



October 9th, 2023

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on **Monday, 9th October 2023 at 6:00 pm** in **Boardroom Council Offices Monaghan Row Newry.**

Committee Membership 2023 - 2024

Councillor M Ruane **Chairperson**

Councillor G Kearns **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor C Bowsie

Councillor P Campbell

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor C King

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor S Murphy

Councillor A Quinn

Councillor M Savage

Councillor J Tinnelly

Councillor J Truesdale


Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's remarks.

Cllr Galbraith

2.0 Declaration of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet: Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting - Monday 11 September 2023. (Attached)

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Notices of Motion

4.0 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor Ruane and Councillor K Murphy re: Warrenpoint Baths - C/174/2023. (Attached)

"That this Council regrets that Warrenpoint Baths continues to fall into a state of disrepair and has now become an eyesore on what is one of the most scenic views in Ireland. Welcomes the effort made by Council and local Councillors, who worked hard to ensure planning permission for the redevelopment of Warrenpoint Baths was retained in 2022. Expresses its disappointment that a recent funding application to the British Government's Levelling Up Fund to redevelop the Baths site was unsuccessful. Recognises the construction of Narrow Water Bridge is due to commence in early Summer 2024, and with it will come increased tourism and economic opportunities for the wider Warrenpoint and South Down region.

Further agrees that a viable and innovative project like Warrenpoint Baths will complement the much-anticipated Narrow Water Bridge. This will help to increase tourist numbers to Warrenpoint and drive the local economy.

Agrees that Newry Mourne and Down Council should make the redevelopment of Warrenpoint Baths a flagship Council project in the new term. Commits to actively seeking alternative funding for the project through avenues such as the Irish Government's Shared Island Fund."

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5.0 Entertainment Licence - Quinn's Bar Newcastle. (Attached)

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6.0 Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Procurements. (Attached)

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

 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor.pdf* *Not included*

 *EXEMPT Appx. Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC) Business Case.pdf* *Not included*

7.0 Warrenpoint Front Shore Revitalisation Scheme. (Attached)

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 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Warrenpoint Front Shore Revitalisation Project.pdf* *Not included*

 *EXEMPT Appx 1 - Warrenpoint Front Shore Revitalisation Project - Action Plan.pdf* *Not included*

 *EXEMPT Appx 2 - Warrenpoint Front Shore Revitalisation Steering Group Mtg Report 09.08.23.pdf* *Not included*


Restricted - For Noting

8.0 St Patrick's Day Parade 2024

 *EXEMPT ERT Report - St Patrick's Day Parade Downpatrick 2024.pdf* *Not included*

For Noting

9.0 Update re: Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF). (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF).pdf* *Page 10*

 *Appx DTFF Flyer S-2.pdf* *Page 14*

10.0 ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)

 *ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet - for Oct 2023 Mtg.pdf*

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11.0 NI Enterprise Support Services. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - NI Enterprise Support Services.pdf*

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12.0 Peace Plus Theme 1.1. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1.pdf*

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 *Appx 1 PEACEPLUS Partnership Minutes 29.06.2023.pdf*

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13.0 Licensing Report

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Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Callum Bowsie
- Cllr Jim Brennan
- Cllr Pete Byrne
- Mr Gerard Byrne
- Cllr Philip Campbell
- Mr Andrew Cassells
- Cllr William Clarke
- Mrs Linda Cummins
- Cllr Laura Devlin
- Ms Louise Dillon
- Cllr Cadogan Enright
- Cllr Doire Finn
- Cllr Aoife Finnegan
- Cllr Conor Galbraith
- Cllr Mark Gibbons
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Glyn Hanna
- Cllr Valerie Harte
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Cllr Jonathan Jackson
- Cllr Geraldine Kearns
- Mrs Josephine Kelly
- Cllr Tierna Kelly
- Cllr Cathal King
- Cllr Mickey Larkin
- Cllr David Lee-Surginor
- Cllr Alan Lewis
- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
- Mr Conor Mallon
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Cllr Declan McAteer
- Cllr Leanne McEvoy
- Jonathan McGilly
- Ms Tracie McLoughlin
- Cllr Andrew McMurray
- Cllr Declan Murphy
- Cllr Kate Murphy
- Cllr Selina Murphy
- Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
- Mr Andy Patterson
- Cllr Áine Quinn

