

April 14th, 2022

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 20th April 2022 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre & MS Teams.**

Chairperson Councillor McKevitt

Vice Chairperson Councillor Casey

Councillor Finnegan

Councillor Gallagher

Councillor Harte

Councillor Lewis

Councillor Malone

Councillor McEvoy

Councillor McMurray

Councillor O'Hare

Councillor Ó'Muirí

Councillor Sharvin

Councillor Tinnelly

Councillor Trainor

Councillor Walker

Agenda

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Notice of Motion received from Councillor McMurray:

"This Council notes the recent report from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research which draws the conclusion - in its most recent UK Economic Outlook - that the economy is 'Powering Down, Not Levelling up' and commits this Council to raising awareness of the reality of child poverty within our District. Furthermore, in order to best utilise key learnings and networks established from council's COVID-19 response, this Council will seek to; identify improved means of tackling child poverty and inequalities throughout the District – including a Council led review of local emergency support provision, agrees to make this issue a standalone and component part of our next Corporate Plan, and agrees to write to the Minister for the Department of Communities to request a meeting on the Child Poverty Strategy in order to receive an update and to identify opportunities for further collaboration and inter-agency working."

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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

13.0 Financial Assistance

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.

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|  FA report Call 2 AHC.pdf | Not included |
|  Appendix 1 - FA Report - Special Events Grant - Queen's Jubilee FA call 2 2022-23 appendix.pdf | Not included |

14.0 Business Case - Hilltown Car Park and AAR letter of offer

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.

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|  Hilltown CC external works to car park V2 (002) JH_.pdf | Not included |
|  Appendix 1 - Business case Hilltown CC Car park.pdf | Not included |
|  Appendix 2a - Existing car park layout.pdf | Not included |
|  Appendix 2b - Proposed car park layout.pdf | Not included |

15.0 Down High School Lights & 3 G pitch

For Decision

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|  Down High School - Planning Application.pdf | Not included |
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16.0 Donard Park Overflow Car Park

For Decision

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📄 Donard Park Overflow Car Park April 2022.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
📄 Appendix 1- AHC Committee Report Dec 2021.pdf	<i>Not included</i>
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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
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Mr Alan Beggs
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Cllr Patrick Brown
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Cllr Robert Burgess
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Cllr Pete Byrne
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Mrs Dorinnia Carville
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Cllr Charlie Casey
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Cllr William Clarke
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Cllr Dermot Curran
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Cllr Laura Devlin
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Mr Eoin Devlin
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Ms Louise Dillon
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Cllr Cadogan Enright
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Cllr Aoife Finnegan
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Cllr Hugh Gallagher
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Sinead Geary
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Cllr Mark Gibbons
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Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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Cllr Glyn Hanna
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Cllr Valerie Harte
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Mrs Janine Hillen
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Cllr Roisin Howell
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Miss Veronica Keegan
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Mrs Sheila Kieran
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Cllr Mickey Larkin
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Cllr Alan Lewis
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Mr Michael Lipsett
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Cllr Oonagh Magennis
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Mr Conor Mallon
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Cllr Gavin Malone
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Cllr Cathy Mason
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Mr Johnny Mc Bride
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Colette McAteer
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Cllr Declan McAteer
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Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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Cllr Harold McKee
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Patricia McKeever
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Cllr Karen McKevitt
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Cllr Andrew McMurray
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Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Paul Tamati
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/206/2019	Adoption of Suicide Down to Zero	<p>It was agreed that: Council formally adopt the approach and aspiration of Suicide Down to Zero. A suitable launch and media statement to be prepared for Council Chairperson. An amount of £10,000 is allocated to a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Scheme administered through a Financial call subject to the estimates process. A working group involving the Council, the Southern and South Eastern Health Trusts and local relevant Voluntary Organisations is created to examine ways of attaining the goal of zero suicides across the District.</p>	E Devlin	Ongoing Virtual Suicide prevention awareness training to be offered to all members in Feb/March	Y
AHC/4/2020	Overflow Car Park at Donard Park	<p>It was agreed to proceed: with 'winter arrangements' for the unofficial overflow car park at Donard Park to remain in place until Easter 2020 as per historical arrangement. Winter arrangements – closed from the 1st November to Easter 2020 (10th April) If a budget became available in the interim, the opening of the overflow car park could be brought forward on busy days prior to Easter 2020. The proposed establishment of an official and permanent overflow car parking arrangements at Donard Park as per appendix 1, and commit £250k to Council Capital Programme. Following such approval, a detailed capital proposal will be brought back to Committee for further consideration.</p>	P Tamati	Planning application submitted Jan 2021, ongoing. Awaiting price confirmation and contractor appointment	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/6/2020	Annual Licence Agreement with Community Facilities	It was agreed to replace existing tenancy arrangements within Council Community Facilities to updated Licence Agreements.	J Hillen	Ongoing – Draft Licenses in place and applications to DfC CAT Scheme progressed for relevant groups Drumaness Snooker Club complete	N Y
AHC/163/2020	Public Health Agency – Leading the Way Programme Pilot	To approve the development of a SLA with the Public Health Agency to deliver a pilot Active Travel programme based on the 'Leading The Way' programme.	E Devlin	Ongoing	Y
AHC/120/2021	Upgrade works to Ballynahinch Community Centre and Market House, Ballynahinch	It was agreed to accept the proposals for the Market House and begin reconfiguration works immediately (approx cost £20,000) and accept option 2 as the preferred option for the upgrade to Ballynahinch CC and develop subsequent business case (to include community consultation) for proposed scheme.	J Hillen	Building Control application submitted for The Market House and tender documents are being prepared. Ballynahinch CC – Business Case paper at November AHC Business Case paper Approved at November AHC - AHC/233/2021	Y
AHC/143/2021	Notice of Motion – Defibrillators	It was agreed to: Undertake a programme of engagement with local sports clubs & community organisations across the District to establish level of defibrillator provision in their various facilities; Develop a programme which is designed to increase the numbers of officers and volunteers within all sporting and community organisations who can perform the vital lifesaving skill of CPR; Target all organisations across business, statutory, Community and Voluntary sectors who have an AED to register it on the National Defibrillator Network. A timeframe of six months be set in order to update Members on the progress of the engagement programme. Council officers to liaise with the Heart Foundation regarding funding towards defibrillators with the potential of a grant stream being established for groups to access	M Lipsett	Ongoing 2 no's defib training sessions taking place in Bessbrook and Annalong CC March 22 3 no's first aid training courses taking place in Annalong x 2 and Newtownhamilton	N

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/168/2020	Warrenpoint Community Centre	Accept the business case for professional fees attached to the officer's report and proceed to develop the scheme to planning application stage.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/016/2021	Shimna Integrated College, long term access agreement for Donard Park Sports Facilities	It was agreed to enter into a long-term access agreement with Shimna Integrated College in relation to Sports Facilities at Donard Park and a report brought back to Active & Healthy Communities Committee for approval once the detail of the access arrangement had been agreed with the school	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/017/2021	Sports Facilities Strategy, Sports Hubs	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Casey, to appoint consultants to develop a sports development strategy for the Council and further develop and prioritise the establishment of Sports Hubs across the District including progressing these to detailed design and planning stage as appropriate. It was also agreed the budget as outlined in the officer's report is added to Councils Capital programme as part of Councils Sports Facilities Strategy list of projects.	P Tamati	Ongoing - focus groups and surveys now completed. Awaiting consultants report.	N
AHC/044/2021	Feasibility Study for Council Solar Farm	It was agreed to approve Officers procuring a feasibility study for development of solar farm pilot on identified council land.	E Devlin	In progress	Y
AHC/087/2021	Feasibility Study for Battery Storage Pilot	It was agreed for Officers procuring a feasibility study to assess the suitability of Council community buildings with PV for battery storage pilot.	E Devlin	In progress	Y

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AHC/099/2021	Fairtrade Signage	It was agreed to approve Option 1 to implement Fairtrade District Statute signage, as per Fairtrade Organisation template, on all 21 Boundary signs across the District at a cost of £1,102.50 (excl. VAT).	E Devlin	The Fairtrade graphic has been agreed with marketing, designed by the printers and approved by the Fairtrade S/C at their October meeting. Next stage is for the graphic to be printed onto boundary signs and to agree a programme of installation with Grounds Maintenance Dept. Signs produced and being erected across District	Y
AHC/167/2021	Licence Agreement with Cosy Corner Playgroup at Crossmaglen Community Centre	It was agreed that Council submit an application to DfC via the community asset transfer process to seek approval for the reduction in annual fees as detailed in the officer's report and to hold off charging an annual rate to Cosy Corner Playgroup, Crossmaglen until the next financial year.	J Hillen	Licence agreement sent to group awaiting signing.	N
AHC/170/2021	Kilkeel Leisure Centre – Capital Build Project	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out essential and enhancement works for Kilkeel Leisure Centre at a cost as outlined within the officer's report; • Approve the business case for the project as per appendix 1 of the officer's report. 	M Lipsett P Tamati	Ongoing Planning permission for proposed gym extension submitted.	N
AHC/171/2021	Business Case – Minor Works Scheme at Cloughreagh Community Centre	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the business case as attached to the officer's report for the upgrade work at Cloughreagh Community Centre; • Approve to procure and appoint a consultant to complete a survey, including a bill of quantities; • Approve to appoint and procure a contractor to carry out the necessary works. 	J Hillen	Ongoing Survey is complete and awaiting report.	N
AHC/207/2021	Request to Councillor Brown from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group to present to Council.	It was agreed to hold an information /education workshop to receive deputation from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group and invite other sectors of education along with 2 Councillors from each Political Party to attend also.	M Lipsett J Hillen	Ongoing	N

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AHC/211/2021	Leasing of land at Darragh Cross GAC and Teconnaught GAC, Council Play Strategy	It was agreed subject to all statutory approvals being in place, to enter into a 25-year lease with Darragh Cross GAC and Teconnaught GAC as outlined in appendix 1 and 2 of the officer's report to facilitate the establishment of play parks in these areas as per Councils play strategy.	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/220/2021	Lease of commercial space at the McGraths Centre	It was agreed that as per the Acquisition and Disposal of land procedure to approve the use of an Agent to market and lease the commercial ground floor space at the McGrath Centre, Newry.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/233/2021	Business case for the reconfiguration of Ballynahinch Community Centre	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the business case as outlined within the officer's report for the reconfiguration of Ballynahinch Community Centre including the associated professional fees. • Submit the project for consideration in the 2022/2023 Capital rate estimates. • When funding is secured proceed to finalise drawings and costings for the preferred option and apply for all necessary statutory approvals and prepare tender documents based on the preferred Option 3 as outlined in the business case. 	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/234/2021	No 16 the Square, Rostrevor	It was agreed to note the contents of section 2.7 of the officer's report.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

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AHC/011/2022	Leasing of Council Land - Expression of interest, Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick	Amendment to report noted. It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An expression of interest process be carried out for the land at Old Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick. • A valuation being sought for the leasing of this site over a 21-year period. • The EOI process be publicly advertised for a period of two weeks. 	JH	Advert in local press w/c 4 th April. Request for applications closes 22/4/22 and completed application to be submitted by 9 th May 22	N
AHC/020/2022	Kilbroney Pitches – Capital Project	It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To appoint an economist to complete an Outline Business Case for the Kilbroney Playing Pitches Project. • To allocate an additional £50,000 to Councils Capital Programme to accommodate point 1 and support any works required to complete the Outline Business Case. 	P Tamati	On going	N

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/040/2022	Public Tender for a Programme Delivery Partner	It was agreed to approve a Public Tender and appointment for up to 3 years for a Leisure and Sport Programme Delivery Partner, subject to annual rates estimates provisions and approve the Business Case for this Public Tender as per appendix 1 of the report and Council's procurement policy.	P Tamati	Ongoing	N

ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 21 MARCH 2022

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/052/2022	Action sheet Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 February 2022	<p>The action sheet from the Committee Meeting held on 21 February 2022 was noted.</p> <p>Mr Lipsett agreed to contact Councillor Lewis directly with an update on the flood risk assessment and bring a report back to the next Committee Meeting in relation to Dundrum Playing Fields at the Old Belfast Road.</p> <p><i>AHC/143/2021: Notice of Motion – Defibrillators</i> Update to be provided at the next Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting in April 2022.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>M Lipsett</p> <p>E Devlin</p>	<p>Email sent to Cllr Lewis by TMcC.</p> <p>Update to be provided</p>	N
AHC/053/2022	Peace IV Local Action Plan	<p>It was agreed to approve the recommendations agreed by the Partnership on 3 March 2022 as follows:</p> <p>Building Positive Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and appoint relevant facilitators to deliver Capacity Building Programmes preparing groups for the co-design and implementation of Peace Plus projects across the 7 DEAs. Estimated cost: £35,000 – £50,000; • Procure and appoint relevant facilitators to deliver Irish Traveller Storytelling Project. Estimated cost: £25,000; • Delegated authority to procure and deliver other projects under Building Positive Relations in line with community need to utilise the predicted underspend. <p>Children and Young People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and appoint relevant facilitators to deliver a cross-community project for children in the Bessbrook area with the aim of creating messages of 'peace and reconciliation' which will be inscribed on a seating bench within Derrymore Estate - Estimated cost: £4,500. 	J Hillen	Recommendations are being implemented by the Peace Officers	Y

