



September 16th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 20th September 2021 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room Council Offices Downshire Estate Downpatrick** and via **Microsoft 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

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

1.0 Introduction and Apologies

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 August 2021

 *Action Sheet 16 August 2021.pdf*

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Notices of Motion

4.0 Notice of Motion - Wheelchair Beach Access

Notice of Motion deferred from Council Meeting held on 2 August 2021.

Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown:-

"This Council supports accessibility for all our residents and notes the lack of accessibility onto beaches for those in wheelchairs in the Newry, Mourne and Down area. Therefore, Council will trial the provision of beach wheelchairs, 'floating' wheelchairs and beach access matting on Newcastle beach, with the intention of expanding to other beach areas in due course."

 *Notice of Motion - Accessibility to Beaches - Cllr Brown.pdf*

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Community Engagement

5.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report

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6.0 Support for Glasgow Declaration on Sustainability

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7.0 Call for Evidence on Plastic Pollution

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8.0 Consultation on Peatland Strategy

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9.0 Active and Healthy Communities Scheme of Delegation Report

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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|  <i>Scheme of Delegation Report - September 2021.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
|  <i>Appendix 1 - Scheme of Delegation - September 2021.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |

10.0 Request for Support - Saintfield Community Centre and Windmill Field

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|  <i>Saintfield Community Centre - Field at to the rear of the Centre.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
|  <i>Appendix 1 - Letter from Saintfield Community Trust re Saintfield Community Centre and Windmill Field.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
|  <i>Appendix 2 - Request for NMD support for windmill park.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |

11.0 Marine Litter Capital Grant Scheme

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 *Marine Litter Capital Funding Application Sept 2021.pdf*

Not included

12.0 Leisure Covid-19 Reopening Plan

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 *COVID-19 Leisure Reopening Plan Oct 2021.pdf*

Not included

 *Copy of Appendix 1 - COVID-19 Leisure Reopening Plan.pdf*

Not included

13.0 No 16, the Square Rostrevor

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 *No 16 The Square Update.pdf*

Not included

14.0 Expression of Interest - Saintfield Community Centre to Community Engagement

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 *Expressions of Interest - Saintfield Cc - Sept 21.pdf*

Not included

15.0 Peace IV



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.

 *Peace Report AHC September 2021.pdf*

Not included

 *Appendix 1 - Business Case BMX Track (004).pdf*

Not included

 <i>Appendix 2 - Peace Report Annex 10 - BMX supporting documentation.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>Appendix 3 - Peace Report - Letter of Offer.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr Charlie Casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Mrs Sandra Magee

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Barra Ó Muirí

Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr 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 & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/120/2019	Application to DfC: New Model Farm Community Centre proposal, Downpatrick	It was agreed to accept the following recommendations: • that the Committee agree to proceed with an application to DfC for a replacement facility for the Trojan Horse, Downpatrick. Including the development of a business case, design proposals and submission of a planning application.	K Hynds	Ongoing. Funding application to be completed by NHR Officer & CDRCN for submission to DfC. Working towards progression to full Planning Application stage Project meetings ongoing.	N
AHC/148/2019	Healthy Vending Machines in Leisure Centres	It was agreed to note that when clear guidance on minimum nutritional standards (MNS) for Council Catering Outlets and Vending is established, a future report will be brought back to Active and Healthy Communities Committee regarding the potential implementation of these standards.	P Tamati	Tender to be progressed, however, held until full re-opening of Leisure.	N
AHC/206/2019	Adoption of Suicide Down to Zero	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.	E Devlin	Ongoing Virtual Suicide prevention awareness training to be offered to all members in Feb/March	N
AHC/4/2020	Overflow Car Park at Donard Park	It was agreed to proceed: with 'winter arrangements' for the unofficial overflow car park at Donard Park to remain in	P Tamati	Planning application submitted Jan 2021, ongoing.	N

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		<p>place until Easter 2020 as per historical arrangement.</p> <p>Winter arrangements – closed from the 1st November to Easter 2020 (10th April)</p> <p>If a budget became available in the interim, the opening of the overflow car park could be brought forward on busy days prior to Easter 2020.</p> <p>The proposed establishment of an official and permanent overflow car parking arrangements at Donard Park as per appendix 1, and commit £250k to Council Capital Programme.</p> <p>Following such approval, a detailed capital proposal will be brought back to Committee for further consideration.</p>			
AHC/6/2020	Annual Licence Agreement with Communities Facilities	It was agreed to replace existing tenancy arrangements within Council Community Facilities to updated Licence Agreements.	J Hillen	Ongoing – Draft Licenses in place and applications to DfC CAT Scheme progressed for relevant groups	N
AHC/99/2020	Development of a walking/cycling strategy.	It was agreed to approve Council Officers examining the development of a Walking and Cycling Strategy for the District.	E Devlin	ongoing	N
AHC/163/2020	Public Health Agency – Leading the Way Programme Pilot	To approve the development of a Service Level Agreement with the Public Health Agency to deliver a pilot Active Travel programme based on the 'Leading The Way' programme.	E Devlin	Ongoing	N

