheila Kieran
- Cllr Mickey Larkin
- Cllr David Lee-Surginor
- Cllr Alan Lewis
- Mr Michael Lipsett
- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
- Mr Conor Mallon
- Cllr Gavin Malone
- Colette McAteer
- Cllr Declan McAteer
- Cllr Leanne McEvoy
- Cllr Harold McKee
- Patricia McKeever
- Cllr Karen McKeivitt
- Cllr Andrew McMurray
- Cllr Yvonne Moore
- Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
- Cllr Declan Murphy
- Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
- Cllr Gerry O'Hare

Cllr Kathryn Owen  
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Cllr Henry Reilly  
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Cllr Michael Rice  
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Cllr Michael Ruane  
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Cllr Michael Savage  
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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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Mrs Marie Ward  
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## ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
<b>ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014</b>					
AHC/168/2020	Warrenpoint Community Centre	Accept the business case for professional fees attached to the officer's report and proceed to develop the scheme to planning application stage.	J Hillen	Ongoing. Public consultation process underway.	Y
A171/2021	Business Case – Minor Works Scheme at Cloughreagh Community Centre	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve the business case as attached to the officer's report for the upgrade work at Cloughreagh Community Centre;</li> <li>Approve to procure and appoint a consultant to complete a survey, including a bill of quantities;</li> <li>Approve to appoint and procure a contractor to carry out the necessary works.</li> </ul>	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/220/2021	Lease of commercial space at the McGraths Centre	It was agreed that as per the Acquisition and Disposal of land procedure to approve the use of an Agent to market and lease the commercial ground floor space at the McGrath Centre, Newry.	J Hillen	Lease currently being issued	N



AHC/23/4/2021	No 16 the Square, Rostrevor	It was agreed to note the contents of section 2.7 of the officer's report.	J Hillien	Ongoing	N
AHC/011/2022	Leasing of Council Land - Expression of interest, Killilough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick	<p>Amendment to report noted.</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An expression of interest process be carried out for the land at Old Killilough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick.</li> <li>A valuation being sought for the leasing of this site over a 21-year period.</li> <li>The EOI process be publicly advertised for a period of two weeks.</li> </ul>	JH	Lease arrangement underway	Y
AHC/06/0/2022	Mullaghbawn Community Centre – Roof Repair	It was agreed that Mullaghbawn Community Centre remained closed for the foreseeable future or until the roof repair works were completed, as the building was a health and safety risk and currently not fit for purpose. It was further agreed Council gave the Landlord a reasonable timeframe (12 weeks) to complete the structural repairs and in the event that this was not complied with that Council take actions to terminate the lease.	J Hillien	Termination of lease complete	Y

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AHC/075/2022	Feasibility Study for Community Social Farm	<p>Mr Devlin stated that officers were currently looking at the feasibility of the project at this stage and he would circulate further information to Members in order to provide more background on the initiative and level of funding required.</p> <p>It was agreed to approve Officers procuring an initial feasibility study for development of a social farm on identified land at Castlewellan Forest park. Scope of the study will be to provide a general report for consideration of need and community support for a farm facility on council land.</p>	E Devlin	Ongoing	N
AHC/076/2022	Edible Landscapes 'We can grow' Pilot Programme	<p>It was agreed to increase the scope of the scheme to have 6 community projects in order that each DEA would benefit from one of the schemes.</p> <p>It was agreed to approve officers procuring one or more horticultural contractors to supply and deliver 6 community projects with follow up support for one growing season.</p>	E Devlin	Procurement exercise underway	N
			E Devlin	Ongoing	N

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AHC/080/2022	<p>Business Case – Hilltown Car Park and AAR letter of offer</p>	<p>It was agreed to approve the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept the business case for the external works at Hilltown Community Centre including the associated professional fees.</li> <li>• Determine whether potential scheme can be funded from capital underspend within the 22/23 financial year or include for consideration in the 23/24 rate estimates.</li> <li>• If suitable funding is secured proceed with the procurement of a suitably qualified design team and contractor to carry out the necessary works.</li> </ul>	J Hillen	Completed	Y
AHC/081/2022	<p>Down High School Lights and 3G Pitch</p>	<p>It was agreed to approve the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To progress a planning application for enhanced sports facilities at Down High School as per 2.1 of the officer's report.</li> <li>• To approve a budget spend as outlined in section 4.1 of the officer's report.</li> </ul>	P Tamati	On going	N

AHC/096/2022	Dunleath Park Enhancement	It was agreed to establish a skate park and pump track at Dunleath Park as part of a phase 1 development as per the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.	P Tamati	On going – Levelling Up application submitted.	N
AHC/098/2022	Leasing of Council Land – Expressions on Interest	It was agreed to progress an Expressions of Interest (EOI) Process in line with NMDDC Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy (2016) for: 1. Lisdrumgullion Recreation Area Armagh Road, Newry 2. Annsborough Playing Fields, Castlewellaan 3. Station Avenue, Castlewellaan	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/116/2022	Market House Refurbishment	It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The business case contained within the officer's report for the internal refurbishment of the Market House Ballynahinch (Appendix 1 Business Case)</li> <li>To procure and appoint a contractor to carry out the refurbishment works immediately (in advance of full council approval in July)</li> </ul>	J Hillen	Completed	Y
AHC/118/2022	Upgrade Works at Barcroft and Three Ways Community Centre	It was agreed to note the revised estimated costs for completion of upgrade works to Barcroft and Three Ways Community Centres from previously approved Business Case (January 2022), subject to consultation with the user groups in the centre.	J Hillen	Ongoing Tender documents have been logged on PECOS for Purchasing.	N

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AHC/151/2022	Peace IV – Update Report	It was agreed to note the report.	J Hillen	Work ongoing as per report	N
AHC/152/2022	Ukrainian Crisis Report	<p>It was agreed to note the report and a request that any changes to the operational hours of the Newry Ukrainian Crisis Assistance Centre be communicated to users of the facility well in advance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A follow-up letter be sent to the Executive Office regarding the £350 payment to be given to families hosting Ukrainian refugees.</li> <li>Note that consideration be given to establishing a second Crisis Assistance Centre in the Downpatrick area.</li> </ul>	J Hillen	The revised opening days and times have been uploaded to NI Direct and Council website and issued via social media. Information sent to Councillors and stakeholders.	N

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AHC/156/2022	Warrenpoint Community Centre	It was agreed to note the report and associated appendices and approve the project moving to the next stage namely RIBA Stage 3, to secure full planning approval, commence the IST and PQQ process to identify suitably qualified Design & Build Contractors.	M Lipsett J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/159/2022	Expressions of interest for the leasing of Council land and facilities	<p>It was agreed to note the contents of the report and that Expressions of Interest for the following land and facilities would progress to stage 3 of the Sport and Leasing Policy 2016:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lisdrumiliska Recreation Area, Glen Hill, Newry</li> <li>Section of Land at St. Anne's Park Recreation Area, Mayobridge</li> </ol>	P Tamati	On going, decision going to SP&R	N

AHC/160/2022	Expression of interest for the leasing of land at Old Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick	It was agreed to approve to issue a lease agreement between Council and Downpatrick Autism Family Support Group in relation to land at Old Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick.	J Hillen	Completed	Y
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AHC/181/2022	Drinking Water Inspectorate Annual Report	It was agreed to note the above Report.  It was agreed Mr Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health & Wellbeing contact the Drinking Water Inspectorate to seek clarification on whether the timeline to address high levels of aluminium in drinking water at Drumaroad are sufficient and that the lack of funding for this Department will not endanger public health.	E Devlin	Noted.	N

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AHC/169/2022	Financial Assistance	It was agreed to approve new financial assistance arrangements for Sports Capital as outlined in 2.1.A and 2.1.B of the Officer's Report with a review after a 2 year initial period.	M Lipsett P Tamati	On going	N
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## ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 21 NOVEMBER 2022

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/184/2022	Action sheet Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 October 2022	The action sheet from the Committee Meeting held on 17 October was noted.  <i>AHC/152/2022: Ukrainian Crisis Report</i> Councillor McKeivitt enquired if payments had been made to hosts of Ukrainian refugees. Mrs Hillen advised she had not heard of any further delays in relation to the payments but would confirm following the meeting.	All  J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/185/2022	Mid Year Business Plan Assessment 2022/23	It was agreed to approve the Mid Year Business Plan Assessment 2022/23	J Hillen		Y
AHC/186/2022	Financial Assessment Report – Call 1	It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To open the Call on 6th December 2022 and close in Jan 2023 to ensure letter of offer are with groups by start of finance year to allow planning.</li> <li>To merge Community Events and Festival and Summer Schemes into one theme to reduce duplication.</li> <li>To move Arts and Culture and any other relevant themes to Call 2.</li> <li>The recommendations for Call 3 as per appendix attached within the report and issue.</li> </ul>	J Hillen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call opened 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022</li> <li>Community Events, Festivals and Summer Programmes were merged to avoid duplication.</li> <li>Arts and Culture theme has been removed from Call1.</li> <li>Call 3 letters have been issued accordingly as per approved report.</li> </ul>	Y
AHC/187/2022	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 11 October 2022.</li> <li>Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 13 October 2022.</li> <li>Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 1 November 2022</li> </ul>	J Hillen	All DEA Action Sheets being actioned accordingly.	Y

AHC/188/2022	Community Co-ordination Hub	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2022.	J Hillen	Action sheet being actioned accordingly.	Y
AHC/189/2022	Service Level Agreement with Education Authority	It was agreed to issue a Service Level Agreement through the Council Programmes Unit, verified in line with Council procedures.	J Hillen	Ongoing	Y
AHC/190/2022	Liaison agreement for the investigation of Work Related Deaths	It was agreed to grant approval for Council to sign up to the revised liaison agreement for the Investigation of Work Related Deaths.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/191/2022	Nuclear Free Local Authorities Membership fee for 2022/23	It was agreed to approve payment of the annual subscription for membership of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities to the value of £1283.00.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/192/2022	Council Partnership proposals to support sustainable food places programme	It was agreed to approve Council signing up to both Guardians of Grub and Feeding Britain campaigns.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/193/2022	Sustainable Food Places network - Bronze Award	It was agreed that an application for the Bronze Award be submitted to the Sustainable Food Places Network.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/194/2022	Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for 2023-2028.	It was agreed that an application for the Bronze Award be submitted.	E Devlin	In progress. Will be tabled when in Draft form	Y



AHC/201/2022	Update on Mullaghbawn Community Centre – Termination of Lease	It was agreed to note the Mullaghbawn Community Centre termination of lease had been completed as and from the 31 October 2022, and the keys had been returned to the Parish.	J Hillen	Completed	Y
AHC/202/2022	Peace Plus Local Action Plan	It was agreed to note the contents of the report and the Minutes from the Peace Plus Partnership Meeting held on 6 October 2022.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/203/2022	Initiatives for use of Community Buildings	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	M Lipsett	Noted	Y

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AHC/195/2022	Financial Assistance – Major Sports Capital	It was agreed that officers will bring a report back to the December Committee to investigate further the Sports Capital Financial Assistance arrangements.  It was agreed to approve to progress a Sports Hub, Expressions of Interest Financial Call for Higher Level Sports Capital as outlined in 2.1.B of the officer's report.	P Tamati	Ongoing Report to AHC meeting on 19 December 2022	N	
AHC/196/2022	Home to Hospital Schemes for Mournees and Slieve Gullion DEAs	It was agreed to provide funding for Mournees and Slieve Gullion Home to Hospital Volunteer Driver Schemes and seek Expressions of Interest from suitable Community/Voluntary sector organisations to administer subject to funding being identified within Rates Estimates process.	E Devlin	Action subsequent to completion of Estimates process	Y	
AHC/197/2022	Open Space Strategy – Business Case	It was agreed to approve the following: 1. To progress the public tender as outlined in 1.1 of the officer's report and approve the business case as per appendix 1. 2. That officers undertake the appropriate evaluation of tenders in line with procurement guidelines and appoint a preferred bidder.	P Tamati	Agreed	Y	
AHC/198/2022	Update regarding Derrybeg Community Centre	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	P Tamati	Noted	Y	
AHC/199/2022	Leasing of Land - EOI for Annsborough and Lisdrumgullion	It was agreed that the Council issue a lease following final discussions with Bidder A, for a 5 year period.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N	

AHC/200/2022	Newry Leisure Centre Swimming Pool	<p>It was agreed to note the contents of the report and the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newry Leisure Centre Swimming Pool would not close in December 2022.</li> <li>• Officers would continue to work with the original project team and contractors to determine a programme for closure of Newry Leisure Centre swimming pool, prioritising minimal disruption to service users.</li> <li>• A future report to Council would be tabled to seek approval for closure arrangements of Newry Leisure Centre swimming pool.</li> </ul>	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
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<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Peace IV Local Action Plan</b>
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Justyna McCabe, Programme Coordinator

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<p>The Peace IV Partnership met on 24 November 2022 via Teams and recommendations arising from this meeting require AHC Committee approval.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to consider and agree to recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership contained in 2.1.</p>				
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	<p>The SEUPB have approved an extension to the Shared Spaces and Services theme until September 2023.</p> <p>The following recommendations were agreed by the Partnership on 24 November and require AHC Committee approval:</p> <p>Tom Dunn Project Delegated authority requested to deliver the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appoint an artist to design, produce and erect a Public Art Feature. The artwork is to be situated at Common Space, The Square Rostrevor. Estimated cost: £27,000 (Subject to approval through Council's Policy on new Artworks/Sculptures).</li> <li>• Development and delivery of a Hedge School workshops &amp; educational toolkit for schools. Estimated cost: £11,000</li> <li>• Walking Trail and associated capital works and fees. Estimated cost £47,400</li> </ul> <p>Urban Sports Track The Partnership considered the concerns of the Newry DEA Forum members and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To carry out a wide-scale community consultation before proceeding with the proposal.</li> <li>• Partnership members requested to meet with the Forum members to discuss their concerns.</li> </ul>				
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>				

3.1	That the Committee agree to the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as set out in 2.1.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Project 85% funded by the EU and 15% by the two Governments.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p>

	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>	
	Minutes of Partnership meeting September 2022	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>	
	None	

**PEACE IV Partnership Meeting****MS Teams****Thursday 22 September 2022****Present:**

Cllr Terry Andrews (Chairperson)  
 Cllr Henry Reilly  
 Martina Byrne, Social Partner  
 Sean O'Baoill, Social Partner  
 Breige Jennings, Social Partner  
 Judith Poucher, Social Partner  
 Tatiana Seed, Social Partner

**Officers Present:**

Justyna McCabe, NMDDC  
 Elaine Carr, NMDDC

**In attendance:**

Julie-Anne Harte

**Apologies noted from:**

Cllr Karen McKeivitt  
 Cllr Kathryn Owen  
 Martina Flynn, PCSP  
 Theresa McLaverty, NMDDC  
 Seamus Camplisson, Social Partner  
 Aidan McCabe, SHSCT  
 Aileen O'Callaghan, Education Authority

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Chairperson Cllr Terry Andrews opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.  
 Apologies noted.

**2. Conflict of interest**

None declared.

**3. Minutes from previous meeting 28 July 2022**

No matters arising.

Proposed: Cllr H Reilly  
 Seconded: Cllr T Andrews

**4. Management Report**

- Justyna McCabe presented the Management Report.

Justyna reminded members 2 of the 3 Themes, BPR and CYP, will be completed at the end of the month. A temporary extension until December 2022 has been granted for Shared Spaces & Services and it is hoped SEUPB and SMT grant a further extension until June 2023. This extension is needed to extend the capital projects, Urban Sports Track, Forkhill and Derrymore. Further meetings will only be regarding the Shared Spaces & Services theme, but members will receive reports upon completion of targets under BPR and CYP. PEACE IV Celebration Event took place Tuesday, thanks to those who could make it. SEUPB were very happy with all,

## 5. Partner Delivery Reports

- Elaine Carr presented Children and Young People report.

Elaine shared the report with members on screen, all themes from 1 – 8 under Children and Young People have been completed. Delivery output figures that have been achieved to date were shared, more data to be received and finalised but it is anticipated targets will be met.

- Elaine Carr and Justyna McCabe presented Shared Spaces and Services report.

The report was shared with members on screen. Ex-military sites at Bessbrook and Forkhill are ongoing. Council estates team are working alongside CPD and SEUPB regarding Bessbrook.

Forkhill has been granted an extension until 2023 for a shared garden space with grassy walkways. It is hoped to have a further update at the next meeting.

The Tom Dunne project is progressing, work ongoing with all relevant department with the main work surrounding the art piece. An Artist is to be procured to sit on an assessment panel tasked with selecting the artist to make the piece. An extension until 2023 has been requested.

The BMX Track/Urban Sports Track, AHC has agreed the proposal has to go for further public consultation on location and a pre-assessment with planning regarding suitability of location is also required. It is hoped to have a further update at the next meeting. An extension until 2023 has been requested.

Apart from these capital projects all others under SSS have been completed.

- Justyna McCabe presented the Building Positive Relations report.

Report shared with members, draft outputs have been achieved so far with the majority projects completed and the PEACE IV Legacy project is due to complete next week.

- PCSP report was distributed to members, all projects completed and members were invited to send any queries to the PEACE team to forward onward to PCSP members.

