

October 13th, 2023

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 16th October 2023 at 6:00 pm in Microsoft Teams & Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry.

Committee Membership 2023 - 2024

Councillor R Howell **Chairperson**

Councillor O Magennis **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor L Devlin

Councillor D Finn

Councillor A Finnegan

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor A Mathers

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor S O'Hare

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2023

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5.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report

For Decision

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6.0 Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report

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

7.0 Programme Delivery Partner – Indoor Leisure

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

[AHC - Public Tender - Indoor Leisure Programme Delivery Partner Final.pdf](#) Not included

[Appendix 1 Business Case - Programme Delivery Partner - Indoor Leisure \(003\).pdf](#) Not included

8.0 Report and Business Case for Bessbrook Community Centre

For Decision

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

[Report - Improvement Works to Bessbrook Community Centre.pdf](#) Not included

[Business case Internal works Bessbrook CC - 2023.pdf](#) Not included

[Appendix 1 - Proposed Plans Bessbrook.pdf](#) Not included

[Appendix 2 - Proposed Works and Estimated Costs Bessbrook.pdf](#) Not included

9.0 Report and Business case for Cloughreagh Community Centre

For Decision

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

Report -DDA Upgrade Works to Cloughreagh Community Centre.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
Business case for DDA upgrade works Cloughreagh- 2023.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
Appendix 1 - Cost Estimate - Cloughreagh.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
Appendix 2 - Proposed Plans - Cloughreagh.pdf	<i>Not included</i>

10.0 DfC - Living High Street Funding

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

Appendix 2 to follow

AHC - DFC Living High Street Funding.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
Appendix 1 Dunleath Skatepark and Pump Track Business Case.pdf	<i>Not included</i>

11.0 Provision of Swimming Pool Maintenance and Servicing Provisions

AHC - Swimming Pool Plant Servicing and Maintenance.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
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FOR NOTING Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

12.0 Warrenpoint Health and Wellbeing Hub Governance Documents

For Information

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

📄 *Report -Warrenpoint Health and Wellbeing Hub AHC210823.pdf* *Not included*

📄 *Appendix 1 Warrenpoint Health and Wellbeing Hub Governance Document.pdf* *Not included*

For Noting - Community Engagement

13.0 PEACE IV Report

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📄 *PEACE IV Report AHC October 2023.pdf* *Page 52*

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14.0 Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report

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15.0 Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report

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📄 *PCSP Report for October AHC meeting.pdf* *Page 71*

📄 *FINAL PCSP Policing Committee Minutes 25 July 2023.pdf* *Page 73*

16.0 District Council Good Relations Programme Reduced Budget

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17.0 Leasing of Council Land and Facilities - Expressions of Interest Killough & St Anne's Park

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

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/083/2023	Community Trails Update	It was agreed that AHC Committee: • Consider Outdoor Recreation NI's (ORNI) presentation on the 2022/23 SLA. • Agree Community Trail Development Priorities as per appendix 1 of the officer's report. • Agree the NMDDC Beach Access Framework as per appendix 2 of the officers report. • Agree the Review of Sea Swimming at Newcastle Harbour as per appendix 3 of the officer's report. It was agreed that a report would be brought back to Council to consider the feedback from the report including: • That a Task and Finish Group for Newcastle Harbour be established to include DEA Councillors from the area, local businesses and stakeholders to take the masterplan forward as a matter of priority. • That provision be made for a lifeguard at the Newcastle pier in the summer period during times of high tide within the estimates and that requests be forwarded to the ERT Directorate.	P Tamati	Ongoing	N

AHC/103/2023	Action sheet Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 August 2023	The action sheet from the Committee Meeting held on 21 August 2023 was noted. <i>AHC/100/2023 – Letter of Offer, Area of Risk 2023/24</i> It was agreed that Mrs Robb would provide detail regarding programmes within Bessbrook and Crossmaglen and would meet with Councillor Finnegan to discuss the matter of consultation with the communities.	All A Robb	Noted Further response issued to Councillor Finnegan 29/9/23	 Y
AHC/104/2023	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the update report on the DEA Forums.	A Robb	All DEA Actions being actioned accordingly	Y
AHC/105/2023	Community Coordination Hub Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on 16 August 2023. 	A Robb	All CCH actions being actioned accordingly	Y
AHC/106/2023	PEACE IV Local Action Plan	It was agreed to note the report and the Minutes of Peace IV Partnership Meeting 23 March 2023.	A Robb	Noted	Y

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/107/2023	Kilkeel Leisure Centre	It was agreed to note the officer's report and that management were continuing to address service continuity issues at Kilkeel Leisure Centre.	P Tamati	Noted	Y

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2023
Subject:	Notice of Motion: Homelessness
Reporting Officer:	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
Contact Officers:	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development Alan Beggs, Head of Evidence & Research

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

For decision	For noting only	x
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To report on the issues raised in the motion outlined below.</p>	
1.2	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>At the Council Meeting on 7 August 2023 the following motion was received from Councillor Truesdale:</p> <p>“That this Council notes that the number of households with homelessness status on the social housing waiting list across NI has increased from 9,878 to 26,310 households in the last ten years, an increase of 166%; notes the enormous strain the homelessness system is under with the number of households in temporary accommodation at unprecedented levels; agrees that this Council has a role to play in preventing homelessness in this district alongside other organisations and bodies in the Public, Statutory and Voluntary sectors; calls on this Council to assess how it contributes to homelessness prevention through carrying out an audit of its services and requests that Officers bring back a report detailing the homelessness prevention work currently supported as well as how the Council’s community planning function can further support homelessness prevention work in the local area.”</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Councillor McMurray, and it was agreed the motion be referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee in accordance with Standing Orders.</p>	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	<p><u>Homelessness</u></p> <p>The Housing Executive (NIHE) became responsible for addressing homelessness in Northern Ireland in 1989. In 2010 a legislative duty was placed on NIHE by the Housing (Amendment) Act (NI) 2010 to formulate and publish a strategy for homelessness.</p> <p>In March 2022 NIHE published Ending Homelessness Together – Homelessness Strategy 2022-27. This Strategy reflected the continued need for NIHE to work with partners to address the varied and complex factors that lead to homelessness, many of which extend beyond the provision of accommodation.</p>	

	<p>The aim of the Strategy is that: “Wherever possible homelessness should be prevented; but if homelessness cannot be prevented it should be rare, brief and non-recurring”.</p> <p>The Strategy is supported by three key objectives each with priority actions that are reviewed on an annual basis. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise homelessness prevention; • Address homelessness by providing settled, appropriate accommodation and support; • Support customers to transition from homelessness into settled accommodation. <p><u>2.2 Community Planning Function</u></p> <p>Council’s Community Plan 2030 – Living Well Together is the overarching Strategic Plan for the District and provides the framework for the other strategies and plans Council puts in place to contribute to the outcomes in the Plan itself.</p> <p>The Plan recognises the need for accommodation to meet a range of need, particularly social housing need, across the District.</p> <p>One of the outcomes within the Community Plan is that all people in the District benefit from a clean, quality and sustainable environment. An associated indicator measured to show progress against this outcome is the level of quality housing. The corresponding measures are the quality of social housing, housing need, level of mixed tenure developments and level of affordable housing.</p> <p>Actions to address the indicators are delivered through District Wide Delivery Plans taken forward by, in this instance, the Thematic Working Group for Environment and Spatial Development. There is a separate Priority Working Group to look at Housing Needs and the Housing Need Action Plan is attached for information at Appendix 1.</p> <p>By way of context, the Community Planning team hosted a Housing Needs Symposium in 2018, which led to the CPP hosting a full Housing Needs Conference in 2019. Following on from the conference in 2019, the Housing Need Action Plan was produced. In order to assess progress and to see if the priorities for housing had changed the Community Planning Partners held a follow up conference in November 2021. The Housing Needs Priority Working Group oversees this Action Plan and is chaired by NIHE.</p> <p>The Community Partnership Board is supported by a joint officer working group and a Strategic Stakeholder Forum.</p> <p>Housing within the District is therefore integral to Council’s Community Plan.</p> <p>A Review of Community Planning was undertaken in 2020 and consideration is currently being given as to how best this can be consulted on and implemented.</p>
<p><u>2.3</u></p>	<p><u>Homelessness Prevention Work Currently Supported</u></p> <p>PCSP – whilst there is a significant body of PCSP work focusing on early intervention and prevention there has not been a specific focus on homelessness prevention primarily because statutory responsibility sits with NIHE. However, the Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager sits on the Steering Group of the Welcome Organisation (a</p>

homelessness charity) which carried out a Street Needs Audit in March 2023 to determine the number of rough sleepers in Newry. This Officer also chairs the Community Support Partnership for the District which is a multi-agency group (which includes PSNI, NIHE, NIFRS, HSCT and voluntary partners) who seek to support very vulnerable adults, who are often known to multiple statutory agencies. This group has supported several adults to sustain tenancies and avoid becoming homeless with referrals made to the Partnership by the member agencies. Updates on this work are included within the PCSP Officer Report for the Partnership meetings.

DEA Co-ordinators – a number of Officers are involved in homelessness prevention work including:

- *Attendance at Housing Advisory Panel Meetings quarterly to support allocation and new tenant engagement;
- *Support to the bi-annual NIHE rough sleeper review in Newry, Mourne and Down District;
- *Engage rough sleepers through SVP and Newry Larder in relation to accessing services such as GP and Housing;
- *Work with Housing Associations eg. Clanmil and Choice including supporting social housing projects, undertaking joint events including refugee meet and greet events, youth club drops ins and one off events.

Ethnic Minority Support Service – works with people who are at risk of homelessness or have become homeless. It includes both prevention and intervention work with individuals and referrals to partner organisations such as NIHE and Community Advice. Statistically, this team has around 3 cases a month where it is directly involved with homeless individuals.

In 2022-23 this Service took part in the Homelessness Prevention Community Navigation project managed by Bolster Community. Through the project, 52 families (103 individuals) were supported, and this resulted in: maintained tenancy, being financially better off, improved wellbeing, improved physical health and improved community engagement. Such outcomes were possible due to the unique partnership working with the Ethnic Minority Support Centre. BAME families at risk of homelessness were supported with advocacy, eg. Landlord liaison, benefit checks, setting up Universal Credit accounts and help with accessing services.

Council Officers attend the South Down Area Homelessness Local Area Group. This Group is a multiagency forum with membership from across statutory partners and the community/voluntary sector partners. The Group facilitates a coordinated response to the issues surrounding homeless in the District as well as overseeing the implementation of the South Down Interagency Homelessness Action Plan.

The South Down Interagency Homelessness Action Plan 2022-2027 includes 11 actions under 3 objectives aligned to the NIHE Homelessness Strategy 2022-2027, 'Ending Homeless Together':

1. Prioritise Homelessness Prevention;

	<p>2. Address homelessness by providing settled, appropriate accommodation and support; and</p> <p>3. Support customers to transition from homelessness into settled accommodation.</p> <p>In summary Council currently works through its Community Planning function, DEA structures and Ethnic Minority Support Service with partners in the statutory, community, voluntary and charitable sectors to address housing and homelessness issues.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the contents of this report and consider inviting NIHE to present on the issue of Homelessness to Council in due course.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></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><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></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><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></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>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
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"/>
7.0	Appendices
	Newry, Mourne and Down Housing Need Action Plan
8.0	Background Documents
	None.

Action Plan

- ▶ Assess local demand through review and interrogation of Waiting Lists, Latent Demand Testing and DEA Housing Action Plans.
- ▶ Examine new opportunities for mixed use development to include town centre housing solutions.
- ▶ Identify suitable public land for housing in the district.
- ▶ Promote improved understanding of housing need in an inclusive society.
- ▶ Promote mixed tenure developments.
- ▶ Consider the issue of Developer Contributions within the Local Development Plan.
- ▶ Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Review Common Selection Scheme.
- ▶ Implement Homelessness Action Plan.
- ▶ Identify the impact and plan for the end of mitigation of 'bedroom tax'.
- ▶ Support local poverty relief initiatives eg food banks.
- ▶ Ensure all partners are actively engaged with the NMD Age-Friendly Strategy and that the local seniors forums are engaged and contribute to the development of sustainable housing policies.
- ▶ Consider housing options for those who need more complex housing requirements, and research best practice solutions.