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AHC/014/2021	Disability Access onto Newcastle Beach	It was agreed officers explore options for accessibility onto Newcastle Beach. It was agreed to note that the disabled toilet facilities were currently not suitable to accommodate a large changing table and therefore would not be suitable for disabled beach access facilities similar to Cranfield. The Council was currently developing a Public Toilet Strategy to the NS Committee for consideration in the Spring.	M Lipsett	Report to AHC – Feb 2021 Ongoing	N
AHC/028/2021	Service Level Agreement with Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional College	It was agreed to develop a three-year service level agreement with both the Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional College to progress & manage recreational/ accredited training programmes to be facilitated in Council Community Facilities.	J Hillen	Report to AHC - August 2021 Progressed in line with updated action AHC/150/2021	Y
AHC/073/2021	Community allotments at Meigh Community Centre	It was agreed to permit Meigh Community Association to use vacant land beside the playpark at Meigh Community Centre and that this proposal is built into the groups Facilities Management Agreement with Council.	J Hillen	Ongoing Complete	Y
AHC/075/2021	Cycle Hub, Down Leisure Centre/Dunleath Park	It was agreed to establish a cycle hub at Downpatrick Leisure Centre/Dunleath Park in partnership with Cycling Ireland & that Council enter into a license agreement and memorandum of understanding with Cycling Ireland and officers agree the detail of this in conjunction with Councils legal team.	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
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 Community Centre and develop subsequent business case (to include community consultation) for proposed scheme. Mr Lipsett undertook to report back to Councillor Walker with an update.	J Hillen M Lipsett	Ongoing Actioned	N Y

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AHC/121/2021	Saintfield Community Trust developing a community garden at the rear of the indoor 3 G pitch Saintfield CC	It was agreed to proceed with approval for Saintfield Community Trust to develop a community garden at the rear of the indoor 3 G pitch Saintfield Community Centre and update the Trusts Facility Management agreement to include the Community Garden.	J Hillen	Complete	Y

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AHC/036/2020	Threeways Community Centre – Refurbishment of Ropework Pitch	It was agreed to: Incorporate the legacy Service Level Agreement into the current Facility Management Agreement for Threeways Community Association in line with other similar facilities. Review booking over the period detailed in the Facility Management Agreement and present options to Council in order to inform potential future investment in the facility.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/127/2020	Leasing of land, Ballymartin Play Park	It was agreed to enter into a 25-year lease of Mullagh Close in Ballymartin (appendix 1 of officer's report) to facilitate the establishment of a play park in the Ballymartin area as per the Councils Play Strategy.	P Tamati	Lease now completed. Works commenced on site.	y
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	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	N
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	N
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	Ongoing. Signage to be erected	N
AHC/135/2021	Leisure Advertising and Marketing Design Services	It was agreed to approve: The Business Case as per appendix 1 for Leisure and AHC directorate Marketing and Design Support services and approve	P Tamati	Ongoing	N

		<p>the procurement via public tender for these services and supplies.</p> <p>That officers undertake the appropriate evaluation of the above public tender in line with procurement guidelines and appoint a preferred bidder and enter into a contract for up to 3 years to the value outlined in the business case as per appendix 1.</p>			
AHC/136/2021	Kilkeel Bowling Pavilion – Public Tender	<p>It was agreed:</p> <p>To appoint the preferred bidder with a bid as outlined within the report for repairs and upgrade works to Kilkeel Bowling Pavilion.</p> <p>An additional allocation to the capital programme for Kilkeel Bowling Pavilion to align the budget with the final tender costs as outlined within the report.</p> <p>For officers to agree the terms and enter into a contract with the preferred bidder, subject to AHC and full Council ratification.</p>	P Tamati	Complete	Y
AHC/137/2021	Business Case to proceed to next stage of the replacement Trojan Horse proposal	It was agreed to provide the additional funding as detailed within Section 1.1 of the officer's report required for the completion of the necessary checks and progression to full planning application.	J Hillen	Working towards progression to full Planning Application Stage	Y

ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 16 August 2021

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/142/2021	Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 June 2021	Action was noted.	All		
AHC/143/2021	Notice of Motion – Defibrillators	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a programme of engagement with local sports clubs and community organisations across the District to establish the level of defibrillator provision within their various facilities; • And 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	N

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AHC/144/2021	Approval for Dorsey Community Association to erect a polytunnel on the grounds of the Community Centre.	It was agreed that Dorsey Community Association can proceed with the installation of their new polytunnel (subject to all statutory approvals being in place) and that the existing FMA be amended to include the polytunnel and associated works.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/145/2021	Adoption of Table Tennis Hire Charge for NMDDC Community Centres	It was agreed to approve the adoption of Leisure Services Hire Charge for Table Tennis provision in Community Centres.	J Hillen	Complete	Y
AHC/146/2021	Community Coordination Hub Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet of the Community Coordination Hub Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021.	J Hillen	Actioned	Y
AHC/147/2021	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"> • Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 15 June 2021; • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 16 June 2021; • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 17 June 2021; • Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 22 June 2021; • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 3 August 2021; • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 3 August 2021; • Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Monday 2 August 2021. 	J Hillen	All DEA Action Sheets being actioned accordingly.	Y

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AHC/148/2021	Service Level Agreement for use of Changing Rooms within Dan Rice Hall, Drumaness by Drumaness Cricket Club	It was agreed to proceed with approval to issue a Service Level Agreement (SLA) to Drumaness Cricket Club for the use of the changing rooms within Dan Rice Hall, Drumaness (as per charges outlined within outdoor leisure hire charges).	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/149/2021	Update Report on the Provision of Logistical Support for Events	It was agreed that officers investigate the possibility of accommodating as many groups as possible across the bank holiday weekend by working with the groups to try not to incur additional overtime costs and maximising furlough.	J Hillen	Complete	Y
AHC/150/2021	SLA with Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional College	It was agreed to extend both SLA's to allow for the provision of recreational/accredited training programmes within Leisure Facilities and for the provision of outreach work via the DEA's, PCSP and Minority Support programmes. It was also agreed to adopt the Service Level Agreements and data sharing agreements as attached to the officer's report.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/151/2021	Youth Voice: Newry, Mourne and Down	It was agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council endorse the new Youth Voice initiative and seek to provide support and assist them with their goal of engaging with local decision makers around issues of importance to them; • Council accept the terms of reference as detailed in appendix 1 of the officer's report; • Council agreed that Council officers attend and Chair the Youth Voice project board; • Council agree to recommend the Youth Voice to our Community Planning partners and encourage them to nominate representatives to the project board. 	A Beggs	Council officers are meeting with EA officials this week to commence the recruitment process. The Youth Voice will be included on the agenda of the Community Planning Partnership meeting on the 28 th September.	Y