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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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTION SHEET

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ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/119/2023	CAFÉ AT DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM	Officer's seek Expressions of Interest for re-opening of the café at Down County Museum in October 2023. It was also agreed Officers report back on the operation of the Down Arts Centre on Saturdays.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/120/2023	CAMPSITE SECURITY	To approve to procure and appoint a suitably qualified and experienced contractor to supply and manage certified security personnel at Council-managed campsites for a period of 3 years (2024 to 2026), subject to annual budget approvals.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/121/2023	STREET TRADING POLICIES	To approve Street Trading Policies as set out in section 2.1 of the report and to improve the amendment to item 6.13 of the Stationary Licence Policy as set out in section 2.2 of the report.	J McGilly	In progress	Y
ERT/122/2023	TRADING PITCHES AT COUNCIL TOURISM FACILITIES	To approve to issue a competitive tender process for the purpose of appointing suitably qualified and experienced operators to the tourism facility trading pitches.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/123/2023	WARRENPOINT PUBLIC REALM SCHEME	To approve the Outline Business Case to deliver the Warrenpoint Front Shore Car Parks Public Realm Scheme and accept the Dept for Communities Letter of Offer to follow, it was also agreed to approve all Consultant and Contractor Procurements required to progress the Warrenpoint Front Shore Car Parks Public Realm Scheme.	J McGilly	In progress	Y

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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 9 th October 2023
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Warrenpoint Baths C/174/2023
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson Assistant Director of Economy, Growth & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle Head of Tourism Product Development & Visitor Experience

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	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the recommendations as set out in section 3.1 of this report on the Notice of Motion on Warrenpoint Baths.</p> <p><u>Background</u> At the Council meeting in September 2023 the following motion was received from Councillor Ruane and seconded by Councillor Murphy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council notes that Warrenpoint Baths continues to fall into a state of disrepair and has now become an eyesore on what is one of the most scenic views in Ireland. The effort made by Council and local Councillors, who worked hard to ensure planning permission for the redevelopment of Warrenpoint Baths was retained in 2022 is welcomed. • Expresses its disappointment that a recent funding application to the British Government's Levelling Up Fund to redevelop the Baths site was unsuccessful. Recognises the construction of Narrow Water Bridge is due to commence in early Summer 2024, and with it will come increased tourism and economic opportunities for the wider Warrenpoint and South Down region. • Further agrees that a viable and innovative project like Warrenpoint Baths will complement the much-anticipated Narrow Water Bridge. This will help to increase tourist numbers to Warrenpoint and drive the local economy. • Agrees that Newry, Mourne and Down Council should make the redevelopment of Warrenpoint Baths a flagship Council project in the new term. Commits to actively seeking alternative funding for the project through avenues such as the Irish Government's Shared Island Fund. <p>The Motion was referred to the Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism Committee in accordance with Standing Orders.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permission has been approved for the refurbishment and extension of the site, including changing facilities, seaweed baths/spa, coffee shop and external venue space, public toilets and all associated site works.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has considered different options for delivery of the project, most recently applying to the UK Levelling Up Fund, which was not successful. The Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme has provided funding opportunities for local authorities to progress feasibility and development work on new joint-investment projects which deliver local and regional development goals. An application by Louth County Council in partnership with NMDDC was successful to deliver a feasibility project to develop Carlingford Lough as a tourism destination of excellence. The Cross-border study will audit existing activity tourism and identify new tourism offerings in the Carlingford Lough area, providing the basis for a capital investment proposal to establish the area as a premier outdoor recreation destination on the island. The Baths location on Carlingford Lough presents a key opportunity to provide facilities which can make an important contribution to delivering a premier outdoor destination in the Carlingford Lough region. It is anticipated the Baths development will be considered in the Feasibility Study as one of the key projects identified for future capital investment. The Feasibility Study is currently in development with a draft report anticipated in November 2023.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended the redevelopment of Warrenpoint Baths is considered in the Shared Island funded Feasibility Study on developing Carlingford Lough as a premier outdoor tourism destination, as one of the key projects identified for future capital investment.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	No current funding resource implications for Council. The Feasibility Study on Carlingford Lough is funded through the Shared Island Local Authority Development Funding Scheme
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	Proposal initiating consultation N/A Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 9 th October 2023
Subject:	Application for an Entertainment Licence for Quinn's Bar, Newcastle
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paula Hughes, Senior Licensing Officer Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Dept.