Next Steps

As a result of the Housing Needs Conference a sub-group will be set up. The sub-group will focus on the agreed priorities and aim to deliver the actions identified in this document. Members of the sub-group will include Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, South Eastern and Southern Health and Social Care Trusts, Department for Communities and Housing Associations.

The sub-group will report regularly on progress to the 'Living Well Together' Community Planning Partnership Board.

For more information contact communityplanning@nmandd.org or keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates [@nmdcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/nmdcouncil)

A copy of this report can be found www.newrymouredown.org/living-well-together

Newry, Mourne and Down

Housing Need Action Plan



Introduction

Access to quality, affordable housing is fundamental to the positive health and wellbeing of all our citizens. Addressing housing need in Newry, Mourne and Down has been identified as a key priority of our 'Living Well Together' Community Plan.

A major Housing Needs Conference was held at the Canal Court, Newry in February 2019. The event was attended by representatives from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, housing associations, independent property developers, the community and voluntary sector and statutory bodies. All delegates met with local Councillors, MLAs and MPs.

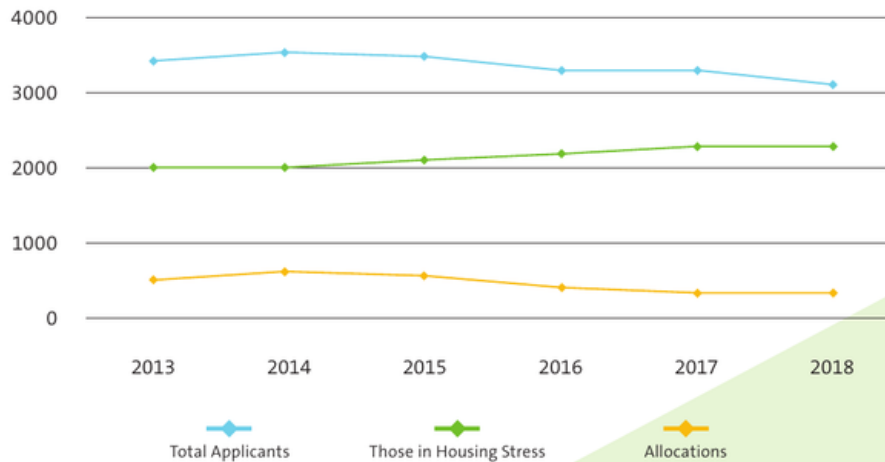
The aim of the conference was to review the scope and nature of housing need, current work and to identify future areas of focus to improve access to social housing in Newry, Mourne and Down district.

Through partnership working across agencies, a sub-group will be set up and an action plan will be developed to address the housing need issues and improve access to social and affordable housing in the district.

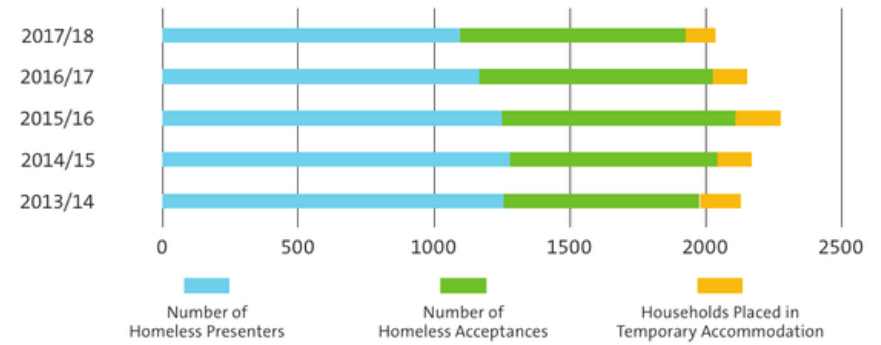
The Local Development Plan (LDP) will also provide a 15-year framework to support the social and economic needs of the district and aligns with the Community Plan outcomes.

Background

Social Housing Waiting List Trends in Newry, Mourne and Down District from 2013 – 2018



Homeless Figures in Newry, Mourne and Down District from 2013 – 2018



Housing Need and Land Availability in Newry, Mourne and Down District from 2012 – 2030

Housing Need

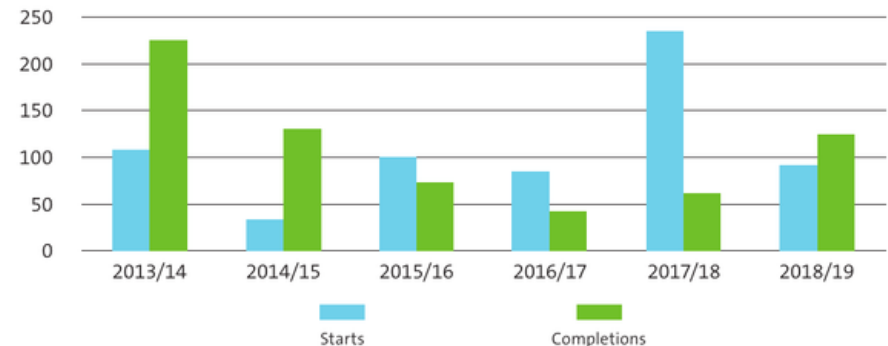
Housing Growth Indicators* (HGI) aligned to LDP Period 2012-2030 | 15,092

Available Housing Land (Housing Monitor April 2016)

	Area Remaining (Hectares)	Remaining Potential (Units)
Zoned/Approved Housing Sites	635	13,418
Estimated Provision Through Rural Planning Policy	N/A	3,532
Units Completed (2012-2016)	N/A	1,115
Total Potential Housing within the District up to 2030	N/A	18,065

*The Department for Infrastructure published revised HGIs in April 2016 which provide an estimate of the new dwelling requirement for the region from 2012-2025. Currently these HGIs are under review.

New Build Starts and Completions in Newry, Mourne and Down District from 2013-2019



Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2023
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manger Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</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>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 20 September 2023. ➤ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 26 September 2023. ➤ Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2023. ➤ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2023. ➤ The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 3 October 2023. ➤ Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 2023. ➤ Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 11 October 2023.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)

5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</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>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</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>Proposal initiating consultation</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>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</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>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs. Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting, 20 September 2023. Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting, 26 September 2023. Appendix 4: Action Sheet of Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting, 27 September 2023. Appendix 5: Action Sheet of Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting, 28 September 2023. Appendix 6: Action Sheet of The Mournes DEA Forum Meeting, 3 October 2023.</p>

	Appendix 7: Action Sheet of Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting, 10 October 2023. Appendix 8: Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Meeting 11 October 2023.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Appendix 1

Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs

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

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

Level of Health Status:

To mark World Suicide Prevention Day, The Mournes and Slieve Croob DEAs, in partnership with County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN), hosted several events throughout September. A Walk for Life event was held in Mountpanther on Saturday 2nd September 2023. Over 400 people attended the event.

On Wednesday 6th September 2023 an older persons Tea Dance was held in the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle. Over 100 were in attendance and had the opportunity to receive information from several agencies including Crime Prevention and Home Safety. Other programmes included Vital Nutrition Good Mood Foods, Water Therapy Talk, Online Mental Health First Aid, Sunrise Swim and CHI By The Sea.

In partnership with CDRCN, Rowallane DEA hosted a Coffee and Connect event in Harry's Place, Ballynahinch, on Thursday 7th September 2023. A variety of agencies including Suicide Down to Zero, Papyrus, Ballynahinch Counselling and GP Multi-Disciplinary Teams were in attendance to provide information on sources of help and support. In addition, attendees were able to participate in craft making activities with an autumnal theme.

In collaboration with Newry Menopause Café, Newry DEA continue to support peer led support groups for people effected by Menopause. During this month and ongoing we continue to make an effort to welcome those hard to reach people, particularly those from ethnic minority communities.

The Mournes and Slieve Croob DEAs collaborated with CDRCN, ARK, Arbour, Clanmill Housing Associations and NIHE to deliver a tailor made week long sporting programme for children with ADHD & ASD. The camp was attended by over 40 young people.

Slieve Gullion DEA supported the SH&SCT Promoting Wellbeing Team to host a Cancer Support Coffee Evening - South Armagh has high levels of cancer diagnosis rates but no specific cancer support group. The coffee evening was a method of engaging with the local community to identify the appetite for a group to be established and help understand what the needs are within the local area.

In collaboration with St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club, Slieve Gullion DEA are planning a number of activities for young people in the winter months, including an Outreach programme in Silverbridge, Halloween activities, and an arts-based programme to design and paint a bus shelter in South Armagh. In addition, alongside Education Authority youth workers, Slieve Gullion DEA and the Council's Health Inequalities team, a South Armagh football league programme is being rolled out. Teams from across South Armagh area will be transported to Killeavy every Friday night for 10 weeks in the winter months where they will complete in a football league. The teams will also take part in off pitch health-based activities.

The Autism Reality Experience will be hosted by Crotlieve DEA on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at Warrenpoint Town Hall. The event is now booked out. The SH&SCT are working with the DEA as a partner to the event and attendees will be provided with additional information following their training. The event targeted the carers of those with Autism.

Crotlieve DEA is hosting its Annual Afternoon Tea Dance on Tuesday 17th October 2023 in Warrenpoint Town Hall. The event brings older persons from all over Crotlieve together for an afternoon of food and dancing to live music. The gentleman choir of U3A will also perform and a range of agencies will be in attendance to provide information and support.

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

Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:

Newry DEA in collaboration with Greater Linen Hall Area Community Association and Clanrye Regener8 Group, very kindly sponsored by Newry BID and JP Corry, have been working together to create a more vibrant and welcoming space at the Greater Linen Hall Playpark. Young people from the area have been designing a mural for the space as well as a fantastic uplift and repaint of the perimeter walls. Regener8 Group volunteers continue to offer their time and effort to support community-based projects.

As part of its Shared Schools Programme, Downpatrick DEA provided an Irish History Day for pupils from Down High School and St Patrick's Grammar School. As well as visiting the Peace Walls in Belfast, students experienced a tour of the Crumlin Road Gaol and learnt about the history of the premises.

Downpatrick DEA has been working closely with, and supporting, the Ardglass Festival Committee for the delivery of a culture programme to some students within St Nicholas' Primary School. These students learned about different cultures within their environment and how to play and live together. They also helped with the design of a cultural mural to be erected in the Quay Street Play Park, Ardglass.

Downpatrick and Slieve Croob DEAs collaborated to host a Viking experience for young people as part of Good Relations Week in September 2023. Downpatrick and Ballynahinch Primary Schools stepped back in time and learned about the Dark Ages in Ireland. Young people enjoyed watching Vikings cook traditional foods from the era, visit the textile worker and the herbalist, tried their hands at longbow archery and axe throwing as well as many more ancient crafts and skills.

Slieve Gullion DEA celebrated Good Relations Week 2023 – the theme of which was 'Together' - including on Monday 18th September working alongside the Education Authority Youth Service to have a Celebration of Culture Event in Newtownhamilton. Young people and their families came along to celebrate different cultures in Newtownhamilton through music, laughter and fun. In conjunction with South Armagh Rural Women's Network (SARWN) over 60 women came together from both the SARWN and REACT (Reconciliation, Education and Community Training) groups in Crossmaglen to celebrate good relations in the South Armagh area. The day included demonstrations of a wide range of talents of SARWN members including Carrickmacross Lace, crochet, patchwork, art, and numerous crafts.

Slieve Gullion DEA held a very successful Good Relations Funding Fair - Celebrating Togetherness. The community, sports and voluntary groups in the area were provided with funding advice from a range of bodies including The Executive Office, The Department for Foreign Affairs, NI Community Relations Council, The National Lottery, the Arts Council and many more.