AHC/054/2022	Peace Plus Partnership	It was agreed to approve the proposed composition of the new Peace Plus Partnership including the approach for Pillars 2 to 4 and the selection of elected members to complete Pillar 1 in line with Council practice and Peace IV agreement. It was noted this was subject to Party Leaders approval.	J Hillen	A request has been sent for this to go to the next party leaders and the other pillars are being implemented.	Y
AHC/055/2022	Financial Assistance	It was agreed to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The attached appendices for revenue and capital projects. •Pre-letter of offer conditions met prior to issue of full letter of offer issued. •Re-allocate the £60,085 from the legacy sport capital project to the sports programmes and items themes. 	J Hillen	Letters will be issued after the call in period.	Y
AHC/056/2022	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached to the officer's report for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 17 February 2022. •Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 22 February 2022. <p>Mrs Hillen to report back to Councillor Casey regarding a request from the Greater Armagh Road Men's Shed to lease a piece of land at the Drumgullion Play Area.</p> <p>Mrs Hillen to follow up on Slieve Gullion DEA Private Meetings.</p>	J Hillen J Hillen J Hillen	All DEA Action Sheets being actioned accordingly. Actioned Actioned	Y Y Y
AHC/057/2022	Community Coordination Hub	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 23 February 2022.	J Hillen	Action Sheet being actioned accordingly.	Y
AHC/058/2022	Sustainability and Climate Change Forum	It was agreed to approve the actions as contained within the action sheet for Sustainability and Climate Change Forum Meeting on 17 February 2022.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y

AHC/065/2022	Newcastle Rockpool – Update	It was agreed to note the contents of the report in relation to the current position of Newcastle Rockpool and next steps.	C Boyd	Noted	Y
AHC/066/2022	Additional DFC fair funding salary uplift.	It was agreed to note the report.	J Hillen	Report being actioned.	Y

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/059/2022	Bann Road, Castlewellan – Erection of ball stop fencing	It was agreed to approve an overspend in Councils existing revenue budget within 2021/2022 financial year for the value as listed within the report in order to erect a new ball stop fence at the rear of Pitch 2 on the Bann Road playing field, Castlewellan.	P Tamati	On going	N
AHC/060/2022	Mullaghbawn Community Centre – Roof Repair	It was agreed that Mullaghbawn Community Centre remained closed for the foreseeable future or until the roof repair works were completed, as the building was a health and safety risk and currently not fit for purpose. It was further agreed Council gave the Landlord a reasonable timeframe (12 weeks) to complete the structural repairs and in the event that this was not complied with that Council take actions to terminate the lease.	J Hillen	Meeting held on 1/4/22 between officers and members of Mullaghbawn CC to update them on the current situation.	N
AHC/061/2022	Annalong Tennis Club Lease	It was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To renew the lease on the lands marked in red on the map attached hereto to 'The Representative Church Body' for a term of 15 years subject to 'The Representative Church Body' consent. • The rent payable under the existing Lease is £1400 per annum. 	P Tamati	On going	N

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/062/2022	Expressions of Interest (EOI) received for the leasing of Council land at Lisdrumliska Recreation Area Glen Hill Newry by Lisdrum Football Club and section of land at St Anne's Park Mayobridge by Mayobridge Men's Shed	It was agreed to approve the Expressions of Interest for leasing of the Glen Hill Newry and a section of ground at St Anne's Park Mayobridge was progressed in line with Councils Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy (2016) and in the interim allow both parties to enter into a Licence Agreement to place storage containers on both sites.	P Tamati	On going	N
AHC/063/2022	Castle Park Seasonal Operations	It was agreed to continue the appointment of the preferred bidder for Seasonal Operations at Castle Park for 2022/23 financial year.	P Tamati	On going	N
AHC/064/2022	Scheme of Delegation – September 2021 to March 2022	It was agreed to note the report and attachments.	M Lipsett	Noted	

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Child Poverty
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities

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

	For decision	x	For noting only	
1.0				Purpose and Background
1.1				<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to consider the following Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor McMurray:-</p> <p>"This Council notes the recent report from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research which draws the conclusion - in its most recent UK Economic Outlook - that the economy is 'Powering Down, Not Levelling up' and commits this Council to raising awareness of the reality of child poverty within our District. Furthermore, in order to best utilise key learnings and networks established from council's COVID-19 response, this Council will seek to; identify improved means of tackling child poverty and inequalities throughout the District – including a Council led review of local emergency support provision, agrees to make this issue a standalone and component part of our next Corporate Plan, and agrees to write to the Minister for the Department of Communities to request a meeting on the Child Poverty Strategy in order to receive an update and to identify opportunities for further collaboration and inter-agency working."</p>
2.0				Key issues
2.1				Council has no responsibility for the Child Poverty Strategy within the District but could include within the Corporate Plan.
3.0				Recommendations
3.1				<p>That AHC Committee consider and agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To write to the Minister for the Department of Communities to request a meeting on the Child Poverty Strategy in order to receive an update and to identify opportunities for further collaboration and inter-agency working. • To include the identification of improved means of tackling child poverty and inequalities throughout the District – including a Council led review of local emergency support provision as a component part of the Council's next Corporate Plan

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	No resources required.
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> <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>

	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	None
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 (subject to COVID-19 restrictions, guidelines and requirements).</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Any activity undertaken by the DEAs must be compliant with COVID-19 restrictions, guidelines and requirements.
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"> ➢ Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2022. ➢ Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Monday 28 March 2022. ➢ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 29 March 2022. ➢ Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 30 March 2022. ➢ Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2022. ➢ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 12 April 2022.
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 Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting, 22 March 2022. Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting, 28 March 2022. Appendix 4: Action Sheet of Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting, 29 March 2022. Appendix 5: Action Sheet of Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting, 30 March 2022. Appendix 6: Action Sheet of Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting, 12 April 2022.</p>

	Appendix 7: Action Sheet of Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting, 12 April 2022.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Appendix 1

The following information is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).

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

Level of Health Status:

The pandemic had a devastating impact on the mental health of young people living in the Newry, Mourne and Down District area. Lockdown had serious impacts on vulnerable young people making them more anxious. Young people were already dealing with huge pressures prior to Covid. The pandemic put additional strain on those who were already struggling to connect, interact and engage, due to traumatic experiences, social isolation, a loss of routine and a breakdown in formal and informal support. With the aim of reducing anxiety and supporting young people to develop habits of good mental health the 7 DEAs delivered a mental health programme to over 1,000 students in Year 10 across 12 post primary schools in the district.

A series of 4 Reconnection Roadshows funded by DfC were hosted across the Newry Mourne and Down District area. Events focused on Women, Families, Young People, and Men respectively. Each event hosted between 60-100 people and provided very valuable information on local services available within each DEA to support people and their mental health and wellbeing. Participants were provided with information and packs which would support their pathway to accessing services.

A series of 7 Mental Health in Sport Programmes funded by DfC were delivered across the 7 DEAs which focused on strength and balance, nutrition, online support, strategies to support mental health and development of a video resource to be promoted in the coming months. These sessions were attended by 12 sports organisations across the district.

The Mournes DEA delivered a 6-week Mindfulness Programme in partnership with Homestart, Newcastle.

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

Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:

The Mournes DEA in partnership with Annalong Community Empowerment created a Good Relations mural with the theme of 'Hope'. The mural incorporates four panels and is being delivered as a cross community project designed by children and young people of Annalong. Each mural has a different focus, these being landscape, the sea, hopes and dreams, and community.

The Mournes DEA delivered a 6-week Tin Whistle Music Programme in Kilcoo to engage diverse cultures in learning about traditional music and engaging in learning the basics of the instrument.

The Mournes DEA delivered 2 Set Dancing Workshops in Kilcoo to engage diverse cultures in learning about traditional set dancing and carrying out practical sessions.

The Mournes DEA delivered 3 Cultural Dance and African Drumming Sessions in Newcastle and Kilkeel educating young people on different cultures and traditions.

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Benefit from a Clean, Quality and Sustainable Environment:***Level of Quality Living Environment:***

The Mournes DEA in partnership with Killeel Development Association are working on reimagining the Manse Lane in Killeel. The project incorporates engagement with the local Youth Forum to design a mural for the area that captures and encompasses their vision of Killeel. A local artist will carry out the painting of the mural based on the ideas forwarded through the consultation with the Youth Forum. The project will also incorporate cleaning and upkeep of the area and further engagement with a local group to carry out planting projects.

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down get a Good Start in Life and Fulfil their Lifelong Potential:***Level of Quality School Life:***

The Mournes DEA delivered a "Robo Coding" Project to 6 primary schools in the Mournes area which engaged 200+ pupils.

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**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting via Microsoft Teams
held on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 9.30 a.m.**

Chairperson:	Councillor Terry Andrews
In Attendance:	Councillor Patrick Brown Councillor Robert Burgess
Independent Members:	Brian Gamble, SDA Lise Curran, CDRCN Lawrence Murphy, SANDSA
Statutory Partners:	Bethany McClune, Education Authority
Council Officials:	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Claire Loughran, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer Ellen Brennan, DEA Co-Ordinator Kevin McGarry, Programme Manager Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration Kate Bingham, Head of Performance & Improvement Julie McCann, Head of Community Services, Facilities & Events Rosie Daly, Acting Community Facilities Manager
Others in Attendance:	Johnny Tremlett, Pinnacle Growth Group
Apologies:	Councillor Kathryn Owen Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer Roisin Erskine, Health and Wellbeing

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/12/2/2022	Chairperson's Remarks.	<p>The Chairperson on behalf of the Forum extended sincere condolences to Judith Thompson on the recent death of her father.</p> <p>Congratulations were extended to Dorinnia Carville, who had been recently appointed Comptroller and Auditor General for NI, the Head of the NI Audit Office and wished her every success in her new role.</p>	<p>Coordinator to extend Forum's condolences to Judith Thompson PCSP.</p> <p>Coordinator to pass on Forum's congratulations to Dorinnia Carville on her recent appointment and wish her every success in her new role.</p>
DEA/ROW/12/3/2022	Declarations of Interest.	No declarations of interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/12/4/2022	Propose and Second Action Sheet of meeting held on 21 st January 2022.	On the proposal of Councillor Burgess, seconded by Brian Gamble the action sheet of 21 st January 2022 was approved as a true record.	Action sheet accepted as true record.
DEA/ROW/12/5/2022	Update reports on Community Services, Education Authority and PCSP.	Bethany McClune, Education Authority, advised on programmes currently being undertaken in Ballynahinch High School and youth clubs which were being held in Killyleagh, Crossgar and Ballynahinch and outlined the content of same to members. She advised that action planning for the next quarter was	Noted

		<p>currently being undertaken so if members knew of any areas that should be addressed please get in touch and let her know.</p> <p>Claire Loughran, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer, highlighted the Home Secure Scheme and encouraged members to refer vulnerable individuals to same. Information on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is to be forwarded to DEA Coordinator for circulation. An update was given on the Rapid Bin Scheme and ongoing programmes.</p>	Noted.
DEA/ROW/12/6/2022	Presentation on Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2022-23 by Kate Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement.	A copy of the Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2022-23 had been circulated to members and the Head of Performance and Improvement outlined the rationale for the identified objectives for members. Members approved the objectives as outlined.	Members approved the Performance Improvement Objectives 2022-23.
DEA/ROW/12/7/2022	Welcome Kevin McGarry, Programme Manager Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership, to outline Covid Recovery Small Settlements scheme.	<p>A presentation was delivered providing details of the Covid Recovery Small Settlement Scheme and the various phases which would be impacting on both Killyleagh and Saintfield.</p> <p>Members welcomed details of the jointly funded DfC, DAERA, DfI and NMDDC project.</p>	On the proposal of Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Burgess the Covid Recovery Small Settlement Scheme project was noted and agreed.
DEA/ROW/12/8/2022	Johnny Tremlett, Pinnacle Growth Group, Julie McCann, Head of Community Services,	Mr Tremlett outlined Council's Current Application of Criteria, Analysis of Current Criteria, Current Benchmarks,	Contents of the presentation were noted and approved.

	and Rosie Daly, Acting Manager Community Facilities.	and New Criteria Proposal which was noted and approved by all members. Rosie Daly provided an update on the refurbishment of the Bridge Centre, Killyleagh, and current programme of works for the Market House and Ballynahinch Centre which were noted by members.	Members noted the update.
DEA/ROW/12/9/2022	Coordinator's Report.	As the report had been circulated prior to the meeting members had noted its content and thanked the Coordinator for all her hard work.	Noted.

The meeting ended at 10.43 a.m.

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Monday 28th March 2022 at 4.30pm via Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Declan Murphy (vice chair)
In Attendance:	Councillor Aoife Finnegan Councillor Barra O'Muiri Councillor Micky Larkin Councillor Pete Byrne
Independent Members:	Majella Golloghy, Rural Health Partnership
Statutory Partners:	Annie Clarke, SH&SCT Graeme Reynolds, PSNI
Council Officials:	Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator Slieve Gullion Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Amanda Smyth, Head of Regeneration & Business Development Kate Bingham, Head of Performance & Improvement Briege Boyle, Community Facilities Manager Shona McIlhone, Community Engagement Clerical Officer
Others in Attendance:	Laurence Bradley, Confederation of Community Groups Sean Maguire, Confederation of Community Groups
Apologies:	Councillor Oonagh Magennis Councillor David Taylor Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Teresa Nugent, Rural Health Partnership Cailin McParland

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SG/11/2022	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SG/12/2022	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 25 th January 2022 via Teams	Proposed by Cllr Finnegan and Seconded by Cllr Murphy.	Noted.
DEA/SG/13/2022	Performance Improvement Objectives – Kate Bingham	The Head of Performance & Improvement gave a presentation on Performance Improvement Objectives for 2022/23. The 8-week public consultation period ends on 15 th May 2022.	Action: The delay from statutory consultees regarding Planning Applications needs to be addressed. Head of Performance & Improvement to follow up.
DEA/SG/14/2022	Small Settlement Scheme – Amanda Smyth	The Head of Regeneration & Business Development gave a presentation on the success of previous Covid recovery schemes and advised what is planned for 2022/23. Total funding of £3.9m will be provided by DfC, DAERA, Dept of Infrastructure and NMDDC. Funding will focus on smaller settlements.	Action: The DEA Forum to regularly consider issues relating to Crossmaglen to ensure the village is fully prepared for future funding schemes etc. Action: Village plans to be forwarded to members and considered at the next DEA Forum meeting. DEA Coordinator to action.