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><u>Purpose</u> To consider an application for an Entertainment Licence for premises at Quinn's Bar, 62-64 Main Street, Newcastle, BT33 0AE.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Further to a Hearing of Representations held on 12th June 2023 in relation to the application for Entertainment Licence for premises at Quinn's Bar, 62-64 Main Street, Newcastle, BT33 0AE.</p> <p>The Committee made the recommendation at the Hearing of Representations to issue the Entertainment Licence for a 3 month period, with the inclusion of the following special conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirement for a second noise test to be carried out by Owner. • Requirement that noise levels are in line with that previously agreed with Environmental Health on 23 November 2022. • Premises to be monitored for a 3 month period. <p>It was agreed that following the 3 month temporary period during which monitoring will be carried out, if Licence conditions are found to be adhered to, an Entertainments Licence would be extended for one year.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>During Performance Inspections A during performance inspection was carried out at the premises on 17 August 2023 by two Licensing Officers. At the time of inspection, the doors and windows of the</p>

	<p>premises were closed except for access and egress. The premises was considered in compliance with the Entertainment Licence at time of visit (after 10pm).</p> <p>A further during performance inspection was carried out at the premises on 15 September 2023 by two Licensing Officers. At the time of inspection, the doors and windows of the premises were closed except for access and egress. The premises was considered in compliance with the Entertainment Licence at time of visit (after 10pm).</p>
2.2	<p>Environmental Health</p> <p>A noise test was carried out at the premises by the owner on 30th August 2023. An Environmental Health Officer was also in attendance at the premises and another Environmental Health Officer was in attendance at one of the complainant's properties. The noise was inaudible in the complainants' property when music was played through the limiter at 87dB. All windows and doors were shut during the noise test. At the time of the noise test, the complainant agreed that the noise was inaudible.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>Under legislation the licence can only be granted for a maximum period of 12 months. As the Licence has been issued for a period of 3 months the licence can only be granted for a further period of 9 months.</p> <p>As the special conditions have been adhered to, it is recommended to extend the Entertainment Licence for Quinn's Bar, 62-64 Main Street, Newcastle, BT33 0AE for a further period of 9 months.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing the application process. • Preparation of reports, letters and during performance inspections.
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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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	<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>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>N/A</p>
8.0	<p>Background documents</p>
	<p>N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 9 th October 2023
Subject:	Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF)
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director - Economy, Growth & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director - Economy, Growth & Tourism

For decision	For noting only	x
1.0	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To provide an update to elected members on the new £7.5m Digital Transformation Flexible grant fund aimed directly towards small and micro businesses. The programme is administrated by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p> <p>The Digital Transformation Programme (DTFF) has been in development since May 2020 and the business case has gone through a series of iterations as it has migrated through the City and Growth deal approval process. The project was approved by Invest NI and Department for Economy in June 23 and more recently by Department of Finance in September 23.</p> <p>DTFF is an important step forward in Councils positioning their intent to drive their local economies – with an increasing focus on innovation support for our local businesses.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>DTFF is a new initiative developed by Belfast Region City Deal partners and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and is supported by the wider city and growth deals across the region. It is a unique project as it is one of the first Cross-Growth deal projects to be developed.</p> <p>It's delivered by all local authorities across the province under the Full Fibre Northern Ireland Consortium (FFNI) and supported by Invest NI. The project is part funded by the NI Executive, UK Government, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and all local authorities in Northern Ireland.</p>	x