## 6. AOB

None

## 7. Date of next meeting

24 November 2022, venue to be competed.



<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

For decision     For noting only   

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note the report.</li> <li>• To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below.</li> </ul> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	None.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the report.</li> <li>• Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Downpatrick DEA Forum Ad Hoc Meeting held on Tuesday 22 November 2022.</li> <li>➢ Newry DEA Forum Special Meeting held on Tuesday 22 November 2022.</li> <li>➢ Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 29 November 2022.</li> <li>➢ Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 30 November 2022.</li> <li>➢ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2022.</li> <li>➢ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>

5.1	<p><b>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b>Proposal initiating consultation</b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p><b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b></p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs.  Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Downpatrick DEA Forum Ad Hoc Meeting, 22 November 2022.  Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Newry DEA Forum Special Meeting, 22 November 2022.  Appendix 4: Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting, 29 November 2022.  Appendix 5: Action Sheet of Mourmes DEA Forum Private Meeting, 30 November 2022.  Appendix 6: Action Sheet of Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting, 13 December 2022.</p>

	➤ Appendix 7: Action Sheet of Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting, 15 December 2022.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None.

## **Appendix 1**

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

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

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

##### *Action Cancer Bus*

The Mournes DEA in partnership with CDRCN organised Action Cancer Bus visits for Newcastle and Kilkeel areas for Saturday 26 November and Saturday 3 December 2022. The appointments included 23 Breast Screenings (women aged 40-49 & 70+) and 11 MOT health checks (men & women aged 16+).

Slieve Croob DEA are hosting the Action Cancer Bus in Seaforde in December 2022. In Northern Ireland someone receives a cancer diagnosis every hour of every day and one in two of us will receive a cancer diagnosis in our lifetime.

##### *Building Resilience Programme*

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs are rolling out a Building Resilience Programme in 6 primary schools across the district. The programme explores all aspects of emotional/mental health, healthy lifestyle choices and pathways to effective support and positively promotes mental health and social and emotional well-being in children and has a strong focus on prevention and self-help.

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

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

##### *Open House Initiative in 7 DEAs*

Newry Open House continues to operate from Newry Leisure Centre every Monday from 9.30am-2.00pm with approximately 80 attendees each week.

The Mournes DEA has organised Open House drop-in events every Monday from 10.00am-1.00pm beginning Monday 5 December 2022 in Kilkeel Leisure Centre.

In Rowallane DEA the foyer room at the Market House, Ballynahinch, to be available as an Open House on Thursday morning from 9.00am-1.00pm (to coincide with Market Day) beginning Thursday 8 December 2022.

Downpatrick DEA will host an Open House in Down Arts Centre each Monday morning from 9.30am-12.30 pm beginning Monday 12 December 2022.

In Crotlieve DEA an Open House will be commencing in Warrenpoint Town Hall from Wednesday 14 December 2022 from 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Slieve Croob DEA Open House will happen in Dan Rice Hall, Drumanness, each Friday from 10.00am-1.00pm beginning Friday 13 January 2023.

Slieve Gullion DEA and Council's Community Services, Facilities & Events Section are partnering with Crossmaglen Library to provide an Open House from January 2023.

##### *Norbroom – We Care at Christmas Project*

Along with Council's Community Services, Facilities & Events Section staff, the DEAs are assisting with the Norbrook We Care at Christmas Project providing hot meals, toy and food hampers and Christmas Dinners for people throughout the District.

### Shared Schools Education Programme

Slieve Gullion and Newry DEAs delivered the Shared Schools Education Programme in November 2022. The programme focuses on Good Relations and engaged 120 students from four different schools.

### Christmas Around the World Workshops

Slieve Gullion DEA will be delivering 2 interactive workshops exploring Christmas traditions from around the world.

### Historical Good Relations Talk

The Mourmes DEA has organised a history workshop taking place on Friday 16 December 2022 in Killeel.

### Inter-Generational Christmas Celebrations

The Mourmes DEA will be delivering an inter-generational Christmas event with Newry Street Unite on Tuesday 20 December 2022. The event will bring children in primary school together with older people in the area to take part in an afternoon Christmas celebration featuring music, food, and singing.

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs are hosting 3 Christmas Intergenerational events in December 2022. Local primary schools will entertain elderly groups by singing carols. Following this they will all enjoy a visit from Santa and refreshments.

### Over 55's Cinema Event

The Mourmes, Downpatrick, Slieve Croob, and Rowallane DEAs in partnership with CDRCN delivered an over 55's cinema event in Downpatrick Cinema. The event included safety, health and wellbeing, and signposting information, as well a cinema screening.

### Downpatrick Christmas Events

Downpatrick DEA in partnership with Downpatrick Town Committee encouraged businesses within Downpatrick town centre to add some festive cheer to the town by organising a Best Dressed Christmas Themed Shop/Shop Window. In addition, they participated in the Odd One Out initiative which involved primary school children identifying the strange item in their shop window.

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

#### Safer Driver Workshop

The Mourmes DEA has organised a safe driver workshop for year 13's in Shimna Integrated College. The interactive workshop was delivered by the NIFRS to 30 students on the day and focused on driver safety, responsibility.

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Ad Hoc Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 2.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

**Chairperson:** Councillor Gareth Sharvin

**In Attendance:** Councillor Cadogan Enright

**Independent Members:** Jim Masson, Down Business Connect

**Statutory Partners:** Lee Jones, Natural Environment Division, NIEA  
Peter Lynch, Natural Environment Division, NIEA  
Charlotte Hayes, Waste Management Unit, NIEA  
Angela Halfpenny, Northern Ireland Water  
Seamus Connor, Inland Fisheries, DAERA

**Council Officials:** Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator  
Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager

**Others in Attendance:** Eamon McGrath, Quoile Angling Club  
Stephen O'Hare, Quoile Angling Club  
Anthea McAuley, Clean Up the Quoile

**Apologies:** Councillor John Trainor  
Councillor Oonagh Hanlon  
Councillor Dermot Curran  
Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement  
Keith Henderson, Waste Management Unit, NIEA  
Maurice Denvir, East Lecale Communities  
Daniella McCarry, County Down Rural Community Network  
Jenny Laverty, Housing Community Network  
Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Community Collective  
Lisa Perry, Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/22/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/22/02	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/22/03	<p>Receive Representatives from Statutory Agencies &amp; Voluntary Groups to discuss ongoing issues at the Quoile</p>	<p>The Chairman welcomed representatives from statutory agencies and local volunteer groups to the meeting to discuss issues regarding the Quoile including accessible stands, restocking of fish, tourism prospects and bye-laws.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued, and the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In relation to accessible fishing stands, the Chief Fisheries Officer advised members that accessible fishing stands have been installed and the programme of works includes the</li> </ul>	

	<p>installation of an additional one in the New Year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regarding designating the existing walk out pier at Steamboat Quay for accessible fishing only, the Officer advised that a sign advising this will be erected, however, this would not be legally enforceable.</li> <li>• Following the installation of the barrier it is anticipated that the fish stocks, including pike and sea trout, will replenish naturally in a safer environment. Therefore, there is no future proposal to restock the fish levels at the Quoile river.</li> <li>• Senior Scientific Officer, Waste Management Unit NIEA, to investigate the Freedom of Information request sent into NIEA by the Clean Up the Quoile and advise the group accordingly.</li> <li>• Head of Environmental Regulation, NIW, to forward findings of performance reports relating to the treatment works to Clean Up the Quoile.</li> <li>• Due to the inappropriate use of the sewage system by members of the public, NIW have provided their staff with additional training on planned routine maintenance and dealing with these</li> </ul>	
Inland Fisheries.		
Waste Management Unit, NIEA.		
Northern Ireland Water.		



- emergencies. To support this NIW will roll out additional media coverage and a leaflet drop in the local area.
- Work is ongoing with the Pollutions team to have frequent dye testing carried out.
  - In relation to the build-up of sludge in the Quoile river, particularly, around the sewage works, members were asked to report occurrences to NIW for investigation and if polluted they can arrange for its removal. It was further agreed to set up a meeting on site to show concern that members have in relation to the build-up of the sludge. NIW to forward dates to the DEA Co-ordinator.
  - The representative from the Clean Up the Quoile referred to water testing results previously carried out by the group which showed high levels of pollution and requested NIW to carry out the similar tests for comparison purposes.

Northern Ireland Water.

Members and Northern Ireland Water.

Northern Ireland Water and DEA Co-ordinator.

Clean Up the Quoile and Northern Ireland Water.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An additional concern was the pollution apparently arising from farms. Members agreed to report incidents to NIEA's Pollution Response Team's Waste Management Unit.</li> <li>The Chair of the Quoile Angling Club is to send images of areas showing pollution to the DEA Co-Ordinator, which will then be forwarded onto the statutory agencies.</li> </ul>	<p>Members and NIEA.</p> <p>Quoile Angling Club and DEA Co-Ordinator.</p>
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The meeting ended at: 3.30pm

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Special Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 1.00pm via Microsoft Teams and Monaghan Row**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Gary Stokes

**In Attendance:** Councillor Charlie Casey  
Councillor Valerie Harte  
Councillor Gavin Malone  
Councillor Roisin Mulgrew

**Independent Members:** Raymond Jackson, CCG  
Noreen Rice, Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership  
Eamonn Connolly, BID

**Statutory Partners:** Warren Roberts, PSNI  
Damien Mullholland, Dept for Communities  
Niall Fitzpatrick, NIHE  
Paula Moan, Dept for Communities

**Council Officials:** Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator  
Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure & Sport  
Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager  
Justyna McCabe, Project Coordinator  
Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure Services  
Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer

**Apologies:** Colin Hanna, Newry, Mourne Enterprise Agency  
Councillor Michael Savage

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2022/1	Declaration of Interest.	No declarations made.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2022/2	Multisports Track, Newry	<p>Members expressed significant concerns regarding the proposed location of the Multisports track in Newry and in particular, issues relating to Anti-Social Behaviour existing at this area.</p> <p>Recommendation to request PEACE Partnership consider concerns of Newry DEA Forum members regarding the current proposed site and request scoping out of alternative locations.</p> <p>It was also recommended to request the PEACE Partnership carry out wide scale community consultation before proceeding with the proposal.</p> <p>It was requested that Newry DEA Forum be kept fully informed regarding any progress on the project.</p>	Refer to Programmes Unit for referral to PEACE Partnership for consideration of requests.
DEA/N/2022/3	Meanwhile Use Funding - Albert Basin Site	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure & Sport discussed the potential for Meanwhile Use Funding.	Noted.

DEA/N/2022/4	St John Bosco Youth Facility	Recommendation that Council consider options for supporting the group with identifying finance for a new heating system.	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2022/5	ASB at Barcroft Alleyways	Recommendation that relevant agencies consider options to reduce the ASB at this area including the possible installation of alley gates.	Progress to relevant agencies and Council Department for consideration.

The meeting ended at: 1.45pm

**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Tuesday 29th November 2022 at 4.30pm via Teams**

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**Chairperson:****Councillor Declan Murphy (Vice Chair)****In Attendance:****Councillor Aoife Finnegan****Councillor Mickey Larkin****Councillor Oonagh Magennis****Independent Members:****Cailin McParland, Saint Oliver Plunket's Youth Club****Statutory Partners:****Council Officials:****Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator Slieve Gullion  
Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager****Apologies:****Councillor David Taylor (Chair)****Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement****Councillor Byrne****Councillor O'Muire**

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
<b>DEA/SG/38/2022</b>	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
<b>DEA/SG/45/2022</b>	Election of New Chair and Vice Chair	Councillor Murphy elected as Chair Councillor Finnegan elected as Vice Chair.	Noted.
<b>DEA/SG/46/2022</b>	Business representation on DEA Forum	South Armagh Business Improvement Group to be invited to next Forum meeting.	DEA Coordinator to extend invitation to South Armagh Business Improvement Group.
<b>DEA/SG/47/2022</b>	Planning Session	Next Forum meeting to be a planning session to outline key themes for coming year. Ti Chulainn identified as a possible venue.	Forum members to forward possible themes to DEA Coordinator.
<b>DEA/SG/48/2022</b>	Meeting Dates for 2023	Dates to be confirmed.	DEA Coordinator.
<b>DEA/SG/49/2022</b>	Date of next meeting	TBC.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at: 4:52 pm.

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**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**

**Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 4.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Glyn Hanna for Councillor Henry Reilly

**In Attendance:**  
 Councillor Leeanne McEvoy  
 Councillor Michael Rice  
 Councillor Henry Reilly  
 Councillor Laura Devlin

**Independent Members:**  
 Andy Hall, SANDSA  
 Donna McConnell, Kilkeel Development Association  
 Paula Nixon, County Down Rural Community Network  
 Ann Grant, Rural Housing Network

**Statutory Partners:**  
 Wayne Morris, Education Authority  
 Kenny Gracey, PSNI

**Council Officials:**  
 Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager  
 Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator, The Mournes  
 Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer

**Apologies:** Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement



ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
MOU/2022/20	Welcome/Introductions		Noted.
MOU/2022/21	Declarations of Interest		None made.
MOU/2022/24	Action Sheet 14 September 2022	DEA Coordinator give a brief update and overview of the actions from the previous Forum meeting.	Noted.
MOU/2022/27	Young People Provision	<p>Agreed there was a need to identify suitable engagement programmes for young people in Kilkeel and Kilcoo areas.</p> <p>The EA Officer noted there was also an identified need in Annalong and he would have a focus there for the next 6 weeks.</p>	Education Authority Youth worker to reach out to groups to identify areas of engagement work.
MOU/2022/23	PCSP Update	PCSP Officer gave an update on PCSP including antisocial behaviour, Halloween safety and RAPID bins.	Noted.
MOU/2022/25	DEA Coordinator's Update	DEA Coordinator provided an update on proposed programmes and initiatives for the 2022/23 Mourmes DEA budget and ongoing work in the Mourmes area.,	Noted.
MOU/2022/28	Kilkeel Play Park	Concern was expressed regarding antisocial behaviour at the play area at Newry Street, Kilkeel. It was suggested	DEA Coordinator to make enquiries.

		that additional lighting was required at this site.  As a first step it was agreed to seek clarification regarding ownership/responsibility for this play area.	DEA Coordinator to update on progress at next Forum meeting.
MOU/2022/29	Open House	The Council's Open House initiative piloted in Newry to be extended to the Mournes area and will be held in Kilkeel Leisure Centre.	DEA Coordinator to organise and update Forum.
MOU/2022/30	Financial Support for Groups	Information regarding upcoming grants and financial assistance for local groups to be provided to the Forum.	DEA Coordinator to coordinate and send.
MOU/2022/18	AOB	Cllr Rice raised concerns regarding Dog Fouling at the Aughrim Hill.  Woodland Trust invitation to next Forum meeting.  Budget.  Update on Vogue Cinema & Mural with KDA.	DEA Coordinator action through the relevant department – Complete.  DEA Coordinator to invite.  DEA Coordinator to give a budget update at next meeting.  DEA Coordinator to provide update to KDA.
MOU/2022/19	Date of Next Meeting	Next Forum Meeting	DEA Coordinator to confirm date of next meeting.

The meeting ended at: 5:18pm

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 3.45pm via Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Alan Lewis

**In Attendance:** Councillor Jim Brennan  
Councillor Andrew McMurray

**Independent Members:** Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)

**Statutory Partners:**

**Council Officials:** Rosie Daly, Community Facilities Manager  
Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator  
Aisling Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager  
Judith Thompson, Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Officer

**Apologies:** Felix Blaney, Castlewellan Community Partnership  
Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement  
Councillor Hugh Gallagher  
Councillor Roisin Howell  
Catherine Kennedy, Loughinisland Youth Club

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.</b>
DEA/SC/2/2022	Chairperson's Remarks	Dan Rice Hall will be an Open House every Friday from 10am to 1pm commencing Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.	Noted.
DEA/SC/3/2022	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SC/4/2022	Matters arising from Action Sheet of meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Action Sheet from 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 was adopted as a true record.	Proposed by Councillor McMurray. Seconded by Heather Holland.
DEA/SC/5/2022	PCSP Update	Agreed that Members let the PCSP know of initiatives where Gaming van would be beneficial.  Agreed to notify PCSP of possible primary schools for Kids Court Initiative.	All members.  All members.
DEA/SC/6/2022	Community Facilities Update	Community Facilities Manager informed the meeting of the following:  - Dan Rice Hall windows refurbishment to happen at the end of January 2023.  - 3G net design procurement in process for pitches at Castlewellan Community Centre.	Noted.  Noted.

DEA/SC/7/2022	Action Plan Update 2022-2023	Forum members unanimously approved the project proposals outlined in the Action Plan along with associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/8/2022	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting is scheduled to take place on 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 3.45pm.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at: 4.13pm

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**Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 1.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Gary Stokes

**In Attendance:** Councillor Charlie Casey  
Councillor Valerie Harte  
Councillor Gavin Malone  
Councillor Roisin Mulgrew  
Councillor Michael Savage

**Independent Members:** Raymond Jackson, CCG  
Noreen Rice, Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

**Statutory Partners:** Niall Fitzpatrick, NIHE

**Council Officials:** Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator  
Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager

**Apologies:** Donna Weir, EA Youth Service  
Brian Lockhart, Orange Order  
Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID  
Warren Roberts, PSNI  
Colin Hanna, NMEA  
Martin Connell, SHSCT Promoting Wellbeing Team

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2022/1	Declaration of Interest	No declarations made.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2022/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2022/3	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 13 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2022/4	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2022/5	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator's update report given.	Noted.
DEA/N/2022/6	Light at Whitegates Centre, Newry	Broken light on external fencing at Whitegates Community Centre needs repaired. Land owner has not been identified.  Agreed the DEA seek to identify property owner and progress to relevant agency for consideration.	DEA Coordinator to progress.