DEA/SG/15/2022	Coordinator's Update	<p>The DEA Coordinator gave an update on all the programmes currently running in the Slieve Gullion area. Programmes included were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RESPECT Project – Bessbrook - Photography Programme - Schools Intercultural Programme - Healthy Schools Programme focusing on mental health - Intergenerational Programme - Anti-Drug Workshop - Keep Safe In The Home Workshops <p>At the request of Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to revisit the issue of use of school buses outside of school times. In particular, it was agreed to investigate transport for the regular LGBT group meetings.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to investigate</p>
DEA/SG/16/2022	Rural Health Partnership Update – Majella Golloghy	Majella Golloghy from Rural Health Partnership South Armagh gave an update on programmes currently being facilitated and what will be delivered in 2022/23.	Noted.

DEA/SG/7/2022	Youth Work Update – Cailin McParland	In the absence of Cailin McParland, due to a recent bereavement, Councillor Byrne gave a brief update. The youth club has been audited and has retained funding for 2022/23.	Noted. Action: DEA to send Cailin a letter of condolence.
DEA/SG/18/2022	Safety	Graeme Reynolds, PSNI, provided an update on current safety issues within Slieve Gullion. Road safety issues and drugs are key priorities.	Noted.
DEA/SG/19/2022	Capital Projects	No update available.	Noted.
DEA/SG/20/2022	Update from SHSCT - Health and Wellbeing – Annie Clarke	Annie Clarke Southern, Health and Social Care Trust, gave an update on how rural partnerships are engaging with communities and the programmes that are currently being facilitated to improve health and wellbeing. Men's Health Week – 13-19 June 2022 – Mission Possible.	Noted.
DEA/SG/21/2022	Economic Development	Update included in Amanda Smyth's previous presentation.	Noted.

DEA/SG/22/2022	Community Facilities Update – Briege Boyle	The Community Facilities Manager gave an update regarding works at Newtownhamilton and issues at Mullaghbawn Community Centres and matters relating to the Areas at Risk Programme.	Noted.
DEA/SG/23/2022	Community Services Update – Briege Boyle	The Community Facilities Manager gave an update on programmes and events in community facilities. She asked Councillors to remind FMA/SLA groups about payments due by end of March. Community centres are largely back to normal now that restrictions are lifted.	Noted.
DEA/SG/24/2022	Date of next meeting	Monday 31 st May 2022 at 4.30pm via Teams.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 6pm

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**Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 at 18.00 pm via Microsoft Teams:**

Chairperson:	Councillor Declan McAteer
In Attendance:	Councillor Mark Gibbons Councillor Gerry O'Hare
Independent Members:	None
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Shirley Keenan – Crotlieve DEA Co-ordinator Aisling Rennick – Engagement & Development Manager Shannon Creaney - PCSP Officer Kate Bingham – Head of Performance and Improvement Amanda Smyth – Head of Regeneration and Business Development Aoibheann McLernon - Senior Environmental Health Officer (Health Improvement)
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Karen McKeivitt Councillor Michael Ruane Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly Damien Brannigan – Head of Engagement Laura Sage – Community Facilities Manager, Community Services Tania Baille – Confederation of Community Groups Deirdre Magill- Southern Health and Social Care Trust Carie Crawford – Education Authority Clare Shields – County Down Rural Community Network Thelma Thompson - Altnaveigh House

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/01/2022	Declaration of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/02/2022	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held November 2021.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/03/2022	DEA Co-ordinator's Report/ Spend and Action Plan.	<p>Planned projects agreed by Forum Members along with associated budget.</p> <p>Projects include: ASB Project in Rostrevor, Capacity Building Event for new Women's Group, Community Planting Event, Good Relations Cultural Event.</p>	DEA Co-ordinator to continue with delivery and implementation.

DEA/C/04/2022	Kate Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement.	Presentation – Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2022-2023.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/05/2022	Aoibheann McLernon, Health Improvement: Newry and Mourne Older Peoples Forum- Parking Issue Dual Carriageway Newry to Warrenpoint.	Matter referred to PCSP and PSNI.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/06/2022	Amanda Smyth, ERT: Small Settlement Scheme.	Update provided by Mrs Smyth.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/07/2022	PCSP Update.	Update provided by Ms S Creaney, PCSP Officer.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/08/2022	COVID-19 Pandemic Impact – Loneliness.	Request from Cllr McAteer to address loneliness as an issue in the DEA.	To be included in DEA action plan.

DEA/C/07/2020	Warrenpoint Town FC.	Request from Warrenpoint Town Football Club via Cllr Mark Gibbons for Council to erect lighting inside Council property boundary.	DEA Co-ordinator to refer matter to relevant Council department. COMPLETED. ITEM TO REMAIN ON AGENDA.
DEA/C/09/2020	Update on Toilets in Warrenpoint Park.	DEA Co-ordinator to obtain update.	ITEM TO REMAIN ON AGENDA.
DEA/C/69/2021	Update on Warrenpoint Baths.	Item to remain on agenda.	Councillors were recently updated by ERT Department and will continue to be updated.
DEA/C/09/2022	Date of next meeting.	The next meeting date: 21 st June 2022.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward papers and Teams Link.

The meeting ended at: 19:30 pm

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**Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 2pm via Microsoft Teams**

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Chairperson:	Councillor Glynn Hanna
In Attendance:	Councillor Harold McKee Councillor Michael Rice
Independent Members:	None
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Donna Mulholland, District Electoral Area Coordinator, The Mournes Kate Bingham, Head of Performance & Improvement Amanda Smyth, Head of Regeneration & Business Development Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer
Others in Attendance:	Janice Smith, JM Consulting Katrina Newell, Annalong Community Empowerment
Apologies:	Councillor Laura Devlin Councillor Leanne McEvoy Councillor William Clarke Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager Kevin McGarry, Programme Manager (Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development) Paul Connolly, PSNI Deirdre Magill, Southern Health & Social Care Trust Donna McConnell, Kilkeel Development Association

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MOU/2022/10	Welcome/Introductions		Noted.
MOU/2022/11	Declarations of Interest		None made.
MOU/2022/12	Small Settlement Scheme	Amanda Smyth gave a presentation on the Small Settlement Scheme structure, funding and engagement process.	Noted.
MOU/2022/13	Draft Performance Improvement Objectives	<p>Kate Bingham presented the draft performance improvement objectives and report findings.</p> <p>Clr Glynn Hanna requested the report and presentation to be circulated to the Mournes Councillors.</p>	DEA Coordinator to Circulate Report and Presentation.
MOU/2022/14	Annalong Community Empowerment (ACE) Action Plan	<p>Janice Smith (JM Consulting) and Katrina Newell (ACE) presented the ACE action plan and findings.</p> <p>Clr Hanna commended the group for the work completed within the action plan and requested a copy of the presentation to be forwarded to all Mournes Councillors.</p> <p>Clr Hanna provided ACE with an update from Outdoor Leisure Services regarding</p>	DEA Coordinator to circulate report to all Mournes Councillors.

		<p>proposed Annalong Playpark progress and initiatives.</p> <p>ACE had expressed concern regarding limited formal feedback and consultation on the plans for the proposed playpark.</p> <p>Cllr Hanna suggested that Outdoor Leisure Services contact ACE to provide progress on plans and initiatives.</p>	<p>DEA Coordinator to contact D Crilly and C Haughey to make contact with ACE to provide ongoing feedback on progress of the proposed playpark.</p>
MOU/2022/15	PCSP Update	<p>Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer, provided an update on PCSP programmes and projects.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
MOU/2022/16	Action Sheet 26 November 2021	<p>DEA Coordinator give a brief update and overview of the actions from the previous Forum meeting.</p> <p>Ballymartin Playpark – DEA Coordinator informed the Forum that Outdoor Leisure Services confirmed there will be no formal launch of the playpark. Cllr Hanna proposed a launch date for post Purdah, seconded by Cllr Rice.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to contact Outdoor Leisure Services to request a launch of the Ballymartin Playpark post Purdah.</p>
MOU/2022/17	DEA Coordinator's Update	<p>DEA Coordinator provided an update on programmes and initiatives expended through the 21/22 Mournes DEA budget and ongoing work in the Mournes area.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
MOU/2022/18	AOB	<p>Cllr Hanna asked for an update on Neighbourhood Services meeting at the Lower Square Kilkeel regarding the river from Pedestrian Bridge to the Harbour and proposed work carried out by Council.</p>	<p>DEA Coordinator to contact Kevin Scullion regarding progress on permits from Rivers Agency to fix the area and any other progress on the scheduled works.</p>

		Clr Hanna asked for a representative of DFI to attend the next Mourne Forum meeting to discuss roads resurfacing and repair works for the Division.	DEA Coordinator to contact DFI to invite a representative to attend the Forum meeting on 25 May 2022.
MOU/2022/19	Date of Next Meeting	DEA Coordinator confirmed date of next meeting: 25 May 2022 at 2pm.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 15.40

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 2.00 pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Gareth Sharvin
In Attendance:	Councillor Dermot Curran Councillor Cadogan Enright Councillor Oonagh Hanlon
Independent Members:	Lisa Perry, Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Jenny Laverty, Housing Community Network Daniella McCarry, CDRCN Jim Masson, Down Business Connect Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Community Collective
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Kevin McGarry, Programme Manager, Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership Aveen McVeigh, Regeneration, Business Support and Development Officer
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Maurice Denvir, East Lecale Communities Councillor John Trainor Aisling Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager

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DEA/DPK/22/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/22/02	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/22/03	Actions of Meeting held on 8 th February 2021	<p>Attendance of DAERA at June Forum Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following discussion, it was agreed that the DEA Co-Ordinator refer to the DEA Terms of Reference in relation to Members of the public/ community/voluntary groups attending Private DEA Forum Meetings. • Subject to checking the DEA Terms of Reference, maximum of 2 representatives from Quoile Angling Club to be invited to attend June Forum Meeting. Representatives to prepare a short presentation or list of questions to be discussed with 	DEA Co-Ordinator to check DEA Terms of Reference and make contact with Chair of the Quoile Angling Club.

		<p>DAERA. Forum Members to receive these prior to the meeting.</p> <p>St Patrick’s Day Celebrations: A discussion ensued, following which it was agreed to recommend to Council that the amount awarded to participants taking part in the parade should be increased to encourage a larger variety of acts to participate.</p>	<p>DEA Co-Ordinator to refer to Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourist Department.</p>
DEA/DPK/22/04	<p>Receive update from Mourne, Gullion & Lecale Partnership re future projects</p>	<p>The Programme Manager presented Members with an update on the Small Settlements Scheme. Within Downpatrick DEA, Strangford Village will have improvement works including streetscaping and upgraded furniture.</p> <p>It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, that the Project Officer recommend to the funders that Killough be included within the current scheme. Councillors also to raise at the Council’s Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee.</p> <p>On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Curran, it was agreed that the extension of the footpath in</p>	<p>Programme Manager to refer proposal to funders and relevant department.</p> <p>DEA Co-Ordinator to refer to ORNI.</p>

		Chapelton and Kilclief be referred to ORNI for consideration in their current programme.	
DEA/DPK/22/5	Update from Regeneration, Business Support & Development Officer on the Church Street Project	The Business, Support & Development Officer gave Members an update on works completed. Further works to be carried out include replacement of 2 bus shelters and bins. Another call for the shop front scheme will be released and Officers are moving forward to complete a concept design of the area.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/22/6	Consultation on Draft Performance Improvement Objectives	<p>The Head of Performance & Improvement provided Members with an update on previous figures. She advised that this year's consultation is now open for 8 weeks and requested that Members complete the consultation.</p> <p>Members raised concern in relation to this year's Financial Assistance Call, in particular the time of year that the funding was open and the length of time groups had to wait to receive the outcome. They also requested that Council consider making all the forms electronic.</p>	DEA Co-Ordinator to refer to the Programmes Unit.

DEA/DPK/22/7	Report on DEA/Good Relations Initiative	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, that the proposed programme be approved.	DEA Co-Ordinator to progress with programme.
DEA/DPK/22/8	Times of Future Forum Meetings	Following an update from the DEA Co-Ordinator Members agreed to hold meetings at 10.00 am, 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.	DEA Co-Ordinator to send out new schedule.
DEA/DPK/22/9	Date of Next Meeting	Meeting has been scheduled for 14 th June at 10.00 am.	