The Mournes DEA continues to link with statutory agencies and the Council's Social Inclusion Officer to provide support and opportunities for engagement for asylum seekers recently accommodated in the area.

Level of Personal Safety and Crime:

In partnership with the NI Fire and Rescue Service, Drive Techniques Driving School, New Drive NI and the PSNI, the Downpatrick DEA rolled out their Young Drivers Initiative at Bishopscourt Racing Circuit. Twenty-six pupils from the De La Salle Secondary School took part and availed of vital information on keeping safe on the roads, insurance requirements, penalty points, etc and basic car maintenance.

The Mournes and Slieve Croob DEAs, in partnership with CDRCN and a range of other support agencies, delivered a disco event for young people. The aim of the event was to help signpost young people to support agencies to help reduce isolation, loneliness, and raise awareness about suicide prevention.

Slieve Gullion DEA have organised some Safeguarding Training and First Aid Training for community groups in the Crossmaglen area.

Crotlieve DEA is working in partnership with the Education Authority, Community Services and Safer Warrenpoint to deliver a safe Halloween event in the Warrenpoint area this Halloween.

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Level of Educational Wellbeing:

Four youth drop-in events took place in Saintfield, Crossgar, Killyleagh and Ballynahinch in July/August to engage with young people and assess their needs for youth provision. These events were held in partnership with Choice/Clanmil Housing, Education Authority, PCSP and Rowallane DEA. Those who came along engaged in drumming circles, multi-sport activities and the PSNI Gaming Van. During the event participants were consulted on needs for young people in their area with a view to developing projects to bridge the identified gaps.

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**Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 18.00 pm in The Boardroom Warrenpoint Town Hall**

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/16/2023	Welcome and Apologies	Attendees introduced themselves and were provided with an Induction Pack with the following: DEA Forum Members Code of Conduct DEA Fora TOR & Operating Protocol DEA Parameters Document	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/17/2023	Declaration of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/18/2023	Election of Chair and Vice Chair.	It was proposed by Councillor Mark Gibbons and seconded by Councillor Declan McAteer that Councillor Michael Ruane be elected as Chairperson of Crotlieve DEA Forum. It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ruane and seconded by Councillor Declan McAteer that Councillor Mark Gibbons be elected as Vice-chairperson of Crotlieve DEA Forum.	COMPLETED.

DEA/C/19/2023	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held March 2023.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Mark Gibbons and seconded by Councillor Declan McAteer.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/20/2023	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	Update from DEA Co-ordinator Ms S Keenan on projects and programmes that had taken place from the date of the last meeting including Good Relations programmes, summer programmes and partnership working with Council's Community Facilities and Services and Education Authority.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/21/2023	Update from Community Safety and Good Relations.	Update provided by Ms S Creaney on the following: Rapid Bins/Speed Indicator Devices/ Drug and Alcohol Projects.	COMPLETED. Contact details provided for members to forward project ideas / community issues to PCSP.
DEA/C/22/2023	Update from Community Facilities.	Update provided by Ms M McKeown on the following: Health and Wellbeing Hub for Warrenpoint/16 The Square Rostrevor/ Halloween Activities.	COMPLETED.

DEA/C/23/2023	Action Plan Update/New Projects.	DEA Forum Action Plan was distributed and explained within the context of the NMD Community Plan. Members have been asked to review for updating. Upcoming projects agreed by Forum Members along with associated budget.	DEA Co-ordinator to continue with delivery and implementation.
DEA/C/24/2023	Update from Education Authority.	Presentation provided by Ms C Crawford and Ms M Larkin on Education Authority Youth Service work in Crotlieve DEA.	COMPLETED. Contact details provided for members to make direct contact.
DEA/C/25/2023	Update from Promoting Wellbeing Team SHSCT.	Presentation from Ms D Magill on the work of the Promoting Wellbeing Team in Newry and Mourne Area.	COMPLETED. Contact details provided for members to make direct contact.
DEA/C/26/2023	Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.	Document circulated for noting from Mr B Rankin Head of Sustainability.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/27/2023	Date of next meeting.	The next meeting date: 14 th November 2023 at 6pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall. It was agreed meetings in future would be in person and on Tuesdays at 6pm.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward Agenda and papers in advance.

The meeting ended at: 19:30 pm

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 4.15pm in Dan Rice Hall, Drumaness**

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Chairperson:	Councillor Alan Lewis
In Attendance:	Councillor Jim Brennan Councillor Andrew McMurray Councillor Siobhan O'Hare
Independent Members:	Kenny Baxter, Frontier Support Network Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) Richie Shilliday, Dundrum Village Association, Dundrum Cricket Club, RIOT Community Hub
Council Officials:	Rosie Daly, Community Facilities Manager Gail Kane, Head of Facilities Management Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Andrew Sweeney, Facilities Coordinator
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Roisin Howell Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SC/2/2023	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SC/3/2023	Matters arising from Action Sheet of meeting held on 28 th February 2023	Action Sheet from 28 th February 2023 was adopted as a true record.	Proposed by Councillor McMurray. Seconded by Councillor Brennan.
DEA/SC/4/2023	Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair	On the PROPOSAL of Councillor McMurray and SECONDED by Councillor O'Hare agreed Councillor Lewis as Chairperson. On the PROPOSAL of Councillor O'Hare and SECONDED by Councillor McMurray agreed Councillor Brennan as Vice-Chairperson.	Noted.
DEA/SC/5/2023	Meeting Schedule 2023 – 2024	Dates and times agreed.	Noted.
DEA/SC/6/2023	Community Facilities Update	Community Facilities Manager informed the meeting of the following: - Dan Rice Hall windows refurbishment commenced. - Planning permission approved for 3G net installation at Castlewellan Community Centre. - Programmes will be implemented in Ballykinler Community Centre and Dan Rice Hall over Halloween. Community Facilities Manager to update Forum on progress of repairing lock at Dan Rice Hall.	Noted. Noted. Noted. Community Facilities Manager.

DEA/SC/7/2023	Update on Development of Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy	Update on Development of Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.	Noted.
DEA/SC/8/2023	Emerging Issues: Castlewellan Fair Castlewellan Parking	Recommended to host an annual Fair in Castlewellan. Organise a special meeting on 1 st November 2023 to discuss enhancement of Castlewellan Fair. Invite Duty Manager (Off-Street Car Parking) and DfI representative to next Slieve Croob DEA Forum meeting to discuss parking issues in Castlewellan.	All members. DEA Coordinator. DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/9/2023	Action Plan Proposal 2023 - 2024	Forum members unanimously approved proposed Action Plan 2023/2024 and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/10/2023	Date and time of next meetings	Special meeting scheduled to take place on 1 st November and next DEA Forum meeting scheduled on 12 th December 2023.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at: 5.46pm

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**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Wednesday 27th September 2023 in The Mill Room, Ballynahinch Community Centre, at 11.30 a.m.**

Chairperson: Councillor Andrews

In Attendance: Councillor Lee-Surginor
Councillor Bowsie
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Kelly

Independent Members: Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective
Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network
Robert Burgess, Rowallane & Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show,
Saintfield Community Estates

Statutory Partners: None

Council Officials: Ellen Brennan, DEA Co-Ordinator
Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager
Suzanne Rice, Corporate Policy & Equality Officer
Joseph Deegan, Community Services Manager (East)

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer
Lise Curran, County Down Rural Community Network
Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/01/02/2023	Declaration of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	No declarations of interest.
DEA/ROW01/03/2023	Action Sheet of meeting held on 14 th March 2023	On the proposal of Councillor Bowsie and seconded by Richard Orme it was recommended that the action sheet from 14 th March 2023 be approved as a true record.	Agreed.
DEA/ROW/01/04/2023	Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson	<p>It was proposed by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Bowsie, that Councillor Andrews be appointed as Chairperson.</p> <p>On the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor and seconded by Councillor Andrews, Councillor Kelly was appointed as Vice Chairperson.</p> <p>Agreed a rota for the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair based on 2023 Election outcome with the amendment that the SDLP take the Chair in year 1 with the DUP taking the Chair in year 3.</p>	<p>Councillor Andrews Elected as Chairperson and Councillor Kelly as Vice Chairperson.</p> <p>Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to be rotated over the 4 years as agreed.</p>
DEA/ROW/01/05/2023	DEA Coordinator's Report and update on Action Plan	Members approved and noted the contents of the DEA Coordinator's report.	Agreed.
DEA/ROW/01/06/2023	Town and Village Signage	The Corporate Policy & Equality Officer outlined the options for signage in tier 1 and 2 settlements and stressed that budget had not yet been allocated.	The Corporate Policy & Equality Officer noted the preferred option of number 2.

		Following discussion, the majority of members felt option 2 was the most appropriate option for the Rowallane area.	
DEA/ROW/01/07/2023	Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy	Read: Information regarding Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/01/08/2023	Resident Parking in Langley Road Estate	<p>The DEA Coordinator outlined concerns which had been raised regarding parking in Langley Road. Following discussion, it was recommended that the Forum would continue to work in partnership with the various agencies to encourage a solution to be found.</p> <p>In addition, agreed to ask DfI to consider the placing of speed ramps and to request PSNI to carry out speed checks at the location.</p>	<p>It was recommended that the Forum would continue to work in partnership with the various agencies to encourage a solution to be found.</p> <p>In addition, agreed to ask DfI to consider the placing of speed ramps and to request PSNI to carry out speed checks at the location.</p>
DEA/ROW/01/09/2023	Independent Member vacancies	<p>The Engagement & Development Manager advised should the Forum identify gaps in membership from specific sectors it could seek to fill vacant Independent Member positions by targeting groups within these sectors. Any nominees would be required to meet the criteria as set out in the Terms of Reference for DEA Forums.</p> <p>Agreed to consider targeting possible nominees for groups representing Young People and Older people.</p>	DEA Coordinator to identify suitable groups/networks representing Young People and Older People in the Rowallane area to seek possible nominations.

DEA/ROW/01/10/2023	Update from Community Facilities	The Community Facilities Manager (East) outlined the proposed works and time frame for improvements to the Ballynahinch Community Centre. In addition, he outlined the current position regarding the Lease of the Market House to Harry's place and the DEA Office within the building. A number of upcoming events were presented to members such as a Halloween event with the newly formed Saintfield Youth Club.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/01/11/2023	Date of Next Meeting	The date of the next meeting will be 27 th October 2023 at 4.00 p.m.	Noted.

The meeting concluded at 12.45 p.m.

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**Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 3.30pm in Newry Leisure Centre**

Chairperson:	Councillor Gerladine Kearns
In Attendance:	Councillor Aidan Mathers Councillor Valerie Harte Councillor Doire Finn
Independent Members:	Laurence Bradley, Confederation of Community Groups Eamonn Connolly, Newry Business Improvement District Colin Hanna, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network
Statutory Partners:	Niall Fitzpatrick, NIHE Deirdre Magill, Southern Health and Social Care Trust Promoting Wellbeing Team Sgt Warren Roberts, PSNI Const Jack Graham, PSNI Declan Murray, Area Learning Group/St Joseph's High School Maureen O'Gorman, Education Authority Youth Service
Others in Attendance:	None
Council Officials:	Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer Laura Sage, Community Facilities Manager
Apologies:	Noreen Rice, Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Thelma Thompson, Altnaveigh House Ltd Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager Councillor Cathal King Councillor Michael Savage

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2023/1	Declaration of Interest	No declarations made.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2023/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 9 th February 2023	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2023/3	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator's update report given.	Noted.
DEA/N/2023/4	PCSP Update	Update reported by PCSP Officer. Information on upcoming initiatives to be circulated via DEA Coordinator.	Noted.
DEA/N/2023/5	Community Facilities Update	Update reported by Community Facilities Manager. Follow up query regarding recording of facility use and how this is monitored.	Community Facilities Manager to report back.
DEA/N/2023/6	Open House	Agreed to consider further funding option including additional staff resources from partner agencies with a view to returning to Open House in November 2023 to the end of financial year.	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2023/7	Play Strategy	Members requested update on the Play Strategy in relation to scope, timeline etc.	Information to be sought from appropriate Council department.