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AHC/152/2021	MoU on the enforcement of regulatory checks on poultry meat, beef and veal and eggs by the NI District Councils on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	It was agreed that the Chief Executive signs the Memorandum of Understanding and Data Sharing Agreement with DAERA as attached to the officer's report.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/153/2021	Consultation from DAERA – Calls for Evidence & Views on Climate Change Bill	It was agreed that the Committee return the consultation response as attached to the officer's report with the understanding that the response had already been submitted subject to Council approval.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/154/2021	Consultation from DAERA – Carrier Bag Levy Consultation	It was agreed that the Committee return the consultation response as attached to the officer's report with the understanding that the response had already been submitted subject to Council approval. It was also agreed that promotion of the message of reusable bags be increased through Council's social media channels.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/155/2021	Service Level Agreement in Relation to the Affordable Warmth Scheme	It was agreed to approve the signing of the Service Level Agreement with the Department for Communities in relation to the provision of the Affordable Warmth Scheme. It was also agreed to write to the Minister to review the allocation of the funds across the Councils.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/156/2021	Notice of Motion – Discounted Use of Council Facilities for NHS Workers	It was agreed that Council's revised corporate membership scheme as per appendix 1 of the officer's report, which now includes a 50% discount for NHS workers up until 30th September 2022.	P Tamati	Actioned	Y

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AHC/157/2021	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report	It was agreed to note the report and the Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 12 May, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/158/2021	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report	It was agreed to note the report and the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 25 May 2021, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 20 July 2021.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/159/2021	Peace IV Local Action Plan	It was agreed to note the report and the minutes of Peace IV Partnership meeting held on 1 July 2021.	J Hillen	Complete	Y
AHC/160/2021	Social Investment Fund – Capital	It was agreed to note the report and the minutes of SIF Board Meeting in May 2021.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/161/2021	Update Report on the Re-Opening of Community Facilities	It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/162/2021	Drinking Water Quality Report for Northern Ireland 2020 (Northern Ireland Water)	It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report.	E Devlin	Noted	Y
AHC/163/2021	INTERREG FASTER Project – Potential EV Charge Point Locations	It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report.	E Devlin	Noted	Y
AHC/164/2021	Housing Supply Strategy Call for Evidence 2021	It was agreed to note Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's response to the Housing Supply Strategy Call for Evidence 2021 (DfC)	M Lipsett A Beggs	Noted	Y

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AHC/165/2021	Financial Assistance	<p>It was agreed to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Call 3 report on panel outcomes for the themes outlined in Section 1 including the recommendation around the Covid Transition budget; • Letter of offer to be issued in line with the panel decision for the pre-Letter of offer condition as outlined in section 1 of the officer's report; • Note the appeals panel outcome; • To have a new theme in the 2022-2023 period for Community Minor Capital items; • To reallocate the Community Capital budget to the Community Centre Upgrades budget. 	J Hillen	Letters of offer for Call 3 to be dispatched following full Council approval. Panel recommendation letters will be issued in line with full Council approval. New theme noted for inclusion in the next financial year. Budget reallocation will be completed.	Y
AHC/166/2021	Approval for Surestart South Armagh to Rent Office Space for 1 Year at Bessbrook Community Centre	<p>It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Trainor, seconded by Councillor Walker to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surestart South Armagh to rent office space for 1 year at Bessbrook Community Centre; • To proceed with the lease agreement via Council's legal team. 	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/167/2021	Licence Agreement with Cosy Corner Playgroup at Crossmaglen Community Centre	It was agreed that Council submit an application to Department for Communities 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	Ongoing Application to DfC currently being processed for consideration	N
AHC/168/2021	Lease Arrangements – Land at Hilltown Youth Club	It was agreed not to pursue the renewal of lease arrangements for land from the trustees of Hilltown Youth Club.	P Tamati	Complete	Y
AHC/169/2021	Upgrade Works, McParland Park, Newry	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade works to a sum as set out in the officer's report, at McParland Park, Newry to address the health and safety issues outlined in 	P Tamati	Ongoing	N

		the independent play audit for the park as per appendix 1 of the officer's report; • Agree the business case for the above works as per appendix 2 of the officer's report in line with Council's procurement policy.			
AHC/170/2021	Kilkeel Leisure Centre – Capital Build Project	It was agreed to: • 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	N
AHC/171/2021	Business Case – Minor Works Scheme at Cloughreagh Community Centre	It was agreed to: • 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	N
AHC/172/2021	Leasing of Council Land and Facilities – Expressions of Interest	It was agreed to note the below Expressions of Interest received for the leasing of Council land and facilities have now successfully completed stage 2 of Council's Sport and Community Leasing Policy 2016 and a report will be tabled at Council's Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee recommending approval to lease the below lands and facilities, as per stage 3 of the policy: • Moorehill Quarry – adjacent to Newry Recycling Centre, Newry; • Derryleckagh Field/Land – adjacent to Derryleckagh Playing Fields, Newry; • Generator House – adjacent to the Yacht Club, Newcastle; • Burren Village Green Field/Land – adjacent to play park and community centre, Burren; • Drumaness Cricket Pitch – adjacent to Dan Rice Memorial Hall, Drumaness; • Drumaness Soccer Pitch – adjacent to Dan Rice Memorial Hall, Drumaness.	P Tamati	Report to be tabled at SP&R on 16 th September 2021	N