2	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>Aims of DTFF DTFF's key purpose is to support economic recovery and fast track the progress of the micro and small business community to respond to the opportunities of digital transformation using advanced and emerging technologies.</p> <p>The programme seeks to address the financial barrier that many small businesses face when seeking to digitally transform, by establishing a capital grant fund that will support investment in equipment critical to their strategic digital transformation ambitions. This grant can assist those smaller organisations that do not have the necessary capital available to develop and trial new products and services using new and advanced technologies.</p> <p>The DTFF capital investments are designed to enable business transformation and not to improve the 'digitisation' of existing business models/operations. As such the DTFF will fund advanced digital technologies projects which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Smart technologies/ smart environments and the Internet of Things (IoT); ▪ Process automation via robotics/cobotics; ▪ Big-data and analytics; ▪ Immersive Technologies (AR/VR/MR/Haptics); ▪ Artificial intelligence and machine learning; and ▪ Distributed ledger systems/ blockchain technologies. <p>For full eligibility guidelines please refer to the DTFF website: www.dtff.co.uk</p> <p>If successful, DTFF can offer a grant towards a Digital Transformation Project up to 70% with 30% match funding to come from the applicant. The 70% intervention rate is typically unheard of from government funded grants but is important to stimulate innovation amongst our micro and small businesses.</p> <p>The programme aligns with a number of other key projects in the Digital and Innovation Ecosystem including those offered through the City and Growth deal projects and is supported by a number of key stakeholders operating in the same area.</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down Officials will centrally manage and administrate the DTFF grant with support from all Councils. Marketing and PR activities will be coordinated by NMDDC with local animation conducted by local Economic Development teams.</p>
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	<p>Once the 1st funding call goes live (estimated Oct 23), a series of pre-briefing sessions will be delivered by an external delivery agent across all council areas including online sessions for those businesses that cannot make it in person.</p> <p>Eligibility and Application guidance will be made available at these pre-briefing sessions and provided through the DTFF website along with the Expression of Interest: www.dtff.co.uk</p> <p>The priority is to open the 1st funding call to allow businesses to apply, however a formal launch is being developed in parallel to promote the scheme officially.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
	To note the contents of the report and to request that elected members promote the project to their constituents where possible.
4.0	Resource implications
	The revenue element is funded through each of the FFNI Consortium partners (all Councils). Revenue contributions for all Councils including NMDDC have already been approved.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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5.3	<p>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</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 type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>DTFF Flyer</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>n/a</p>



Digital Transformation Flexible Fund



The Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF) is a demand led grant scheme aimed at establishing a Northern Ireland wide fund to stimulate digital innovation.

It seeks to address the financial barriers to the adoption of advanced digital technologies to achieve business transformation amongst small and micro-businesses.

Funding Available:

The DTFF will enable the purchasing of capital equipment and/or resources for 'off the shelf' software solutions and/or bespoke system development, based on the following advanced digital technologies:



Smart technologies/smart environments, the Internet of Things (IoT) and simulation



Process automation via robotics/cobotics, additive manufacturing



Big-data and analytics



Immersive Technologies (AR/VR/MR/Haptics)



Artificial intelligence and machine learning



Horizontal and vertical system integration, distributed ledger systems/ blockchain technologies



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**£5,000 -
£20,000**

Eligible businesses can access between £5,000 to £20,000 ex VAT to cover up to 70% of the total value of an investment project.

30%

All applicants will be required to provide 30% matched co-investment of the overall project costs.

Applicant Eligibility:

Businesses wishing to access the Digital Transformation Flexible Fund must:

- Be based in Northern Ireland and operate within 1 of the 11 local Council areas;
- Be a small or micro-business;
- Be VAT registered;
- Be actively trading for a minimum of 12 months;
- Have a Digital Transformation Plan or equivalent;
- Be centred on one or more of the six advanced digital technologies.

The Programme is open to all sectors with the exception of primary agriculture, forestry and fisheries.



For more information and how to apply, please scan the QR code or visit us online.

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The Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF) is delivered by all local authorities in Northern Ireland under the Full Fibre Northern Ireland Consortium (FFNI) and supported by Invest NI. The project is part funded by the NI Executive, UK Government, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) and all local authorities in Northern Ireland.