DEA/N/2023/10	Pride of Place Awards	<p>DEA Coordinator gave an update on the Pride of Place Awards Ceremony to be held in Armagh on 10 November 2023.</p> <p>Agreed DEA Coordinator to investigate obtaining additional tickets for Clanrye Group as the proximity of the venue would save on accommodation and transport costs.</p>	DEA Coordinator to action.
DEA/N/2023/11	Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy	Update from Head of Sustainability on Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy (copy circulated).	Noted.
DEA/N/2023/12	Health in the City	Eamonn Connolly gave an update on the upcoming events for Health in the City Month.	Noted.
DEA/N/2023/13	Neighbourhood Renewal Health Update	Dierdre Magill, SHSCT, provided an update on the programme of activity currently available through the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Health Programme. This included details in relation to Dementia Bus Experience, SHSCT Consultations, and health promotional services within SHSCT.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 4.20pm

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**Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 4.00pm in Kilkeel Leisure Centre**

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Chairperson:	Councillor Leeanne McEvoy
In Attendance:	Councillor Laura Devlin Councillor William Clarke Councillor Jill Truesdale Councillor Henry Reilly Councillor Glenn Hanna
Independent Members:	Claire Sheils, County Down Rural Community Network Lloyd Douglas, Frontier Support Network
Statutory Partners:	Annie Clarke, SHCST
Others in Attendance:	None
Council Officials:	Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator, The Mournes Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager
Apologies:	Councillor Michael Rice Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Kenny Gracey, PSNI Jacquelin Urey, PCSP Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
MOU/2023/1	Welcome/Introductions	Welcome to all new members by Cllr. Reilly.	Noted.
MOU/2023/2	Declarations of Interest	None made.	Noted.
MOU/2023/3	Action Sheet 28 March 2023	Brief update and overview of the actions from the previous Forum meeting was given.	Noted.
MOU/2023/4	Election of Chair	Cllr. McEvoy proposed by Councillor Hanna and seconded by Cllr. Devlin. Cllr. McEvoy elected as Chair.	Noted.
MOU/2023/5	Election of Vice Chair	Cllr. Hanna proposed by Cllr. McEvoy and seconded by Cllr Devlin. Cllr. Hanna elected as Vice Chair.	Noted.
MOU/2023/6	DEA Coordinator's Update	DEA Coordinator provided an update on proposed programmes and initiatives for 2023.	Noted.
MOU/2023/7	Town & Village Signage	Forum to consult with other Forum members and forward on consensus to DEA Coordinator. Noted that Corporate Policy section had agreed to provide update to next meeting.	Noted.
MOU/2023/8	Kilkeel River	Kilkeel River site meeting to be added to next agenda and update provided.	Agreed to request update from Head of Sustainability and Environment regarding site meeting at Kilkeel River.

MOU/2023/9	Newcastle Leisure Centre Update	Update on progress of Newcastle Leisure Centre requested.	Facilities update meeting to be rescheduled.
MOU/2023/10	Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy	Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy Document to be forwarded to members.	DEA Coordinator to forward document to Forum members.
MOU/2023/11	Kilkeel ASB Issues	PSNI to be invited to next meeting for update.	DEA Coordinator to action.
MOU/2023/12	Community Support in Mournes	Claire Sheils provided information regarding the work of CDRCN including Community Support in legacy Newry and Mourne area and Health Development in legacy Down area. CDRCN details to be forwarded to Forum.	DEA Coordinator to action.
MOU/2023/13	Kilkeel Recycling Centre	Concern was expressed about confusion in respect of the use of the Kilkeel Household Recycling Centre by vans/trailers.	DEA Coordinator to link with relevant Council department to seek clarification regarding booking procedures and to request additional publicity for same.
MOU/2023/14	Donard Car Park	Concern was expressed regarding the lack of coach parking at Donard Park and regarding use of the Camper Van spaces at Castle Park by cars. Agreed to contact Tourism section to seek an update on the proposed charging strategy and how this would impact on the identified problems.	DEA Coordinator to contact Tourism section.
MOU/2023/15	Housing Development at Lower Square Kilkeel	Agreed to seek clarification regarding Planning Permission for housing development adjacent to the Lower Square Car Park in Kilkeel and any impact on publicly available spaces at the location.	DEA Coordinator to contact Planning.

MOU/2022/16	Date of Next Meeting	Forum agreed to alternate between face to face and Teams meetings. The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 28 th November 2023.	Noted.
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The meeting ended at: 5:07pm

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 7.00pm in Crossmaglen Community Centre**

Chairperson:	Councillor Declan Murphy (Chair)
In Attendance:	Councillor Aine Quinn Councillor David Taylor Councillor Mickey Larkin
Independent Members:	Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network
Statutory Partners:	Insp Adam Corner, PSNI Sgt John Gunning, PSNI
Council Officials:	Claire Loughran, DEA Coordinator Slieve Gullion Therese Hamill, ANOB Officer Briega Boyle, Community Services, Facilities & Events Aisling Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Aoife Finnegan Councillor Oonagh Magennis Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Deirdre Magill, SHSCT Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	<p>On the proposal of Cllr A Quinn, seconded by Cllr M Larkin it was agreed that Cllr D Murphy be elected as Chairperson of Slieve Gullion DEA Forum.</p> <p>On the proposal of Cllr D Murphy, seconded by Cllr A Quinn it was agreed that Cllr D Taylor be elected as Vice-chairperson of Slieve Gullion DEA Forum.</p>	Noted.
DEA/SG/2/2023	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SG/3/2023	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 4 th April 2023	South Armagh Business Improvement Group were invited to attend Forum meeting however they felt unready to present and have requested to postpone attending the meeting. Invitation remains open for group to contact DEA Coordinator when they are ready.	It was agreed that this item can be removed from Action Sheet, the group will engage when they are in a position to attend.
DEA/SG/4/2023	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator advised members that following Independent Member recruitment, Slieve Gullion DEA Forum has appointed 5 Independent Members, a further 3 spaces are vacant. Should the Forum identify gaps in certain sectors, it could seek to fill spaces by targeting groups within these sectors. Any nominations would be required to meet the criteria as set out in the Terms of Reference for DEA Forums.	An item should be included on the agenda for the next Forum meeting for members to bring forward suggested categories of underrepresented groups on the Forum.

		<p>Following Good Relations funding fair Gavin King from The Executive Office (TEO) has requested to attend the next DEA meeting. TEO feel that the DEA model helps to build positive relations locally.</p>	<p>Invitation should be extended to Gavin King (TEO) to next meeting to discuss Good Relations.</p> <p>Funding fair to be repeated at an appropriate time next year due to its success.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator’s Report approved.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to action.</p>
<p>DEA/SG/5/2023</p>	<p>Community Safety and Good Relations</p>	<p>Written report provided by PCSP.</p> <p>Update from Insp Adam Corner included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSNI budget cuts and affect on Neighbourhood policing numbers in South Armagh. • Increased reporting in South Armagh area. • Ongoing PSNI neighbourhood work focussed on organised crime, ASB and Road Safety. • Halloween and Fireworks are priority and PSNI continue to engage with schools. <p>Members requested PSNI support in Newtownhamilton on Halloween night due to ASB last year. PCSP diversionary activity also being organised.</p> <p>Bessbrook Fireworks 28th Oct @ 7.00pm. Camlough Fireworks 29th Oct @ 7.00pm. Both events supported via PCSP – PSNI made aware of events.</p>	<p>PCSP report noted.</p> <p>PSNI to action.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

DEA/SG/6/2023	Community Facilities update	<p>Community Facilities Manager provided update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas at Risk (AAR) letter of offer received in July, for 1 year – 2023/24. Equates to £24,000 each for the Bessbrook and Crossmaglen areas. Programmes in place. • Update on Cullyhanna Community Centre - emergency repair due to leaks, further work to roof may need to be included in next year's rates estimates. • Bessbrook & Cloughrea Community Centres - minor refurbishments to take place. • Crossmaglen Community Centre – due to sickness absence the centre has had to close early (approx. 2pm) on days when no bookings are in. The library and playschool are accommodated. No casual bookings can be taken. <p>Concern was expressed regarding possible loss of bookings. Members requested the situation be resolved as soon as possible.</p>	Update noted.
DEA/SG/7/2023	Action Plan Update/new projects	Action Plan is in place and should be reviewed in New Year for 2024-25 period.	Noted.
DEA/SG/8/2023	Emerging Issues	<p>Environmental:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report on the Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy. • AONB Officer informed members regarding current and projected projects, including the opportunity for a grow your own orchard project and a nature connection project with local small estates or groups of houses. 	Noted.

DEA/SG/9/2023	Date of next meeting	Wednesday 29 th November 2023 @ 5.30pm in Cloughrea Community Centre. Timing of Forum meetings to be reviewed ongoing, venues to be spread around the DEA.	Noted. DEA Coordinator to action.
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The meeting ended at: 8.05pm

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 5.30 pm in the Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/23/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/23/02	Appointment of Chair	<p>Members agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to appoint Councillor Enright as Chair of the Downpatrick DEA.</p> <p>Following a query regarding Independent Members assuming the position of Chair or Vice Chair, the DEA Co-Ordinator agreed to check the Terms of Reference for DEA Forums and forward same to members.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>DEA Co-Ordinator.</p>
DEA/DPK/23/03	Appointment of Vice Chair	Members agreed on the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, seconded by Councillor Enright to appoint Councillor Hanlon as Vice Chair of Downpatrick DEA.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/23/04	Declaration of Interest	None.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/23/05	Action Sheet of Meeting held on 14 th February 2023	Action Sheet was adopted.	DEA Co-Ordinator.

DEA/DPK/23/06	Action Sheet of Ad hoc Meeting held on 6 th March 2023	The DEA Co-Ordinator provided an update received from Department for Infrastructure. The Action Sheet was noted by members.	DEA Co-Ordinator.
DEA/DPK/23/07	Action Sheet from BRIG Meeting held on 15 th September 2023	Following discussion by members, the Action Sheet was noted.	DEA Co-Ordinator.
DEA/DPK/23/07	Update from Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager	The Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager provided members with an update on initiatives being rolled out in the district.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/23/08	Emerging Issues a) Consider Bonfire at Mount Crescent	The DEA Co-Ordinator advised the item had been referred from Council and related to cost of repairing the car park following the bonfire and what procedures can be put in place to eliminate the damage to the car park each year. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer the issue to the PCSP Bonfire Sub Group for discussion and report back to the DEA Forum. • DEA Co-Ordinator to continue to work with the community group. • Due to difficulty some community groups are experiencing when trying to open a bank account, request Council consider an alternative process for such groups to enable them to access the Financial Assistance Programme. 	Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager. DEA Co-Ordinator. DEA Coordinator to forward request to Programmes Unit for consideration.

	b) Update on Sustainability & Climate Change Strategy	Following discussion, it was agreed to request the Head of Sustainability to include in the strategy the proposals on the Green Electrified Economy agreed at the Council Meeting on 5 th December 2022.	DEA Co-Ordinator.
DEA/DPK/23/10	Report on DEA/Good Relations Initiatives	The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members. Agreed for emerging issues arising between Forum meetings and requiring expenditure, the DEA Co-Ordinator will notify members via email of proposal.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/23/11	Schedule of Meetings 2023/24	Members agreed to alternate between Microsoft Teams and in person meetings with the first Teams meeting commencing on 10 th December 2023 at 10.00 am.	DEA Co-Ordinator.