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 September 2021
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Accessibility onto Beaches
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	For noting only	x
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The following Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown was referred to Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting from Council meeting on 2 August 2021:-</p> <p>"This Council supports accessibility for all our residents and notes the lack of accessibility onto beaches for those in wheelchairs in the Newry, Mourne and Down area. Therefore, Council will trial the provision of beach wheelchairs, 'floating' wheelchairs and beach access matting on Newcastle beach, with the intention of expanding to other beach areas in due course."</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers are currently investigating options for gaining suitable access to Newcastle Beach and a further report will be tabled at next month's Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	➤ That the Committee notes the report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	There are no resources implications arising from this report.
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	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i>

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

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	20 September 2021
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 Sheet attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 August 2021. ➤ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 August 2021. ➤ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 19 August 2021.
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	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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7.0	Appendices
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs. ➤ Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting, 10 August 2021. ➤ Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting, 10 August 2021. ➤ Appendix 4: Action Sheet of Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting, 19 August 2021.

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:

To mark World Suicide Prevention Day Downpatrick DEA, CDRCN and Downpatrick Suicide Prevention Task Group, and Slieve Croob DEA are hosting "Walk for Life" Events. The Downpatrick DEA event is on Sunday 12 September at The Meadows Playing Field, Ardglass, from 1.00pm-3.00pm. The Slieve Croob DEA event is on Sunday 19 September at Montalto Estate, Ballynhinch, from 10.30am-3.30pm. Participants are invited to enjoy the trails and fun activities but are asked not to congregate as one group this year to facilitate Public Health Advice. The events aim to encourage people to connect and take action to promote their own mental health and wellbeing. All events are free entry.

Slieve Gullion DEA has organised a health event to take place on Thursday 16 September in Culloville. The event will focus on cancer prevention and will provide free health checks, information and signposting. The event will also feature the Action Cancer Bus on the day which will provide free screenings from 9.00am-4.00pm.

Slieve Gullion DEA will be delivering a play and workshop in Culloville on Thursday 16 September at 7.00pm to secondary school students. The play will focus on ways to look after and support mental health for teenagers.

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs have collaborated with the Carers Department in the SEHSC Trust to roll out a 4-week pottery workshop programme with adult carers starting the middle of September. The Carer Support Department within the SEHSC Trust engaged with carers to assist the DEAs develop a programme to cater to unmet needs. The programme aims to reduce the stress and anxiety experienced by carers by providing them with a pottery programme that will help improve their mental health and wellbeing.

Crotlieve DEA will work with the local men's group to deliver a men's health programme in Hilltown during the Autumn months.

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs have joined forces with Homestart to roll out a 7 week Walk and Talk programme in outdoor spaces. The project aims to provide an opportunity for vulnerable parents and their families to participate in socially distanced weekly meet and greet sessions in Castlewellan Forest Park or Delamont Country Park.

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs are implementing a 6 x 1-hour Building Resilience programme in 6 primary schools. Issues such as low mental health, poor emotional wellbeing and lack of confidence are experienced widely among young people. Suicide rates are rising and there is a need to build resilience in young people. Building Resilience workshops help young people address issues that they are experiencing and explore ways of dealing with difficult situations.

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

Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:

Crotlieve DEA is working in partnership with the Education Authority to deliver a Good Relations themed event in September during Good Relations Week. A Flags, Identity and History workshop is planned to allow young people to explore these issues within their own peer groups.

Slieve Gullion DEA will be delivering a Good Relations event on Monday 20 September to highlight Good Relations Week. The event will provide an opportunity to bring women from different communities together

to take part in a presentation and brief discussion about living in a Border area. Participants will have an opportunity to share their own stories about living in Border counties, the challenges they faced and the contributions made, as well as reflect on ways they can continue to build positive and sustainable relationships with other communities.

Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs are implementing a cultural workshop in 3 primary schools in September to mark Good Relations Week. The young people will get to experience African Drumming, Chinese Dragons and Mexican dancing.

Level of Personal Safety and Crime:

Crotlieve DEA is working in partnership with the Education Authority and PCSP to deliver the RESPECT Programme in Warrenpoint during the Autumn. The programme is a response to Anti-Social Behaviour issues in the area.

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 10.00 am via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Gareth Sharvin
In Attendance:	Councillor Dermot Curran Councillor Cadogan Enright Councillor Oonagh Hanlon
Independent Members:	Daniella McCarry, CDRCN Lisa Perry, Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Jenny Lavery, Housing Communities Network Jim Masson, Down Business Connect
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Margaret Quinn, Project Development Manager Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer
Others in Attendance:	Mary Cahalane-Woodward, Speech & Language Therapist, SET
Apologies:	Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Community Collective Maurice Denvir, East Lecale Communities Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/21/01	Apologies	Received from Damien Brannigan, Dan McEvoy and Maurice Denvir.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/21/02	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/21/03	Actions of Meeting held on 8 June 2021	Read: Action Sheet from Meeting held on 8 June 2021. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Hanlon that the Action Sheet be adopted.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/21/04	Receive representative from SET re Speech & Language Programme funded through Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership	The representative gave members an update of the work being undertaken by the Speech & Language Professionals in the Primary Schools located in the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal area funded through the NR project.	Noted.