DEA/N/2022/7	Antisocial behaviour, Damolly Village	<p>Agreed to investigate ownership of land around this site to determine if area can be secured.</p> <p>Members to report ongoing concerns of residents in the area.</p>	DEA Coordinator to investigate and progress to relevant agencies.
DEA/N/2022/8	Warm Spaces and Social Supermarket	<p>DEA Coordinator reported on Newry Open House.</p> <p>CCG reported that a small amount of money would shortly be available, in conjunction with the development of the Social Supermarket, for additional food assistance. Assistance would be available through St Vincent de Paul and local food banks.</p> <p>The Strategic Stakeholder Forum was working with the Council and others on identification and provision of warm spaces to ensure a coordinated approach.</p>	Noted.
DEA/N/2022/9	Rough Sleepers	NIFE reported that a small number of rough sleepers had been identified to NIFE. They had been approached on a number of occasions but had refused assistance.	Noted.
DEA/N/2022/10	Pride of Place 2022 Ceremony	Recommendation that in person attendance for group and selected stakeholders is approved along with associated cost.	Noted.



The meeting ended at: 1.35pm

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement

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<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	To coordinate actions to mitigate impact on individuals and groups in the community.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the report.</li> <li>Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the CCH action sheet.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Action sheet of the CCH Meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2022.</p>
8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL****Minutes of Community Coordination Hub Meeting  
Wednesday 16 November 2022 @ 2:00pm****In Attendance:****Chair: Alan Begg (Community Planning)**

Aisling Rennick (DEAs)  
Raymond Jackson (Confederation of Community Groups and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)  
Rosemary McDonnell (Community Advice Newry, Mourne & Down and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)  
Nicholas McCrickard (County Down Rural Community Network and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)  
Aidan McCabe (SHSCT)  
James Elliot (DFC)  
Lynda Vladeanu (SEHSCT)  
Caroline Gray (Programmes Unit)

**Apologies:**

Michael Lipsett (Active & Health Communities)  
Julie McCann (Community Services, Facilities & Events)  
Janine Hillen (Community Engagement)  
Damien Brannigan (Engagement)  
Sonya Burns (Programmes Unit)  
Sarah McClory (Programmes Unit)  
Justyna McCabe (Programmes Unit)  
Eoin Devlin (Health & Wellbeing)  
Gerard Rocks (SHSCT)

Item	Issue Raised	Agreed:	Referred to
1.	Welcome & Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone welcomed to the meeting and apologies given.</li> </ul>	All
2.	Actions from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actions from last CCH meeting held attached.</li> </ul>	All
3.	Funding Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding Opportunities for NI Community. Copy attached for information and distribution as appropriate.</li> </ul>	All
4.	Community Assistance Centre for Ukrainian Refugees Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ukraine Assistance Centre in Newry Leisure Centre was open on Wednesday 16 November 2022 – 15 individuals supported.</li> <li>Next date for opening will be 07 December 2022 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.</li> <li>Total number of families to date who have attended the Ukraine Centre –153 Families.</li> <li>Two welcome events held by the Chairperson – Newry 08 November 2022 and Downpatrick 15 November 2022.</li> </ul>	JMCC
5.	Update from DFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At present no new funding being allocated for Community Voluntary Sector although Charity sector have requested funding support for heat, light and salaries.</li> <li>Any suggestions in relation to costs can be forwarded to CCH to be reviewed if funding does become available.</li> <li>In relation to the Social Supermarkets, there is still no commitment to funding for Social Supermarkets in the next financial year, however more clarity in relation to this is expected early in the new year.</li> <li>In relation to the provision of food support and wraparound services within this financial year. Members noted that:</li> </ul>	JE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help to be provided through EOI scheme for those in need of help accessing food, with wrap around services provided through trusted partners. Food and wrap around approach to be involved.</li> <li>• Transport required to help with distribution of food within the community areas and will this meet with SSM model to allow food to be distributed to people.</li> <li>• Energy Providers being targeted. Bid in to fund Bryson Scheme but no Executive to undertake a decision</li> <li>• The rising cost of living and soaring increases in energy bills continues to have major impact on people who are finding it harder to cope.</li> <li>• DFC would be flexible for wraparound service for advice and support to the community and food being provided but <b>Emergency Fuel Support not to be provided</b>. EOI would be required (Memorandum of Understanding).</li> </ul>	
6.	<p>Cost of Living Crisis Response/Warm Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign posting and information could be provided to other Community Groups through the Stakeholder Forum.</li> <li>• Five Foodbanks already set up in the Down area of the Council.</li> <li>• DFC would be flexible for wraparound service for advice/support to community and food being provided but <b>Emergency Fuel Support not to be provided</b>.</li> <li>• Received positively by Community Groups providing support at time of Cost of Living Crisis.</li> <li>• CANMD provision - Four extra hours on a Tuesday and Thursday have been allocated to advisers to provide support in the evening to individuals and families as required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Warm Spaces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm spaces activity has been coordinated in Newcastle by the YMCA and local Churches, details advertised in local paper and social media. Tea, coffee and warm area provided for people to meet and stay warm.</li> <li>• DEA officers to record details of any warm space provision in their area and circulate to the group via AR.</li> </ul>	AR

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholder forum will be emailed and asked to provide any information on "warm spaces" activity to this group via AB/ Lauren McMenemy.</li> <li>AB to contact other statutory organisations (eg Libraries NI) to ascertain if they plan any "warm spaces" activity within the District and Circulate the details to group.</li> <li>Information once provided could be collated into a Web page and a flyer could be developed through the Council Marketing Team to allow Groups, families and individuals to know of Warm Spaces available within their community.</li> <li>It was noted that some organisations are currently unable to offer additional warm safe spaces without funds for utilities and staffing.</li> <li>Welcoming Places Project (Open House) in Newry Leisure Centre has reported 60-70 people visit per opening and plan to meet up with others and stay warm within a building.</li> </ul>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
<p>7. Norbrook – WeCare@Christmas Programme of Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norbrook Laboratories have volunteered hot meals for individuals on a Friday for up to 250 people. Toy and food parcels being provided to support families and individuals before Christmas. 150 to be distributed to families in Newry and 100 for the Down area of the Council.</li> <li>Norbrook Laboratories have also offered to host Christmas lunches for older people. Transport to be organised to allow people to attend. Trusted Partners, Home Start and Simon Community to support.</li> <li>Central meeting area to be arranged to allow pick up to be taken to venue for lunch - suggestion Ballybot House, Newry.</li> <li>Further local businesses and employers are wishing to provide support to the community through food parcels and toys.</li> <li>Food parcels to be stored in the Leisure Centre, Newry. Norbrook Laboratories will be delivering hampers which will be labelled by them for the different age groups and gender.</li> <li>SureStart and Home Start already have hampers and toys but will be willing to accept further support from Norbrook Laboratories.</li> </ul>	<p>AR</p> <p>AR</p> <p>RJ</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toy mountain created from local businesses to be provided to local community.</li> <li>• Southern Age Network – Invite to be issued to rural areas within Southern Armagh area and within Downpatrick area as agreed with Norbrook Laboratories for names to be provided, if wish to attend for Christmas Lunch. Limited funding for transport.</li> <li>• SEHSCT could provide transport support for functions to help with Winter pressures.</li> </ul>	LV
8.	Updates and Progress to date on DFC funded programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community</b></li> <li>• Cost of Living Crisis update see point 6 as already discussed.</li> <li>• <b>Trusts &amp; PHA</b></li> <li>• Winter Warm packs can still be provided to individuals.</li> <li>• At present Trust does not have any venues for warm spaces to be provided.</li> <li>• £180,000 Wellbeing Hub to continue in Ards and North Down with the same providers continuing support. Healthy Living allowance sessions can be taken forward into 2023/2024 Financial Year with GPs referring into.</li> <li>• DOH closing for funding on Friday 18 November 2022.</li> <li>• Foodbank appeal going out to staff to support foodbanks.</li> <li>• Carer's Budget has increased to provide financial support.</li> <li>• Healthy eating advice being provided in schools ongoing.</li> <li>• 180 Slow Cookers issued with food advice and menu plans provide.</li> <li>• <b>Council</b></li> <li>• Community Planning Partnership encouraged to attend Workshops for Stakeholder Forum to participate. Invitations to be issued for the 06 and 07 December 2022.</li> </ul>	LV  AMcC AMcC  AB
9.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information to be shared with all Community Groups and sign posting provided.</li> <li>• Newry Chamber of Commerce to advise businesses wishing to provide support to be referred back through the Hub.</li> <li>• First Derivatives doing collections to provide support to the community.</li> </ul>	AB RJ
10.	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 2.00 pm (provisional to be confirmed)</b></li> </ul>	



**Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 December 2022 at 2.00 pm (Provisional to be confirmed)**

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Request for support for Sustainable Northern Ireland (SNI)
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Brian Rankin, Head of Sustainability

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2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable NI (SNI) is a charity set up to advance the pursuit of sustainable development by local authorities and others.</li> <li>Sustainable NI manages the Local Government Sustainable Development Forum which provides networking and advice to Council Officers engaged in the field of Sustainability.</li> <li>Council have previously agreed to pay an annual subscription to Sustainable NI. They are now requesting an annual contribution of £6000 for our continuing membership of the Forum (Appendix I) and have provided a copy of their Annual Impact Report for 2021/2022 (Appendix II).</li> </ul> <p><b>SNI are proposing the following workplan for 2023/24:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisting public sector organisations to comply with new climate change reporting regulations introduced under Section 42 of the Climate Change (Northern Ireland) Act 2022</li> <li>Providing timely and well researched policy consultation responses</li> <li>Acting as secretariat for the Sustainable Development Forum, which enables collaboration and coordination of climate action and net zero delivery by public bodies</li> <li>Acting as secretariat for the All Party Group on Climate Action, which provides a forum for discussion between politicians, NGOs, business leaders and academics, to drive progress on climate action</li> <li>Developing a web-based decision tool to help councils and public bodies screen strategies, decisions and investments for climate and environmental impacts</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting understanding and awareness of sustainability and climate change issues through presentations, webinars and attendance at relevant meetings and forums, when required</li> </ul>
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<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	<p>Appendix I Letter from SNI 1 Dec 2022</p> <p>Appendix II SNI Annual Impact Report 2021/2022</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

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1 December 2022

### Subscription Request 2023-24

Dear Marie,

I am writing to thank you for your continued support for Sustainable Northern Ireland and have pleasure in attaching our latest Impact Report which provides a summary of our deliverables last financial year (2021-2022).

As you know, Sustainable Northern Ireland is a small organisation, and we cannot make the changes necessary to achieve a sustainable future alone. We can however work with our partners, particularly statutory bodies with significant influence on local policy, to make a difference. Next year, our subscription will remain at £6,000. In return for your subscription fee, Sustainable Northern Ireland will support local government and public bodies by:

- Assisting public sector organisations to comply with new climate change reporting regulations introduced under Section 42 of the Climate Change (Northern Ireland) Act 2022
- Providing timely and well researched policy consultation responses
- Acting as secretariat for the Sustainable Development Forum, which enables collaboration and coordination of climate action and net zero delivery by public bodies
- Acting as secretariat for the All Party Group on Climate Action, which provides a forum for discussion between politicians, NGOs, business leaders and academics, to drive progress on climate action
- Developing a web-based decision tool to help councils and public bodies screen strategies, decisions and investments for climate and environmental impacts
- Promoting understanding and awareness of sustainability and climate change issues through presentations, webinars and attendance at relevant meetings and forums, when required

Bespoke support, e.g., delivering workshops, carbon footprint assessments, strategies and action plans, is also available separately. I hope the Council will continue to support the charity's efforts to co-ordinate and support the sector, despite growing pressures on local authority budgets. If you wish to proceed with a subscription in 2023-24, please raise a purchase order no later than 31 March to facilitate prompt payment in April. If you have any queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nichola Hughes  
Executive Director



# sustainableNI

Impact Report 2021/22

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## WHO WE ARE

Sustainable Northern Ireland is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting and enabling sustainable development in Northern Ireland.

We help businesses, governments and individuals by providing practical solutions that put sustainability into action.

Our vision is a world where prosperity is achieved in ways that are good for people and the planet.

## INTRODUCTION

As 2021/22 draws to a close, we have much to reflect on.

This year saw the much-anticipated COP26 climate negotiations in Glasgow – branded a ‘fragile win’ by some and a rallying cry from people worldwide to combat climate breakdown before it’s too late. With a global population set to reach 10 billion people by 2050 and atmospheric carbon dioxide at record levels, world leaders agree our current consumption patterns are highly unsustainable. A green economy provides the answers to address these environmental and social challenges.

As an organisation, this year we have added two new members to our team and played an important enabling role in supporting the development of critical policies such as the Climate Change (Northern Ireland) Act (2022), Energy Strategy and Green Growth Strategy. We understand that sustainable development means transitioning to a green economy. With this end goal in mind, we can help do our bit to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees by promoting and educating others to act, tackling environmental pressures and enhancing economic resilience and competitiveness in the process. We believe that if designed with just transition principles in mind, the green economy can also address social inequalities. An inclusive green economy benefits businesses, towns and cities, allowing us to create an economic system where the planet and all people can thrive.

In this Impact Report, we will highlight how we have supported and accelerated this transition and spotlight our new flagship product – the Sustainability Scan - and how we’re using it to support local businesses. We will reflect on both highlights from the work we completed in 2021/22 and the ongoing projects that continue to bear fruits.

## IN 2021/22...



## OVER THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE...





## SHAPING THE POLICY LANDSCAPE

### NET ZERO LEGISLATION

March 2022 marked a key milestone for climate action in Northern Ireland when the Assembly passed the *Climate Change (Northern Ireland) Act*. Sustainable NI helped shape the Bill and garner political support through the All Party Group on Climate Action to enable successful passage through the Assembly.



### CONSULTATION RESPONSES



As the political appetite for the green economy continues to grow, knowledge needs to be cultivated and shared, to ensure we make the correct policy choices to achieve net zero by 2050. This year we fed into several policies that will be critical in shaping economic development and environmental protection in Northern Ireland for the next 10 - 15 years. These were: the Green Growth Strategy, Energy Strategy, Circular Economy Strategy and Environment Strategy.

Other consultations that we responded to included:

- Strategic Planning Policy on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy
- Plan to Eliminate Plastic Pollution
- Reduction of Single-Use Plastic Beverage Cups and Food Containers
- Peatland Strategy
- Strategic Review of NI Agri-Food
- EU PEACE PLUS Programme 2021 - 2027

## CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF CONSTRUCTION



In 2022 we added our name to *RetrofitNI* - a nationwide campaign championing reuse in the built environment sector. We asked the Chancellor to cut VAT on refurbishment, repair and maintenance to 5% and Ministers to add clauses to planning guidance and building regulations that promote the reuse of existing buildings and reclaimed materials. We also requested that all publicly funded construction projects look to retrofit solutions first.

**Impact:** In March 2022 the Chancellor announced that homeowners installing solar panels, heat pumps and insulation will no longer pay 5 per cent VAT - they will pay zero.

## DECISION-MAKERS EMPOWERED THROUGH ALL PARTY GROUP



Sustainable NI provides the secretariat for the *All Party Group on Climate Action* which met seven times this year and explored:

- Construction and Building Standards (April)
- Planning Policy for Net Zero (May)
- Circular Economy (June)
- Fossil Fuel Divestment (September)
- Energy Transition (October)
- Climate Risks & Impacts (November)
- Air Quality & Rights of Nature (January)

Meetings stopped during the Assembly election period, during which we circulated a manifesto to election candidates on policy measures that can support the economy and the environment.

**IMPACT:** The Department of Finance announced a new policy that will see mandatory scoring of social value within public procurement contracts and improved energy performance standards for new buildings in Northern Ireland. This had previously been promoted by Sustainable NI through our Social Value Toolkit and Sustainable Procurement Training for the Public Sector, in 2017/18.

## HARNESSING THE POWER OF PUBLIC BODIES

We facilitated four meetings of the *Sustainable Development Forum* - a platform for public sector organisations to collaborate and share experience, information and good practice to advance sustainable development in Northern Ireland. Meetings were held on:

- 16 June 2021
- 22 September 2021
- 8 December 2021
- 5 March 2022

Topics ranged from tree planting to sustainable tourism and zero-carbon cooperatives. The Forum also highlighted good practices from *Dunzer University* and the Ards and North Down *Sustainable Growth* project. Sustainable NI also facilitated the establishment of the *NI EV Consortium* which secured £1,348,370 for 124 residential EV charge-points across Northern Ireland.

### SPOTLIGHT

#### BELFAST: SOCIAL VALUE PROCUREMENT POLICY

In 2017 we delivered training on sustainable procurement and produced a *Social Value Toolkit* to encourage the public sector to use its purchasing power as a force for good. Then in 2021, Belfast introduced a *Social Value Procurement Policy*, the first of its kind in Northern Ireland. The policy aims to ensure the purchase of goods, services and works helps to drive inclusive economic growth, improve the local environment, and support local communities - while ensuring the best possible value for money for the people of Belfast.

#### PROMOTING FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT

In 2021, we added our name to the *Make My Money Matter* campaign. The campaign states that greening your pension is one of the most powerful things you can do to limit global warming and aims to shift UK pensions into sustainable investments. We wrote to the Chief Executives of Councils, NILGOSC and the NI Assembly Commission, calling on these pension schemes to commit to investing in line with the Government's ambitions to create a greener, fairer and healthier country and show leadership ahead of the COP26 climate summit. In the letter, we outlined that research has shown sustainable funds have, on average, matched or outperformed non-sustainable investments over the past decade.

**IMPACT:** NILGOSC has completed the transfer of £2.8bn of investments in global equities from funds that follow standard indices to the Legal & General Low Carbon Transition Fund. The fund aims to reach the goal of achieving Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050.