The meeting ended at: 7.15 pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2023
Subject:	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet of the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in the Action Sheet attached is provided to update the Committee on recent CCH activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the CCH and its member organisations.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	To coordinate actions to mitigate impact on individuals and groups in the community.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 20 September 2023.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the CCH action sheet.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></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><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></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>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Community Coordination Hub Meeting Action Sheet Wednesday 20 September 2023.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**Action Sheet of Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting
Wednesday 20th September 2023 @ 2:00pm via Teams**

In Attendance: Chair: Damien Brannigan (Engagement)

Alison Robb (Assistant Director Community Development)

Raymond Jackson (Confederation of Community Groups and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)

Laura Higgins (Admin Assistant AHC)

Justyna McCabe (Programmes Unit)

Rosemary McDonnell (Community Advice Newry, Mourne & Down and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)

Sonya Burns (Programmes Unit)

Aisling Rennick (DEAs)

Aidan McCabe (SHSCT)

Lynda Vladeanu (SEHSCT)

James Elliott (DFC)

Apologies:

Alan Beggs (Community Planning)

Sinead Trainor (Health & Well Being)

Brian Rankin (Sustainability)

Julie McCann (Community Services, Facilities and Events)

Gerard Rocks (SHSCT)

Lauren McMenemy (Community Planning)

Nicholas McCrickard (County Down Rural Community Network and Strategic Stakeholder Forum)

	Agenda Item	Discussion and Action Agreed	Raised by/ Referred to
1.	Welcome & Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and apologies noted. 	All
2.	Actions from last CCH meeting held on Wednesday 16 th August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions from the last CCH meeting held attached. 	All
3.	Funding Opportunities for NI Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding Opportunities for NI Community. Copy attached for information and distribution as appropriate. 	All
4.	Update on Refugees and Asylum Seekers Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justyna updated that statistics provided by the Home Office and The Executive Office (TEO) show that across Newry, Mourne and Down District there are 9 dispersed families with 34 service users and 1 Family Hotel with 35 service users. Support is ongoing. There is a big challenge getting access to the most up to date data from the Home Office. Justyna is currently working on a data sharing agreement with MEARS and also exploring the possibility of providing dispersed asylum seeker families with a QR code so they can scan the code when they are housed and the process of accessing support services can begin as soon as possible. Funding provided by TEO is being used to run programmes in Downpatrick and Newcastle. The YMCA Community Kitchen located at The Belfry, Main Street, Newcastle is being used and families must book specific time slots to avail of this provision. The Welcome Hub in Newry takes place on the first Tuesday of each month. It was great to welcome new families who had recently arrived into the district attending the September Welcome Hub and to link in and interact with one another. 	JMcC

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Welcome Hub will take place in Newry Leisure Centre on Tuesday 3rd October, 10:00am-12:00pm. • Sinead Bailie, Council's Social Inclusion Officer, is continuing to meet with new families and assess their needs. • There is also a Newry Newcomer Stakeholder Forum meeting being held in Newry Town Hall on Thursday 12th October at 10:00am. 	
5.	Update from DfC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James confirmed that the 2023/2024 DfC Social Supermarket Support Funding has been sent. • James advised that it is not anticipated that any additional money will be made available this year. 	JE
5.1	DfC Hardship Grant Scheme Funding 2022/2023 update on progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raymond stated that the addendums from Council to CCG and CDRCN's SLAs have been received on behalf of the Strategic Stakeholder Forum (SSF). It has been agreed how the funds should be allocated. There will be a couple of advanced claims made to Council (approximately 50%). • Raymond advised that he is trying to get the 2022/2023 DfC Social Supermarket (SSM) Funding cleared up and there is roughly £9k-£10k remaining. • SLAs have been agreed between Clanrye Group and the five partner groups it is working with in relation to the 2023/2024 DfC SSM Support Funding. • In relation to the Hardship Grant Scheme Funding, all parties have agreed on what the splits will be through the Strategic Stakeholder Forum (SSF), a sub-group has been set up and held a meeting and they have agreed to meet each month. 	RJ

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raymond confirmed that he has received some queries relating to the Hardship Grant Scheme Funding 'Benefits Realisation Plan and Outcome Based Accountability (OBA) Report Template', Raymond will take these queries to Damien and if need be Damien will seek clarification from the relevant section within DfC. Damien explained that the Hardship Grant Scheme Funding OBA Report Template is completely different to what has been seen before from DfC. Raymond concluded that he would send the queries to Damien at the beginning of next week. Justyna advised that there is a referral process for families to contact trusted partners. Raymond added that the Credit Union Fund is still in operation for help with oil and utility bills, demand is starting to increase as we approach Autumn, and the weather is changing. 	RJ/DB
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5.2	DfC 2023/2024 Social Supermarket (SSM) Support Fund update on progression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raymond advised that Clanrye Group have been taking the lead on behalf of the SSF and are working with partner organisations. Rosemarie stated that Community Advice NMD are covering the advice provision for the SSF, the pilot proved to be very successful in terms of Community Advice NMD and £23k was injected back into the local community in benefits payments that local people hadn't been aware that they were entitled to. Raymond advised that Clanrye Group has a contract with FareShare, and that service users for the 2023/2024 SSM support programme will be required to pay £6 per week and this will entitle them to £45 of dry goods. This is a 12 	RJ
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		<p>week programme and individuals must also utilise a minimum of 1-2 of the wrap around support services.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Updates from CCH Members:</p>	<p><u>Community Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raymond stressed that currently the main focus of the SSF is the 2022/2023 Hardship Grant Scheme Funding and the 2023/2024 Social Supermarket Support Funding, the aim is to have a slimline referral process with a more physical presence and to ensure that the wrap around services are more engrained. Damien added his thanks on the progress, so far, across both schemes. <p><u>Trusts & PHA Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lynda stated that she is working with Nicholas to promote the Hardship Grant Scheme Funding via Social Services, HomeStart and SureStart. Lynda advised that Tier 1 and 2 CBT Counselling are being delivered through Covid Funding until the end of March 2024 and work is ongoing to secure funding post March 2024. Lynda inquired about Levelling Up Funding Round 3 Window 2. Sonya explained that the Programmes Unit are doing some preparation work and trying to look across Council to see what projects are there and what preparation can take place ahead of applications being made. Aidan informed the CCH that the Newcomer Refugee Stakeholder Forum is very useful as it gets everyone together including Council and Trusts, he added that he has been speaking with MEARS regarding how to address the ongoing issue in relation to missing people who are arriving in the area. Aidan stated that the SHSCT's Community Contracts will all be reviewed next year and an event will be held on Wednesday 25th October 2023 to discuss this, 	<p>RJ</p> <p>LV</p> <p>AMcC</p>

		<p>all community and statutory organisations are welcome to attend and give input as to how and where Trust funding will be spent. The Trust is seeking to explore more flexible ways to deliver Community Contracts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aidan added that the Covid and Flu Vaccine programme is open again and that all vulnerable people and people with pre-existing medical conditions are encouraged to come forward. • Aidan advised that Newry Neighbourhood Renewal funding is being spent as and when it comes in. • Lynda added that the South Eastern Trust is not funded the same way as the Southern Trust. <p><u>Council Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisling confirmed that that the recruitment of Independent Members for the 7 DEA Forums has taken place and the first meeting of each DEA Forum with new Independent Members and new Elected Members will now be held in either September or October 2023. • Aisling advised that the Community Planning Health and Wellbeing Thematic Summit will take place on Thursday 26th October 2023 in the Canal Court, Newry and invitations will be sent out next week. • Sonya stated that the Programmes Unit are preparing the 1.1 PeacePlus application, then the more intense mapping process will begin in partnership with Councillors, agencies, partners etc. The fund is worth £7.5m and the target of participation is 8,500. 	<p>LV</p> <p>AR</p> <p>SB</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonya advised that 1.4 PeacePlus is now closed, some other themes are currently open, 1.2 SEUPB grants through POBLE do not have an opening date yet but may be of interest to the community. • Sonya explained that the Programmes Unit are currently procuring for a new online Grants Management provider. • Justyna concluded that PEACE IV is finishing at the end of this month including the 3 themes of Building Positive Relations, Children and Young People and Shared Spaces and Services. 	JMcC
7.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All business was discussed and noted through the other items on the agenda. 	
7.1	The Trussell Trust and Financial Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An invite was shared with CCH members from the Trussell Trust to an information session taking place on Thursday 5th October 2023 at 2:00pm. 	DB/All
8.	Date of Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 18th October 2023 at 2.00pm 	All

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2023
Subject:	Peace IV Local Action Plan
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programme Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p>The final meeting of the PEACE IV Partnership took place on 21 September and there were no recommendations arising from this meeting that require AHC Committee approval.</p> <p>The report and minutes (June and September 2023) are for noting only.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remaining capital projects under the Shared Spaces and Services theme have been completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Tom Dunn project was launched on 17th September 2023 with all elements (artwork and educational space, interpretive panels, walking trail, audio app and hedge school workshops) successfully completed. ✓ Derrymore - PEACE IV funding has been used to upgrade a section of the trail network within the Derrymore Demesne and to create a "Peace Reflection Area" at the trail head. The 'Peace Reflection Area' which contains seating benches inscribed with messages of peace and reconciliation provided by local young people. ✓ Forkhill - this project has transformed a formally contested space giving it back to local community as an open, shared space. • The PEACE IV Local Action Plan has been completed and no further PEACE IV Partnership meetings will be held. 				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	The report and minutes (June and September 2023) are for noting only.				
4.0	Resource implications				
4.1	Project 85% funded by the EU and 15% by the two Governments.				
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)				

5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</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>Appendices</p>
	<p>Minutes of Partnership meeting June and September 2023.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>

	None
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PEACE IV Partnership Meeting

MS Teams

Thursday 22 June 2023

Present:

Cllr Terry Andrews (Chairperson)
Cllr Cathal King
Helen Honeyman, Social Partner
Tatiana Seed, Social Partner
Aidan McCabe, SHSCT

Officers Present:

Justyna McCabe, NMDDC
Elaine Carr, NMDDC
Theresa McLaverty, NMDDC

In Attendance:

Julie-Anne Harte, NMDDC

Apologies noted from:

Martina Byrne, Social Partner
Seamus Camplisson, Social Partner
Martina Flynn, PCSP
Sonya Burns, NMDDC

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 23 March 2023.

No matters arising.

Proposed: Cllr Terry Andrews

Seconded: Aidan McCabe

4. Management Report

- Justyna McCabe presented the Management Report.

Working with SEUPB to verify outstanding claims under all 3 themes and providing audit information. The project finishes end of September, 3 Capital projects remain under Shared Spaces and Services and all efforts are being made to complete on time.

Meeting with Executive Office regarding PEACE IV and the new PEACEPLUS programme.

5. Partner delivery reports

- Shared Spaces and Services report.
- Elaine Carr updated members on the Derrymore and Forkhill ex-military sites projects.

A contractor has now been appointed for the Forkhill Greenspace and they hope to start work asap. Council Estates Dept have to check with biodiversity to proceed, its anticipated to be a 4-6 week turnaround once work commences and should be finished in time for the September deadline.

The framework used in the PQQ for Derrymore has been accepted and the price received confirmed as value for money with approval from SEUPB and CPD to proceed. A 2-3 week turnaround is anticipated, and the project will be completed in time.

- Theresa McLaverty updated members on the Tom Dunn project.

The project is on schedule to deliver for the end of September. Upgraded capital works/infrastructure are due to complete by the end of this week. A facilitator has been appointed to lead the workshops taking place over the summer.

No objections were raised during the consultation process, but an email has now been received from a Councillor regarding the statue and the hooping stone placement. The hooping stone is integral to Tom Dunn; it was part of McCormacs Forge which is believed to be linked to him. Planners are happy the approval is there, but it will still have to go to committee on 28 June. Planners have been made aware of the time scale and the effect it will have on the overall project. Once the approval is officially through the launch date will be put in place.

- Justyna McCabe updated members on the BMX track.

Delivery is not possible inside the timeframe of the September deadline and the project will not be proceeding.

6. Date of next meeting

September 21st – suggested in person. Further details to be advised.