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ACTION TRACKER SHEET

ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

(For Noting at ERT Meeting – 09 October 2023)

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		(August 2023)			
		No items to carry over.			
		(September 2023 – TO FOLLOW) *****			

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 9 th October 2023
Subject:	Northern Ireland Enterprise Support Service (NIESS)
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh, Head of Regeneration and Business Development

	For decision	For noting only	
1.0	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the update on the proposed implementation of a NI Enterprise Support Service (NIESS).</p> <p><u>Background</u> Councils have a statutory obligation for job creation. To ensure this provision continued post European funding, a consortium of 11 NI Councils led by Belfast City Council applied to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for funding to implement NIESS. Funding has been secured and Belfast City Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to progress with implementation. Belfast City Council, as the contracting authority has appointed several delivery agents to implement NIESS up to 31st March 2025.</p>		
2	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>NIESS is a service that has been developed to ensure participants receive the level of support that they require in their business continuum.</p> <p>There are four pillars of support that participants can avail of from the Service: Engage, Foundation, Growth and Scaling.</p> <p>The Engage and Foundation pillars aims to support a wide range of individuals who could be encouraged into self-employment or are at an early stage of start-up. This includes support for underrepresented / hard to reach individuals e.g., the long term unemployed, economically inactive, females, persons with a disability or long-term health condition, students/graduates; young people aged 16-24 years and people from ethnic minorities. There will also be a focus on support for social enterprises.</p>		

	<p>Participants within the Engage Pillar will be offered a diagnostic assessment of their business idea; the results of the assessment will inform the type and level of support that the participant will be offered. Support includes the development of a business plan through 1-2-1 mentoring, access to masterclasses and peer support networks.</p> <p>The Foundation pillar aims to support businesses which are in the early stages of trading. Support includes the development/refinement of a business plan, mentoring that will be provided through a network of mentors from across the business support ecosystem, masterclasses, support with access to finance and peer support networks.</p> <p>The Growth pillar aims to support businesses that have the potential to be employer enterprises. Bespoke support will be provided to the business following a diagnostic, sector specific mentoring will be provided, businesses will be able to access masterclasses (online and in person), provided with connections to sources of finance and peer support networks.</p> <p>The Scaling pillar aims to support start-ups that can go on and generate at least £1m in revenue after 3 years of trading.</p> <p>Council will plan and deliver outreach activities to ensure there is a pipeline of applicants for the service.</p> <p>NIESS will officially launch in the Autumn 2023. Derry City and Strabane District Council is leading on the marketing of the Service. An interactive website and call centre for enquiries will go live in Autumn 2023 to coincide with the launch.</p> <p>A bespoke Customer Relationship Management system is in development. The system will enable Council Officers to track participant's touch points and activity on the Service.</p> <p>Council will liaise with a wide range of support agencies in the ecosystem to ensure Service participants continue to obtain the support they require on exiting the Service.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
	To note the update provided on the proposed implementation of NIESS.
4.0	Resource implications
	The required match funding is provided in 23/24 revenue budget.
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>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</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
	N/a
8.0	Background Documents
	N/a

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 9 th October 2023
Subject:	PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson, Assistant Director - Economy, Growth & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sonya Burns – Head of Programmes Sarah McClory – Project Coordinator

For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the contents of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The PEACEPLUS programme comprises of six themes and encompasses 22 investment areas. Theme 1 focuses on Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities. Under this theme, Investment Area 1.1 supports the creation of Co-Designed Local Community Peace Action Plans.</p> <p>This enables and empowers local community partnerships to self-determine and deliver priority projects on a cross-community basis; which will result in improved, shared, and inclusive local services, facilities and spaces; and make a significant and lasting contribution to peace and reconciliation.</p>	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	<p>The Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Action Plan 'Thriving Together' has been developed by the PEACEPLUS Partnership, utilising a co-design approach involving comprehensive engagement with the local community and other key stakeholders including statutory providers, public bodies, businesses, and Council DEA (District Electoral Area) Forums.</p> <p>Delivered over a three-year period (2024 – 2027), the Plan will be supported by a budget of approx. €8.6 million (£7.5 million). Across this period 8,646 participants will be engaged in the delivery of the Action Plan.</p> <p>As per SEUPB Guidelines a PEACEPLUS Partnership was established in September 2023. At the July 2023 Partnership meeting Councillor Terry Andrews and Nicholas McCrickard were elected Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson respectively for the next year.</p>	