#### FERMANAGH AND OMAGH: SHAPING NORTHERN IRELAND'S FIRST COUNCIL CLIMATE PLAN

Developed in 2021, *Restore, Revive, Thrive - Our Environment* is an Action Plan that sets out the practical steps the Council will take over the coming years to minimise climate change impacts and ways in which the Council can try to counter the severity of the climate emergency. We supported the development of the plan by delivering workshops, collating input from staff and drafting the plan itself.

**IMPACT:** The Action Plan has now landed on the desks of the Chief Executive and Heads of Service and it has significantly elevated the significance of climate emergency work across the council. As well as bringing forward a range of new actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change, it has prompted discussion between departments to develop indicators to monitor the council's response to the climate emergency.

#### ARDS AND NORTH DOWN: TRAINING INFORMS THE COUNCIL-MAKING ACROSS THE COUNCIL

Ards and North Down has a strong record on sustainability. The *Roadmap to Sustainability* presents routes the Council can take to ensure the Council and Borough becomes more sustainable. In September 2021, we delivered training to senior decision makers on integrating the principles of sustainability into future council plans and decisions.

**IMPACT:** In 2021, the Roadmap and follow-up training delivered by Sustainable NI has empowered staff to screen and adjust decisions and plans so that sustainability is taken into account. The Council is now implementing a range of sustainability initiatives including: electrification of park equipment; a food donation scheme from Bangor Castle Walled Garden; a Green Tourism Programme; extending greenways and re-wilding the council's estate. This progress is down to the knowledge, passion and can-do attitude of staff and local volunteers in Ards and North Down.

## SHARING IDEAS: RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Although it is important to raise awareness about climate breakdown, it is equally important to promote the potential solutions. Green economic policies will be required to prevent global temperatures from rising to dangerous levels. An inclusive green economy is one that improves human well-being and builds social equity while reducing environmental risks and resource scarcities. All sectors of the economy have a role to play and

can benefit from the green economy.ocrates the Greek philosopher said, 'to know the good is to do the good'. When people fully understand the problem and potential solutions, they feel empowered to act. We believe knowledge sharing and awareness raising are powerful tools in promoting change at scale and we continue to prioritise this, highlighting best practices, research and innovation through our website, newsletter and events.

### SPOTLIGHT

#### CASE STUDY: ERNE CAMPUS

This year we published **five case studies** highlighting exemplary sustainability practices from across the voluntary, public and private sectors. From *community fridges* to *sustainable business districts*, case studies help ignite imaginations and encourage others to replicate the ideas.

One of the case studies published on our website is the award-winning Erne Campus - a *Passivhaus Premium Building* which has been viewed over 800 times since first published.

The further education building officially opened last year, replacing the existing campus constructed in 1971. The Enniskillen campus is the first educational building worldwide to achieve the highest international standard in environmental construction, known as *Passivhaus Premium*.

It is also the first *Passivhaus Premium* project in the UK and won the Public Sector Project Design Stage Award at the prestigious BREEAM Awards in 2021. *Passivhaus* features include:

- Thermal envelope
- Airtightness
- Mechanical heat recovery ventilation
- Subsoil heat exchange
- Blisfuel micro-CHP
- Heat pump
- Solar PV
- Battery storage

**IMPACT:** The South West College building represents an excellent demonstration of how to successfully implement a cost-effective nearly zero-energy building (nZEB) using a combination of *passive-house* design principles and on-site renewable energy.



#### DEMYSIFYING SUSTAINABILITY: PROMOTING PRACTICAL ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In 2021 we took advantage of COP26 and the focus given to environmental issues in the media, government and industry to help us advance our mission and raise awareness about climate change solutions. We did this by publishing several articles and taking part in events organised in parallel to the climate negotiations in Glasgow.

In total, we authored **9 articles** in 2021/22 each with the aim of demystifying sustainability and promoting sustainable policy-making and individual action. Articles included:

- Green recovery from Covid-19
- Pension divestment
- Youth climate activism
- Role of gas in the energy transition
- Top tips for individual climate action
- Hydrogen as an energy carrier
- Green credentials of natural gas
- Climate crisis in the context of war

We spoke at **10 events** over the course of 2021/22. Highlights included:

- Climate Change Roundtable hosted by the Minister for Infrastructure
- Armagh Planetarium COP26 Panel Event
- Radio Ulster interview on becoming a green consumer
- REPI Planning and Climate Change Event
- Imagine Festival - Role of Climate Assemblies
- UK Government Net Zero Webinar for SMEs

**IMPACT:** Whilst the events involved a range of different audiences, from Ministers to SMEs, each provided a unique opportunity to promote our organisation and its mission. We championed the idea that change starts with the individual, and that small changes make a big difference. The Radio Ulster interview provided the largest reach, with an audience of 500,000+ people. Next, in terms of impact, was the UK Government's Net Zero Webinar which was attended by 80+ businesses from across Northern Ireland. The webinar provided insights into the challenges faced by businesses and triggered the development of our Green Business Support Programme which we are now trialling with local businesses.

## A SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS REVOLUTION: MAKING VALUE CHAINS GREENER

Sustainability is not just common sense from an environmental and social perspective — it also makes good business sense. The green economy brings businesses many competitive advantages, including leading the innovation curve, opening up new markets, improving customer relations and increasing brand value. Our Sustainability Scan takes a holistic approach in analysing and measuring

sustainability in a company's day-to-day operations and its overall business model. It identifies opportunities to rethink and improve upon product and service design, operations and business models to maximise social and environmental impact. To date, we have used the tool to support two businesses — a social enterprise and a large corporation, and have developed a Green Business Support Service centred around the tool.

### SPOTLIGHT

#### OMAGH ENTERPRISE

Our Sustainability Audit Matrix (SAM) - a tool used to assess the sustainability of local authorities - was transformed into an accessible industry-facing tool this year: the Sustainability Scan. Through a combination of data analysis and on-site inspection, it provides rich insights into a company's environmental management practices including its impact on air quality, climate, water, land and biodiversity - and when applicable the impact of its supply chain and distribution channels. It also evaluates social impacts: the extent to which companies look after their customers, invest in staff and whether they support the

community in which they operate as well as overall engagement around social/environmental impact, ethics, and transparency. We were commissioned by Omagh Enterprise, a business development hub in Co. Tyrone, to undertake a sustainability scan of the business. They received a baseline report with a prioritised list of actions to improve the sustainability of the business and reduce costs.

**IMPACT:** Omagh Enterprise was delighted with the report, as it provided a baseline to improve on and measure progress against. We will follow up in 12 months to evaluate the impact of the recommendations.



ORIGINAL BUSINESS MODEL



NEW SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODEL

Example of a sustainable business model: Michelin tyres

#### SWITCHING GEAR: PROMOTING AWARENESS OF SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODELS IN RETAIL

At the end of March, we were invited to attend the Northern Ireland Retail Consortium's annual conference, to discuss opportunities for enhancing sustainability in retail outlets. Held in Hillsborough Castle, the event was attended by all of the major shopping malls across Northern Ireland as well as their supply chain partners. Sustainable NI's talk was preceded by a stark warning from Danske Bank's Chief Economist about economic challenges and the knock-on impact they will have on consumer spending as a result of the war in Ukraine, global volatility in food and energy prices and high levels of inflation.

We used this platform to highlight the economic benefits of sustainability stemming from resource efficiency and smart energy management. We profiled shopping centres that have already adopted sustainable practices and the benefits they have realised from doing so.

**IMPACT:** Two retail outlets engaged Sustainable NI to support them in developing sustainable business plans. We have completed a Sustainability Scan of The Boulevard, an out-of-town shopping outlet close to Banbridge, which was happy with the support as it has informed its sustainability policy and plans to make immediate energy efficiency improvements to satisfy investor demand for improved ESG performance. A second retail centre will receive support and guidance in 2022/23.

## LOOKING AHEAD: SUPPORTING NET ZERO BY 2050

To achieve our shared goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050 we must accelerate the adoption of green strategies across businesses, cities and civil society, using a practical and data-driven approach. High-level policy change must also be enacted to create the enabling conditions for a green economy. At Sustainable NI, we aim to do this by forming partnerships that unite key stakeholders across localities and industries, forming data-driven tools, support services and platforms to stimulate the adoption of green practices at scale and speed, and applying a social lens to ensure the transition is fair.



### 1. FORM PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCALING A GREEN ECONOMY

The green economy is an intrinsically multi-stakeholder model that necessitates cross-sector and cross-boundary engagement. No one entity can address the challenges of climate breakdown, resource scarcity and social inequities alone. Instead, radical collaboration is needed. Sustainable NI is committed to partnering with stakeholders across the board to strengthen the evidence base for the low-carbon transition and build knowledge of the links between the green economy and social issues and on tracking overall sustainability performance.

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Our public sector forum meets four times a year to discuss sustainability and net zero policy and delivery. Its goal is to achieve shared understanding and improved coordination across local government and the wider public sector. Meetings consider how actions at national, local and community levels fit together. Providing resources, building local capacity and capability, and identifying opportunities for collaboration are also key priorities of the group.

Learn more about the [Forum](#).

### 2. DEVELOP FLAGSHIP PRODUCTS

Digital tools can scale sustainability impact. They enable users to understand current net zero developments, scan for relevant opportunities and act accordingly. Data is equally crucial and underpins evidence-based decision- and policy-making. We will look to develop digital products and platforms that focus on bringing this evidence and guidance to businesses, towns and cities in 2022/23 and beyond. Exciting digital products to keep an eye on:

#### Resource hub

An open-access, online library of case studies and resources designed to inspire local place-based climate action as well as corporate sustainability initiatives.

#### Sustainability Decision Tool

By the end of 2023, we aim to have a new web-based decision tool that offers public sector decision-makers high-level insights about the sustainability of proposed projects. It will generate a simple visual of the main environmental and social impacts of any given decision and suggest interventions to improve the sustainability of the project or investment.

### 3. LOOK AFTER OUR STAFF

We will prioritise staff wellbeing as we know that our workforce is our primary asset. Sustainable NI will review its policies and procedures to ensure it continues to be a vibrant and rewarding place to work, offering competitive wages, wellbeing provisions, training, flexible working and generous benefits that ensure our staff enjoy a healthy work-life balance.

### 4. PROMOTE WHAT WE DO

We will communicate our work through a variety of channels and look to engage new audiences and potential funders. We'll develop marketing collateral for our business support service and attend key stakeholder events to share our ideas with others and form new partnerships.

#### Website

Our website will have a refresh in 2022/23 and adopt our new branding. It will be a call to action, encouraging organisations to work with us as partners, funders or clients. It will feature a resource hub for ease of sharing guidance and good practice and explain to members of the public how they can lead a more sustainable life.

Learn more about our [current website](#).



## TESTIMONIALS

We work with many partners across a range of sectors to address the planetary emergency. Here are testimonials from a few of our current clients and partners:



Sustainable NI is an invaluable resource. We use the Forum to collaborate with other public sector stakeholders committed to sustainability and connect the Council to a wider movement of change.

**Debbie Caldwell, Climate Commissioner**  
Belfast City Council



The Forum is a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration. The Housing Executive gains valuable updates and information from Councils and other public bodies to learn how to incorporate sustainability into our work across NI.

**Kelly Devlin, Environmental Lead Auditor**  
Northern Ireland Housing Executive



We were very happy with the work Sustainable NI did for us as it gave the organisation a baseline from which to improve and measure progress on our sustainability performance.

**Nicholas O'Shiel, Chief Executive**  
Omagh Enterprise

## OUR FUNDERS

We would like to place on record our gratitude to all the organisations and individuals who continue to support the work of the organisation. Our work would not be possible without the support of our clients and funders. Thank you, Funders this year were:



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<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Sustainability and Climate Change Forum
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Brian Rankin Head of Sustainability

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	To note the report from the Sustainability & Climate Change Forum which took place on Thursday 20 October 2022  To consider and agree to approve the actions in the attached Action Sheet.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	The actions arising from the meeting are attached 'SCCF Action Sheet Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Appendix I.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	Consider and agree to approve the actions in the attached Action Sheet.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>  It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i>  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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6.0	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>
	Appendix 1: SCCF Action Sheet Thursday 20 October 2022
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>
	<b>None</b>

**Sustainability and Climate Change Standing Forum**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 3.00pm via Teams**

**Councillor's present: Cllr Enright and Cllr Burgess**

**Chaired by Councillor Andrews**

**Officers present: M Lipsett, E Devlin, K Scullion, A Cassells, B Rankin, J Ellis, E Keaveney**

**Apologies for non-attendance: Cllr Murray and Cllr Clarke Cllr Taylor**

**No declarations of interest.**

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 May 2022	Eoin Devlin reviewed the Actions from SCCF held on 19 May 2022  Cllr Enright questioned whether there were other previous actions which should be still on the Action Sheet	E. Devlin	Noted	Y

		Maintenance of Dunes at Kilclief and Ballyhoran – see below.  Rights of Nature – see report below.	E. Devlin	In-progress	Y
			E. Devlin	In-Progress	N
3.0	Notice of Motion – Electrical Vehicle Charger Paper Update by Eoin Devlin	Update - The Motion was taken before Council in October 2022 and the SP & R meeting in February 2022.  The motion was referred by Council on to the Sustainability and Environment Director/Committee for further consideration.  The 3 current schemes are proceeding.	E. Devlin	In-progress	N
4.0	Update: Kevin Scullion and Jonathan Ellis, Neighbourhood Services	An Update was provided on Maintenance of Dunes at Kilclief and Ballyhoran. Kevin Scullion stated that the area at Ballyhorman was being managed and compared	Kevin Scullion/ Jonathan Ellis	Noted	N

		<p><b>to Tyrella. He showed several photos of restoration and management of the dune area. Any spraying is very limited at the grass area and no spraying takes place on the Dune system.</b></p> <p><b>Jonathan Ellis added that care was taken to protect Seawort and Marram Grass and they try to cut as little as possible. Herbicides are applied in limited amounts to keep the pathway clear. It is challenging to get the balance.</b></p> <p><b>Kevin added that spraying takes a considerable amount of manual hours which the Council does not have to spare.</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Enright made some comments about not cutting the grass too short and timing of cutting is important. It was agreed to liaise with Danielle Begley biodiversity Officer to agree best time to cut wildflower areas.</b></p> <p><b>There are challenges with erosion of dunes at Tyrella due to large</b></p>			
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	<p>visitor numbers. Council does not have cutting machinery suitable for the terrain so work is labour intensive.</p>			
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Introduction by new Head of Sustainability – Brian Rankin</p>	<p>Brian Rankin</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Y</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Rights of Nature – Notice of Motion - Update</p>	<p>E. Keaveney</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Y</p>
	<p>Eamonn Keaveney, Sustainability Officer, gave an update on plans to progress action on the Rights of Nature arising from the Notice of Motion. A Declaration on the Rights of Nature will be developed through consultation with the local community and relevant stakeholders. 2 Workshops are planned – One internally engaging Council officers and departments and one external workshop engaging with local communities, NGOs, landowners, etc.</p>			

		<p>The workshops will look at best practice elsewhere and what other Councils have done. Dr Peter Doran and Team at Queen's University who are experts on Rights of Nature will be engaged to help deliver the workshops. The resulting Declaration for the Rights of Nature will be presented to Council. Rights of Nature could then be embedded in Council activities at Corporate level and across all activities.</p>			
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Shared Island Funding: Feasibility Study for Local Authorities to develop Zero Carbon HGV Roadmaps</p>	<p>Eamonn Keaveney, Sustainability Officer, gave an update on the funding bid. 150K Euros funding has been secured through East Border Region for a Council partnership project. A Consultant will be engaged to carry out a Feasibility Study for Councils, North and South, to develop Zero Carbon HGV Roadmaps. This will look at</p>	<p>E. Keaveney</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Y</p>

8.0	Active Travel Update	<p>renewable fuels including Hydrogen, biofuels, electric and other alternatives.                  No match funding is required from the Council.</p>	Eamonn Keaveney, Sustainability Officer, gave an update on the Active Travel initiatives. The Council's Active Travel Masterplan has been a catalyst in developing active travel initiatives. DfI's Active Travel unit has met with Council officials to determine works to carry out in the district based on the recommendations of the plan. These have included recent Cycle Path developments at Clough to Dundrum, Castlewelling to Newcastle and Newry City with further cycle path works planned. COVID Recovery Funding was secured to install cycle parking at 28 locations across the district. Feasibility Studies have been carried out on Greenways	E. Keaveney	Noted	Y
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		<p>including Newry to Carlingford, Newry to Warrenpoint and Rostrevor. Further funding applications are underway to DfI for greenways feasibility studies as well as works to develop the Jane's Shore pathway in Downpatrick. Further funding is also being sought for cycle parking and officers are working on Environmental Improvement Schemes to include active travel facilities in any works carried out. Cllr Enright commented that a similar Project Management approach should be taken for permissive paths and tourist trails. A discussion took place about off road trails which falls outside the remit of active travel and it was mentioned that ORNI carry out work on developing trails.</p>			
9.0	Hydrogen for Council Vehicles	Eamonn Keaveney, Sustainability Officer, gave an update on the funding bid for 150K has been	E. Keaveney	Noted	Y

10.0	Date of next meeting	tbc	<p>secured by East Border Region and a partnership of Councils. A Consultant will be engaged to carry out a Feasibility Study for councils to develop Zero Carbon HGV Roadmaps. This will look at zero carbon fuels including Hydrogen, biofuels and other alternatives.</p> <p>No match funding is required from the Council.</p>	E. Devlin	Noted.	Y
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<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Consultation Response – DfE Energy 'One Stop Shop'
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Brian Rankin, Head of Sustainability