The meeting ended at: 3.50 pm

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 3.30pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Roisin Howell
In Attendance:	Councillor Cathy Mason
Independent Members:	Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Kate Bingham, Head of Performance and Improvement Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator Kevin McGarry, Rural Development Programme Manager
Others in Attendance:	Pat McGreevy, Chairperson, Loughinisland Community Association
Apologies:	Councillor Alan Lewis Councillor Andrew McMurray Councillor Hugh Gallagher Felix Blaney, Castlewellan Community Partnership Catherine Kennedy, Loughinisland Youth Club Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SC/3/2022	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SC/4/2022	Matters arising from Action Sheet of meeting held on 22 nd February 2022	Action Sheet from 22 nd February 2022 was proposed as a true record.	Proposed by Councillor Mason. Seconded by Heather Holland.
DEA/SC/5/2022	Small Settlement Scheme	Rural Development Programme Manager gave a presentation on the Small Settlement Scheme structure, funding and engagement process. Members requested copy of presentation.	Noted. DEA Coordinator to circulate presentation.
DEA/SC/6/2022	Draft Performance Improvement Objectives	Head of Performance Management presented the draft performance improvement objectives and report findings. Head of Performance Management to feedback to Programmes Unit the need for increased funding for Financial Assistance.	Noted. Head of Performance Management.

DEA/SC/7/2022	Loughinisland Community Association	<p>Chairperson of Loughinisland Community Association presented on local area needs.</p> <p>Meeting to be organised with DFI and Councillors.</p> <p>Explore funding opportunities to conduct a feasibility study for community facility/playpark.</p> <p>Consultation with community regarding site location for playpark.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Councillor Cathy Mason.</p> <p>CDRCN Officer and Chairperson of Loughinisland Community Association.</p> <p>Loughinisland Community Association.</p>
DEA/SC/8/2022	Action Plan Update	All Forum Members approved projects outlined and associated budget.	Noted.
DEA/SC/9/2022	Proposed programmes 2022-2023	All Forum Members approved project proposals outlined and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/10/2022	Date and time of next meeting	Next meeting is scheduled to take place on 21 st June 2022 at 3.30pm.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at: 4.53pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community 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 held on Wednesday 23 March 2022. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 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 the impact of Covid-19 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022.
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	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
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7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix 1: Action sheet of the CCH Meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022.	
8.0	Background Documents	
8.1	None.	

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**Minutes of Community Coordination Hub Meeting
Wednesday 23 March 2022 @ 2:30pm****In Attendance:**

Chair: Damien Brannigan, Engagement

Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups and Strategic Stakeholder Forum
Nicholas McCrickard, County Down Rural Community Network and Strategic Stakeholder Forum
Sonya Burns, Programmes Unit
Aisling Rennick, DEAs
Aiden McCabe, SHSCT
Gerard Rocks, SHSCT
Richard Patrick, DFC
Julie McCann, Community Services, Facilities & Events
Julie-Anne Harte, Programmes Unit

Apologies:

Michael Lipsett, Active & Health Communities
Janine Hillen, Community Engagement
Alan Beggs, GIS Mapping
Sinead Trainor, Health and Wellbeing
Lauren McMenamy, Community Planning
Rosemary McDonnell, Community Advice Newry, Mourne & Down and Strategic Stakeholder Forum
James Elliott, DFC
Lynda Vladeanu, SEHSCT

Item	Issue Raised	Agreed:	Referred to	Action taken
2.	Actions from CCH meeting 23 Feb 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aidan McCabe SHSCT and Richard Patrick DfC were introduced and welcomed to their first CCH meeting having replaced colleagues. • Actions from last CCH meeting circulated with agenda were considered. 		
3.	Funding Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy attached. 	All	
4.	Updates from DfC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard gave a brief update on behalf of DfC. • No extension from DfC to spend date of 31/3/2022 for 2021/2022 funding. • Richard will follow up with DfC colleagues on progress of Generic/Flexible Score/Report Card for DfC 2020/2021 underspend funded projects. • Raymond highlighted to Richard ongoing issues in relation to the DfC funded Emergency Fuel Payment Scheme. 	RP RP	
5.	Update on DfC funded programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spreadsheet including breakdown of spend and budget shared with group. • It was requested by Raymond and agreed in principle that the underspend totalling £4,131.69 be allocated from the 'DfC 2020/2021 CSP COVID-19 Response Funding <u>underspend</u> held in Council Reserves' to CCG (on behalf of SSF) for onward distribution to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rural Health Partnership £2,000.00 2. Bolster £2,131.69 • It was also agreed in principle that once any surplus amounts have been declared by any of the proposals/projects that are currently being funded using 'DfC 2020/2021 CSP COVID-19 Response Funding <u>underspend</u> held in Council Reserves' to allocate these surpluses to the Family Hardship Funds - payable to Bolster Community (via CCG/SSF) and County Down Rural Community Network, as required. • It was clarified that the amount agreed in principle at the 23 February 2022 CCH meeting to be allocated to the NMD SSF to support appropriate, needful and agreed actions/activity/proposals arising from the SSM piece of work Stephen McClelland is currently undertaking on behalf of the NMD SSF is approximately £81,929.69. 	RJ/DB All RJ/NM/DB	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community • End of March spend expected by end of week and will be forward to DB once finalised. Large amount of spend has been on fuel poverty. • Meeting on Friday to hopefully put in last claims. • SSM NMD online survey now live, encourage individuals/groups to complete. • Trust • Verve has been taken forward by Clanrye and SSF. Soft launch on 27 March in Altnaveigh House, Newry. • Unsure on underspend at present, will review and update as soon as possible. • Tremendous positive feedback received on the Slow Cooker scheme. • Gerard enquired if funding would be available in 2022/2023 towards projects. It was confirmed that no funding commitments have been made by DfC in relation to 2022/2023. • Council • DEAs' Roadshow project is nearly complete, 2 other projects are underway and hope to be complete by Easter. • Programmes Unit have met with Raymond & Nicholas, reviewed claims and scorecards and reviewed how process can be streamlined. • Process now in place to try to expediate FMA/SLA uplift. • Follow up calls made to groups who received monies to ask if project finished could they file their claim asap. • 85 slow cookers purchased have all been distributed and invoices submitted. 	RJ	
6.	Community Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing additional to add. 		
7.	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from Council's AHC Committee to ask DfC would there be any additional funding available this year (2022/2023) to cover the shortfall of almost £500k for Sports Development Major Capital Projects under 2022/2023 Financial Assistance Call 1. 	RP & SB	

8.	Date and times of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 2.30 pm		
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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	25th April 2022
Subject:	2022 / 2023 DFC Areas at Risk Funding for Bessbrook and Crossmaglen
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Julie Mc Cann Head of Community Services, Facilities and Events
For decision	For noting only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	For Noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NM&DDC have received letters of offer from the Department for Communities for a continuation of the Areas at Risk programme for the period 2022 / 2023 - Council have secured £24,000 per location to run community educational programmes for residents of the Crossmaglen and Bessbrook areas.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Areas at Risk Programmes will take place primarily within Bessbrook & Crossmaglen Community Centres. The programmes assist with meeting the Councils corporate objectives by empowering and improving the capacity of our local communities.</p> <p>As per the DFC letter of offer quarterly progress reports and financial claims will be submitted identifying what courses were run in the past quarter, what funding was spent, numbers attending, and any issues identified.</p> <p>In the last financial year, a wide range of activities took place including childcare courses, door supervision courses, Kids Summer Fitness camps, Kids Fishing camps, arts and craft activities, wellness time for me. All participation targets were met and the full amount of grant aid was claimed by NM&DDC.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p><i>That the Committee agree</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>To note that NM&DDC have received letters of offer from the Department for Communities for a continuation of the Areas at Risk programme for the period 2022 / 2023 - Council have secured £24,000 per location to run community educational programmes for residents of the Crossmaglen and Bessbrook areas.</i>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Area manger Officer time
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
5.1	No equality impact assessment is required at this time;
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	A rural Needs Impact Assessment is not required at this time
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Cross Sector Sustainable Food Training Initiative
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Rodney McBride Sustainable Food Places Coordinator

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That Committee consider and agree to Officers procuring an educational provider for a 'Cross Sector Sustainable Food' training Initiative.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council have been committed to supporting a range of local groups who champion the benefits of community growing and education. Projects are largely volunteer led, small in scale and poorly promoted. • Council have partnered with the UK Sustainable Food Partnership (SFP) network organisation and report quarterly on issues and local actions. • A Live Action Plan is currently being put in place under a number of headings including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Poverty Food Economics and Procurement Local Food Movement and Tackling Climate Emergency Food Waste <p>Four sub committees (community led) are in place to consider and report under these headings.</p> <p>This proposal relates to the provision of a Cross Sector Sustainable Food training initiative involving 5 Seminars:</p> <p>Proposed tender to create a networking and learning opportunity for approximately 20 growers, producers and public-sector stakeholders with training and development sessions around 5 headings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business & Leadership 2. Sustainable Food 3. Social Economy (including artisan and farmers markets)

	<p>4. Food Miles 5. Strategic Direction & Procurement</p> <p>Sessions will be in person (not online) and include expert talks and input from department policy makers. Timetable will allow for one training seminar per month until September 2022.</p> <p>Legacy output: Create a digital forum to connect participants and keep them abreast of information and policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further approval will be sought to seek funding to progress beyond an initial consultation.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To agree to Officers procuring an educational provider to develop, recruit and deliver training for a cohort of local stakeholders re: sustainable food. Trainer to create a digital forum as a legacy follow up to maintain the network and seek funding for follow up support.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Within existing resources. Funding is in place (Department of Communities).
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>

<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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Background Documents</p>

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Feasibility Study for Community Social Farm
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Rodney McBride Sustainable Food Places Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To consider and agree to Officers procuring a feasibility study for development of a Community Social Farm on council land at Castlewellan Forest Park
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council have been committed to supporting a range of local groups who champion the benefits of community growing and education. Projects are largely volunteer led and small in scale. • Council have partnered with the UK Sustainable Food Partnership (SFP) network organisation, reporting quarterly on issues and local actions. • A Live Action Plan is currently being put in place under several headings including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food Poverty 2. Food Economics and Procurement 3. Local Food Movement and Tackling Climate Emergency 4. Food Waste <p>Four sub committees (community led) are in place to consider and report on these headings.</p> • Grow Your Own initiatives are widely accepted as creating a simple and cost-effective way for households to improve their food economy and better health <p>The proposal relates to an initial consultation for a project which may include an outdoor classroom / forest school, outdoor kitchen, polytunnel, allotment space, solar dome, poultry farm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A social farm would be a facility to educate, promote and champion healthy and sustainable living • Further approval will be sought to seek funding to progress beyond an initial consultation.

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To agree to Officers procuring an initial feasibility study for development of a social farm on identified land at Castlewellan Forest park</p> <p>Scope of the study will be to provide a general report for consideration of need and community support for a farm facility on council land.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Within existing resources. Funding is in place (Department of Communities).</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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	<p><i>Rationale:</i> Report is an initial scope of opinion from relevant departments and community stakeholders. It will not necessitate a full consultation exercise</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> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
8.0	Background Documents

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Edible Landscapes 'We Can Grow' Pilot Project
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Rodney McBride Sustainable Food Places Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That Committee consider and agree to Officers procuring a pilot for Edible Landscapes 'We Can Grow' project.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council have been committed to supporting a range of local groups who champion the benefits of community growing and education. Projects are largely volunteer led, small in scale and poorly promoted. • Council have partnered with the UK Sustainable Food Partnership (SFP) network organisation and report quarterly on issues and local actions. • A Live Action Plan is currently being put in place under several headings including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Food Poverty -Food Economics and Procurement -Local Food Movement and Tackling Climate Emergency -Food Waste <p>Four sub committees (community led) are in place to consider and report under these headings.</p> <p>This proposed project relates to Edible Landscapes 'We Can Grow' pilot project It is proposed to issue a tender for planting and delivery of raised beds to be located on shared land within community housing areas, approximately 4 – 5 square meters of herb and vegetable planting for shared use. Up to 5 locations will be supported depending on community support and buy in to the pilot project. Expressions of Interest will be sought from communities who can demonstrate their capacity to manage and maintain the raised beds and manage distribution of produce within the area. Tender will include provision of professional support for the first growing season.</p> <p>Tender submissions will be encouraged from social farm and garden projects wishing to develop within their local area.</p> <p>It is intended to create a digital forum to connect community participants and provide support and information on future funding.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further approval will be sought to seek funding to progress beyond an initial consultation.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To agree to Officers procuring one or more horticultural contractors to supply and deliver up to 5 community projects with follow up support for one growing season.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Within existing resources Funding is in place (Department of Communities).
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	Appendices
8.0	Background Documents

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Consultation on Temporary changes to emergency Care services at Lagan Valley Hospital
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That Committee consider and agree to return the attached consultation response
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust has launched a public consultation about the temporary changes to Urgent and Emergency Care Services at Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn.</p> <p>On Monday 18 October 2021, opening hours at the Lagan Valley Hospital Emergency Department were temporarily changed from 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday, to 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday. A 'Phone First' service was also introduced on this date.</p> <p>The decision to reduce the opening hours by two hours a day, was taken by the Trust in response to the significant shortage of suitably qualified emergency medical staff and the ability to maintain high quality standards of care for patients. Patient safety remains the Trust's key priority and there was no alternative to making this decision. We would like to assure you that the Trust is continuing to try to recruit new medical staff to support our Urgent and Emergency Care services at Lagan Valley Hospital.</p> <p>The 'Phone First' service involves patients being assessed by a senior doctor over the phone and ensures people receive the right care, first time. This system is being implemented across the region and is consistent with the Department of Health's strategy for Urgent and Emergency Care services which is expected to be published shortly.</p> <p>Whilst continuing to focus on providing high quality care for patients, the Trust needs to consider the best way to be able to provide safe, sustainable and clinically appropriate Urgent and Emergency Care services. The Trust believes that these changes can and will continue to meet the needs of the community safely, and is hopeful that they will provide a better experience for patients attending the Lagan Valley Hospital Emergency Department.</p> <p>The Trust remains committed to the Lagan Valley Hospital and recognises how important it is to the people of Lisburn and surrounding areas. The Hospital has a key role providing a comprehensive range of inpatient, day case and outpatient services. In addition to these core services, the Lagan Valley site will be further enhanced by a new Primary and Community Care Centre which will bring together a full range of GP, community care and hospital services. The</p>

	<p>Hospital is also the first dedicated Regional Day Procedure Centre and provides vital planned day surgery to patients from right across Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The Trust would like to consult with you on how the organisation proposes to deliver Urgent and Emergency Care services at Lagan Valley Hospital</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the attached Consultation response is returned
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	Appendices
	Response to Consultation
8.0	Background Documents
	SE Trust consultation documents

Consultation Questionnaire

The aim of this consultation is to obtain views from stakeholders. The Trust would be grateful if you could submit your feedback using the following questionnaire. The questionnaire is also available to complete online (<https://setrust.hscni.net/getinvolved/consultations/>), and in easy read and alternative formats (on request).