	The NMDDC Action Plan 'Thriving Together' has been developed by the PEACEPLUS Partnership; the Partnership recommended at the 27 th July Partnership Meeting that the Action Plan be submitted to SEUPB for September 2023. There will be a five-month scoring process before a Letter of Offer will be issued. Due to the delivery gap between the programmes Officers will commence engagement work with communities and a mapping exercise for each aspect of delivery to ensure maximum delivery time can be achieved once an anticipated letter of offer is received.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the contents of this report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	No resource implications.
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7.0	Appendices
	<p>Appx 1 - PEACEPLUS Partnership Minutes 29th June 2023</p> <p>Appx 2 – PEACEPLUS Partnership Minutes 27th July 2023</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	n/a

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 29th June 2023 @ 6pm
MS Teams****CHAIRPERSON:** Cllr Michael Rice**Others Present:**

Cllr Cathal King
Cllr Terry Andrews
Cllr David Taylor
Gerard Rocks, SHSCT
Lynda Vladeanu, SE Trust
Lynne Corbett, PSNI
Sarah McWilliams, Juniper Consultancy
Andy Hall, Social Partner
Paul Yam, Social Partner
Ernie Richie, Social Partner
Nicholas McCrickard, CDRCN
Sarah McClory, NMDDC
Sonya Burns, NMDDC
Justyna McCabe NMDDC
Elaine Carr NMDDC
Theresa McLaverty, NMDDC
Julie-Anne Harte NMDDC

Apologies:

Brian Beattie, SHSCT
Gabrielle O'Neill, SE Trust
Thelma Thompson, Social Partner
Breige Jennings, Social Partner
Rosemarie McDonnell, Community Advice NMD
Martina Flynn, PCSP

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

Nicholas McCrickard Chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. Apologies noted. Introductions were made for the benefit of new members. Due to changes in recent elections, a new Chairperson will be elected at the next Partnership meeting.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None declared.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 05th April 2023

Proposed: Gerard Rocks
Seconded: Cllr Terry Andrews

4. ACTION SHEET

Sarah McClory provided an update to members. Papers attached include guidance received from SEUPB regarding Partner Delivery option. Members advised they can either be a delivery partner under the submission or apply for tenders, they would be unable to do both. At a meeting with other Councils on Monday 26 June, all other Councils, apart from one, wish to use Delivery Agents due to the potential level of risk/audit purposes.

SEUPB guidance indicated Capital projects are to be named in the initial application. This causes concern as it would be a 4–6-month process and the closing date is 14th December. However subsequent guidance has clarified that an Expression of Interest process would be acceptable in the application, and we could initiate this process once a Letter of Offer has been issued.

Guidance received outlines a timetable with 3 possible dates for submission –

20th July – nobody aiming for this date

29th September – Letter of Offer 01st March 24

14th December – Letter of Offer 16th May 24

The aim is to submit by 29th September and to receive the LoO and begin delivery as soon as possible. It will be challenging but achievable. Due to a change in Departments, papers will be submitted to ERT by the start of August and ratified by full Council in September.

Aim to review and update the draft action plan and present to members at the next Partnership meeting on 27th July.

Provisional date for a further meeting on 31st August in the event of any potential issues raised by ERT.

A further Partnership meeting planned for 14th September where the full application will be presented to members ahead of submission to SEUPB on 29th September.

Members are reminded if this submission date is missed it delays delivery of the programme by 3 months.

The question was raised as it was a 3-year delivery plan, would it be best to take the extra time to develop and submit by 14th December? Members were advised the action plan was already drafted and the outstanding work was preparing the supporting documents. The quality of the programme would not be impacted by aiming for the September deadline. Partners agreed to aim for submission by September.

Actions:

- Sarah/Julie-Anne to email all deadline dates to Partners.
- Any members who wish to discuss becoming a Delivery agent are to contact Sarah by 10th July.
- Review action plan at next meeting before submission to ERT
- New members to meet with Sarah, Wednesday 5th July @ 6pm to be brought up to speed on the Programme.