PEACE IV Partnership Meeting
Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
Thursday 21 September 2023

Present:

Cllr Terry Andrews (Chairperson)
Cllr David Taylor
Cllr Declan Murphy
Cllr Henry Reilly
Aidan McCabe, SHSCT
Sean O’Baill, Social Partner
Judith Poucher, Social Partner

Officers Present:

Justyna McCabe, NMDDC
Elaine Carr, NMDDC
Theresa McLaverty, NMDDC

Apologies noted from:

Cllr Cathal King
Seamus Camplisson, Social Partner
Breige Jennings, Social Partner
Martina Flynn, PCSP
Sonya Burns, NMDDC
Damien Brannigan, NMDDC
Helen Honeyman, Social Partner
Julie-Anne Harte, NMDDC

1. Welcome and apologies.

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

Since it was the final meeting, Cllr Andrews thanked all the members for their continued engagement and support since the start of the programme in September 2016.

2. Conflict of interest.

None declared.

3. Minutes from previous meeting 22 June 2023.

No matters arising.

Proposed: Cllr Declan Murphy
Seconded: Aidan McCabe

4. Management Report

In place of a Management report and a Partner Delivery report, a PowerPoint presentation outlining the main projects under the Shared Spaces and Service theme was shared with members. The following projects were showcased: Ballykinlar History Hut, Saintfield Community Centre, Tom Dunn, Derrymore and Forkhill.

- The Ballykinlar History Hut tells stories of people who inhabited the huts at Ballykinlar Camp in the first half of the 20th century. The Hut has proved a popular attraction at the Museum and has attracted 35,000 visitors to date, despite the impact of the pandemic. These have ranged from school children, local history groups, Friends of Museums Groups, church groups, friendship groups to individuals.
- Saintfield Community Centre - PEACE IV money funded the indoor 3G synthetic pitch which is used by all sections of the community.
- The Tom Dunn project was launched on 17th September 2023 with all elements (artwork and educational space, interpretive panels, walking trail, audio app and hedge school workshops) successfully completed.
- Derrymore - PEACE IV funding has been used to upgrade and extend a section of the trail network within the Derrymore Demesne and to create a "Peace Reflection Area" at the trail head. The 'Peace Reflection Area' which contains seating benches inscribed with messages of peace and reconciliation provided by local young people who took part in the cross-community summer scheme.
- Forkhill - this project has transformed a formally contested space giving it back to local community as an open, shared space.

Cllr Andrews, Cllr Murphy and Cllr Taylor commended the Peace team for their successful delivery of the Local Action Plan. Sean O'Baoill complemented the delivery approach of the lead partner.

5. Partner delivery reports

As above.

6. Date of next meeting

No further meetings.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2023
Subject:	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

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1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023. To note the attached Newry NRP Action Plan 2023-2026. <p>Background</p> <p>The attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023 and Newry NRP Action Plan 2023-2026 are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of Newry NRP.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the following Newry NRP Minutes and Action plan as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2023. > Newry NRP Action Plan 2023 – 2026, approved at Newry NRP meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2023.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.
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7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix 1: Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023. Appendix 2: Newry NRP Action Plan 2023 – 2026.	
8.0	Background Documents	
8.1	None.	



**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 28th June 2023
At 7.00pm
Room 1, WIN Business Centre**

In Attendance:

Mrs Paula McGuigan	Chairperson, NRP (Carnagat Community Association)
Ms Kathleen Lowry,	Greater LinenHall Area Community Association
Mr Paul Magennis,	Barcroft Community Association
Mrs Joanne Markey,	Carnagat Community Association
Ms Shauna McCourt,	Drumalane Quayside Close Community Association
Mr Malachy Maguire,	Ballybot Community Association
Ms Maeve McParland,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Mrs Catherine O'Hanlon,	Area Manager Department for Communities
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt,	Newry Mourne and Down District Council
Mr Raymond Jackson,	Confederation of Community Groups
Ms Bernie Mooney,	Education Authority NI. (EANI)
Ms Noreen Rice,	Meadow Armagh Road Community Association
Mr Aiden McCabe,	Southern Health and Social Care Trust Promoting Well-being team.

Apologies:

Dr Conor Patterson,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Mr Collie Hanna,	Vice Chairperson, NRP (Barcroft CA)
Mr Liam Gunn,	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Ms Francine Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA.
Ms Aisling Rennick,	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Mrs Kathleen Magee,	Derrybeg CA
Ms Orla Morgan,	GLACA
Ms Denise Fearon,	GLACA
Mr Brendan Cranney,	Meadow Armagh Road CA
Mrs Maureen Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA
Mrs Lesley Hamilton,	Southern Regional College
Ms Catriona Regan,	Southern Regional college

Matters Discussed

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes/Matters arising.
4. Conflict of Interest.
5. Sub-group updates.
6. DFC/Community updates.
7. Date of next meeting.

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome / Introductions	Mrs Paula Mc Guigan welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2.	Apologies	Recorded as above.		
3.	Minutes/matters arising.	Minutes agreed as accurate. Proposed by Joanne Markey and seconded by Noreen Rice. No Matters arising.		
4.	Conflict of interest	No Conflicts of interest declared.		
5.	Sub-group updates	NIHE Carnagat Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project team meeting 4th July • Work is progressing. • Deadline pulled back to late October. 		

		<p>Update from Donna Weir.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All EA Funded voluntary providers have been allocated funding to continue provision for 48 weeks which includes up to 6 weeks in the summer. This includes Bosco, Magnet, St Mary's and the Gateway in Newry. The respective organisation's individual face book pages have relevant information. • Statutory staff are offering a range of core programmes and targeted externally funded ones such as TBUC, Horizons and programmes for young people with Disabilities. EA Newry, Mourne and Down Facebook page has more information. <p>Core delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer training is running all day in Carnbane Resource centre on 29 and 30 June. A programme for young women in Drumalane will take place from 19-21 July. Derrybeg and Nasa group programme will run from 24th to 26th July. One Horizons group will go to France from 31st July to 5th Aug, another Horizons group will go to Donegal from 7-11th July. • A Super TBUC camp with 60 young people will be running from 17-19 July in Greenhill and a generic recreation programme will run from 15 -18 Aug in Carnbane Resource centre for young people from NR areas. • Detached and outreach will also take place on 7 and 8 Aug in partnership with PCSP and Newry DEA Coordinator. • Some Voluntary partners have also been awarded additional funding for TBUC and planned intervention 	call forward.	
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		<p>programmes this summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect Community Kicks are running football programmes from 7-8.30 in all communities across Newry right throughout the summer funded by PCSP. <p>NMDDC: Outdoor activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extension of funding to the end of September is good news for the Communities. We can now support the summer programmes. <p>Community Renewal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities planning their summer schemes/programmes. • Some groups also in the process of planning their AGM's. • GLACA- successful application to Awards for All for funding. • Hardship fund – getting ready to roll this out in the Autumn – food and utility costs. • Schools would need to be involved in the partnership for delivery of the hardship fund. • Anyone identified as in need – Please contact Raymond Jackson 	<p>Forward any requests for support to Sean.</p>	<p>All CA's</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>DfC/Community Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at feedback from EQIA for budget allocation. Extension to the end of September allows programmes to continue. Ask delivery agencies to work to their schedule for spend. • Tuesday 4th July in Belfast – People and Place review event. You need to register for this. 		

		<p>Update from CA's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All groups planning for summer programmes. Registrations will take place over coming weeks. • Uncertainty of funding left groups with gaps and difficulties planning for the summer. The extension to programmes is welcomed by all. • Carnagat to use the Derrybeg centre for some of their programmes as they have now vacated the Community house. 		
9.	A.O.B	<p>Consultation on EA – a lot of information - all feedback is welcomed.</p> <p>No More Business All the members thanked for their attendance.</p> <p>Wish the groups well over the busy summer period.</p>		
10.	Date of Next Meeting	<p>Due to uncertainty around funding and continuation of the programme, no confirmed date for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date/Time TBC - September • Venue: WIN Business centre 	Circulate details and all information	SMcK.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2023
Subject:	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023. To note the attached Newry NRP Action Plan 2023-2026. <p>Background</p> <p>The attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023 and Newry NRP Action Plan 2023-2026 are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of Newry NRP.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the following Newry NRP Minutes and Action plan as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2023. > Newry NRP Action Plan 2023 – 2026, approved at Newry NRP meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2023.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	<p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>5.2</p>	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></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>	
<p>5.3</p>	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></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>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>	
<p>6.1</p>	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service.</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed. <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>	
<p>7.1</p>	<p>Appendix 1: Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023. Appendix 2: Newry NRP Action Plan 2023 – 2026.</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Background Documents</p>	
<p>8.1</p>	<p>None.</p>	

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2023
Subject:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting listed in 3.1 below are provided to update the Committee on the ongoing work of the PCSP.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the following Policing Committee & PCSP Minutes as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 25 July 2023, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 26 September 2023.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP Action Plan.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</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>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p>

	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.3	<i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> 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"/>
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Rationale:</i>	
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
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"/>
7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix 1: Minutes of Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 25 July 2023.	
8.0	Background Documents	
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 on Tuesday 25 July 2023 at 6.00pm in the Downshire Chamber, Downpatrick and remotely via MS Teams**

In attendance in Chamber:

Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC
Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC (Chair)
Councillor C Galbraith, NMDDC
Councillor R Howell, NMDDC
Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC
Councillor A Mathers, NMDDC
Councillor H Reilly, NMDDC
Councillor J Truesdale, NMDDC
Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI
Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
John Allen, PCSP Independent Member
Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
Dan McEvoy, PCSP Independent Member
Roisin Leckey, PBNI

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor M Savage, NMDDC
Councillor D Taylor, NMDDC
Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI
Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, PSNI
Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson, PSNI
Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI
Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI
Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
David Vint, PCSP Independent Member
Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member
Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member
Liam Gunn, NIHE
James McIntyre, Department of Justice NI

Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Alison Robb, Assistant Director, NMDDC
Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer
Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer
Shane McGivern, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer

Officials in attendance via Teams:

Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager, NMDDC
Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement, NMDDC
Kerri Morrow, DEA Co-Ordinator Newry, NMDDC

1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

Councillor Hanlon welcomed all to the first meeting of the Partnership since the Local Government Election in May. Apologies were received from Michael Heaney YJA, Donna Weir EANI, and Aidan McCabe SHSCT.

Councillor Hanlon noted that there are some returning Councillors to the PCSP Partnership and acknowledged and welcomed the new Councillors who have joined the Partnership.

Councillor Hanlon advised that Chris McLoughlin will be attending on behalf of the NIFRS following the recent retirement of Rod O'Hare. Rod O'Hare's contribution to the Partnership over the past number of years was acknowledged.

James McIntyre was welcomed from the Department of Justice NI who was attending as an observer.

Councillor Hanlon noted that there is a wide and varied programme of PCSP events during the Summer months and the schedule has been previously distributed to members. Councillor Hanlon encouraged Members where possible to support the work that Officers are doing.

Councillor Hanlon welcomed new Council staff Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer for Mournes DEA and Shane McGivern, Safer Communities and Good Relations Officer.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting dated 28 March 2023

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 28 March 2023 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Dan McEvoy it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 28 March 2023 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

Mrs Flynn advised that there was one outstanding action from the previous meeting which was an update from the PSNI on the South Armagh Policing Review. The update has been received from Superintendent Haslett and will be distributed to members following this meeting.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 1

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 1 (copy circulated)

Superintendent Haslett welcomed the re-elected and newly elected Councillors, staff and the newly appointed Chairperson and noted that he looks forward to working together in the coming months and years.