The closing date for this consultation is 22 April 2022 and we need to receive your completed questionnaire on or before that date.

Please return your questionnaire using the contact details below. Alternatively, you may also wish to give feedback to the Trust via letter, email or telephone:

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So that we can acknowledge receipt of your comments please fill in your name and address or that of your organisation. You may withhold this information if you wish but we will not then be able to acknowledge receipt of your comments.

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I am responding:
(please tick)

as an individual

on behalf of an organisation

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Council will be concerned at any reduction of service to the residents of our District. Lagan Valley will be the closest ED for a section of the area. While we understand the existing pressures we would wish to be assured that all aspects have been examined

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Question: Do you have any evidence to suggest that the actions taken by the Trust create an adverse differential impact?

No evidence at present

5. General comments

Please provide any other comments that you wish to make.

The elected members of this organisation are acutely aware of the pressures within the Health Service however we must continue to work on behalf of our residents to ensure that the care they need is available and accessible.
They would be concerned that temporary arrangements such as proposed do not be allowed to become the new status quo and would like assurances that the temporary situation will be removed at the earliest opportunity

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Public Consultation on the temporary changes to Urgent and Emergency Care services at Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn

Consultation Document

February 2022

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FOREWORD



The South Eastern Trust has had to make an immediate and temporary change to our Emergency Services in Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn. We are faced with significant challenges within our emergency medical service in relation to the availability of sufficient medical staff and the ability to maintain the high quality standards of care which we would like for our patients. Patient safety remains our number one priority, and therefore we have had no alternative to making this decision.

Whilst continuing our focus on providing high quality care for patients, the Trust needs to consider the best way to be able to provide safe, sustainable and clinically appropriate Urgent and Emergency Care services. We believe that the changes made can, and will continue to meet the needs of our community safely, and we are hopeful that they will actually provide a better experience for patients attending the Lagan Valley Hospital Emergency Department.

Over the past number of years there have been a number of regional service reviews outlining a clear need for urgent reform of our Health and Social Care Services in Northern Ireland. Moving forward, the Department of Health will shortly be publishing a Regional Review of Urgent and Emergency Care and this will set out the strategic direction across the region. I would wish to assure you that services provided from the Lagan Valley Hospital will take account of the content of this review.

The Trust remains committed to Lagan Valley Hospital and I am extremely proud of the excellent care being delivered by our staff who work there, and I recognise how important the hospital is to the people of Lisburn and the surrounding areas. For many years it has provided a comprehensive range of inpatient, day-case and outpatient services. In addition to these core services, the Lagan Valley site will be further enhanced by a new Primary and Community Care Centre which will bring together a full range of GP, community care and hospital services. In addition, the Hospital is the first dedicated Regional Day Procedure

Centre, and is providing vital planned day surgery for patients from right across Northern Ireland.

The Trust would like to consult with you on how we propose to deliver our Urgent and Emergency Care services at Lagan Valley. Our vision is to continue to provide our local community with safe, high quality healthcare which is appropriate and sustainable.

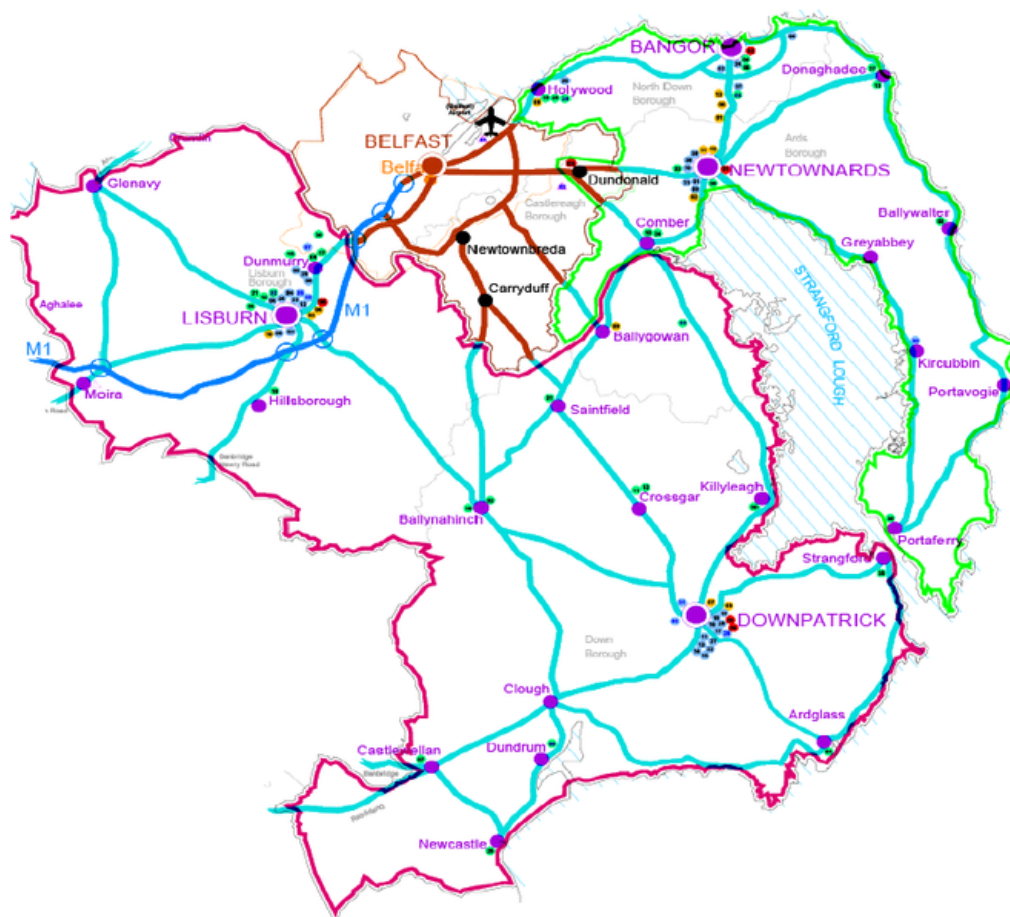
We are keen to hear your views in relation to this service during the public consultation period.

Roisin Coulter
Chief Executive

ABOUT THE TRUST

The South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust provides a wide range of acute hospital, community care, social services and services in people's own homes across the Trust area. The Trust has an annual budget of approximately £850m and employs approximately 11,000 staff.

The Trust serves the communities of Ards and North Down, Lisburn and Castlereagh and Newry, Mourne and Down Council areas, serving a resident population of 354,651 which accounts for 19% of Northern Ireland's population. The map below shows the geographical area covered.



The Trust has one Acute Hospital, at the Ulster Hospital, Dundonald. This is supported by Local Enhanced Hospitals at Downe and Lagan Valley. The Trust also has Community Hospitals at Bangor and Ards. Community bases are located in many local towns and villages

from Moira in the west to Portaferry in the east and from Bangor in the north to Newcastle in the south.

The Trust works in partnership with our community to deliver services to older people, children and families, to those with a learning or physical disability, or mental health condition.

Patients, clients and families are at the heart of everything we do and we have created a culture where everyone is valued, and our priority is to ensure the provision of safe, high quality and compassionate care for those we serve.

INTRODUCTION

Lagan Valley Hospital (LVH) is a Local Enhanced Hospital providing a comprehensive range of inpatient, day-case and outpatient services. In addition to these core services, the Lagan Valley site will be further enhanced by a new Primary and Community Care Centre which will bring together a full range of GP, community care and hospital services. In addition the Hospital is the first dedicated Regional Day Procedure Centre, and is providing vital planned day surgery for patients from right across Northern Ireland.

The Emergency Department (ED) is currently categorised as a Type 2 Department, which means that it offers a consultant-led service, but does not provide both emergency medicine and emergency surgical services, and operates with time limited opening hours. Prior to October 2021, LVH had been operating an emergency medicine service with opening hours of 8am – 8pm, Monday to Friday.

Whilst it has access to consultant-led emergency care, there are limited specialties in LVH, which can result in long waits for transfers for those requiring onward specialist care. This includes those requiring admission for: surgery, intensive care, paediatrics, obstetrics, gynaecology and orthopaedic services. In inpatient areas, there are a broad range of acute general medical specialties available: including respiratory, cardiology, gastroenterology, and care of the elderly medicine. There is also a dedicated Psychiatry of Old Age service with direct admissions to these wards.

Prior to October 2021, LVH ED had been delivering a consultant-led emergency medicine service, supported by middle grade doctors during the opening hours of the department. The Trust did not have sufficient permanent medical staff to deliver the service safely and consequently there was a significant reliance on agency locum medical cover, particularly at middle grade level. Despite numerous attempts to stabilise the medical workforce through both recruitment and encouraging medical staff to work across the entire hospital network within the Trust, the situation had become critical and unsustainable. Regionally, patients attending emergency departments have presented with increasingly complex needs and in need of more specialised care. This has also been the case in LVH and has become a growing safety risk as higher numbers of patients require transfer by Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) to other hospitals to receive appropriate care.

The unavailability of safe levels of medical staffing to support the opening hours of LVH ED is considered a patient safety risk, as it is critical that patients attending an emergency department have access to the care they need, at the time they need it, in the right place in order to achieve the best possible outcome.

The Trust's priority has always been, and continues to be, patient safety. In response to the challenges described above and in the interests of patient safety, the Trust took an immediate decision to temporarily reduce the opening hours of LVH ED by two hours a day. From Monday 18 October 2021, the LVH ED has been open from 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday. The fundamental reason for this temporary change was the lack of available suitably qualified middle grade doctors.

This consultation document describes why the Trust had to implement this temporary change in the interests of patient safety. We are now consulting on this temporary change to identify if there are any further mitigations or alternative proposals to support safe and sustainable delivery of services. Therefore in line with the Department of Health's policy guidance circular dated 18 September 2019, and the Trust's Consultation Scheme (2015), the Trust will consult from 23 February 2022 to 22 April 2022 (inclusive), a period of eight weeks.

WHY WE HAD TO TEMPORARILY REDUCE THE OPENING HOURS AT LAGAN VALLEY HOSPITAL

An Emergency Department is a place where patients receive time-critical intensive treatment and care for a serious injury, accident, life-threatening condition or illness. Generally you do not need an appointment to attend an Emergency Department due to the time-critical nature of the treatment and care required.

From 18 October 2021, the Trust temporarily reduced the opening hours at LVH ED, in response to extreme workforce challenges. The Trust was no longer able to maintain the existing hours of operation across Urgent and Emergency Care services in Lagan Valley Hospital due to insufficient medical staffing.

One of the most significant challenges facing the Trust in relation to LVH ED is a shortage of suitably trained doctors equipped to act as senior decision makers to treat and care for patients who choose to attend the department. This workforce challenge is not unique to South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, or Northern Ireland – it is a challenge echoed across Urgent and Emergency Care service providers throughout the UK.

The Trust exhausted various options in an attempt to secure additional suitably trained medical staff to cover shifts, all of which were unsuccessful.

Reliance on agency locum medical staff

When the Trust is unable to recruit doctors, or unable to provide the safe level of cover needed through our existing workforce, we can submit a request for locum doctors via an agency. The Trust is dependent on agency locum doctors to support us to provide safe levels of care across all of our hospital sites. Our use of agency locum doctors is not only rising in LVH but across all our services. This is due to various reasons including the increased number of patients attending hospital; the impact of COVID-19; the need to split COVID-positive /COVID-negative patients; and patients being older with more complex health needs and in need of increasing levels of medical care.

LVH ED has been dependent on agency locum doctors to fill gaps in rotas for over 10 years. Over the last four years alone, the Trust has had a 63% increase in the number of locum shifts required at middle grade level. Not only have the frequency in rota gaps increased, the Trust has not been able to secure locum doctors to cover these shifts and has been relying on more senior, consultant doctors to cover these shifts instead which has an adverse impact on the services we are able to provide the following day.