5. DATES AND VENUES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting: Thursday 27th July, 6pm-8pm, MS Teams

Thursday 31st August, 6pm-8pm, MS Teams (Provisional date)

Thursday 14th September, 6pm-8pm, MS Teams (Presentation of final document prior to submission)

6. AOB

None

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**MINUTES OF PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING
Thursday 27th July 2023 @ 6pm
MS Teams****CHAIRPERSON:** Cllr Terry Andrews**Others Present:**

Cllr Declan Murphy
Cllr Terry Andrews
Cllr David Taylor
Liam Gunn, NIHE
Gerard Rocks, SHSCT
Gabrielle O'Neill, SE Trust
Andy Hall, Social Partner
Paul Yam, Social Partner
Nicholas McCrickard, CDRCN
Sarah McWilliams, Consultant (online)
Sonya Burns, NMDDC
Sarah McClory NMDDC
Justyna McCabe NMDDC
Theresa McLaverty, NMDDC
Julie-Anne Harte NMDDC

Apologies:

Lynda Vladeanu, SE Trust
Brian Beattie, SHSCT
Elaine Carr NMDDC

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

Nicholas McCrickard chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. Apologies noted.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Election of Chairperson - Cllr Terry Andrews
Proposed - Cllr David Taylor
Seconded - Cllr Declan Murphy

Election of Deputy Chairperson - Nicholas McCrickard
Proposed - Andy Hall
Seconded - Paul Yam Chairperson: Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Andrews took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 29th JUNE 2023

Proposed: Andy Hall

Seconded: Nicholas McCrickard

5. ACTION SHEET

Delivery Partner Option – Partnership member, Janice Cook, SERC, has expressed interest in becoming a Delivery Partner.

New Elected members and Social Partners met with Sarah McClory on 5th July and were brought up to date on the Programme.

Partners were reminded the partnership agreement must be signed by all members and must be completed prior to application submission.

Future meeting dates outlined on the Action Sheet shared with members:

- Thursday 31st August, 6pm-8pm, MS Teams (Provisional date)
- Thursday 14th September, 6pm-8pm, MS Teams (Presentation of final document prior to submission)

6. ACTION PLAN

Partners were advised the data in the Word/PDF document previously distributed will have to be condensed and input to the JEMS system.

Partners discussed the Action plan and raised some questions. They were advised the plan would remain a more high-level strategic plan and more details on projects would not be included, this would prevent being tied to specifics. After submission, there will be a 5-month scoring process by SEUPB and the Letter of Offer can be requested in either Euro or Sterling, the amount will be set therefore not be affected by changes in exchange rates.

Potential Delivery Partner, SERC, has expressed interest in:

- Theme 2 – Leadership and Development, Mutual Interest programmes, Community Action initiatives, Accredited programmes, and Access to Employment.
- Theme 4 – Minority Communities Education/ employment and Civic Leadership and Empowerment programmes.

As Delivery Partner, they will be a budget holder and this part of the application will be scored separately.

7. TITLE FOR ACTION PLAN

Members agreed on the title for the Action Plan *"Thriving Together."*

8. PERMISSION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION UNDER THEME 1.1

Proposed: Nicholas McCrickard

Seconded: Cllr Declan Murphy

9. AOB

None.

10. DATES AND VENUES OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: Thursday 31st August, 6pm-8pm, MS Teams (Provisional date)

Thursday 14th September, 6pm-8pm, Hybrid

Licensing Report: Matters for Noting

1.0 Requests for Dual Language Nameplates

1.1 Clarkill Road, Castlewella

It was rejected to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 36 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

1.2 Leitrim Road, Castlewella

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 11 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

1.3 Corliss Road, Crossmaglen

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 9 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

1.4 Barr Road, Belleek

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 12 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

1.5 Aughanduff Road, Mullaghbawn

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 14 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

2.0 Requests for Development Naming (Approved)

2.1 "Bridgeford" Warrenpoint

By Developer: Tinnelly Construction

The proposal of "**Bridgeford**" **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under criterion 2 - 'Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature, or social or historical feature'.

Recommendation:

For Noting:

Signed: -

Jonathan McGilly

Assistant Director of Regeneration