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The Department for the Economy (DfE) is seeking views on proposals for an Energy 'One Stop Shop' in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>In December 2021, the NI Executive launched the Northern Ireland Energy Strategy "Path to Net Zero Energy," followed by the publication of a 22-point Action Plan outlining some of the main actions to be taken forward. Among the key actions is support for the public on the journey to affordable, net zero carbon energy by 2050 through accessible and impartial information, independent and trusted advice and the right level of protection. This will be facilitated through the energy "one stop shop" (OSS) as the focal point for all consumers.</p> <p>This consultation is intended to set out the One Stop Shop implementation plan, including options to define the service's purpose, scope, types of service offered, the implementation roadmap and options for the management and governance of the One Stop Shop service.</p> <p>The proposed underpinning principles of the One Stop Shop are that it should be consumer centric, provide tailored services, have adequate sectoral and technical expertise, deliver a trusted service, provide impartial information and advice, and deliver service in partnership with other bodies and organisations.</p> <p>The proposed strategic objectives of the One Stop Shop are that it will inform, advise and support people, businesses and communities to enable them to transition to affordable, smart decarbonised solutions for their energy efficiency, power, heat and transport needs, with special regard to those who may be least able to.</p> <p>The proposed target consumer audience of the One Stop Shop will comprise all domestic consumers, non-domestic consumers including micro, small and medium businesses and community energy groups. It will have special regard to the needs of vulnerable consumers in particular in terms of the communication channels offered and the type and level of support provided.</p>

	<p>The proposed initial core services of the Energy One Stop Shop are a single point of contact service, signposting, encouragement of behavioural change, wrap-around support, and non-financial support. Further future potential services are also suggested.</p> <p>The Energy One Stop Shop is proposed to engage with consumers, businesses and communities using a range of communication channels, and is intended to be operated as a pilot over 4 years, split into 3 phases.</p> <p>The response from NMDDC supports the proposals, although provides several suggestions, including further clarity on the detail of what is being proposed, consideration of the consumer journey, the need to ensure the most vulnerable are supported, the need for further financial support for Councils, and the benefit of working with partner organisations such as NMDCC in the future.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
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7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1: NMDDC Response to DfE Energy 'One Stop Shop' Consultation</p>
8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
	<p><a href="https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/economy/Energy-consultation-one-stop-shop-implementation-plan.pdf">https://www.economy-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/consultations/economy/Energy-consultation-one-stop-shop-implementation-plan.pdf</a></p>

## Appendix 1: NMDDC Response to DfE Energy 'One Stop Shop' Consultation

### Consultation Details:

<b>Consultation Opened:</b>	27 October 22
<b>Consultation Closes:</b>	20 January 23
<b>Preferred Method of Response:</b>	<p>Online at <a href="#">Energy "One Stop Shop" Implementation Plan - consultation on policy options   Department for the Economy (economy-ni.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>A list of all 15 questions and draft responses are provided below for review and approval, prior to being submitted</p>
<b>Responses prepared by:</b>	Brian Rankin, Head of Sustainability
<b>Other comments:</b>	<p>It is assumed that the list of respondents to this consultation will be made publicly available. Responses may also be publicly available.</p> <p>SustainableNI have submitted a response to this consultation, with the NMDDC draft response also informed from this.</p>

### Context / Background:

In December 2021, the NI Executive launched the Northern Ireland Energy Strategy "Path to Net Zero Energy," a roadmap to deliver a 56% reduction in the NI energy-related emissions by 2030 and setting out its vision for net zero and affordable energy by 2050. The strategy was followed in January by the publication of a 22-point Action Plan outlining some of the main actions to be taken forward. Among the key actions is support for the public on the journey to affordable, net zero carbon energy by 2050 through accessible and impartial information, independent and trusted advice and the right level of protection. This will be facilitated through the energy "one stop shop" (OSS) as the focal point for all consumers.

This consultation is intended to set out the One Stop Shop implementation plan, including options to define the service's purpose, scope, types of service offered, the implementation roadmap and options for the management and governance of the One Stop Shop service.

### Questions and Draft Responses:

1. Do you agree with the Energy One Stop Shop underpinning principles?  
*[N.B. The proposed underpinning principles are that the OSS should be consumer centric, provide tailored services, have adequate sectoral and technical expertise, deliver a trusted service, provide impartial information and advice, and deliver service in partnership with other bodies and organisations.]*

2. Do you agree with the definitions for each of the proposed principles?

3. Do you agree with the proposed strategic objectives for the Energy One Stop Shop?

Yes.

However, we would draw attention to our responses to questions 6 and 7, highlighted the importance of defining the 'services' and 'support' which are intended to be included within the proposed One Stop Shop.

There should also be an understanding that in many cases information and advice will not be enough to 'enable' consumers or businesses to make changes, as this often will require financial support and detailed technical support.

4. Do you agree that the Energy One Stop Shop should provide advice, information and support to domestic consumers, micro, small and medium businesses and community energy groups?

Yes.

However, we would suggest the question should be clarified in relation to the omission of large businesses. The consultation notes that the target audience is proposed to comprise "non-domestic customers including micro, small and medium businesses" whereas the question only refers to "micro, small and medium businesses". The consultation suggests that larger businesses may be those with over 50 employees and so it is important that these groups of businesses are not excluded and are able to avail of the same services from the One Stop Shop.

5. Do you agree that the Energy One Stop Shop should take account of the needs of vulnerable domestic consumers, in particular those with low incomes, of pensionable age, digitally excluded, living with chronic ailment or disability or in rural areas?

Yes. We believe it is vital that all consumers should be able to avail of advice, information and support. Those deemed most vulnerable may need more support, including financial, as they may be least able to transition to affordable, smart decarbonised solutions for their energy efficiency, power, heat and transport needs.

6. Do you agree with the types of services and support that the Energy One Stop Shop should deliver?

Yes.

However, it is important to clearly define the 'services' and 'support' which are intended to be included within the proposed One Stop Shop.

Section 3.22 of the consultation notes the potential for one stop shops to act as facilitators, however, the strategic objectives highlight that it will not act as a broker, promote specific products, services or brands, or sell products or services. It would therefore be particularly helpful to clarify the detail of the intended 'wrap-around support' to avoid confusion.

A comparison is likely to be drawn between a One Stop Shop in Northern Ireland, and the One Stop Shops currently operating in the Republic of Ireland, which launched in spring 2022. The latter are 12 registered providers which focus on home energy upgrades and offer a home energy assessment, grant application (with deduction from costs), project management, assignment of contractors, a follow up energy assessment, and finance options.

7. Should the Energy One Stop Shop deliver any other services or activities? If so, list your priorities.

In considering this question it would be helpful to understand the services and support already provided by various organisations, to include financial support.

We would be very supportive of the provision of support to businesses and public authorities, to include local councils, including grants, financial support and training etc. Council activities are typically financed through rates, and in recent years Councils will have been subject to the same pressures as other

organisations, including the rising cost of living, the energy crisis and inflation. These factors place constraints upon the ability of Councils to reduce carbon emissions and so separate and targeted financial support would allow us to be more ambitious in setting and delivering carbon reduction targets. In relation to energy education within schools, the 'ecoschools' initiative already provides some support in this area and so engagement with Councils and 'Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful' is important in order to build on support already available.

As noted in our response to question 6, it would also be beneficial to understand if there is an intention to replicate the approach taken in RoI, where more extensive and tailored support is offered to households. In considering potential additional activities for a one stop shop, it would be helpful to provide more information on the specific information, advice, support and services offered by the existing bodies in Northern Ireland (e.g. NIHE and consumer council), to consider areas of duplication and also a gap analysis, bearing in mind the importance of the customer journey.

One of the noted underpinning principles for the proposed one stop shop is to deliver service in partnership with other bodies and organisations, and so we would be keen to continue to engage with DfE in order to understand support which may be available, and how we can work in partnership to deliver improved support for consumers and businesses.

8. Do you agree with the proposed initial list of consumer engagement channels for the Energy One Stop Shop?

Yes.

We would highlight the importance of having a balance between website and social media information and face to face engagement, especially taking into account the needs of vulnerable domestic consumers, such as those with low income, of pensionable age, digitally excluded, living with chronic ailment or disability or in rural areas etc.

It is important to make use of partnerships with other bodies and organisations, including local Councils, who will regularly be engaging with households, businesses and communities in their area.

9. Do you agree with the proposed approach to refine and improve consumer engagement?

Yes.

This should include regular reviews on consumer engagement and subsequent targeted action e.g. for more rural areas. As previously noted, there is an opportunity to partner with bodies such as local Councils to support further engagement with households, businesses and communities.

10. Do you agree with the proposal to commence the operation of the Energy One Stop Shop with a Pilot and that it should launch as soon as possible?

Yes.

However, we would stress that the customer journey should be at the forefront of decision making and there needs to be clarity on the approach taken. The consultation outlines how a number of organisations are already operating in this area e.g. NIHE, Consumer Council and the Utility Regulator, and so the proposed one stop shop must fulfil the role of a centralised information and advice service, rather than an additional service which could introduce more confusion for consumers.

It may also be beneficial to use an alternative term to 'pilot', as this may suggest uncertainty around the future existence of the one stop shop.

11. Do you agree with the proposed Energy One Stop Shop Implementation Roadmap?

Yes. See response to question 10.

As noted elsewhere, we would welcome further engagement with our Council in order to discuss how we may be able to partner with DfE and other organisations to support this service.



12. Do you agree with the proposed services that would be available in Year 1 of the Pilot?

As noted in our response to question 8, we would highlight the importance of having a balance between website and social media information and face to face engagement. The services intended to be offered in year 1 would appear to focus on website, social media and phone which may not align with the desire to take into account the needs of vulnerable domestic consumers. This appears to be recognised in Years 2 and 3, where outreach activities are mentioned.

Year 1 should therefore also specifically include targets to engage with consumers face to face, which could be facilitated through partnerships with other bodies and organisations, including local Councils, who will regularly be engaging with households, businesses and communities in their area.

Within Year 1 it would also be advantageous to consider training needs (both internally and with delivery partners) to support subsequent years of the one stop shop and additional services that may be offered.

13. Do you agree with the proposed additional services that the Energy One Stop Shop Pilot would introduce in Years 2 and 3?

Yes.

It would also be beneficial to include further financial support, aligned with existing support mechanisms and our future carbon reduction targets.

It would be helpful to clarify how service delivery partnerships would operate and the services intended to be offered through partner organisations.

See our response to question 6.

14. Do you agree with the proposed services that the Energy One Stop Shop may consider introducing from Year 4 onwards?

Further clarification would be required in relation to Year 4, with services determined based on a review of Years 1 -3.

In relation to kitemark certifications, this also needs to be clarified as BSI already awards these and there is little information in the consultation document in relation to this.

15. Do you agree with the proposal to create a new brand for the Energy One Stop Shop?

Yes.

However, as noted in our response to question 10, it may be beneficial to consider an alternative to the term 'pilot', as this may suggest uncertainty. It should be clear that the reference to a pilot refers to the services offered, rather than the existence of a one stop shop service. Stakeholders will need confidence in the one stop shop as they may have to update their literature and so will want certainty that any new brand and contact details etc will not change.

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Grant Funding agreement with Office of Product Safety and Standards(OPSS)
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Sinead Trainor Head of Environmental Health (Commercial)

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

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	That Committee consider and agree to sign the attached contract with OPSS
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The Council has responsibility for the Enforcement and regulation of Construction Products legislation. OPSS have offered small grants up to a maximum of £8333 to carry out some additional work in this area. Our current premises database for Construction products is not up to date.</p> <p>We intend to use the available funding to carry out a research process to identify companies that manufacture, import, export and/or trade in construction products within the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area.</p> <p>The scoping project will identify and build relationships with businesses in the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area who manufacture, import or distribute construction products. It will enable the gathering of detailed and up to date information that will be used to update our premises database and guide and support the market surveillance activities of Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Consumer Safety Team, in relation to Construction Products manufactured and/or distributed within the Council area.</p> <p>This project will enable us to increase our construction products database. This will enable us to provide more tailored information to businesses in the future in relation to the Construction Products Regulations.</p> <p>During the period October 2022 - March 2023 we propose an additional staffing resource to make contact with construction premises requesting the completion of a survey form. The purpose of which is to update our council database. Businesses will be contacted by email or post.</p> <p>Council will require maximum funding of up to £8,333 to cover the cost of additional staffing resource employed to deliver this project.</p> <p>We intend to update our premises database and guide and support the market surveillance activities of Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Consumer Safety Team, in relation to Construction Products manufactured and/or distributed within the Council area.</p>

	This will enable us to provide more tailored information to businesses in the future in relation to the Construction Products Regulations.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	That Committee agree that the attached Contract with OPSS be signed and the offer of Grant Funding accepted
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	None. 100% Funding available
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rationale:</i>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>  If no, please complete the following: The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	OPSS proposed Contract
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>

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Attn: *Eoin Devlin*

By email to [eoyn.devlin@nmandd.org](mailto:eoyn.devlin@nmandd.org)

Copy in email to [sinead.trainor@nmandd.org](mailto:sinead.trainor@nmandd.org)

Date: **1 December 2022**

Our ref: **OPSS/TI/NMandD\_NI**

Dear Eoin,

**Award of contract for the delivery of OPSS project entitled 'Small Projects on Construction Products'**

Following your proposal for the delivery of **OPSS project entitled 'Small Projects on Construction Products'** to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Office for Product Safety and Standards, we are pleased to award this contract to you.

This letter (Award Letter) and its Annexes set out the terms of the contract between **The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Office for Product Safety and Standards** as the Customer and **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council** as the Supplier for the provision of the Services. Unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions used in this Award Letter have the same meanings as in the terms and conditions of contract set out in Annex 1 to this Award Letter (the "**Conditions**"). In the event of any conflict between this Award Letter and the Conditions, this Award Letter shall prevail. Please do not attach any Supplier terms and conditions to this Award Letter as they will not be accepted by the Customer and may delay the conclusion of the Agreement.

For the purposes of the Agreement, the Customer and the Supplier agree as follows:

- 1) The Services shall be performed as set out in **Annex 2**.
  - 2) The charges for the Services shall be as set out **Annex 3**
  - 3) Not used.
  - 4) The Term shall commence on **1 December 2022** and the Expiry Date shall be **31 March 2023**.
- The address for notices of the Parties are:

**Customer**

**Office for Product Safety and Standards, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Cannon House, 18 The Priory Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6BS**

**Supplier**

**Newry, Mourne and Down District Council  
Oifig an Iúir  
Newry Office  
O'Hagan House  
Monaghan Row  
Newry BT35 8DJ**

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Attention: **Teresa Isaacs**Email: [teresa.isaacs@beis.gov.uk](mailto:teresa.isaacs@beis.gov.uk)Attention: **Eoin Devlin**Email: [eoin.devlin@nmandd.org](mailto:eoin.devlin@nmandd.org)

5) The following persons are Key Personnel for the purposes of the Agreement:

**Name: Teresa Isaacs****LAU Delivery Manager, OPSS****Name: Eoin Devlin****Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing,  
Newry, Mourne and Down District  
Council**

6) The Customer may require the Supplier to ensure that any person employed in the provision of the Services has undertaken a Disclosure and Barring Service check. The Supplier shall ensure that no person who discloses that he/she has a conviction that is relevant to the nature of the Services, relevant to the work of the Customer, or is of a type otherwise advised by the Customer (each such conviction a "**Relevant Conviction**"), or is found by the Supplier to have a Relevant Conviction (whether as a result of a police check, a Disclosure and Barring Service check or otherwise) is employed or engaged in the provision of any part of the Services.

### Payment

All invoices must be sent, quoting a valid purchase order number (PO Number), to: [opss.resourcing@beis.gov.uk](mailto:opss.resourcing@beis.gov.uk) Within [10] working days of receipt of your countersigned copy of this letter, we will send you a unique PO Number. You must be in receipt of a valid PO Number before submitting an invoice.

To avoid delay in payment it is important that the invoice is compliant and that it includes a valid PO Number, PO Number item number (if applicable) and the details (name and telephone number) of your customer contact (i.e. Contract Manager). Non-compliant invoices will be sent back to you, which may lead to a delay in payment. If you have a query regarding an outstanding payment please contact our Accounts Payable section either by email to [opss.resourcing@beis.gov.uk](mailto:opss.resourcing@beis.gov.uk) or by telephone 0121 345 2160 between 09:00-17:00 Monday to Friday.

### Liaison

For general liaison, your contact will continue to be [Teresa.isaacs@beis.gov.uk](mailto:Teresa.isaacs@beis.gov.uk) or, in their absence, [Gillian.Asbury@beis.gov.uk](mailto:Gillian.Asbury@beis.gov.uk).

We thank you for your co-operation to date and look forward to forging a successful working relationship resulting in a smooth and successful delivery of the Services. Please confirm your acceptance of the award of this contract by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter to [Inti.Mushtaq@beis.gov.uk](mailto:Inti.Mushtaq@beis.gov.uk) (and copy in Local Authority Unit [LAU.OPSS@beis.gov.uk](mailto:LAU.OPSS@beis.gov.uk)), at the above address **within [7] days** from the date of this letter. No other form of acknowledgement will be accepted. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications relating to this contract.

Yours faithfully,

Signed for and on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS)

Name: **Sarah Smith, OPSS Deputy Chief Executive - Regulation**

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Signature:

Date:

We accept the terms set out in this letter and its **Annexes**, including the Conditions.

Signed for and on behalf of ***Newry Mourne and Down District Council***.