When LVH ED is open from 8am – 8pm, there is a requirement to have doctors on site until 11pm. The agency locum doctors the service relied on covered the majority of the shifts that were difficult to get cover for, particularly those which were until 11pm. Over 90% of shifts in LVH ED were filled by agency locum doctors during July 2021. They frequently worked over 60 hours a week filling gaps in rotas, with 80% of their shifts finishing at 11pm each day LVH ED was open.

Recently, there has been an unexpected and critical change in our middle grade doctor workforce with a number of the agency locum doctors we relied on to sustain the service, taking the decision to move on for various reasons. To provide a safe level of cover, the Trust needs 10 full-time middle grade doctors on the rota for LVH ED to cover the opening hours of 8am – 8pm. Prior to the temporary reduction, the Trust could only reliably provide 15% of this cover, which led to the Trust being in a position where safe and adequate medical cover could no longer be secured for LVH ED. The Trust continued to request locum doctors through all possible locum agencies in the UK and Ireland; however this has been unsuccessful at providing suitably trained doctors and significant gaps on our rotas remain.

Recruitment

The Trust is continually trying to recruit new doctors to support LVH ED. The Trust operates across all our hospital sites as a network and encourages all of the doctors we employ at senior and middle-grade level to work across each of our hospital sites. Operating this network model strengthens the Trust's medical workforce over time, as it ensures that each doctor has experience and knowledge of each hospital site and the services provided to patients. It also has the potential to provide, over the longer-term, a safe and sustainable level of medical cover that is resilient to short-term changes. However, this model relies on middle-

grade doctors having the necessary skill-level to make decisions and having appropriate supervision from a more senior doctor which is a continual challenge for the Trust.

Following a recent recruitment exercise in autumn 2021, a number of middle grade doctors have been offered jobs with the Trust. However, none of these doctors are suitable to work unsupervised in LVH without significant training to increase their skills and provide a safe increase on the level of cover already in place. The Trust is setting up rotational posts to prepare the current workforce so that they will have the knowledge, skills and behaviours to act as a middle grade doctor in future years. However it will take time to grow the workforce to the level required to meet demand for services.

Impact of workforce challenges on patient safety and experience

The Trust strives to ensure all of our patients receive the right care at the right time, which is not always possible to deliver when facing such challenges with our medical workforce.

Insufficient staffing levels result in longer waits, overcrowding, compromises to safe practice, a reduction in the quality of care and a less positive experience for patients and staff.

Across the region, Emergency Departments are facing overcrowding and long waits for patients who attend. From July to September 2021 there were 164,892 attendances to Emergency Departments across Northern Ireland, with 20,565 patients waiting for 12 hours or more. This is an increase of 45% compared to April to June 2021. Increasingly, patients attending LVH ED have been presenting with more complex conditions, and are in need of more specialised care, which is not currently available at LVH. These situations often result in a further delay in treatment for patients who choose to attend LVH ED as the Trust has to arrange a transfer to another more suitable hospital via Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS). It has been increasingly challenging for the Trust recently, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure a timely transfer for our patients to a more appropriate care facility given the staffing shortages we have faced across all of our services. These delays put our patients at increased risk of harm and do not deliver the high standard of care we expect for them.

When there isn't adequate cover, members of our medical team remain after their finishing time and work additional hours out of compassion and goodwill for our patients, and to ensure

we are still able to provide a safe service. This has a knock-on effect, disrupting other services we can offer, as these team members require an appropriate period of rest the following day. This added pressure on existing workloads of individuals can also be detrimental to their own health and wellbeing.

All of these challenges faced by the Trust can ultimately impact on the positive experience we would wish for each of our patients, but also for our staff who are working tirelessly to provide the best care they can.

HOW WE PROPOSE TO REDUCE RISK TO PATIENTS

Temporary reduction in opening hours

The Trust's aim is to continue to provide a service in LVH ED from 8am – 8pm. However, this is not possible at present with the current staff we have available, despite continued attempts to secure additional cover through ongoing recruitment exercises and agency locum doctor requests. To provide a service that remains open until 8pm requires cover from two appropriately trained medical staff until at least 11pm. This is to enable the follow-up of patients waiting for blood results or waiting for transfer to another hospital site, for example.

Reducing the opening hours from 8am – 6pm reduces the cover required by two hours from 11pm, to 9pm. This increases the likelihood of the Trust being able to cover these shifts. If the Trust was unable to fill the two shifts until 9pm it is expected, that on an ad hoc occasion, the more senior consultant staff on the rota from 8am – 4pm will be able to provide additional support up to the new closing time of 6pm to ensure all patients are seen and are safely cared for.

The medical shifts ending at 11pm are the most difficult to recruit to and secure suitable agency locum doctors for. Therefore, the Trust's dependency on agency locum doctors will significantly decrease as a result of temporarily reducing the opening hours.

Introducing a 'Phone First' model within an Urgent Care Centre

In response to the workforce challenges and to further reduce the Trust's dependency on the inconsistent level of cover provided by agency locum doctors in LVH ED, the Trust adopted

the 'Phone First' system from October 2021. This system is being implemented across the region and is already operating successfully in two of the Trust's other hospitals - Downe and Ards Minor Injury Unit. Over 89% of patients who have used the 'Phone First' service in Downe and Ards would recommend it to family and friends. Medical staff who work in these units are reporting that being able to redirect those who require care to a place where they can receive their definitive care has been very beneficial in reducing patient waiting times, and increasing patient safety.

The 'Phone First' model is consistent with the strategic direction for Urgent and Emergency Care as set out in the Department of Health's No More Silos (NMS) proposal published in July 2020 and is expected to be outlined in the Urgent and Emergency Care Review, which is due for imminent publication by the Department of Health.

Importantly, this service has ensured patients that are assessed by a senior doctor over the phone, receive the right care, first time. Following a review of the attendances to the ED at LVH over the period January – July 2021, the Trust anticipates that 90% of those who call will be seen in LVH or given appropriate clinical advice over the telephone. For the remaining 10% (approximately 1330 patients) where it is not appropriate to attend LVH ED, they will be directed to their local Pharmacy, GP, GP Out of Hours service, or to a more appropriate alternative hospital ED. This service will ensure the safety of our patients by reducing the number of patients who transfer to an alternative hospital for care, thereby reducing delays in patient care.

The Trust is also proposing to temporarily rename the department as an Urgent Care Centre (UCC). The Trust is making this proposal to better reflect the services delivered at present, and we want to be open and transparent with our patients about the service we are currently providing. We believe that this change facilitates patients in receiving their treatment in a suitable and safe environment based on their clinical need.

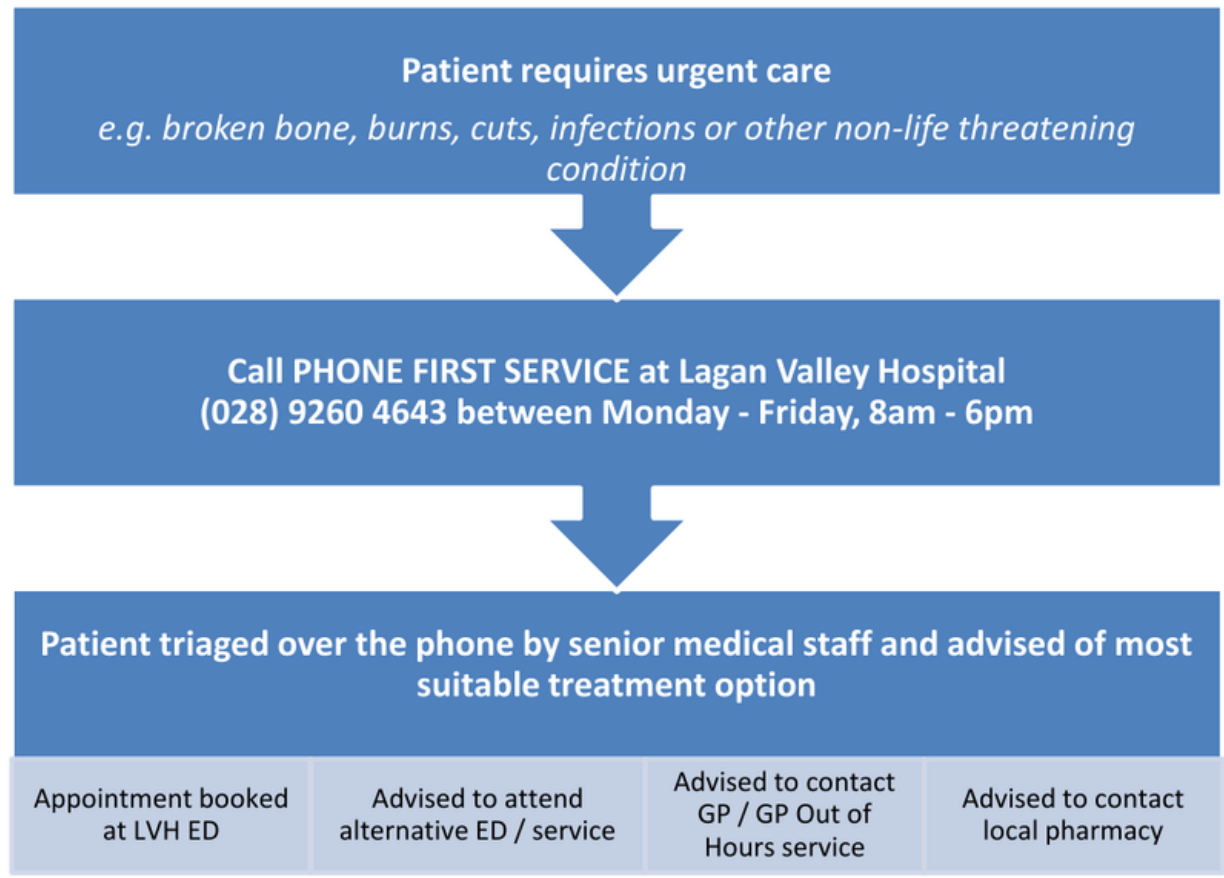
The Trust believes that by implementing these combined measures of reducing our opening hours and operating a 'Phone First' system within an Urgent Care Centre environment that we will be able to safely and sustainably provide the best care and support to the local community.

HOW WE WILL MONITOR THE IMPACT OF THE TEMPORARY CHANGES

The Trust is closely monitoring the ongoing impact of the changes to LVH ED. This includes monitoring the following:

- Department activity e.g. number of patients using 'Phone First'.
- Number of patients who need to be admitted to LVH.
- Number of patients transferred from LVH to other hospitals.
- Duration of patient's time spent in department.
- Ongoing recruitment.
- Patient experience – satisfaction questionnaires.

HOW YOU CAN ACCESS THE SERVICE



If you need access to LVH ED, the service is available 8am - 6pm, Monday to Friday by phoning **(028) 9260 4643**.

In cases of serious emergency, such as a life-threatening conditions including chest pain, symptoms of a stroke or a serious head injury patients should continue to phone 999 immediately.

Patients will be assessed over the phone and receive the right care, first time. After telephone assessment you will be offered an appointment in Lagan Valley Hospital or referred to your local Pharmacy, GP or directed to an appropriate Emergency Department.

EQUALITY DUTIES

The Trust is committed to promoting equality of opportunity, good relations and human rights in all aspects of its work. In keeping with the commitments in our Equality Scheme we have carried out an equality screening of this proposal the outcome of which was to subject the implementation of the proposal to '*on-going screening*'. At this stage, no major adverse impacts have been identified and the outcome of this proposal will result in positive impacts on Section 75 groups. This screening will be kept under review. The Rural Needs Act 2016 requires the Trust to have due regard to rural needs when developing plans, and when designing and delivering public services. The Trust has also carried out a Rural Needs Impact Assessment.

A copy of the Equality Screening Template and Rural Needs Impact Assessment can be found on the Trust's website at <https://setrust.hscni.net/getinvolved/consultations/>.

The Trust invites views on these assessments and will consider all feedback received during the consultation period.

CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Trust welcomes all feedback regarding the temporary changes to Urgent and Emergency care services at Lagan Valley Hospital.

The consultation on the proposals will last for eight weeks from 23 February 2022 to 22 April 2022 (inclusive). During the consultation period, we are seeking the views of people who use our LVH Urgent and Emergency Care services, their families, carers, staff, community and voluntary organisations and the general public.

We want to consult as widely as possible on the proposals as follows:

- This consultation document and an easy read version of the document will be issued to all consultees listed on the Trust's consultation database detailing the consultation process.

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- A consultation questionnaire is available in Appendix 1 for anyone who wishes to provide written feedback. An easy to complete version of the questionnaire is also available on the Trust Website at <https://setrust.hscni.net/getinvolved/consultations/> or by contacting the Strategic and Capital Development team (details below).
- The Trust will undertake a targeted consultation process with service users and carers, with the support of the Patient Client Council and their established networks. More details will be published on the Trust's website at <https://setrust.hscni.net/getinvolved/consultations/>.
- An online 'listening event' will be held where you can learn more and let us know what you think of our proposals. The date will be advertised on the Trust's website at <https://setrust.hscni.net/getinvolved/consultations/>.
- The Trust will consult directly with staff affected by the proposals and engage with union representatives.
- The Trust will organise individual consultations/meetings with consultees where necessary and upon request by contacting us using the details below.

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Please return your response by 22 April 2022.

The purpose of this consultation is to engage with you and hear your views on the temporary changes to Urgent and Emergency Care services at LVH. The Trust is committed to undertaking a further public consultation in the event that any permanent changes are proposed.