Superintendent Haslett presented the District Commander's Report and highlighted the following points:

General

- Victim Updates- 99% of all victims of crime within the District have been updated within the 10day target, there are currently no outstanding victim updates.
- Engagement from Neighbourhood Teams during Spring/ Summer months has been somewhat curtailed due to budget constraints. Backfill for Local Response Teams has had to be undertaken by the Local Neighbourhood Police Officers and District Support Team Officers.
- Newry, 20th and 23rd June: Officers attended Rathore School with the Mobile Engagement Unit and delivered talks on internet safety and anti-social behaviour.
- Downpatrick, 10th and 11th June: Local Neighbourhood Team alongside the Crime Prevention Officer and PCSP staff delivered a trailer and bike marking event.
- Rowallane and Slieve Croob: Officers took part in multi-agency pop up events working with partners in the statutory, community and voluntary sector engaging with local people in Ballynahinch and Saintfield on 21st April and Crossgar and Killyleagh on 28th April.
- Mournes: Kids Court held on 20th June with Roads Policing and PCSP at Annalong Primary and Nursery School.
- Crotlieve: on 15th June officers participated in the Dromore Road Primary School Fun Day with the mobile engagement unit deployed.
- Slieve Gullion: on 22nd June officers attended St Joseph's Primary in Meigh to discuss summer safeguarding and held a planning meeting with the Deputy Principal. On 9th June, officers attended pop-up crime prevention events with PCSP staff at Casey's shop in Crossmaglen and Murray's shop in Cullyhanna.
- Social Media: The PSNI has several specially trained social media officers across the District. There are almost 80,000 followers on Facebook and 8,500 followers on Twitter.

Hate Crime

- There has been an increase in hate crimes in May and a slight drop in June. In the financial year to date, there has been a 4% decrease in hate crimes and a 12% increase in hate incidents (up by 7%). The main crimes are related to sectarian hates crimes, followed by racial hate crimes, followed by crimes related to sexual orientation. There are no repeat locations of note across the District.

ASB

- Between 1st April 2022 and 30th June 2023 ASB increased across the District by 1.6%. This was slightly elevated in June following lower levels in May. Fridays and Saturdays between 7pm and 2am appear to be the hotspot times. Officers have recently dealt with issues in Newry, Newcastle, Warrenpoint, Downpatrick and Bessbrook.
- Rowallane and Slieve Croob NPT are dealing with ASB at Castlewellan Forest Park, ASB in this area has increased since May. Meetings have been held with PCSP, Council, Education Authority and Council's DEA Co-Ordinator and arrangements are in place to improve confidence in reporting to the police with an increase in patrols from Neighbourhood and Local Policing Teams.

Domestic Abuse

- This financial year there has been a 19% reduction (113 less crimes) in domestic motivated crimes. Domestic motivated incidents and crimes are on a downward trend. 33% of violence against the person crime in the district is domestic violence related. Violence against women and girls has decreased by 24% from the previous financial year to date. Stranger and intimate partner violence has reduced but family violence has increased by 3%.
- Last year across Northern Ireland, Newry, Mourne and Down District had the highest increase in domestic motivated reporting of crime to the police. It is believed that this is the result of greater confidence from domestic abuse victims reporting incidents to the PSNI and other charities such as Women's Aid and the Men's Advisory Project.
- In addition, new legislation in relation to controlling and coercive behaviour and stalking offences has now come into effect in Northern Ireland and will impact on these figures. As of 26 June this year, non-fatal strangulation has become a stand-alone offence.
- Inspector Kelly Gibson has been appointed the PSNI Lead for domestic violence related crimes in the district. PSNI have a close working relationship with Women's Aid. PSNI are attempting to get funding to co-locate a Women's Aid worker in Ardmore Police Station. Avenues are also being explored to enhance joint training between PSNI with Women's Aid.
- Operation Encompass: In the current financial year to date, police have attended 677 domestic incidents where the Op Encompass criteria has been met, 1272 children have been referred. There has been favourable anecdotal feedback on the scheme from school principals across the District.

Road Safety

- There has been one fatality this financial year to date, a 25 year male died on the Ballyhornan Road in Downpatrick on 29th May.
- Education and enforcement events included an operation on 24th May when officers conducted a close pass operation with plain clothes officers on bicycles supported by police motorcyclists. Several drivers were detected and reported for road traffic offences.
- The latest data from the Speed Indicator Devices is being used on a daily basis to inform patrols to detect speed. This data has been augmented by a report from

PSNI data analysts looking at locations of road traffic collisions which cause death or serious injury to determine hotspot locations and times.

- During this reporting period, 71 drivers were arrested for drink/drug driving and 128 drivers were detected with no insurance.

Drugs

- There has been a 2.8% increase in drug related offences in this financial year to date. Focus has been on the continued use of vehicle stops and stop and search powers where appropriate, education and enforcement, proactivity around local hotspots and engagement with the community around the impact and harm caused by drugs in the District.
- From April 22 to March 23 there were 216 arrests (increase of 14 since the previous period).
- In the current rolling year, 762 seizures of drugs have been made, with a number of successes in locating cannabis factories.

Crime

- From the previous financial year to date there has been an overall reduction of crime across the District by 7%. There have been some increases in violence against the person which have occurred at a number of hotspots.
- There has been an increase in commercial burglaries involving organised crime groups, residential burglaries remain below average levels and shoplifting has increased. An operation is ongoing with the Local Neighbourhood Team in Newry sponsored by Newry BID as a dedicated resource.

South Armagh Policing Review

- Implementation of the Review is ongoing. Of the 48 recommendations in the review, 36 (75%) have been concluded. PSNI have met with the recently established Independent Advisory Group which has met 3 times to date.
- PSNI are looking to enhance cross border capabilities with An Garda Síochána; renovation work at Newtownhamilton Police Station is due to commence in August.

PSNI Budget Cuts

- Superintendent Haslett discussed the impact of budget cuts and the current financial crisis on policing in the Newry, Mourne and Down District.
- Since the start of the year, the PSNI have attested 97 new recruits, however this has been offset by almost 180 officers leaving the service mostly through retirement. PSNI have slowed or paused recruitment and tightened control of future internal promotion processes and as a result the service will shrink over the next three years.
- Last year, police officer numbers were reduced to 6,669 which is the lowest number of police officers in the service since the formation of the PSNI in 2001.

- It is expected that officer numbers will fall to 6,358 by March 2024 with the possibility that by April 2025, the service will drop below 6,000 officers. This is significantly less than the Government commitment in the New Decade, New Approach of growing police officer numbers in Northern Ireland to 7,500. It is also considerably less than the vision in the Patton Report published in 1999.
- The PSNI draft resource plan was presented to Policing Board Resources Committee last month, the police budget for the current financial year has been reduced by 1.7%. Combined with the rising costs in pay awards the PSNI are facing a substantial funding gap of £107 million. As a result, the PSNI have introduced a range of cuts including reductions in recruitment, overtime and the full range of non-pay costs however even with these actions there is an unaddressed gap of £38 million.
- The Chief Constable has stated that it is difficult to see how further savings can be delivered in this financial year and costs cannot be cut any further to balance the budget.
- Recently the organisation undertook a Resource Allocation Management process which was designed to achieve savings by reducing posts with a number of departments affected. Operational Support lost 100 posts, Crime Operations lost around 100 Detectives and Local Policing lost 100 posts, 75 of these were identified in Neighbourhood Policing Teams posts.
- With the reduction of posts, the maintenance of the existing 8 Neighbourhood Teams in the NMD District has become unsustainable and impractical. The decision has been taken to re-align and consolidate the existing 8 teams into 5. The 3 Slieve Gullion teams will merge into 2 (Slieve Gullion North and South) with 1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants and 24 Constables (reduction of 6 as recommended in the South Armagh Policing Review). Newry City Neighbourhood Team will remain unchanged with 1 Inspector, 1 Sergeant and 10 Constables. Crotlieve and the Mourne Policing Teams will merge to form 1 team known as South Down Neighbourhood Policing Team working out of Newcastle with 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants and 12 Constables. Downpatrick will merge with Rowallane and Slieve Croob to form East Down Neighbourhood Policing Team working out of Downpatrick with 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants and 13 Constables.
- The proposed date of the changes is 1st October 2023, Superintendent Haslett noted that this is the current position but could not rule out further changes between now and October.
- The PSNI in NMD will be smaller, less visible, less accessible, and less responsive. Attendance times will deteriorate, non-emergency calls will take longer and investigations will slow down.

Discussion then took place with the following points raised:

Councillor Hanlon highlighted incidents on the Bonecastle Road in Downpatrick where several vehicles have crashed into a resident's wall, DFI will carry out an assessment at this section of the road and Councillor Hanlon asked that the police keep the area on their radar. Councillor Hanlon also highlighted speeding in Strangford and asked that police carry out speed checks. The recent bonfire in Bridge Street in Downpatrick was discussed, concerns had been raised about the materials used. Contractors were met with some hostility when removing the materials. Councillor Hanlon asked was there a way of engaging with local community groups to address concerns.

Inspector Haslett advised that information on the speeding concerns would be passed to Inspector Paddy Heatley (Lead for Road Safety) and Inspector Darren Hardy. With regards to the Downpatrick bonfire, the PSNI will continue to work with Council and the local community.

Councillor Mathers asked about the bank accounts of local residents being frozen as part of police investigations, and queried what the rationale is behind freezing the bank account of a minor who is related to others being investigated. Superintendent Haslett advised that he did not have knowledge of this specific incident but would seek an update in relation to this.

Councillor Murphy asked a question in relation to budget cuts and the concern around the issue of drugs and those who assist with the proceeds (such as bureau de exchanges). Superintendent Haslett stated that PSNI are improving cross border capabilities with An Garda Síochána, colleagues in Crime Operations, and other statutory agencies such as HMRC, Environmental Authority which PSNI work with on a daily basis. PSNI understand that there are organised crime groups working cross-border.

Councillor Murphy also highlighted an incident at Camlough Lake where a young person recently got into difficulty. NIFRS assisted in getting the person to safety but didn't have the right equipment and the local club's canoe had to be used in the rescue. Superintendent Haslett stated that there was a multi-agency response to this incident but that PSNI officers would not be equipped to go into a lake. NIFRS personnel may be able to advise further at a future meeting.

Councillor Taylor asked has there been any considerations given to the fact that the South Armagh Policing Review recommended an increased police visibility and how this will be affected by the PSNI budget cuts.

Councillor Taylor also asked about sickness levels and the impact of this on front facing policing. Councillor Taylor also asked was there a decrease in motivation of officers in light of the resource pressures.

Superintendent Haslett stated that the South Armagh Policing Review proposed a footprint of 1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants and 30 Constables but the authors of the Review acknowledged that this was excessive given current demands but was important that this level would go in initially to increase community confidence. The footprint is now 1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants and 24 Constables and it is believed that this team will have significant impact on community confidence. There is currently a 90-day review of the plans for Neighbourhood Policing and Councillor Taylor's comments will be fed back in respect of the South Armagh review.

In relation to sickness, there are currently 24 officers off on sick leave in the District with 6 on the path to ill health retirement.

In relation to motivation, Superintendent Haslett stated the vast majority of officers enjoy their work and know they have an important role in keeping the community in NMD safe. Chief Inspector Stevenson discussed the support mechanisms in place at every level around sickness absence and the PSNI ensure officers are brought back to work in an appropriate and timely fashion.

Mr. Vint commented on the rise in domestic abuse incidents. Mr Vint also proposed that the Partnership write a letter of concern around budget cuts to the Policing Board, this was seconded by Councillor Savage.

ACTION: M Flynn to draft a letter to the Policing Board re PSNI budget cuts

Superintendent Haslett clarified that domestic motivated crimes have decreased by 19% in the current financial year compared to this time last year. Last year the number of incidents of reported domestic violence crimes increased more in the NMD District than any other District in that year. It is believed there is a greater confidence in victims coming forward to report these crimes.

Inspector Gibson added that partnership initiatives are being developed between the PSNI and Women's Aid. A training plan has been put in place to deliver a refresher course in investigating domestic abuse and will look at new legislation such as non-fatal strangulation and stalking offences.