Name: ***Eoin Devlin***  
***Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing.***

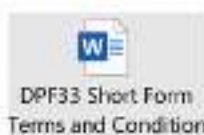
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Signature:

Date:

### **Annex 1**

#### **Terms and Conditions of Contract for Services**



### **Annex 2**

#### **Proposal and outputs**

**Construction Products Sector: Project – Small project on Construction Product.**

1. Full proposal: this is detailed in Annex 3
2. Outputs: Completion of a template spreadsheet provided by OPSS and one or more Case studies or models which describe the approaches, results, activities, outputs and outcomes, based on examples. If the project is a mapping/scoping project, the output would be a brief narrative describing the approach, your overall impressions of the results and potential future focus.
3. To provide further feedback on request.
4. To be willing to present at the National Shared Learning Day. (This is likely to be on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 in London, but this will be confirmed nearer the time)

### **Annex 3**

#### **Charges, proposal, and lead contact**

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1. Full proposal: **this is detailed in Annex 3**

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## OPSS Construction Products Small Project proposal for Newry Mourne and Down District Council

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OPSS are providing funding for 2022 – 2023, to support local authority Trading Standards in Great Britain and Environmental Health in Northern Ireland to deliver construction products regulation.

- **This project is for a total cost of £8333 excluding VAT**
- **The project is being delivered by Newry Mourne and Down District Council and contacts are [eoin.devlin@nmandd.org](mailto:eoin.devlin@nmandd.org) and [sinead.trainor@nmandd.org](mailto:sinead.trainor@nmandd.org)**
- **The Projects end date is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**

### 1. What is the issue that requires fixing? (What is the evidence for this problem?)

Current Council premises database for Construction products is not up to date.

### 2. What is your proposed solution? (IT projects will not be supported)

To carry out a detailed research process to identify companies that manufacture, import, export and/or trade in construction products within the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area.

### 3. How does this project support delivery of construction products regulation?

The scoping project will identify and build relationships with businesses in the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area who manufacture, import or distribute construction products.

It will enable the gathering of detailed and up to date information that will be used to update our premises database and guide and support the market surveillance activities of Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Consumer Safety Team, in relation to Construction Products manufactured and/or distributed within the Council area.

This project will enable us to increase our construction products database. This will enable us to provide more tailored information to businesses in the future in relation to the Construction Products Regulations.



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**4. How will this project be delivered? Itemise the milestones, with specified time frames**

During the period October 2022 - March 2023 we propose an additional staffing resource to make contact with construction premises requesting the completion of a survey form. The purpose of which is to update our council database. Businesses will be contacted by email or post.

**5. What funding is needed? (How much and what for?)**

Council will require maximum funding of up to £8,333 to cover the cost of additional staffing resource employed to deliver this project.

**6. What are the intended outcomes? How or what will show that this issue is fixed?**

We intend to update our premises database and guide and support the market surveillance activities of Newry Mourne and Down District Council, Consumer Safety Team, in relation to Construction Products manufactured and/or distributed within the Council area.

This will enable us to provide more tailored information to businesses in the future in relation to the Construction Products Regulations.

**7. Are there any risks to the desired outcome?**

The possible risk to the desired outcome would be the appointment and retention of staff to complete the proposed project.

**8. Contact details for the project lead**

Sinead Trainor Head of Environmental Health (Commercial) & Alison Collins Senior EHO (Consumer Protection) [Sinead.Trainor@nmandd.org](mailto:Sinead.Trainor@nmandd.org) - Newry Mourne and Down District Council

**9. Any other information**

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee (AHC)
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Recognition of Achievement Procedures – Updated
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

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

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to consider and agree the updated Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport - Criteria &amp; Processing Procedures as per appendix 1</p> <p>As part of the amalgamation of Council's in 2015 SANDSA was established which allowed Council to work in partnership and support sporting bodies and organisation across Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>As part of the establishment of SANDSA Council agreed in 2017 criteria and processors for the Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport including an annual review of such.</p> <p>As per the annual review process SANDSA has updated its Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels criteria and processors with the key change outlined in point 4.13 of appendix 1.</p> <p>As per the appropriate governance arrangements SANDSA are now seeking Council approval as per the proposed recommendation outlined in this report.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	That AHC Committee consider and agree the updated Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport - Criteria & Processing Procedures as per appendix 1
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<p><b>Revenue:</b> As part of Council's annual rates estimates process an annual budget is allocated for SANDSA related matters. Subject to the annual rates estimates process there are no anticipated revenue budget implications.</p> <p><b>Capital:</b> There are no anticipated Capital budget implications associated with this report.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>

5.1	<p><b>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	<p><b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b></p>
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7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>

	Appendix 1: Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport - Criteria & Processing Procedures 2022
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None



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**Newry, Mourne  
and Down**  
District Council

**Active and Healthy Communities  
Sports Development**

**Recognition of Achievement for  
High Performance Levels in Sport**

**Criteria & Processing Procedures**

Updated December 2022

### 1. Title

Sports Development: Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport. Criteria & Processing Procedures.

### 2. Statement

Two of the key objectives identified by the Active & Healthy Communities Directorate are to; promote increased levels of activity and create a strong community base to improve empowerment and capacity within our communities. Consequently, we assist our sporting community to develop and reach their sporting goals through a structured environment and are aware that a percentage of our citizens achieve the level of 'high sports performer.'

The Council is satisfied that payments under this policy are in the interest of the Council and the district. The Council is also satisfied that the categories and levels of financial support as set out below will bring a direct benefit and that the direct benefit is commensurate with the payments to be made.

Applications for Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in sport will only be considered in accordance with these Procedures.

### 3. Aim

The aim of the procedures is to:-

- (a) Set out the process, the levels of Recognition available and the allocation of financial support for participation in High Performance Levels in sport;
- (b) Complement the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Community and Corporate Plans and the Active & Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan;
- (c) Promote high achievement in sport to encourage increased participation at a local level
- (d) Empower and improve the capacity of our local communities;
- (e) Improve sports and community development opportunities for all;
- (f) Support improved Health and Wellbeing outcomes;
- (g) To enable our sporting citizens to develop and reach their sporting goals at the highest level.

#### 4. Criteria used in the Procedures:

1. A sports club can make application to the Sports Association Newry, Down & South Armagh (SANDSA) for financial assistance; Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport, on behalf of their club, team or individual club member, providing they are a member of SANDSA. However, in certain circumstances, applications may be directly considered and processed by the Council.
2. An individual can make application to SANDSA for financial assistance; Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport and are not required to be a member of SANDSA where the nature and circumstances of their sport dictate that the facilities and club environment of their sport don't exist within the district (Newry, Mourne & Down District Council) or they participate in high performance sport as an individual or part of a county, national or international squad.
3. Sports clubs/individuals can make applications to SANDSA for financial assistance; Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport. In this circumstance where the council or SANDSA are in receipt of more than two applications from the same sport or club(s) or from more than two individuals who are competing at the same competition at Provincial and Interprovincial levels, the maximum amount awarded to that sport/club/individuals will be capped at £500 and the award will be divided equally amongst the individuals irrespective of the numbers competing. Similar criteria apply to those competing at International and World levels with a cap of £800.
4. The sports club or individual must participate in a sport recognised by the Sports Council for Northern Ireland.
5. The sports club or individual may be requested to demonstrate partnership funding – (i.e. from their Governing Body).
6. The sports club or individual must be able to produce their 'selection letter' from their Governing Body reflecting their selection and illustrating details of the competition and any additional support as required by the Council and SANDSA.
7. The sports club or individual must be able to produce evidence of expenses incurred to support their application.
8. The sports club or individual must be prepared to assist the Council in promoting their sport throughout the district and have themselves nominated for the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council/SANDSA Sports Awards.
9. The sports club or individual must process their application through their District Electoral Area Sports Forum (The Mournes, Newry, Slieve Gullion, Crotlieve, Downpatrick, Rowallane & Slieve Croob). Their application will then be forwarded by the chair of the relevant Sports Forum to the SANDSA Executive for consideration. The list of recommended applications will then be forwarded to Council for approval.
10. Three categories of applicant will be considered; sports club, individual or sports clubs/individuals.
11. Three Levels of Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport will apply (see below under definitions).

12. The categories and levels of Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport will be considered for the following financial support:
- Club - Provincial or Interprovincial levels = £300
  - Club - International level = £400
  - Club - World Level = £500
  - Individual - Provincial or Interprovincial levels = £200
  - Individual - International level = £300
  - Individual - World Level = £400
  - Sports Clubs/Individuals - Provincial and Interprovincial levels = £500 (Note point 3)
  - Sports Clubs/Individuals - International and World levels = £800 (Note point 3)
13. A sports club or individual can only make **one** high performance level in sport application per financial year (April-March). In addition, there must be a minimum of **12-Months** between the date of their previous application and competition. Furthermore, the budget allocated will be profiled for the periods – April/September & October/March. All applications are subject to availability of funding and will be processed twice per financial year (April/March). The scheme may be temporarily suspended in the absence of same.

## 5. Scope

The procedures apply to all sporting citizens within the environs of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council who perform at the highest level within their respective sport and to all sporting organisations and individuals in respect of applications for financial support towards; travel, accommodation, sports equipment necessary for high performance competition and recognition of achievement for high performance celebratory events. Expressions of interest/application can be registered with SANDSA prior to the sporting event. However, post event applications will only be considered up to three months after the competition date. In all circumstances, if claim receipts are not received by the Council, the Council reserve the right to claim the financial support back.

## 6. Conflict of Interests

Council staff and the SANDSA Executive Committee are required to conduct themselves with integrity, impartiality and honesty and their private interests should not be such as to have the potential for allegations of impropriety or partiality to be sustained thereby bringing the Council or SANDSA Executive Committee into disrepute. Consequently, those concerned should regularly review their personal circumstances and take steps to deal with any potential conflict of interest.

For effective Governance, full disclosure of actual or perceived conflicts of interest is required. The purpose of disclosing interests is to enable Council employees and the SANDSA Executive Committee to prevent a conflict arising between their duties to the Council and the SANDSA



Executive Committee and any outside interest they may hold and take steps to avoid this affecting the Council's or SANDSA's business and what others think.

## **7. Advertising**

In order to ensure a fair process for the call periods; April to September & October to March, the Council will promote the scheme on their website, social media and in their annual newsletter.

## **8. Related Policies**

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Community Plan  
 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Corporate Plan  
 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Active & Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan

## **9. Definitions**

Recognition of Achievement for High Performance Levels in Sport: A sports club or individual who has been selected by their governing body of sport to represent their County or Country at any one of three levels or alternatively, have achieved the highest performance level determined by their governing body which would be deemed equivalent to any of the three levels below:

1. Provincial or Interprovincial Level(s) (Ulster or All Ireland)
2. International level (European, Commonwealth or Inter-Countries)
3. World Level (Olympic, World Championships)

## **10. Legislative Powers**

The Recreation & Youth Service (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 10(I) (10) (d) & (e)  
 Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 Chapter 9 .115

## **11. Procedure Owner**

Assistant Director Active & Healthy Communities (Leisure & Sport).

## **12. Contact details in regard of these procedures are**

Assistant Director Active & Healthy Communities (Leisure & Sport).

### 13. Procedures Authorisation

Active & Healthy Communities Committee Authorised on:	February 2017
Council Authorised on:	March 2017 (provisionally)

**14. Procedures Effective Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

### 15. Procedures Review Date

These procedures will be reviewed annually.

### 16. Procedures

This document should be read in conjunction with SANDSA Executive Management Procedures.

### 17. Equality Screen

The Procedures have been equality screened and it recommended it not be subject to an equality impact assessment (with no mitigating measures required).

### 18. Version Control 16

SANDSA: Sports Association Newry, Down & South Armagh

Amended 08 November 2019

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>	
8.1	None.	

**POLICING COMMITTEE AND POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP****Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing Committee and Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting held at 6pm on Tuesday 27 September 2022 via Microsoft Teams**


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**Present:** Councillor K Owen, NMDDC (Chair)  
 Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC  
 Councillor W Clarke, NMDDC  
 Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC  
 Councillor R Howell, NMDDC  
 Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC  
 Councillor K McKeivitt, NMDDC  
 Councillor M Ruane, NMDDC  
 Councillor H Gallagher, NMDDC  
 Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI  
 Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, PSNI  
 Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI  
 Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI  
 Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI  
 Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI  
 Inspector Paddy Heatley, PSNI  
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI  
 Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member  
 Briege Jennings, PCSP Independent Member  
 David Vint, PCSP Independent Member  
 Dan McEvoy, PCSP Independent Member  
 John Allen, PCSP Independent Member  
 Liam Gunn, NIHE  
 Aidan McCabe, SHSCT  
 Michael Heaney, YJA  
 Roisin Leckey, PBNI

**In Attendance:** Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement  
 Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager  
 Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer

**1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies**

Councillor Owen welcomed all Members to the meeting and explained the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of minuting and for Members to be mindful of this. There was mention of whether Members would prefer to have future meetings on an in-person basis and noted this may be discussed in full at the upcoming PCSP Planning Sessions in October.

Apologies were recorded for Tara Campbell, Independent Member, and Donna Weir, EA.

Members were reminded of the upcoming PCSP Planning Sessions regarding the 2023/24 Action Plan in the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle on Tuesday 18 October from 10am – 1pm

and in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry on Thursday 20 October from 6pm - 9pm.

It was noted that the PCSP/PSNI Public Meetings would be held in the Canal Court Hotel, Newry on Thursday 29 September at 7pm and in the Millbrook Lodge Hotel, Ballynahinch on Thursday 6 October at 7pm.

There was also a reminder of the upcoming Community Safety Conference to be held in the Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk on Thursday 17 November.

Councillor Owen welcomed Councillor Robert Burgess to the Partnership, she thanked the outgoing Member Councillor Alan Lewis for his service.

Councillor Andrews requested that a letter of appreciation be issued to Councillor Lewis for his service to the Partnership. This was agreed by Councillor Owen.

It was also confirmed that a programme of events for the Autumn would be issued to Members shortly; Councillor Owen encouraged Members to attend events.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## **3 Draft Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting dated 26 July 2022**

Read: Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 26 July 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by David Vint, it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 26 July 2022 as a true and accurate record.**

## **4 Matters Arising – Action Sheet PCSP Meeting 26 July 2022**

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was agreed to approve the Action Sheet arising from the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 26 July 2022.**

## **5 Policing Committee Business**

### **5.1 District Commander's Report – Period 3**

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 3 (copy circulated)

Superintendent Haslett thanked Councillor Owen and welcomed Councillor Burgess to the Partnership. He also noted that PSNI representatives would prefer to attend PCSP meetings on an in-person basis.

Superintendent Haslett then presented the District Commander's Report to the Committee, after which Councillor Owen asked if Members had any questions on the report.

### **General**

Councillor Murphy thanked the Superintendent for his report and spoke about consultation regarding plans for the PSNI Station in Newtownhamilton. He requested that a meeting be convened between the PSNI and all interested parties from the local area.

Superintendent Haslett explained that there was a plan to brief local politicians on plans for the PSNI stations in Newtownhamilton and Crossmaglen, with a view to also having Public Meetings in South Armagh. He also confirmed that the Independent Advisory Group for the area was in the process of being established and that this would allow local community representatives to have their say on the proposals within the South Armagh Policing Review.

Councillor McKeivitt asked if the freeze on the recruitment of new police officers as noted recently in the media would affect levels of policing across the Newry, Mourne & Down District.

Superintendent Haslett confirmed that the PSNI would do their best to maintain and deliver effective policing and that he was confident he would continue to have sufficient numbers of officers to deploy across the Council District.

Councillor Clarke thanked the Council for the introduction of speed ramps in Donard Park, Newcastle and the PSNI for their work in the area. Superintendent Haslett also welcomed the local interventions.

### **Drugs**

Councillor Clarke commended the PSNI on recent drugs raids carried out in estates in Newcastle.

### **Crime**

Councillor Clarke asked if there had been an escalation in attacks being recorded and uploaded to social media and what the proper process of dealing with the perpetrators would be.

In relation to the filming of attacks Superintendent Haslett stated that there was parental responsibility, school involvement and PSNI involvement required. The videos in question could be used as evidence and those filming such events had a duty to make this evidence available.

Michael Heaney (YJA) commented that the use of education of young people around appropriate Social Media usage could be very effective, more so than enforcement. He spoke of YJA Children's Diversion Forums and that YJA could take referrals from stakeholders for children involved in such activities.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Councillor Hanlon thanked all the agencies involved with addressing ASB in the Downpatrick area for their continued hard work in the area. She then asked if Operation Encompass was still operational in the District.

Superintendent Haslett confirmed that Operation Encompass was ongoing with the intention of the initiative being rolled out further across Northern Ireland. Sergeant Duffy confirmed the dates proposed for other Districts, and noted that the local pilot had been very successful.

Councillor Andrews brought up an issue of ASB around Kilmore Playing Fields in Crossgar, raised by his constituents, and asked if this could be investigated.

Superintendent Haslett stated that police would give the area would appropriate attention.

Dan McEvoy, Independent Member, queried if the Community Safety Wardens could also be deployed to areas of Downpatrick experiencing ASB and also when events were being held in Downpatrick.

Mrs Flynn confirmed that community groups and other organisations organising events were primarily responsible for the security arrangements associated with these. Mrs. Flynn also noted that due regard had to be given to the health and safety of the Wardens, and that it may not be appropriate to deploy them to high-risk areas, including some areas in Downpatrick where PSNI personnel had recently come under attack while on patrol. Mrs Flynn also noted that PCSP Members should continue to bring forward potential suggestions for interventions across the District as they had direct contact with local communities.

Superintendent Haslett agreed that deploying the CS Wardens to certain areas may not be ideal considering the recent level of attacks on officers.

Councillor Hanlon commended the PCSP officers for their support and guidance and noted that the ASB Sub-Group had played an important role in considering and developing local interventions.

Councillor Gallagher raised the issue of Bann Road Park & Share in Castlewellan regarding ASB and drug selling, as well as vandalism occurring in Castlewellan Forest Park.