In compliance with legislative requirements, the Trust will take into account the feedback received from this consultation process. A summary of consultation feedback will be provided to all respondents and will also be published on the Trust website. Before you submit your response, please read the following section on Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the confidentiality and commercial sensitivity of responses to public consultation exercises.

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We would like to thank the public, our partner organisations and elected and community representatives for their continued understanding and for the support offered to our dedicated and committed staff as they continue to work tirelessly in protecting and caring for our community.

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5. General comments

Please provide any other comments that you wish to make.

APPENDIX 2: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is Urgent and Emergency Care?**

Urgent and Emergency Care services are provided when an individual needs urgent or emergency medical help.

Emergency services are for life threatening illnesses or accidents which require immediate, intensive treatment. Services that should be accessed in an emergency include ambulance (via 999) and emergency departments.

Urgent services should be used for an illness or injury that requires urgent attention but is not a life-threatening situation. Patients can receive treatment through their GP Out of Hours service, Minor Injuries Unit, community pharmacy or Urgent Care Centre.

- **What does consultant-led mean?**

Consultant-led means the consultant has clinical responsibility over the service. This does not mean the consultant will be physically present for each patient's appointment or treatment, but that they have the overall responsibility for the care being given to the patient.

- **What is a middle grade doctor?**

A middle grade doctor is a junior doctor who has less experience than a consultant. Middle grade doctors include staff grades, clinical fellows and specialist registrars.

- **What is a locum doctor?**

A locum doctor is a doctor who is not permanently employed by the Trust. They are usually recruited through an Agency and are intended for short periods of cover.

- **What is a type 2 Emergency Department?**

Type 2 Departments are consultant-led services with designated accommodation for the reception of Emergency Care patients, but do not provide both Emergency Medicine and Emergency Surgical services and/or has time-limited opening hours. This definition is outlined in various Northern Ireland Department of Health publications.

- **What is a Regional Day Procedure Centre?**

The Regional Day Procedure Centre is a place where patients from all over Northern Ireland travel to for scheduled minor operations. Patients are admitted, have their procedure carried out and are discharged all on the same day.

- **What is meant by a 'Phone First' model?**

A 'Phone First' model means that the patient is required to phone the hospital before attending. Patients contacting the telephone service will be assessed, given advice and, if required, directed to the most appropriate local service. That could be the Ambulance Service, an Emergency Department, an Urgent Care Centre, GP Out of Hours service, a community nurse, an emergency dentist or community pharmacy.

- **Will this be reviewed? / When will the opening hours go back to normal?**

The Trust is currently doing all it can to recruit the appropriate medical staff to work in LVH ED, and we are continuously reviewing our position. We are awaiting the outcome of the Urgent and Emergency Care Review, which will inform the direction of any future changes. The Trust is committed to undertaking a further public consultation in the event that any permanent changes are proposed.

- **How can I access urgent or emergency medical care outside of these opening hours?**

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Outside of these hours, in cases of serious emergency, such as a life-threatening conditions including chest pain, symptoms of a stroke or a serious head injury patients should continue to phone 999 immediately.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th April 2022
Subject:	Funding request from Social Farms and Gardens NI
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Eamonn Keaveney, Sustainability Officer

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

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To consider and agree to provide funding to Social Farms and Gardens for 2022-23 year.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Farms and Gardens (SF&G) is a UK wide charity supporting communities to farm, garden and grow together. They support thousands of grass root organisations from small fruit and veg plots on urban housing estates to large-scale rural care farms; transforming lives and connecting people. Council have previously agreed to pay an annual subscription to Social Farms and Gardens. They are now requesting renewal of the annual contribution of £800 for our continuing membership of the organisation (Appendix I) which includes a report on activity in NMD. Since July 2019 Social Farms & Gardens (SF&G) have been working in the Newry Mourne & Down area networking community growing projects with each other, to build relationships, trust and capacity. From mid March 2020 onwards the programme was adapted to be delivered remotely, to ensure groups could continue to develop and grow their produce. This included online zoom meetings and online grow your own informational videos. SF&G also delivered the 'Lockdown Gardening' which involved funding local groups to distribute compost and seeds to their neighbours to grow at home during lockdown. This reached approx. 190 households in the NM&D area. 7 of the groups made a joint application to council for funding to purchase and distribute fruit trees and bushes to families over winter, following the success of lockdown gardening. The 'Forest Fruits' programme was successfully delivered in partnership with local groups. Since lockdown in 2020 SF&G has worked to adapt the programme to be delivered remotely, and have had monthly zooms and continued to facilitate the WhatsApp

	<p>group, which currently has 20 participants, representing 15 groups in the area. The groups support each other practically as well as providing moral support, and share information on community growing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group worked with the council's Strategic Stakeholder Forum, outlining the ways in which Community growing groups in NM&D could be benefitted by council support. A letter outlining this approach is attached (Appendix 2) for your information. This led to an invitation to have a seat on the SSF. It is hoped that this will lead to more fruitful connections in the community growing sector in NM&D. • Council members of SF&G are entitled to 2 days of our time to support local groups or council officers with community growing initiatives. The work setting up the community growing network was funded through SF&Gs National Lottery Community Fund programme. It has been greatly supported and enhanced by the involvement of NM&D council, and when the initial (Lottery funded) set up year of intensive work ended in November 2020, we continued to provide support for the network because of the NM&D council's membership, and the good relationships with local groups and the council officers involved. • As an organisation SF&G are keen to support the building of local food movements, and helping community growing projects find their place in contributing to local food production. We continually engage with members to explore key issues for food system resilience: soil health, water management, local markets, access to finance, access to land, land-based livelihoods. • The partnership between SF&G and Newry Mourne & Down District Council has been very successful and the network are aware of additional local groups who could become members and engage with the programme. It will be important to develop this partnership to address emerging needs in the sector regarding increased interest in local food, in community growing, and in climate action.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Council agree to provide funding of to Social Farms and Gardens for the 2022-23 year within existing resources.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Provision has been made within existing budget.
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>

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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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix I Letter and Report on activity in NMD from SF&G dated 25 Feb 2022</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>



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25/2/2022

Dear Sheena,

Since February last year Social Farms & Gardens has continued to work in the Newry Mourne & Down area networking community growing projects with each other, to build relationships, trust and capacity.

Since lockdown in 2020 we have worked to adapt our programme to be delivered remotely, and have had monthly zooms and continued to facilitate the WhatsApp group, which currently has 20 participants, representing 15 groups in the area. The groups support each other practically as well as providing moral support, and share information.

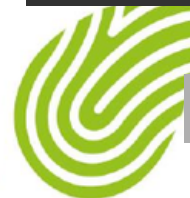
With encouragement from Eamonn the group worked to write a joint letter to the council's Strategic Stakeholder Forum, outlining the ways in which Community growing groups in NM&D could be benefitted by council support. I have attached this letter for your information. This led to an invitation to have a seat on the SSF. For the moment I am representing the group on the SSF. I hope this will lead to more fruitful connections in the community growing sector in NM&D.

Council members of SF&G are entitled to 2 days of our time to support local groups or council officers with community growing initiatives. Although the work setting up this network was provided through our National Lottery Community Fund programme, it has been greatly supported and enhanced by the involvement of NM&D council, and when the initial (Lottery funded) set up year of intensive work ended in November 2020, we continued to provide support for the network because of the NM&D council's membership, and our relationship with groups and the officers involved.

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The partnership with Newry Mourne & Down council has been fruitful, and we would be interested to develop this partnership to address emerging needs in the sector regarding increased interest in local food, in community growing, and in climate action. The support from Eamonn Keaveney and yourself has also been vital to the success of our work, and we appreciated you attending events, and sharing useful information and contacts, which we are able to pass on to our groups, and encouraged our work.

As an organisation we are keen to support the building of local food movements, and helping community growing projects find their place in contributing to local food production. We continually engage with members to explore key issues for food system resilience: soil health, water management, local markets, access to finance, access to land, land-based livelihoods.

In the long term we would like to see the NM&D community growing network become established and self sustaining. We are prepared to support it in some capacity until that happens. Community growing will only become more important in the future. Any help from council to encourage and support this emerging network will encourage the groups involved and strengthen the sector in NM&D for generations to come.

We'd love to keep working with you to develop this network, and believe we share the same goals. Circumstances are aligning to make this work very useful and of the moment. The groups would love to have a closer relationship with the council. These groups are delivering really essential services to our communities, especially during lockdown.

Newry Mourne & Down's membership of Social Farms & Gardens is up for renewal in March, for the year 2022/23, renewal will cost £800 plus VAT. We hope you feel you past membership has been value for money and would like to continue the relationship. If so please just let me know.

Many thanks for all you and Eamonn's help and enthusiasm, and all the best for 2022.

Kind Regards, Miriam Turley

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	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 January 2022, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 22 March 2022.
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><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>
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	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 at 6pm on Tuesday 25 January 2022 via Microsoft Teams**

Present:

Councillor A Lewis, NMDDC (Chair)
 Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC
 Councillor R Howell, NMDDC
 Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC
 Councillor M Ruane, NMDDC
 Councillor M Savage, NMDDC
 Councillor W Walker, NMDDC
 Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI
 Chief Inspector Amanda Ford, PSNI
 Chief Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
 Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI
 Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI
 Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
 Sergeant Warren Roberts, PSNI
 Sergeant Veronica Baillie, PSNI
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
 John Allen, PCSP Independent Member
 Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
 Breige Jennings, PCSP Independent Member
 Dan McEvoy, PCSP Independent Member
 Richard Orme, PCSP Independent Member
 David Vint, PCSP Independent Member
 Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member
 Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member
 Liam Gunn, NIHE
 Michael Heaney, YJA
 Roisin Leckey, PBNI
 Aileen O'Callaghan, EA
 Michael Heaney, YJA

In attendance:

Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
 Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement
 Claire Loughran, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer
 Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer
 Kerri Morrow, DEA Co-ordinator
 Patricia McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Apologies were received from Sergeant Paul Connolly (PSNI), Ruth Allen (SHSCT), Karen McDowell (NIFRS), Councillor Gallagher and Councillor Trainor.

Councillor Lewis welcomed all to the first meeting of 2022 and said it had been a difficult start to the new year for the District with a fatal stabbing in Downpatrick. He extended his sympathies to the family of the victim, Aidan Mann, and thanked the police and emergency services who had dealt with this very sad incident.

Councillor Lewis said that although Covid restrictions were relaxing it was important to continue to adhere to guidelines.

Councillor Lewis reminded members to complete the PCSP member survey that had been emailed to them saying it was an opportunity to provide honest feedback.

Councillor Lewis said it was encouraging to see 44 applications to the PCSP Financial Assistance Programme.

Councillor Lewis said he had been delighted to attend the launch of the PCSP/PSNI Mobile Engagement Unit in December.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting dated 30 November 2021

Read: Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 30 November 2021 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon seconded by Mr Orme, it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 30 November 2021 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters arising

Action Sheet – Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting 30 November 2021.

In response to a question from Ms Leckey as to the difference in hate crime based on nationality or race, Inspector Hardy said all incidents come under the banner of racial hate crime and it was just how the information was collated internally.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 5

5.1

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 5. (copy circulated).

Superintendent Haslett extended his condolences to the family of Aidan Mann and advised that Inspector Gibson would provide an update on the proposed knife surrender initiative later in the meeting.

Superintendent Haslett acknowledged the hard work that had been undertaken by Sergeant Warren Roberts with regard to the development of the Mobile Engagement Unit and he encouraged Members to visit it when it was out in the District.

Superintendent Haslett advised Members that Chief Inspector Amanda Ford and Chief Inspector Johnston McDowell had been offered promotions and would be moving on. He extended his congratulations to them and said they would be greatly missed.

Superintendent Haslett then presented the District Commander's Report to the Committee.

Discussion then took place and the following points were raised:

Crime

- Councillor Hanlon said there had been two instances of stabbings in Downpatrick recently, and acknowledged it was very worrying for residents but it was important Downpatrick was not negatively portrayed.
- Councillor Savage welcomed the significant decrease in burglaries and asked what this could be attributed to. Superintendent Haslett said there was a decrease in burglaries over the past 3 years and said it could be attributed to 4 main factors: -
 1. Crime Ops Department had made a number of significant arrests.
 2. PSNI working closely with An Garda Siochana in terms of cross border work.
 3. The Interceptors Team who patrol the A1 corridor in liveried vehicles.
 4. Good policing and a more visible presence which he said was an absolute deterrent.

Superintendent Haslett said he would speak to his Crime Ops team for any additional information and report back at the next meeting.

- Councillor Murphy referred to a shooting incident in Crossmaglen and attacks on properties on the Kingsmill Road and the Tullyah Road (Belleeks) and said he believed these crimes were drug related and said local residents were asking how these people were able to purchase houses with no evidence of income and obviously living off the proceeds of crime.

Superintendent Haslett said these incidents were being investigated, there was a crime operational element to the investigations and he would speak to Councillor Murphy on this issue outside of the meeting.

Road Safety

- Inspector Hardy to speak to Councillor Hanlon regarding her concerns over speeding hot spot areas outside of the meeting.

Anti- Social Behaviour

- Councillor Walker said there had been a significant reduction in ASB in Killyleagh, he attributed this to a greater PSNI and Community Safety Wardens presence and he thanked the PSNI for attending the recent public meeting.
- Councillor Savage referred to an on-going issue in Chancellors Road where small stones were being fired with force in back yards, resulting in one window having been broken. He said it was a worrying trend and was affecting families with small children. Councillor Savage said some of the perpetrators were young teenagers and work was being done with local clubs and organisations in providing diversionary activities.
Inspector Gibson agreed to speak to Councillor Savage outside of the meeting to organise a meeting with the residents of Chancellors Road.
- Mr McEvoy said the feedback he was getting from the community was that ASB was still an issue in Downpatrick and he wasn't convinced the ASB figures relating to Downpatrick accurately reflected what was going on.