		Further classes to commence in September will include additional training for teachers and parents.	
DEA/DPK/21/05	Update from PCSP Officer	<p>The PCSP Officer gave an update to members.</p> <p>Members agreed to promote and distribute information on the Home Secure Programme.</p> <p>In relation to the new Road Safety Task & Finish Group, members requested that the Officer investigate obtaining an analysis of the highest speeds recorded on the SIDs located in the Downpatrick DEA and bring same back to next meeting.</p> <p>It was requested that the Officer consider the inclusion of Ardglass in the new Drugs & Alcohol Initiative to be rolled out.</p> <p>Members requested a meeting with the Community Safety Wardens.</p>	<p>PCSP Officer to forward leaflet.</p> <p>PCSP Officer to bring information to next DEA meeting.</p> <p>PCSP Officer to include Ardglass in initiative.</p> <p>PCSP Officer to organise meeting.</p>

DEA/DPK/21/07	Update on Church Street Revitalisation Scheme	The Project Development Manager advised members that funding has been secured from DfC to complete a Revitalisation Scheme in Church Street - awaiting Letter of Offer. Meeting with local business to take place on 27 August to agree an Action Plan for submission to DfC. In relation to improvements to signage, etc, the Manager advised that DfI have no funding to support this scheme. Expressions of interest have been sent to business owners. Members requested that an Officer from Planning be appointed to the Steering Group.	Project Development Manager to bring update report back to future meeting. Also request that an Officer from Planning be appointed to the Steering Group.
DEA/DPK/21/06	Details of Previous Appointments of Chair/Vice Chair	Members noted the Report.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/21/07	Report on DEA/Good Relations Initiatives	The Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report outlining initiatives, etc being rolled out in the area.	Noted.

DEA/DPK/21/09	Update on Walking Trail, Dunleath Park	For next meeting.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/21/10	Date of Next Meeting	Next Meeting in scheduled to take place at 6.00 pm on 12 October 2021.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 11.10 am

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**Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 18.00 pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Declan McAteer
In Attendance:	Councillor Mark Gibbons Councillor Gerry O'Hare Councillor Michael Ruane
Independent Members:	Clare Shields – County Down Rural Community Network Thelma Thompson- Altnaveigh House
Statutory Partners:	None in attendance
Council Officials:	Shirley Keenan – Crotlieve DEA Co-ordinator Aisling Rennick – Engagement & Development Manager Claire Loughran – Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer Brenda Brewster – Health Inequalities Worker
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly Councillor Karen McKeivitt Carie Crawford – Education Authority Tania Baille – Confederation of Community Groups Damien Brannigan - Head of Engagement Deirdre Magill – Southern Health & Social Care Trust Eileen Murphy - Wellbeing Action Partnership

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/55/2021	Declaration of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/56/2021	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held June 2021.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/57/2021	DEA Co-ordinator's Report/ Spend and Action Plan.	Planned Projects agreed by Forum Members along with associated budget. Projects include Good Relations Multicultural Sessions to be used with groups, Good Relations event in partnership with EA for Good Relations Week, Mental Health Projects funded through COVID Recovery Budget, Men's Health Programmes in Hilltown and Mayobridge for this financial year, Road Safety Project in partnership with PCSP for Saval Area, and RESPECT Programme for Warrenpoint Area.	DEA Co-ordinator to continue with delivery and implementation. Proposed by Cllr M Gibbons and Seconded by Cllr G O'Hare.

DEA/C/58/2021	Introduction from Health Inequalities Worker NMDDC.	Health Inequalities Worker introduced herself to DEA Forum.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/59/2021	Update from PCSP.	Presentation of planned work in partnership with DEA Forum. Update provided in respect of ongoing projects.	Spend approval agreed to support projects.
DEA/C/32/2021	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/07/2020	Update on Toilets in Warrenpoint Park.	DEA Co-ordinator to obtain update.	Matter ongoing, update provided today from relevant Council officer via DEA Coordinator.
DEA/C/09/2020	Update on Warrenpoint Baths.	Item to remain on agenda.	Councillors were recently updated by ERT Department and will continue to be updated.

DEA/C/53/2021	Cloughmore Terrace Parking Warrenpoint.	Requested that Crotlieve DEA Forum raise a resident's issue with DFI regarding parking.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/60/2021	Date of next meeting.	The next meeting date: 12 th October 1.00 pm	DEA Co-ordinator to forward papers and Teams Link.

The meeting ended at: 7.00pm

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 19th August 2021 at 1.00pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor Charlie Casey

In Attendance: Councillor Roisin Mulgrew
Councillor Valerie Harte
Councillor Michael Savage
Councillor G Malone

Independent Members: Raymond Jackson, CCG

Statutory Partners: Sarah O'Neill, PSNI
Sophia Ervine, NIHE

Council Officials: Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator
Claire Loughran, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer
Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillor Gary Stokes
Colin Hanna, NMEA
Eamon Connolly, BID
Noreen Rice, Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
Brian Lockhart, Orange Order
Jessica Kane, Newry Chamber of Commerce

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2021/1	Kickabout Killeavey Road	Recommendation that Outdoor Leisure Services provide an update on plans for this site.	Coordinator to circulate update.
DEA/N/2021/2	DEA Forum Meetings in person	The Forum members requested that the Council consider a return to in person meetings for the Newry DEA Forum as soon as is safely possible.	Request consideration of item.
DEA/N/2021/3	Maternity Appointments/Care	Recommend the Forum write to the Chief Executive of Southern Trust expressing concerns regarding the mental health of patients in maternity care in relation to access for the partner to support on hospital visits.	Coordinator to liaise with Community Planning Manager.
	Residential Care Homes	Recommend the Forum contact RQIA in relation to concerns regarding the mental health of patients impacted by limitations on family visits.	Coordinator to liaise with Community Planning Manager.
DEA/N/2021/4	Extension at Monkshill Graveyard	Recommend the Council consider installing fencing between the perimeter of the graveyard and adjacent housing at Blackthorns Housing Development.	Coordinator to direct to relevant Council Department.