Superintendent Haslett requested that Inspector Hardy respond as he would have knowledge of ASB in Castlewellan, Inspector Hardy confirmed that ASB in both these areas would be investigated by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

In connection with ASB around a derelict house on the Newry Road, Kilkeel Councillor Clarke requested a meeting be set-up between local stakeholders to resolve the issue. Superintendent Haslett advised that Inspector Loughran would follow up as appropriate.

Councillor Andrews also noted his concerns on how the recruitment of new officers may affect policing across the District and hoped that the necessary funding would be available.

## **6 PCSP Officer Report**



Mrs Flynn reported that many Summer diversionary programmes had been successfully delivered across the District. She issued a note of thanks to all partner agencies for their work on the internment bonfire in Newry.

It was noted that the Respect Project in Newry had been invited to London for a tournament with the Metropolitan Police, they were the only group from Northern Ireland to have been invited and this would be a good opportunity to share knowledge between both agencies. It was hoped that a member of PCSP staff would travel to London also. Mrs. Flynn advised that the visit would be funded by Council's Good Relations budget.

Mrs Flynn requested that Members raise awareness of the PCSP Home Secure Scheme.

Mrs. Flynn advised that Theresa Burke would be delivering drugs awareness talks for the PCSP in October 2022.

## **7 SIDs Sub-Group Report**

SIDs Sub-Group Report – 8 September (copy circulated).

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt and seconded by Cllr Gallagher it was agreed the Committee:**

- Note the report
- Agree the attached action sheet of the SIDs Sub-Group held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Mrs Flynn reported that costs for SID installations had increased significantly and advised that she had been in contact with DFI to request a reduction in these costs, however they had confirmed this would not be possible. However, there may be an opportunity for the PCSP to appoint an alternate contractor but this would rely on the approval of the contractor by DFI. Mrs Flynn confirmed that the next 7 SIDs would be installed at the sites previously agreed.

Mrs. Flynn noted that the signage on the Upper Dromore Road which had blocked the SID has now been removed.

## **8 ASB Sub-Group Report**

ASB Sub-Group 1 Report – 6 September 2022 (copy circulated)

ASB Sub-Group 2 Report – 7 September 2022 (copy circulated)

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Gallagher it was agreed the Committee:**

- Note the reports
- Agree the attached Action Sheets of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 6 September and ASB Sub Group 2 held on 7 September

Dan McEvoy, Independent Member, raised the issue of only one Independent Member sitting on ASB Sub-Group 2, and requested that other Independent Members come forward to join

the group. Mrs Flynn confirmed that Members had been canvassed for this previously, but none were available. It was noted that this could be discussed again at the upcoming Planning Sessions.

## **9 Statutory Partner Update**

Mrs Flynn informed Members that Roisin Leckey (Probation Board), had circulated an update which had been made available to the Membership.

Michael Heaney, YJA, advised Members that the Youth Justice Agency had launched its Corporate Plan. Within the plan it mentions the partnership working with PCSPs. The Agency has also published a performance impact document. It was agreed that Mrs. Flynn would circulate both documents to all PCSP Members after the meeting.

Liam Gunn, NIHE, thanked both Council and the PCSP for their assistance in the clearing of improper waste material at the August bonfire site in Newry. He also confirmed that the gates damaged on a site in the Model Farm Estate, Downpatrick were to be repaired and new fencing erected on the estate.

## **10 Update from PSNI on implications of Brexit in relation to Policing in Newry, Mourne and Down**

There was no update to report.

## **11 Date of Next Meeting – 2pm, Tuesday 29 November 2022**

The next PCSP Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 29 November 2022 at 2pm. A hybrid option may be offered for members to attend the Chamber in Council Offices, Downpatrick.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 19.20pm

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

### Action Sheet of Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 21 September 2022 via zoom

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Nicholas McCrickard	County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Brian Morrow Aideen Logue Jenny Laverty Donna Marks Maria Kelly Lillian Swaffield Liam Gunn Seamus Blaney Lisa Perry Dan McEvoy Mary Cahalane Woodward	Department for Communities (DfC) Department for Communities County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) Marian Park Community Association (MPCA) Downpatrick SureStart Bridge Street & Mount Crescent Community Association Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) Stream Street Residents Association Flying Horse Ward Community Forum Downpatrick Community Collective South Eastern Trust
<b>Others in attendance:</b>		Robert Bailie, Department for Communities, Make the Call
<b>Council Officials:</b>	Katrina Hynds Aisling Rennick	Technical Officer, Downpatrick NHR Engagement & Development Manager
<b>Apologies:</b>	Anthony Trainor Lorraine Coulter Damien Brannigan Mel Murray Alison McCarthy Tatiana Seed	Stream Street Residents Association (SSRA) South Eastern Trust (SET) Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Education Authority Tosu Ur SERC

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DNRP/02/2022	Welcome and Apologies	Brian Morrow was introduced as the Department for Communities new representative.	
DNRP/03/2022	Action Sheet	On the proposal of Jenny Lavery, seconded by Donna Marks the action sheet of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Meeting held on 24 May 2022 was adopted	Technical Officer
DNRP/04/2022	Receive Representatives from Make the Call	Make the Call representatives updated members on their free confidential service which provides support to the public on benefit applications & entitlements. Interested members are to make contact with the Officer	Members

DNRP/04/2022	Promoter's Reports	All reports were noted.	Noted.
DNRP/05/2022	Re-Signing of Code of Conduct	The Technical Officer referred to the Code of Conduct which had been re-issued and asked members to complete and return to her as soon as possible	Technical Officer
DNRP/06/2022	Update from Department for Communities	<p>The Technical Officer updated members on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Supermarkets – Department for Communities are working with the Council and Strategic Stakeholder Forum to co-design a Social Supermarket model for Newry Mourne and Down.</li> <li>• Review of Action Plan to take place at next Meeting</li> </ul>	

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8.1	None.
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**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
At 7.00pm  
Think Lab, WIN Business Centre**

***In Attendance:***

Mr Collie Hanna,	Vice Chairperson, NRP
Mr Liam Gunn,	NIHE
Mrs Catherine O'Hanlon,	Area Manager DfC
Mrs Lesley Hamilton,	Southern Regional College
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt,	Newry Mourne and Down District Council
Mr Raymond Jackson,	Confederation of Community Groups
Mr Paul Magennis,	Barcroft CA
Mr Adrian Moore,	Carnagat CA
Dr Conor Patterson,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Ms Maeve McParland,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Mr Aiden McCabe,	SHSCT Promoting Well-being team
Ms Noreen Rice,	Meadow Armagh road CA
Mr Brendan Cranney,	Meadow Armagh road CA
Mrs Patricia O'Gorman,	Threeways CA
Mrs Maureen Ruddy,	Martins lane CA
Ms Francine Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA.
Ms Bernie Mooney,	Education Authority NI. (EANI)
Ms Aisling Rennick,	Newry Mourne & Down District Council

***Apologies:***

Mrs Paula Mc Guigan	Carnagat CA
Mrs Joanne Markey,	Carnagat CA
Mr Pdraig Harte,	Threeways CA
Mr Malachy Maguire,	Ballybot CA
Ms Shauna McCourt,	Drumalane Quayside Close CA

**Matters Discussed**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Make the Call (Phillip Pearce, Peter Mc Nally, DfC)
4. Review of Action plan
5. Date of next meeting

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome / Introductions	Mr Collie Hanna welcomed everyone to the meeting		
2.	Apologies	Recorded as above.		
3.	<b>Presentation by Mr Peter Mc Nally and Mr Phillip Pearce</b> <b>Make the Call and Advisor Discretion fund</b>	<b>Make the Call</b> Make the Call Unit in DfC are a team providing advice via telephone m – outreach and Home visits Confidential needs assessment Advice on all benefits and support services £40 million in benefits generated through the scheme. Creating partnerships – NIHE/Social supermarkets. Can work at key events – one to one assessments Email: <a href="mailto:petermcnally@dfcnl.gov.uk">petermcnally@dfcnl.gov.uk</a> Mob: 07739773718 Discussion on ways to link and work within communities.		
		<b>Advisor discretion fund</b> Non-repayable grant up to £1500 in any 12 month period. Work coaches offer support and guidance. Can pay for Travel to interviews/professional registration fees/childcare		

		<p>costs/driving lessons/equipment. Support self-employment – help to overcome any barriers to employment. Conor asked – what proof do they require that they are setting up a business – business plan etc. Speak to the work coach.</p> <p>Members thanked Phillip and Peter for the very informative presentation*</p>		
4.	<b>Minutes/matters arising</b>	<p>Minutes agreed as accurate Proposed by Brendan Cranney and seconded by Maureen Ruddy</p> <p>No Matters arising</p>		
5.	<b>Conflict of interest</b>	<p>As we were reviewing the Action plan, Conor, Raymond, Bernie, Aiden, Lesley and Sean declared an interest in the programmes they were directly involved in. E2E Programme, Education, SRC TOPPS Programme, Community renewal, Technical assistance, Health programme</p>		
6.	<b>Review and update Action plan</b>	<p>Annual review and update of the NR Action plan for 2022/2025.</p> <p>2 parts of the action plan – Revenue and capital schemes Members to approve all projects or recommend removal from the action plan.</p> <p><u>Revenue programmes.</u></p> <p><b>Community Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running costs/ minor works and Community development support– again a vital programme in the support of the CA's –</li> <li>• Members agreed that this project offers great support to all the communities</li> </ul> <p><b>Approved going forward</b></p>		

	<p><b>Outdoor activity Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very popular project among CA's – achieves very positive outputs <b>Approved going forward.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Technical Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All members agree that this is a vital component to the delivery of the NR programme – Without technical support the programme would not function. <b>Approved going forward</b></li> </ul> <p><b>CRJ – Safer Stronger Communities project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members agreed that this project offers a lot of support within the communities – <b>Approved going forward</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Education 2 employment (E2E)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Again very positive outputs in this programme – supports local children and young people – Connects young people to other pathways of employment</li> <li>• <b>Approved going forward</b></li> </ul> <p><b>SRC Employability programmes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TOPS</b> – very flexible programme – meets a lot of localised need.- Has created a high number of job opportunities over the years</li> <li>• <b>OCEANS</b> –very successful meets all targets offers a range of training elements that can be utilised in a number of different careers. <b>both approved going forward</b></li> </ul>	
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	<p><b>Health programme</b></p> <p><b>4 elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interventions - action cancer big bus/Dementia bus/Autism reality bus (new pilot project) /healthy eating in partnership with local schools</li> <li>• Mental health initiatives</li> <li>• Capacity building - training</li> <li>• Physical activity</li> </ul> <p>Very positive programme which meets all targets</p> <p><b>Approved going forward</b></p> <p><b>Education programmes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Count read succeed plus</li> <li>• Numeracy and literacy/mentoring</li> <li>• Out of hours learning</li> <li>• Youth engagement</li> </ul> <p><b>Approved going forward.</b></p> <p><b>Continuation of all revenue programmes is subject to future available funding</b></p> <p><b>Capital Projects</b></p> <p><b>NMEA :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>THINK Lab Additional Toilets and changing area</b></li> <li>• Full application and costings submitted to DfC – can be delivered in 2022/23</li> <li>• Remains on the Action plan</li> </ul> <p><b>NIHE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carnagat extension –</b></li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No 1 priority for partnership –</b></li> <li>• Issues with securing a contractor to complete the works. Meeting between DfC and NIHE on how to overcome this problem. Liam will update members when they have met and have agreed a way forward</li> <li>• Remains on the Action plan</li> </ul> <p><b>NM&amp;DDC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raymond McCreesh Park –</b></li> <li>• NMDDC will not deliver a play park</li> <li>• CCG and NMEA exploring options for Asset transfer</li> <li>• remains on the action plan. Members agree to amend the allocated sum of funding and increase to £225k</li> </ul> <p><b>Whitegates toilets improvement scheme –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requires council to deliver –await response from Council estates team –</li> <li>• remains on the Action plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>EANI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St Patrick's primary school pitch upgrade–</b> unlikely to progress under NR</li> <li>• <b>St John Bosco YC –</b> fence repair and grass area upgrade - await outcome of EA maintenance report – remains on action plan</li> <li>• <b>St Joseph's high school rain shelters and storage –</b> await full costings and submission of an application form EANI</li> <li>• Remains on the Action plan</li> <li>• <b>St Malachy's primary school – upgrade to small play area –</b> not a priority - unlikely to progress under NR</li> </ul>	
		<p>Bernie to acquire information internally and feedback to members at the next NRP meeting in November</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>St Marys high school sports area upgrade</b> Unlikely to progress under NR.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion on EANI capital proposals. Issue over ability and appetite to deliver.</p> <p><b>Any priority Capital projects will be subject to available funding</b></p> <p><b>Members approve the Action plan – 2022/ 2025</b> subject to information and clarification from EANI</p>		
<p><b>7.</b></p> <p><b>A.O.B</b></p>		<p>Action plan to be updated and forwarded to DfC and then circulated to all members.</p> <p>Action plan cannot be signed off until information from EANI is presented at the next NRP meeting in November</p> <p>Communities thanked Catherine for visiting the projects over the summer.</p> <p>Catherine reminded everyone about the 6 monthly reports due by the end of September.</p> <p>Conor spoke about the Plaque on the wall in the THINK lab - a lasting tribute to all the people who worked together over the years who made a positive contribution to helping others.</p> <p>No More Business – everyone thanked for coming</p> <p>Thank NMEA and Sean for the hospitality.</p>	<p>Update Action Plan and circulate</p>	<p>Sean</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 7pm WIN Business centre</p>	<p>Circulate details and all information</p>	<p>Sean</p>



# Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

## Action Plan 2022 – 2025

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

**Overview Of Need:** Community and Statutory consultation - need for local people to participate in delivery of NR, need to build the capacity of local people to become involved in community led activity, to participate in decisions about their area, need to provide access to a range of training and resources at a local level to support community based activity and youth engagement. NINIS Area Profile – highlights significant social issues around health and wellbeing, education, and employability. Continued investment in community capacity and infrastructure is essential to maintain partnership working with statutory agencies.

**Key Priorities**

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

Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
<b>1. Community renewal</b> A) To sustain and develop community facilities in Newry NR area and the provision of running costs/minor works support for community associations  B) To deliver a community development and support programme in the 9 identified communities within the NR area of Newry	<b>Community:</b> CR3, CR5, CR6, CR7.	NM&DDC DfC CCG	long term Cost: £91,005.73  NR Funding	New one year programme from April 2022 – March 2023 <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24</b>  <b>Approved in principle subject to further available funding</b>	Quarterly monitoring reports on agreed outputs and outcomes to DfC and NRP Evaluation of programme upon delivery Annual report

City	Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
	<p><b>2. To develop and deliver a community outdoor activity and educational programme</b> Project to provide resources to allow communities to access outdoor and sporting facilities/activities. Develop intercommunity working.</p>	SR(H)2 ER2	NM&DDC DfC	Long term. £34,850.00 NR funding	<p>New one year programme – April 2022 – March 2023 ongoing</p> <p>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24 Approved in principle subject to further available funding</p>	<p>Quarterly monitoring progress reports on activities completed, forwarded to DfC, NM&amp;DDC and NRP Activities delivered. Numbers attending. Completion of any training Annual report PPE</p>
	<p><b>3. Technical Assistance</b> To provide secretariat support to the NRP and ongoing support to the NR groups.</p>	Technical support for NRP to deliver on the NRP action plan.	NM&DDC DfC	Long term £ 38,789.35 NR funding	<p>New programme approved - April 2022 – March 2023 ongoing</p> <p>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24. Approved in principle subject to further available funding</p>	<p>Quarterly monitoring progress reports on all key objectives sent to DfC Monitoring report. Feedback to NRP and AHC in NM&amp;DDC PPE Annual report</p>
	<p><b>4. Community Restorative Justice</b> Building stronger safer communities through the development of restorative practices</p>	SR (C) 1,2,3 ER2	CRJ DfC	Long term £46,370.80 NR funding	<p>New one year programme approved from April 2022 – March 2023</p> <p>Members approved</p>	<p>Quarterly monitoring progress reports to DfC Reports to NRP PPE Annual report</p>

				continuation of programme 2023/24. Approved in principle subject to further available funding
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**Strategic Objective:** Economic Renewal - Work and Worklessness, Qualifications, Skills and Training

**Overview Of Need:** NINIS NR Area Profile of Newry – lower proportion of economically active people, low household income and high levels of benefit dependence, less people owing their own home and high number of rented properties, very high levels of children leaving school with no qualifications, low numbers of young people advancing to 3<sup>rd</sup> level education. Consultation - Poor skills base within the NR area, poor capacity to avail of job opportunities, increasing migrant worker population filling middle tier jobs, poor educational attainment and success at transfer exam despite Newry having four of the top grammar school facilities within NI.