Councillor Howell noted recent incidents of ASB in Castlewellan and thanked local groups involved in trying to resolve the issue. Councillor Howell also noted local concerns about the July bonfire in Dundrum and the importance of reconvening the PCSP Bonfire Sub Group.

At the request of Councillor Howell Inspector Loughran agreed to speak with Councillor Michael Rice with regards to ASB issues in Killeel.

Councillor Andrews asked if there any plans to strengthen the numbers of part-time officers in the PSNI. Councillor Andrews also asked if there would there be any further funding available for Speed Indicator Devices.

Superintendent Haslett stated that there is currently 1 part time officer in the NMD District but there are no plans or budget to recruit part-time officers.

Mrs Flynn clarified that there is no further funding available for SIDs across the District.

Mrs Byrne raised the issue of the noise of cars at Donard Car Park in Newcastle at the weekends and how this might be addressed.

Superintendent Haslett acknowledged the issues at Donard Car Park have been ongoing for some time - however as this is Council property, it is a Council issue to resolve. Inspector Loughran added that the Roads Policing Unit attended the last car cruise on July 8th and 9th and issued a number of tickets.

Councillor Truesdale added that she has been working with Council Officers and PSNI and is hopeful of a solution being found using hard engineering in Donard Car Park. Councillor Truesdale asked how a school can express an interest in Kid's Courts and queried if there are mobile PCSP SIDs in the District.

Mrs. Flynn advised that Kid's Courts are carried out where speeding issues have been identified in the vicinity of a Primary School. PCSP staff will generally validate any requests with the NPT to ensure there are speeding concerns in the area, Mrs Flynn agreed have a discussion with the NPTs in relation to the schools discussed by Councillor Truesdale. Mrs. Flynn advised that there are currently no mobile PCSP SIDs in the District.

Mrs. Byrne enquired about CCTV monitoring of the Main Street in Newcastle as the cars drive up the Main Street and could CCTV help as a solution. Inspector Haslett advised that the issue of using CCTV would be what the offences are taking place at the time but advised he would come back to Mrs. Byrne on this.

Mr. McEvoy expressed concern at the PSNI budget cuts and the impact on confidence in policing. Mr McEvoy also advised that the Bridge Street and Mount Crescent community group in Downpatrick is no longer operational and noted the impact of this on this year's bonfire.

Councillor Reilly conveyed thanks on behalf of Councillor Lewis to the Partnership for support shown to him during his term as PCSP Chairperson. Councillor Reilly discussed speeding in Ballymartin Village and ASB in Hillside Drive, Kilkeel.

Councillor Savage raised the issue of speeding and accidents on the Longfield Road Mullaghbawn and asked if something could be done about this. Councillor Savage discussed drugs in Newry and the 32.3% year on year increase and asked if the successes in locating cannabis factories was intelligence led or due to the proliferation of these factories. He also noted that threatening graffiti had appeared on walls in the Lisgullion area of Newry.

Superintendent Haslett noted the concern of speeding on the Longfield Road and asked Sergeant Duffy to pass the details to the local Inspectors. Councillor Savage's concerns about the threatening graffiti will also be passed to the Newry NPT. On the issue of drugs, there is an increase of police pro-activity around these crimes and also there is an increase in drug availability. More people are coming forward with information on drugs and this is encouraged.

Councillor Hanlon asked where the funding came from for the SIDs and if further funding could be sought. Mrs. Flynn advised that funding came from the substantive PCSP budget funded through the Department of Justice and Policing Board. The most recent communique from the DOJ and Policing Board has been circulated to partners which indicates that a SID will only now be considered in an exceptional case. Discussions are ongoing between the DOJ and DFI about a longer-term solution on SIDs. Inspector Hardy added that there is one PSNI Mobile SID for the Downpatrick area however there is a resourcing issue around towing it between locations.

On the issue of a potential Business Watch Scheme for the District, Superintendent Haslett asked Chief Inspector Corbett to follow up.

ACTION: Chief Inspector Corbett to follow up re: pilot Business Watch Scheme

6 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Mrs. Flynn discussed the bonfire in Downpatrick. The bonfire takes place on Council property. Engagement around bonfires is something that Council considers all year round. With the Downpatrick bonfire Council faced a set of very challenging and unexpected circumstances and the safety of Council staff had to be considered in that context. While there was significant input from the PSNI in attempts to achieve a local resolution there was also significant input from Elected Members, Council Officers and an independent mediator. When re-establishing the Bonfire Sub Group, the role and purpose of the Sub Group will need to be carefully considered bearing in mind the responsibility of all of the partner agencies and their responsibilities as landowners.

The RAPID initiative continues to be very successful, almost 200,000 items of unwanted prescription medication has been disposed of to date.

Through Financial Assistance the PCSP has awarded over £85,000 to 45 local groups. Mrs. Flynn encouraged members to contact PCSP staff if they are interested in visiting the groups to see some of the work being done through the Financial Assistance projects.

The Policing Board will open their recruitment exercise on September 1st for new PCSP Independent Members and an engagement event is planned for late August in the Burrendale

Hotel in Newcastle. There is an expectation that Elected Members will form a recruitment panel for the Independent Member interviews and training dates will be issued with a probable 2 days of interviews. Mrs. Flynn will contact Elected Members on this over the coming weeks.

Agreed: It was agreed the Committee:

- **Note the report**

7 PCSP Sub Group Report

Read: PCSP Sub Group Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn advised Members that Terms of Reference have been amended for the ASB Sub Groups and the Bonfire Sub Group to reflect the new representation of the Elected Members on the PCSP. It is intended that all three Sub Groups meet in early September and that these take place in person probably in the evening time with a view to agreeing future dates and times at the first meeting.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed the Committee:

- **Approve the Terms of Reference for the ASB Sub Group**
- **Approve the Terms of Reference for the Bonfire Sub Group**
- **Approval of engagement with Elected Members for nominations to the ASB and Bonfire Sub Groups.**

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday 26th September at 6pm, this will be held in the Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick with a hybrid option available.

Mrs. Leckey added that there is a Probation Board open day being held in Thursday 21st September at 10am and this is open to all PCSP members to attend. The South Eastern Trust are holding training on technology/ domestic violence and abuse on Tuesday 26th September 9.30am- 1pm. Members can contact Mrs. Leckey if they are interested in attending.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.05pm.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2023
Subject:	District Council Good Relations Programme – Reduced Budget 2023/24
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the reduced budget from The Executive Office to the District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP) for 2023/24 and the associated impact on service delivery. <p>Background</p> <p>The Executive Office (TEO) has provided funding towards the District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP) across all District Councils in Northern Ireland for many years. The DCGRP is a match funded Programme delivered jointly by The Executive Office (TEO) and District Councils as part of the 'Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC) Strategy.' The Programme aims to improve relations between and within District Council areas and support local solutions to good relations issues, the 11 District Councils create individual District Council Action Plans aligned with the aims of the T:BUC strategy and informed by local Good Relations Audits.</p> <p>Each Council Programme must be linked to at least one of the key themes of the T:BUC Strategy. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Children and Young People Our Shared Community Our Safe Community Our Cultural Expression <p>Councils deliver agreed, outcome focused Good Relations projects. Examples of projects delivered locally have included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-community cultural events and information sessions Small Grants (Financial Assistance) Schemes Schools' programmes and youth diversionary activities Support for the Minority Ethnic community Support towards St. Patrick's Day events in Newry and Downpatrick <p>The DCGRP also provides some support towards the salaries of those staff involved in managing, delivering and administering the Programme.</p>

	<p>The value of the DCGRP to NMDDC in recent years has been £312,144.96 (supported by a 25% match funding contribution from Council valued at £104,048.32).</p> <p>In early 2023 TEO officials advised all 11 Councils in NI that the DCGRP would be significantly reduced in 2023/24 due to a challenging and extremely constrained budget allocation. The budget allocation announced in the Written Ministerial Statement by the Secretary of State on 27 April 2023 showed that TEO would have to cope with a reduction equating to £9.5m or around 11.1% of its projected baseline budget requirement of £85.2m - for the District Council Good Relations Programme the reduction would mean a TEO contribution of £1.6m, leveraging about £0.5m of Council support and reducing delivery by 50% compared with 2022/23.</p> <p>It was further suggested by TEO officials that budget allocations would be revisited during the financial year, particularly during the Monitoring Round process (Autumn 2023).</p> <p>The Executive Office subsequently undertook an Equality Impact Assessment on the proposals for allocating the Department's budget allocation for 2023-2024 - the EQIA process aims to guide the necessary reductions and, where possible, to mitigate against specific adverse impacts. Council's Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager submitted a response to the EQIA on behalf of NMDDC in June 2023 and highlighted concerns regarding any reduction in our DCGRP budget and associated impacts on Council services and programmes. Despite concerns raised by all Councils TEO confirmed in July 2023 that the DCGRP for 2023/24 would be 53% of the 2022/23 value – the allocation to NMDDC was confirmed at £165,436.83 (a reduction of £146,708.13). It was confirmed to TEO in late July 2023 that this contribution would be utilised by Council to support and safeguard salary costs associated with those staff involved in managing, delivering and administering the Programme.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The reduced budget from TEO towards the DCGRP has resulted in a reduced level of delivery in a number of service areas across Council. These include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduced Good Relations programme budget to DEA Fora - Reduced budget for youth diversionary / intervention programmes and initiatives - No allocation for any reactionary programmes / initiatives - No allocation for St. Patrick's Day events in Newry / Downpatrick <p>TEO officials have advised that the budgetary position is unlikely to improve in the 2024/25 financial year and so this should be considered by Council when making provision for event planning and service programming.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report. • Note the reduced budget from The Executive Office to the District Council Good Relations Programme (DCGRP) for 2023/24 and the associated impact on service delivery.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	As per the DCGRP Letter of Offer to NMDDC for 2023/24.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)

5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</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>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</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>Proposal initiating consultation</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	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
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	Appendices
7.1	None.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Report to:	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	16 th October 2023
Subject:	Leasing of Council Land and Facilities - Expressions of Interest
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to note the update on the below Expressions of Interest (EOI) received for the leasing of land and facilities as per the Sport and Community Leasing Policy 2016:</p> <p>Council previously received correspondence from interested parties for the following land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Playing Field at St Annes Park, Mayobridge. B. Killough Playing Fields, School Road Killough. <p>In Council previously agreed for this land to progress through Councils Sport and Community Leasing Policy as per the below stages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1: Expressions of Interest for identified Land/Facilities. This stage requires an EOI for identified land/facilities to be publicly advertised, a submission of an outline business case from prospective leasers, and evaluation of the outline business cases scored against set criteria. Submissions must meet the minimum threshold score in order to progress to stage 2 of the process. • Stage 2: Full Business Plan Submission. Submissions that meet the minimum threshold in stage 1 will be requested to submit a Full Business Plan which will also be evaluated against set criteria. Submissions must meet the minimum threshold score in order to progress to stage 3 of the process. • Stage 3: Recommendation and Decision Submissions that meet the minimum threshold in stage 2 will progress to stage 3 and a Committee Report submitted to Strategic, Policy and Resources Committee for recommendation and decision.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Stage 1 and 2 of the Sport and Community Leasing Policy 2016 have now been completed for both of the EOI submissions received as outlined earlier in the report.</p>

	Both outline business case submissions and full business case submissions have met the minimum threshold scoring criteria for stages 1 and 2 and will now progress to stage 3 of the process which is Committee Report to Strategic, Policy and Resources Committee for recommendation and decision.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That AHC Committee consider the contents of this report and note that the Expressions of Interest as outlined in section 1.1 will progress to stage 3 of the Sport and Leasing Policy 2016.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue: It is proposed that Council incur the land/facility independent evaluation costs associated with stage 2 of this process. These costs will be absorbed within current budget estimates for 2023.</p> <p>Capital: There are no identified capital budget implications associated with this report.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></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><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></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><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></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>

	Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
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"/>
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