DEA/N/2021/5	Land at Cuan Mhuire	<p>Concern was expressed regarding “guided tours” being carried out at the former “Cuan Muhire” site, Armagh Road, Newry.</p> <p>Recommend DEA Coordinator investigate land ownership at the above site and consequently contact the registered owner regarding the tours.</p>	Coordinator to progress.
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The meeting ended at: 2.20pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 th September 2021
Subject:	Request for the Council to support and sign The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin (Assistant Director, Health and Wellbeing)
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney (Head of Sustainability)

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 that Council expresses its support and signs the Glasgow Declaration
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Council has been asked to sign the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration in the lead up to COP26 – The UNFCCC 26th Conference of the Parties on Climate Change.</p> <p>The main statement in the Declaration is as follows:</p> <p><i>"This Declaration brings together all types and sizes of local authorities – from small and medium sized towns to mega-cities, districts and regions, territories, federal states and provinces – to speak with a unified voice in renewing their commitments to develop sustainable food policies, promote mechanisms for joined-up action and call on national governments to put food and farming at the heart of the global response to the climate emergency."</i></p> <p>COP26 is hosted by Glasgow City and will take place in November of this year.</p> <p>The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration has been developed in the lead up to COP26 to highlight the opportunities to address the Climate and Nature Emergencies and other social issues through a more sustainable approach to food.</p> <p>By signing the Declaration, local governments renew their commitment to include a food system approach in their local efforts to tackle the climate emergency and to continue to work on developing and implementing integrated sustainable food policies.</p> <p>At the same time, they add their voice behind a call to action aimed at national and international policymakers to put food and farming at the heart of global efforts to tackle the climate and nature emergency.</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is one of 6 councils in NI that has commenced the Sustainable Food Places programme. Working with key partners across the district the programme aims to tackle environmental, social and economic issues such as diet related ill health, diabetes, obesity, food poverty, climate change, biodiversity, a prosperous local food economy, family farming, and food tourism opportunities among others.</p>

	Signing the Declaration will support the work of the Council and its partners on developing a Sustainable Food Places approach in Newry, Mourne and Down.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended that the Council signs the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration ahead of COP26 and joins the commitment and call to action for a food-systems approach to tackling the climate and nature emergency.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>There are no immediate resource implications from this action.</p> <p>The Council is already participating in the Sustainable Food Places which will satisfy its commitment to develop a sustainable food system approach locally.</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>
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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
	<p>APP I Copy of Letter – Call to Sign - sent to Council Chief</p> <p>APP II The Glasgow Food & Climate Declaration</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	<p>For further information on the Declaration please visit: www.glasgowdeclaration.org</p> <p>For further information on Sustainable Food Places please visit: www.sustainablefoodplaces.org</p>

Dear Colleague

The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration: Bringing food systems and subnational governments to COP26 – a call to action!

In November 2021, just 5 months from now, Glasgow City will host nearly 200 governments for the UNFCCC 26th Conference of the Parties. COP26 will face the monumental task of bridging the gap between countries' current climate commitments and the significant transformation needed to tackle the climate emergency. With food systems currently accounting for 1/3 of total GHG emissions and simultaneously holding the potential to deliver on climate action with co-benefits for biodiversity, health, livelihoods and justice, COP26 is a unique opportunity to bring food systems reform to the forefront of the climate debate.

The Glasgow message, as we head towards COP26, is that climate justice and social justice are inseparable. Social justice and social equity must be driven from climate action. And food is an enormous part of that.

Therefore, since March 2020, Glasgow City Council have been part of a process led by Nourish Scotland and IPES-Food in partnership with Sustainable Food Places, Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, ICLEI and others, aimed at moving local governments and integrated food policies to center stage. The [Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration](#) is the outcome of this process.

By signing the Declaration, local and sub-national governments renew their commitment to include a food system approach in their local efforts to tackle the climate emergency and to continue to work on developing and implementing integrated sustainable food policies. At the same time, they add their voice behind a call to action aimed at national and international policymakers to put food and farming at the heart of global efforts to tackle the climate and nature emergency.

In the lead up to COP26, the Glasgow Declaration partners will provide platforms for signatories to share best practices and insights on developing and monitoring sustainable integrated food policies and collaborate in promoting the Declaration. At COP26, the Glasgow Process will culminate in a food systems day with high-level events co-hosted by partners and signatories.

As host city of COP26 and, like you, a place that has recognized the need for integrated food policy and action, on behalf of Glasgow City I would ask you to consider signing the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration ahead of COP26 and joining the commitment and call to action for a food-systems approach to tackling the climate and nature emergency.

Yours sincerely

[signature]

For further information on the Declaration please visit: www.glasgowdeclaration.org If you have any questions about signing the Declaration please contact Sofie Quist at sofie@nourishscotland.org.uk

A copy of this letter has been shared with the Sustainable Food Places (SFP) local food partnership in your area, with which you may want to connect further around this vital agenda. For further information on Sustainable Food Places please visit: www.sustainablefoodplaces.org

The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration

This Declaration brings together all types and sizes of local authorities – from small and medium sized towns to mega-cities, districts and regions, territories, federal states and provinces – to speak with a unified voice in renewing their commitments to develop sustainable food policies, promote mechanisms for joined-up action and call on national governments to put food and farming at the heart of the global response to the climate emergency.