**Key Issues:**

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

Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
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<p><b>5. Education to employment</b> To develop and deliver an employability programme and to work with community, schools and further education providers, RTOs and the private sector to increase the employability of people living within the NR area.</p>	<p>SR(Ed)2 SR(Ed)8 ER7</p>	<p>NMEA DfC</p>	<p>Long term NR funding – £38,737.95</p>	<p>New one year programme from April 2022 – March 2023 <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24</b> <b>Approved in principle subject to further available funding</b></p>	<p>Review progress at monthly and post project evaluation meetings. Numbers attending Reports to sub group and NRP/DfC PPE Annual report</p>
<p><b>6. TOPS SRC</b> will continue to work with local community, voluntary groups to provide the opportunity for people from NR areas to participate in key accredited training –training for adults and young people to develop key employability skills.</p>	<p>SR(Ed)2, 6, 8 ER1, 3, 6, 9</p>	<p>SRC DfC</p>	<p>Long term NR funding £45,779.50</p>	<p>New one year programme approved from April 2022 – March 2023 <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24 subject to further available funding</b></p>	<p>Numbers attending each event, number of enquiries and numbers enrolling and gaining qualifications. Reports to NRP/DfC and economic sub group PPE Annual report</p>
<p><b>8. The OCEANS Project (offshore Career Employment and New skills Project)</b> <b>Training for people in Public services and Safety training</b> – fire-fighting, sea survival, working at heights, First Aid Helicopter Safety &amp; Escape, Safety Induction, Introduction to the Hazardous Environment Rope, Pulley &amp; Slinger training Risk Assessment, Manual Handling, COSH</p>	<p>ER1, 3, 6, 9</p>	<p>SRC DfC</p>	<p>Long Term NR funding £34,819.59</p>	<p>New one year programme 2022/23 Rolled out across Armagh Craigavon and Newry. <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24.</b> <b>Approved in principle subject to further available funding.</b></p>	<p>Report to NRP /DfC and economic sub group Numbers attending and completing PPE Annual report</p>

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

Overview Of Need: (Source – NINIS) Long term illness, dependence on incapacity. Disability and housing benefits, low educational attainment, lack of 3<sup>rd</sup> level qualifications and job skills and lower proportions of economically active people, are the key social issues for Newry NR area. Building the capacity. For the delivery of health priorities for the NR area, the SHSCT N&M Promoting Wellbeing Team works in partnership with local communities through the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Health Subgroup to tackle inequalities in health and wellbeing in Newry City estates. Approx ¼ of the population are children and significant numbers live within lone parent households. (Source EA) – school attendance is consistently far below the standards expected, qualification levels drop below the board average for children leaving school with one or more Grade A-C at GCSE, suspensions, expulsions and referrals to support services are higher in these areas. For the communities, some areas have significant issues around child and youth engagement with children as young as 8 years being involved in anti-social behaviour. There are issues around the capacity of many of the parents to support their children's educational development, and with low levels of household income there is little scope for parents to engage educational support/ tutoring resources.

**Key Priorities:**

1. To empower and support local people to live healthy lifestyles to help reduce long-term illness within the NR area.
2. To ensure local residents have access to the best possible range of health and social care services.
3. To engage with the young people to promote healthy life style choices, in particular dealing with preventative measures.
4. To provide opportunities and support for the delivery of positive and stimulating health, sports and play activities for children and young people.
5. To influence the delivery of community based health & well being support services, particularly for the elderly and infirm.
6. To ensure local people have access to educational provision at all stages of their lives.
7. To improve the educational attainment for school leavers.
8. To seek and support the delivery of a variety of new and innovative pathways to education.
9. To develop programmes to engage young people and specifically age groups 8 - 12 & 13 - 25 and to provide positive alternatives for physical education, volunteering and personal development.
10. To develop joint programmes for children and parents, in particular to address ICT skills, development and employability skills.
11. To provide support and seek opportunities to develop the extending school's programme that will include improved usage of public buildings for community development.

To support new and migrant workers families to participate within the community including the development of English language and other skills.

Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Timescales & Resources	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
<p><b>8. To develop a range of educational programmes across NR areas</b> To establish ongoing links with Newry extended schools cluster in order to promote and build the extended schools programme. To support out of schools hours programmes. To support youth provision in NR through engagement programme and on-going support for youth centres delivering personal development programmes.</p>	SR (Ed) 4,5,6,8	EANI DfC	Long term £95,425.74 NR funding	New programme to be delivered over 1 year period April 2022 to March 2023-ongoing <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24. Approved in principle subject to further available funding</b>	Feedback to NRP and Education sub group and new projects generated. Reports to DfC Annual report PPE
<p><b>9. Newry Count Read Succeed plus</b> Training for staff to engage with parents. Educational tools; resources etc – aimed at lowest 20% achieving pupils.</p>	SR (Ed) 4, 5, 6, 13	EANI DfC	Long term funding DfC/NR £66,380.60	New one year programme approved for April 2022 to March 2023. 2 new schools now accessing support. <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24 Approved in principle subject to further</b>	Number of participants in each programme. Development of participants. Demand for follow-up programmes Reports to NRP/DfC and education sub group. Annual report PPE



<p><b>10. To provide a wide range of health promotion programmes in each NR area</b> To include physical activity programmes, healthy eating programmes, Health promotion programmes, mental health programmes. Health intervention and education, training and key programmes for all age groups.</p>	<p>SR (H)1, 2,3,</p>	<p>SHSCT DfC</p>	<p>Long term DfC/NR funding £63,735.01</p>	<p><b>available funding</b> New one year programme approved for April 2022 - March 2023 Ongoing <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2023/24</b> <b>Approved in principle subject to further available funding</b></p>	<p>Number of participants in each programme. Change in lifestyles of participants. Demand for follow-up programmes. Report to Health sub group, NRP/DfC PPE Annual report</p>
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Strategic Objective: **Physical Renewal** – attractive, safe, sustainable environment

**Overview Of Need:** Through consultation with Community and Voluntary sector, there is a need to protect open spaces within housing estates, create and enhance play and leisure provision and provide affordable housing. Lack of affordable housing is a major issue within Newry city and house purchase prices are now well beyond the financial capability of most of the people living in these areas. Most of the estates were built in the 1960s and have inadequate parking and road infrastructure. The communities living within these areas have already done much to enhance the physical appearance of their areas, but statutory investment is also required. In some instances, NIHE have made available houses to provide the community with a base for community activity. Many of these are structurally unsuitable and enhancement is required to improve usage and accessibility.

Key Priorities:

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

Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Timescales & Resources	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
<p><b>11.Carnagat Community House Extension</b>                      To build an extension to existing community facility providing more programmes  <b>Action:</b>  <b>Priority 1</b></p>	CR 3, 9,11 PR 1	NIHE, DfC	Long term £300,000 DfC/NR funding	Funding secured for design costs Funding for Capital approved. Planning approved  New tender process completed - a number of bids received and are currently being evaluated	Monthly project meetings Reports to NRP /DfC Completion of works Numbers using facility PPE Annual report
<p><b>12.Bosco Youth club</b>                      Refurbishment of fencing and Repair playing area   <b>Not a priority for EANI</b></p>	CR9, 11 PR 1	DE	Long term £50,000	No Application  The Bosco is a voluntary organisation and this proposal will go to the Department for Education to progress	Reports to NRP, DfC and educational sub group Completion of works PPE

<p><b>12. Raymond Mc Creesh Park</b>          Refurbishment of local community facility.  <b>NMEA and CCG exploring opportunity for asset transfer</b></p>	<p>PR 1,          CR 3,9,11</p>	<p>NM&amp;DDC          DfC          NMEA/CCG</p>	<p>Long term          £225,000          DfC/NR          NMDDC</p>	<p>Application with DfC relates to playpark upgrade  <b>Council will not deliver this project.</b>  <b>A change of project will require a new application</b></p>	<p>Monthly reports          Report to DfC/NR          Completion of works          Numbers using facility          PPE</p>
<p><b>14. MARCA extension</b>          Building of additional toilet block  <b>MARCA exploring new application</b></p>	<p>CR 9,11          PR1</p>	<p>DfC          NM&amp;DDC</p>	<p>Long term          DfC/NR          funding          £50,000</p>	<p>No application  <b>Require NMDDC to make a decision on their desire and ability to deliver</b></p>	<p>Monthly project reports          Report to DfC/NR          To NM&amp;DDC          Completion of works          PPE</p>
<p><b>15. Additional toilet and changing facilities.</b>          The proposal is to build toilets, changing room and related equipment to serve the ThinkLab at WIN Business Park which was completed as a Newry NR project in March 2020. The proposed toilets site is in part of the original industrial building at WIN Business Park adjacent to the ThinkLab. Access would be from the ThinkLab direct to this new toilet block.</p>	<p>CR 9,11          PR1</p>	<p>NMEA          DfC</p>	<p>Long Term          DfC/NR -          £85,000          NMEA -          £7,500          Total cost          £92,500</p>	<p>Approved at NRP to go to full application          Application and full design costs submitted to DfC.  <b>If funding found could be delivered in 2022/23</b></p>	<p>Completion of works          Report to DfC/NRP and community sub group.          PPE          Annual report</p>

<p><b>Priority 1.</b>  <b>St Joseph's boys school Road improvements, rain shelters and storage</b>                  Provision of rain shelter for spectators/local community and storage for equipment  <b>Priority 1</b></p>	<p>CR9,11                  SR (H) 4, 5                  PR1</p>	<p>EANI                  St Joseph's                  High school                  DfC</p>	<p>Medium term                  £75,000</p>	<p>DE will directly fund and deliver the Road improvements element of this proposal                  Application to be submitted to DfC/NR for rain shelters and storage with final costings</p>	<p>Completion of works                  Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group.                  PPE                  Annual report</p>
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**Appendix:**

A number of Capital projects to be delivered under EANI - They remain on the Action plan as the partnership now requires information from EANI in regards to both their ability and priority to deliver.

The members see these as projects they would like to deliver and offer their full support if other possible funding bodies/opportunities can be found.

<p><b>1. St Patrick's Primary school pitch development</b>                  Development of 3G pitch  <b>Not a priority for EANI</b></p>	<p>SR(H) 4,5                  PR 1</p>	<p>EANI                  DfC</p>	<p>Long term                  £280,000</p>	<p>Will only be delivered if there is confirmed funding</p>	<p>Completion of works                  Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group.                  PPE                  Annual report</p>
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<p><b>2. St Malachy's Primary school play area upgrade</b></p> <p><b>Not a priority for EANI</b></p>	<p>SR (H) 4,5 PR1</p>	<p>EANI</p>	<p>Long term £50,000</p>	<p>Internal maintenance within EA may be able to deliver this. Meeting to be arranged to discuss the scope.</p>	<p>Completion of works Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group. PPE Annual report</p>
<p><b>3. St Marys girls high school project</b></p> <p>Development of MUGA – 3g</p> <p><b>Not a priority for EANI</b></p>	<p>PR 1 SR (H) 4,5 CR 9, 11</p>	<p>St Mary's high school EANI DfC</p>	<p>Long term £250,000</p>	<p>Will only be delivered if there is confirmed funding</p>	<p>Completion of works Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group. PPE Annual report</p>

Action plan approved by NRP board at meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Outstanding information received at the NRP meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	19 December 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Report on Cost of Living Crisis Initiatives
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Well Being Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport

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

<b>For decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>For noting only</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>Further to a report the Director of Active &amp; Healthy Communities brought to the 21 November 2022 Meeting of the Active &amp; Healthy Communities Committee entitled 'Initiatives for use of Community Buildings' regarding initiatives the Council has agreed to help with the Cost of Living Crisis, the information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent and planned activity to assist individuals in respect of the Cost of Living Crisis.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	None.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the report and the actions outlined in Appendix 1.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	It is expected that any costs associated with planned Council activity will be absorbed within existing budgets.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>	
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>	
7.1	Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the Council in addressing the Cost of Living Crisis.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>	
8.1	None.	

## Appendix 1 – Report on Cost of Living Crisis Initiatives

The following is provided to update the Committee on the work the Council is carrying out to address the current cost of living crisis.

### Open House Warm Space Initiative

Led by the District Electoral Area Forums, the Council is providing an "Open House" warm space in every DEA as follows:-

- Newry DEA Open House continues to operate from Newry Leisure Centre every Monday from 9.30am - 2pm with approximately 80 attendees each week.
- Mourne DEA have organised Open House drop-in events every Monday from 10am - 1pm beginning Monday 5 December 2022 in Kilkeel Leisure Centre.
- In Rowallane DEA the foyer room at the Market House, Ballynahinch will be available as an Open House on Thursday morning, 9am - 1pm (to coincide with Market Day), beginning Thursday 8 December 2022.
- Slieve Gullion DEA and Council's Community Services, Facilities & Events Section are partnering with Crossmaglen Library to provide an Open House from January 2023.
- In Crotlieve DEA an Open House will be commencing in Warrenpoint Town Hall from Wednesday 14 December 2022 from 10am – 1pm.
- Downpatrick DEA will host an Open House in Downpatrick Arts Centre each Monday morning from 9.30am-12.30am, beginning Monday 12 December 2022.
- Slieve Croob DEA Open House will happen in Dan Rice Hall, Drumaness each Friday, 10am-1pm from Friday 13 January 2023.

### Norbrook "We care at Christmas" Project

The Council is providing substantial practical support to the Norbrook We Care at Christmas project including:

Provision of transport each Friday to enable the distribution of 250 hot meals throughout the District.

Logistical support and some transport for older people attending Christmas Lunches in Norbrook on Friday 9 and Friday 16 December 2022.



Premises, staffing and transport in respect of the distribution of food and toy hampers on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 December 2022.

### **Health and Wellbeing Events**

The Council's Health and Well Being Section will be holding 2 information events as follows:-

- 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9am – 2pm (Newry Leisure Centre) to tie in with the Newry Open House.
  - 30<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 2pm (Arts Centre, Downpatrick) to tie in with Downpatrick Open House.
- The programme for the events aims to include information on affordable food, benefits, housing, home safety and advice services.

### **Keep Warm Packs**

The Council's Age Friendly Coordinator will be working with partner organisations in the Southern Trust area to deliver 650 Keep Warm Packs throughout the legacy Newry and Mourne part of the District.

### **Family Hardship Fund**

The Family Hardship Fund was delivered by County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) and Bolster Community on behalf of the Council from DfC Covid-19 2020/2021 underspend monies. The Family Hardship Fund was aimed at supporting and relieving the most vulnerable families in the run up to and during the cold weather season by providing funding of up to £200.00 per household for oil, bottled gas and coal FUEL ONLY.

Bolster Community and CDRCN identified families most in need of this type of assistance by working with their 'trusted partners' in the voluntary and statutory sector eg SHSCT, SEHSCT, Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down.

PLEASE NOTE. THIS FUND IS NOW CLOSED WITH NO FURTHER MONIES AVAILABLE FROM DfC.

### Coordination of information

The Council's Community Planning Section is working with the Strategic Stakeholder Forum to collate and coordinate information regarding initiatives in the Community and Voluntary Sector.

### Libraries: Tea and Newspapers.

Tea and Newspapers groups give adults the opportunity to meet new people, socialise and discuss local and national affairs in the newspapers while enjoying complimentary tea/coffee and biscuits

Newry City Library :	Every Monday 9:30am – 11:00am Every Wednesday 9:30am – 11:00am
Ballynahinch Library:	Every Wednesday 10:15am-12.00pm
Bessbrook Library:	Every Saturday 11:00am-1:00pm
Castlewellan Library:	Every Friday 2:00pm-3:00pm
Crossmaglen Library:	Every Saturday 10:30am – 1:45pm
Downpatrick Library:	Every Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm
Kilkeel Library:	TBC
Killyleagh Library:	Every Tuesday 11:00am – 12.30pm
Newcastle Library:	Every Wednesday 10:30am – 11:30am
Saintfield Library:	Every Saturday 10:00am – 12:30pm
Warrenpoint Library:	TBC

**BOLSTER:**

Day	Time	Location	Further Information	Contact (if available)
Monday	10.00-13.00	5-7 Marcus Street, Newry	<p>Must be pre-booked for meals.</p> <p>Free of charge</p> <p>Hot drinks, snacks and Lunch, activities, signposting access to computers</p> <p><b>Those on NIHE waiting lists or NIHE tenants only</b></p>	Joanne Carragher 02830835764
Wednesday	10.00-13.00	5-7 Marcus Street Newry	<p>Must be pre-booked for meals.</p> <p>Free of charge</p> <p>Hot drinks, snacks and Lunch, activities, signposting access to computers</p>	Joanne Carragher 02830835764
Thursday	10.00-13.00	5-7 Marcus Street Newry	<p>Must be pre-booked for meals.</p> <p>Free of charge</p> <p>Hot drinks, snacks and Lunch, activities, signposting access to computers</p> <p><b>Those on NIHE waiting lists or NIHE tenants only</b></p>	Joanne Carragher 02830835764

Name Of Organisation	Venue 1 - Venue and times	Days Available	Any other info	Venue 2 - Venue and times	Days Available2
Mind Your Mate and Yourself - MYMY	MYMY Charity Shop, 61 Main Street, Castlewellan. Thursday 11-1pm for Biccies, Books and Boardgames. Starting 24/11/22	Thursday			
Harry's Place CIC	Harry's Place CIC Thursday- Saturday 10am - 4pm Sunday 12pm - 5pm	Thursday;Friday;Saturday;Sunday;			
LIFE CHANG E	POP UP ART, 41 MARKET STREET, DOWNPATRICK, BT30 6LP	Monday ;Tuesday; Wednesday;	Creative therapy for those affected by mental illness, addiction, social isolation, suicidal ideations		
LIVES	10:00-15:00				
SERC	SERC's Downpatrick Campus Market Street Downpatrick Co Down	Friday;Thursday;Wednesday;Tuesday; Monday ;	The McNeill Room College Kitchen provides sandwiches, scones and hot food at a relatively low cost for our staff and students and is also open to the general public. Due to safeguarding, the only areas open to the general public are between the Downpatrick Campus 'Hair & Beauty' reception and The McNeill College Kitchen. However, students and staff can utilise		

Opening time -  
8.30am -  
10.30am -  
Monday to Friday

campus facilities during all normal opening times, even if they do not have timetabled classes.

Ballyhora nan Family Centre	8am-10pm	Monday ; Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursd ay; Friday; Saturday; Sunday;	Few things on throughout week so times change daily
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