Superintendent Haslett said there would always be an element of ASB, it would never be at zero.

- Mr McEvoy said a recent community meeting had highlighted the lack of unmarked police cars.

Superintendent Haslett said 80% of the fleet was liveried and said the unmarked cars were useful, however they would continue to monitor the fleet and he reiterated PSNI visibility was very important.

Hate Crime

- Councillor Savage said he had attended a meeting in Mourne View (Newry) following the daubing of offensive graffiti on a house in the area and said he was not aware of a motive for the offence.

Inspector Gibson said the Housing Executive property targeted had been empty at the time of the offence; the tenants were due to move into the property a few days following the date of the incident and although it had not been directed at particular individual/s she said the incident was being treated as a racially motivated hate crime. Inspector Gibson said the PSNI had appealed to the public to come forward if they had any information that would assist them with their enquiries and she said local residents had voiced their opposition to this crime. Inspector Gibson said moving forward they would work closely with the Housing Executive in relation to community sentiment. She said Newry was a welcoming place for people from different backgrounds and she hoped this was an isolated incident.

Mr Gunn said the recent meeting concluded there was no local support for this type of incident. He said he was not sure of the motivation as the house in question had

been allocated to a local person. Mr Gunn said the NIHE would continue to work with elected representatives and community groups when dealing with this type of issue and said he hoped this was an isolated incident.

- Inspector Hardy said there was no set pattern for the upward trend in hate crime and it had increased in other Council Districts as well. He said a contributory factor may be more willingness to report such crimes as people were more confident in the reporting process.

5.2

PSNI Update on proposed Knife Surrender Bins for the NMDDC area

Inspector Gibson provided a verbal update to Members highlighting the following points:

- For the period October 2020 – September 2021, there were 48 knife / sharp instrument related incidents across the District. The figures from September 2021 – January 2022 were soon to be released by NISRA.
- Education, engagement and prevention would be the key strands in tackling knife crime.
- Newry BID had agreed to finance a knife bin for Newry. It had been decided to install the bin in the North Street area of Newry, as a knife was discovered in the RAPID bin at this location.
- An application for a further 3 bins had been submitted and it was anticipated these would be installed in South Armagh, Downpatrick and the Newcastle area, the precise locations had not yet been decided. Further expansion throughout the District could follow, working alongside PCSP to determine locations.
- Knife Surrender Bins were up and running in Fermanagh and Omagh with 30 – 40 knives being deposited each month.
- The proposed Knife Surrender Bins would be emptied by the Neighbourhood Teams.

Members were very supportive of the initiative with all agreeing that education was very important and getting the message out to young people of the dangers associated with knife crime. Inspector Gibson said they worked closely with schools and whilst knife crime was a very real concern, it was important to note it was not an epidemic in the District.

6 PCSP Procurement (Home Secure Service)

Read: Report: PCSP Procurement (Home Secure Service) dated 25 January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Mr Orme, seconded by Councillor Howell it was agreed to:

- **Note the report.**

- **Approve the procurement for the Home Secure Scheme for 2022/23 (as per Action Plan value)**

7 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report – January 2022 (copy circulated).

Agreed: It was agreed the Committee:-

- **Note the report**
- **Note the PCSP Officer Report**

8 ASB Sub Groups Report

Read: ASB Sub Groups Report – December 2021. (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Hanlon it was agreed the Committee:-

- **Note the report.**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 7 December 2021.**

9 Bonfire Sub Group Report

Read: Bonfire Sub Group Report – December 2021. (copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Mr Orme seconded by Ms Byrne it was agreed the Committee:-

- **Note the report.**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of the Bonfire Sub Group held on 10 December 2021.**

10 Statutory Partner Update

Mr Heaney provided an update on behalf of the Youth Justice Agency as follows:

- Members to contact Mr Heaney directly regarding any aspect of the Performance Impact Report.
- Department of Justice currently developing a new Youth Justice Strategy – Mr Heaney to share this with the partnership when finalised.

Ms Leckey provided an update on behalf of the Probation Board Northern Ireland as follows:

- New Domestic Abuse Legislation coming into operation in February 2022.

- Contact Ms Leckey directly in relation to any community service work in the District.

Ms O'Callaghan provided an update on behalf of the Education Authority Youth Service as follows:

- Wide range of programmes ongoing across the District, would welcome any feedback and suggestions where there may be gaps in provision of services.
- Domestic abuse in teen relationships was concerning and under reported and this was an area they were working on this year.
- Two International Women's Day events planned for 8 and 10 March in the District, also very aware of need to work alongside young men.
- Arrive Alive programme – Pilot programme in Newry, would like to see it rolled out throughout the District, it includes road safety workshops aimed particularly at young people and tackling speeding.

10 Update from PSNI on implications of, and preparations for Brexit in relation to Policing in Newry, Mourne and Down (Standing item)

There was no update to report.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 2pm. Due to Covid, meetings to continue to be online.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7.30pm.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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 attached Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022. <p>Background</p> <p>The attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022 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 as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix I: Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>



**Minutes of the NR Partnership held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at 7.00pm
via Zoom**

In Attendance:

**Collie Hanna,
Karen Gracey
Ruth Allen,
Sean Mc Kevitt,
Dr Conor Patterson,
Maeve McParland,
Cathy McMahon,
Aisling Rennick,
Maureen Ruddy,
Francine Ruddy
Linda Devlin,
Lesley Hamilton,
Kathleen Lowry,
Patricia O’Gorman,**

**Barcroft CA (Vice Chairperson)
Department for Communities
Southern Health and Social Care Trust
NMDDC
NM Enterprise Agency
NMEA
Confederation of Community Groups
NMDDC
Martins Lane CA
Martins Lane CA
Martins Lane CA
Southern Regional College
Greater Linenhall Area CA
Threeways CA**

Apologies :

**Joanne Mc Ateer,
Liam Gunn,
Bernie Mooney,
Paula Mc Guigan,
Raymond Jackson,
Gary McKeown,**

**Threeways CA
NI Housing Executive
Education Authority NI
Carnagat CA
CCG
Drumalane Quayside Close CA**

Agenda

1. Welcome/apologies
2. Minutes/matters arising
3. Conflict of interest
4. Programme updates
7. A.O.B.
8. Date of next meeting and format

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR ACTION – to include progress/date for completion/by whom
1.	Welcome /apologies	Welcome to all members Apologies noted	
2.	Minutes/matters arising	Matters arising No Matters arising Minutes agreed as accurate Proposed by Collie Hanna and seconded by Patricia O’Gorman	
3.	Conflict of interest	None declared	
4.	Programme updates	NIHE update Carnagat extension project:	

		<p>Director of Asset Management has advised the Department for Communities that the new procurement exercise will be released in late February, as planned.</p> <p>E2E Difficulties accessing the schools Careers pathway by the end of March – likely to be virtual Codor Dojo in the community – 2 days in Loanda house and 2 days in Whitegates – 2pm – 6pm. Refreshments provided 30 work placements Business owners and management to interview students via zoom – half hour sessions</p> <p>Health Slow cooker programme – 101 delivered plus vouchers Not able to deliver any activities indoors –</p> <p>Chest heart and stroke wellness checks – 28 checks completed</p> <p>Parents and children with special needs support programme to be completed by end of March</p> <p>Dancing in the rain outdoor activity delivered in Martins lane.</p>	<p>Ask Community Associations to recruit 11-16year olds</p>
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		<p>'Makaton' training programme – 22 people participated Level 1 to be delivered by end of February – 15 participants</p> <p>Looking forward to 22/23 – Walking school bus initiative – questionnaire circulated – 57 responses – mostly positive</p> <p>Workshop this Friday looking at loneliness and isolation – 10.00am to 12.00pm</p> <p>EANI No update</p> <p>SRC TOPs – 53 residents recruited 2 forklift training courses – Counter balance and telescopic High level of cancellations – number failed to attend 7 still in training Cat C and E – backlog with tests Can offer First aid Training</p> <p>OCEANS – Changing training – offering Door security through this programme 7 in Personal survival – only 2 from Newry</p>	<p>Martin to recirculate the details and the link to join</p>
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		<p>NMDDC Outdoor activity: 48 activities delivered across NR On track to meet all targets and spend Await response to second training programme REC level 1 in First aid for Mountain leaders – 12 participants</p> <p>Community Renewal programme: Expression Of Interest budget – some money left- spend by 31 March Some groups experiencing more difficulties – require additional support. AGMs arranged for March – Greater LinenHall ACA and Derrybeg Returns to Charity commission – agree dates across the board – include Derrybeg and Ballybot Funding top of groups’ agenda First aid training – fully booked Ask Lesley to Contact Barcroft to help with their request for First aid course</p> <p>DfC update No applications yet – with the Minister – looking to reduce bureaucracy – all approved by SMT No budgets guaranteed</p>	
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		<p>This is Karen’s last NRP meeting – moving to another post. Thank everyone for their kindness and support over the last few years. Will miss everyone. All the members passed on their best wishes to Karen Karen has been a great support for the partnership Wish her every success in her new job.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>A.O.B</p>	<p>People and Place review Require this to be single item agenda to discuss our response What will the new programme look like. We require continued support. We face a big challenge We need to get local politicians support Contact our MLA’s We need to be allies for the department to protect the budget.</p> <p>NMEA and CCG interested in community transfer of Raymond Mc Creesh park. Keep the project on the Action plan for the foreseeable future</p> <p>All members agreed.</p>	<p>To be further discussed at the next NRP meeting</p> <p>Add to the agenda of the next meeting</p>

6.	Date and time of next meeting	Date/Time/Format to be confirmed	Sean to circulate details
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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Ukraine Assistance Centre
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programme Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<p>Councils have been asked to establish a number of Ukraine Assistance Centres to support the integration of Ukrainian evacuees. The first four of these are to be opened in Belfast, Newry, Craigavon and Ballymena w/c 11th April.</p> <p>The Assistance Centre will be a key element of the integration of refugees and will host a number of key public services, e.g. health, social care, housing. Staff will be available to listen to the needs of those attending and provide advice on how they might be met, either in the centre or by way of further engagement with the appropriate public service.</p> <p>The Ukrainian Crisis response is coordinated by the Strategic Planning Group led by the Executive Office and Operational Planning Group led by the Department of Finance. The Council is represented on both groups.</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry Leisure Centre has been selected as a suitable venue based on accessibility, parking and internet access and will be open every Tuesday 9.30 am – 4 pm. • The following agencies are expected to be present: Health and Social Care Trust, Education Authority, NI Housing Executive, Jobs and Benefits, Immigration/Legal Advice and The Red Cross. Their attendance is coordinated centrally by the Operational Planning Group. Interpreters and Council's Ethnic Minority Support Officer will be present on site. • SMT agreed to activate the Council's Emergency Plan in response to the Ukrainian Crisis effective from 7 April 2022 and the Department for Communities has been notified. Council Safety Health and Emergency Planning Manager is assisting with the response. • There may also be a requirement to establish a suitable venue based on accessibility, parking and internet access in the Downpatrick area and the Ballymote centre which is currently set up as a Covid Test Centre is a good location 			

	<p>and its current configuration is ideal for hosting the key public services. It is therefore recommended that the Ballymote Centre be offered as a suitable venue in the Downpatrick area and remains closed until a final decision is made.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the contents of this report and agree to: • The continued use of the Newry Leisure Centre as a Ukrainian Assistance Centre. • That the Ballymote Centre be offered as a suitable venue for a Ukraine Assistance Centre in the Downpatrick area and remains closed until a final decision is made.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>The Executive Office is expected to cover the costs of the planning, set up, establishment, management and resourcing of the Ukraine Assistance Centres.</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> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	<i>Rationale:</i>
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
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 April 2022
Subject:	Inclusive Cities
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programme Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<p>It was agreed at the January 2020 AHC Committee meeting that the Council participate in the Inclusive Cities project.</p> <p>Inclusive Cities is a knowledge exchange initiative supporting UK cities and their local partners to achieve a step-change in their approach towards the inclusion of newcomers in the city. The initiative is facilitated and supported by Oxford University. The first phase of the programme ran from 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2019 and supported 6 UK cities to develop their approach to the inclusion of newcomers through peer learning, development of a dedicated action plan and knowledge exchange. In the second phase 6 new cities were recruited, including Belfast and Newry.</p> <p>In February 2020 a strategic lead (Council’s Chairperson) and operational lead (Programme Coordinator) were nominated for the Inclusive Cities project.</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed at the February 2020 AHC Committee meeting that the operational and strategic leads join the meeting which was to be held on 16 and 17 March 2020 in Peterborough. The meeting was postponed due to the pandemic. • Subsequently, a face-to-face Inclusive Cities convening has been scheduled for 12 and 13 May 2022 in Oxford and the operational lead is required to attend. • The agenda includes a discussion on Councils’ response to the Ukrainian crisis and practical challenges and strategies for sustainable crisis management. 			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the contents of this report. 			
4.0	Resource implications			

4.1	Travel and accommodation costs covered by the Inclusive Cities programme.
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>
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7.0	Appendices
	None

8.0	Background Documents
	None