1. Concerned that the COVID-19 crisis has exposed the fragility of our food systems, the vulnerabilities of large parts of urban and rural populations and the critical need for preparedness and resilience in the face of shocks;
2. Acknowledging that food systems currently account for 21-37% of total GHGs, and are at the heart of many of the world's major challenges today including biodiversity loss, enduring hunger and malnutrition, and an escalating public health crisis;
3. Recognizing that unsustainable dynamics are locked in along the whole food chain, primarily stemming from industrial food and farming systems;
4. Recognizing that extreme inequalities are pervasive throughout the food system, and are disproportionately affecting communities including people living in poverty, people experiencing racism, people displaced due to climate change or conflict, people with precarious legal status, and many others; and furthermore that many of these same groups are exploited for their labour globally;
5. Convinced, therefore, that only a food systems approach targeting all the Sustainable Development Goals can identify effective intervention points to accelerate climate action while delivering many co-benefits, including the promotion of biodiversity, ecosystem regeneration and resilience, circularity, equity, access to healthy and sustainable diets for all, and the creation of resilient livelihoods for farm and food workers;
6. Recognizing the need to involve all food system stakeholders in decision-making for a sustainable and just transition – including food and farm workers, civil society groups, researchers, indigenous communities, women, and especially youth whose future are the most at risk from the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss;

7. Recalling that cities and regions are leading the way in pioneering integrated food policies and strategies at the local level to reduce their environmental footprint, drive positive food system change and ensure greater resilience to shocks;
8. Building on the number of commitments on sustainable urban and regional food policies already made by cities, local and regional governments over the last two decades, in particular the 2014 World Urban Forum Medellin, the 2015 Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP), the 2015 Seoul Declaration, the 2016 New Urban Agenda, and the 2019 C40 Good Food Cities Declaration;
9. Recognizing that actions must be aligned horizontally (across policy areas) and vertically (between different levels of governance) to accelerate the transition to sustainable food systems;
10. Emphasizing that cross-sectoral, multi-level, and multi-actor governance of food systems is required in order for sustainable and just food systems to take root, and that this requires national governments to take a proactive and enabling role;
11. Acknowledging that cities and regions are becoming a high ambition coalition for sustainable food system development, and that the rapidly growing global movement of city and regional food partnerships provides a uniquely powerful mechanism to deliver these reforms;
12. Acknowledging that without accompanying regulatory and legislative reforms at the national level, the impact of such partnerships and policies will be limited;
13. We, the undersigned elected leaders of subnational governments, in anticipation of the 26th Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC in Glasgow, commit to accelerate climate action by building and facilitating sustainable food systems transformation, by:
14. Developing and implementing integrated food policies and strategies as key tools in the fight against climate change; and ensuring that these instruments adopt a food systems approach that involves actors across all parts of the food chain; include metrics to assess GHG emissions reduction targets from food systems, as well as opportunities for cooperation and best practice sharing between subnational governments.
15. Reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from urban and regional food systems in accordance with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable

Development Goals, and building sustainable food systems that are able to rebuild ecosystems and deliver safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, and sustainable diets for all.

16. Calling on national governments to establish supportive and enabling policy frameworks and multi-level and multi-actor governance mechanisms, allowing coordinated decision-making on food systems. These mechanisms will support the drafting of inclusive national food policies to be included into the revisions of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	20 th September 2021
Subject:	Call for evidence on a plan to eliminate plastic pollution
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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

For decision	X	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response. The response will be submitted by the required date (1 st October) on the proviso that it will be subject to Council Approval.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is developing a plan to eliminate plastic pollution in Northern Ireland, as committed to by the Northern Ireland Executive in the New Decade, New Approach document, published in January 2020.</p> <p>This public Call for Evidence sets out the purpose and scope of the plan to eliminate plastic pollution and its responses will help inform the development of plan to eliminate plastic pollution in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>DAERA are seeking input on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the plan should consider and what are the key issues that need to be addressed; • Examples and evidence of actions taken to reduce or eliminate plastic pollution that can be used as exemplars in our plastic pollution plan and which can be used to show what can be done; • Relevant sources of evidence and expertise that can be used to inform and develop a Northern Ireland plan which have; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benefited action on plastic pollution. 2. Discouraged action on plastic pollution. • It is important to learn from local, national and international sources and consider good practice and examples used elsewhere which have helped reduce plastic pollution.
3.0	Recommendations

3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response. The response will be submitted by the required date (1 st October) on the proviso that it will be subject to Council Approval.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <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	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service

	<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
	Appendix 1: NMDDC Response Call for evidence on a plan to eliminate plastic pollution
8.0	Background Documents
	https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/call-evidence-plan-eliminate-plastic-pollution-northern-ireland

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Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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1.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response. The response will be submitted by the required date (1 st September) on the proviso that it will be subject to Council Approval.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has been asked to respond to the Consultation on the NI Peatland Strategy 2021-2040.</p> <p>The Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy identifies the ecosystem services provided by healthy peatlands, including climate regulation and adaptation, specialised biodiversity, good water quality, flood alleviation and a historical archive. Peatlands also provide a unique landscape for recreation and education.</p> <p>However, most of our peatlands have been damaged to some degree, are in poor condition and will require more sustainable management and restoration.</p> <p>Restoring our peatlands will require a collaborative approach involving government, landowners, land managers, public sector bodies and environmental groups, guided by scientific and technical expertise, appropriate legislation and policies and with a robust funding mechanism in place.</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down Council has Peatland habitats mostly within the Mourne AONB, but also within the Ring of Gullion AONB. Particularly in the aftermath of the fires in the Mournes, it is important that our peatlands are managed appropriately to ensure no further damage to their features. Northern Ireland needs a comprehensive strategy to protect these important sites.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response. The response will be submitted by the required date (1 st September) on the proviso that it will be subject to Council Approval.
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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	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: NMDDC Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy 2021-2040 Consultation
8.0	Background Documents
	https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera/northern-ireland-peatland-strategy-2021-2040/supporting_documents/Northern%20Ireland%20Peatland%20Strategy%2020212040.%20Consultation%20Document.pdf

Scope of the Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy 2021-2040

The scope of this strategy includes peatland with semi-natural vegetation and peat soils that can be prioritised for restoration to peatland with semi-natural vegetation, whether publicly or privately owned.

4. Do you agree with the scope of the strategy?

(Required)

☒ Yes

☐ No

5. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on the scope of the strategy.

Vision of the Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy 2021-2040

The vision of this Strategy is to ensure that all semi-natural peatlands are protected, managed and where possible, prioritised for restoration, so that they can maintain their natural functions, biodiversity and ecosystem services.

6. Do you agree with this vision?

(Required)

☒ Yes

☐ No

7. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on the vision of the strategy.

Aim of the Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy 2021-2040

The aim of this strategy will be to ensure that, where possible, all semi-natural peatlands in Northern Ireland are conserved or restored to healthy, functioning ecosystems by 2040 and that the ecosystem services that they provide are acknowledged and appreciated.

8. Do you agree with the aim of the strategy?

(Required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

9. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on the aim of the strategy.

The aim of conserving or restoring all semi-natural peatlands in NI by 2040 is lacking ambition, compared to other targets by the Committee on Climate Change for example. The UK Peatland Strategy has listed earlier 'milestones' or targets which would ensure momentum of action e.g. 50% of the peatland resource is conserved in good condition by 2030. The NI Strategy should bring targets forward in line with these SMART targets.

Strategic Objective 1

The first Strategic Objective in the Strategy is to conserve our peatlands and prevent further degradation and to ensure that by 2040, all peatlands supporting semi-natural vegetation are being managed for their peatland biodiversity and ecosystem function.

10. Do you agree with Strategic Objective 1?

(Required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

11. Do you agree that the actions listed will ensure that Strategic Objective 1 is achieved?

(Required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

12. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on Strategic Objective 1 or the associated actions.

The terminology is weak and vague in this objective. To say that all peatlands are 'being managed' is not clear enough. This could simply mean that a management plan is being developed. The actions listed are not SMART targets. Publishing a paper on commercial extraction of peat and turbary rights for example does not tackle these issues on the ground.

Strategic Objective 2

The second Strategic Objective in the Strategy is to restore degraded areas to functioning peatland ecosystems on both designated & non-designated sites and to ensure that by 2030, degraded peatland habitats are prioritised for restoration to favourable conservation status and that by 2040, all high priority degraded peatlands will be under restoration management.

13. Do you agree with Strategic Objective 2?

(Required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

14. Do you agree that the actions listed will ensure that Strategic Objective 2 is achieved?

(Required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

15. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on Strategic Objective 2 or the associated actions.

Again the language used here is too 'woolly'. Saying that degraded peatlands are 'prioritised' for restoration to favourable conservation status does not commit to action on the ground. No commitment to funding restoration of sites either.

Strategic Objective 3

The third Strategic Objective in the Strategy is to support the Sustainable Management of our peatlands and to ensure that by 2040, High Priority degraded peatlands in Northern Ireland are under sustainable management.

16. Do you agree with Strategic Objective 3?

(Required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

17. Do you agree that the actions listed will ensure that Strategic Objective 3 is achieved?

(Required)

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

18. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on Strategic Objective 3 or the associated actions.

The language used is not clear enough. Action 21, "Encourage the reduction and cessation of the use of peat" is not very strong or ambitious. Similarly Action 22 "Seek to phase out the use, import and sale of peat" is 'soft'.

Strategic Objective 4

The fourth Strategic Objective in the Strategy is concerned with Knowledge Sharing and Research and proposes that by 2025, stakeholders understand the need for peatland conservation and restoration and have the capacity to deliver the Strategic Objectives and Actions contained within the Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy.

19. Do you agree with Strategic Objective 4?

(Required)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

20. Do you agree that the actions listed will ensure that Strategic Objective 4 is achieved?

(Required)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

21. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on Strategic Objective 4 or the associated actions.

Strategic Objective 5

The fifth Strategic Objective in the Strategy is concerned with Communication, Education & Access and the target is that peatlands are recognised for their unique biodiversity and ecosystem services provision.

22. Do you agree with Strategic Objective 5?

(Required)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

23. Do you agree that the actions listed will ensure that Strategic Objective 5 is achieved?

(Required)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

24. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on Strategic Objective 5 or the associated actions.

It is important to remember that most peatland sites will not be suitable for access due to the sensitivities of the habitat.

Strategic Objective 6

The sixth Strategic Objective in the Strategy relates to governance, implementation of the Strategy and securing the necessary funding and the target is to ensure that the necessary structures are in place to deliver on the Strategic Objectives and Actions contained within the Northern Ireland Peatland Strategy.

25. Do you agree with Strategic Objective 6?

(Required)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

26. Do you agree that the actions listed will ensure that Strategic Objective 6 is achieved?

(Required)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

27. If appropriate, please provide any further comments you may have on Strategic Objective 6 or the associated actions.

I agree that a Peatlands Partnership who regularly report to the DAERA Minister and the NI Executive is important but again there is no REAL commitment to funding in this Objective.