

May 8th, 2025

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Economy, Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on Monday, 12th May 2025 at 6:00 pm in Council Chamber, O' Hagan House, Monaghan Row, Newry.

Committee Membership 2024-2025

Councillor A Lewis **Chairperson**

Councillor W Clarke **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor K Feehan

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor O Hanlon

Councillor V Harte

Councillor G Kearns

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor S Murphy

Councillor A Quinn

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor J Truesdale

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet : Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism - Committee Meeting Monday 14 April 2025

 *ERT Action Sheet April 2025 & Historic Tracker.pdf*

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For Discussion/Decision

4.0 Arts Outreach Programme

 *ERT Report - Arts Outreach Programme for 2025-26.pdf*

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Exempt Appendices

4.1 Appendix 1 - Arts Outreach Programme

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 the information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *Appx. Arts Outreach Programme.pdf*

Not included

For Discussion/Decision

5.0 Data Sharing Agreement between DAERA & 11 Councils

 *ERT Report - Data Sharing Agreement with DAERA.pdf*

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 *Appx. Data Sharing Agreement with DAERA - DRAFT.pdf*

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6.0 Kilkeel Chamber

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Exempt Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Kilkeel Chamber

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 ***Appx. Kilkeel Chamber.pdf***

Not included

For Discussion/Decision

7.0 NI Regional Planning IT System

 ***ERT Report - NI Regional Planning IT System Service Level Agreement.pdf***

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Exempt Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 & 2 - NI Regional Planning IT System

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 ***Appx 1 NI Regional Planning System SLA Costs.pdf***

Not included

 ***Appx 2 NI Regional Planning Portal - Draft SLA for Intelligent Client Function v9. Feb 2025.pdf***

Not included

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8.0 Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Fund

 ***ERT Report - Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Fund.pdf***

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Exempt Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 - Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Fund

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 ***Appx. Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy phase projects.pdf***

Not included

For Discussion/Decision

9.0 Young Enterprise NI

Exempt Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - Young Enterprise NI

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ERT Report - Appx. Young Enterprise.pdf

Not included

For Discussion

10.0 Newry River Channel Markers

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Exempt Appendices

10.1 Appendix 1 - Newry River Channel Markers

ERT Report - Appx. Newry River Channel Markers.pdf

Not included

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

11.0 Tyrella Beach - Season Parking Permit

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 the information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

ERT Report - Season Parking permit for Tyrella Beach.pdf

Not included

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12.0 DBEC Application to SEUPB

ERT Report - DBEC Peace Plus Application.pdf

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13.0 Eats and Beats - Buskfest

ERT Report - Eats and Beats Partnership with Buckfest.pdf

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Ms Michelle Boyle

Fionnuala Branagh

Cllr Jim Brennan

Ms Sonya Burns

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Pete Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Ms Joanne Fleming

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Martin Hearty

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tierna Howie

Ms Catherine Hughes

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Josephine Kelly

Mrs Sheila Kieran

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 Leeanne McEvoy

Jonathan McGilly

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Ms Aveen McVeigh
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Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Sinead Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Mrs Amanda Smyth
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Donna Starkey
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Nicola Stranney
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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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Cllr Helena Young
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ACTION SHEETECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/069/2024	Castlewellan Forest Park – Café and mobile vendor provision	it was agreed that the Council undertake a tender process to appoint a suitably experienced operator to deliver catering services at Castlewellan Forest Park as set out in section 2.1 of the officer's report.	A Smyth	Underway	N

ECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/080/2024	Down County Museum Café	it was agreed that Council undertake a tender process to appoint a suitably experienced operator to deliver catering services at Down County Museum.	A Smyth	In progress	N

ECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/004/2025	BRCD Regional Hub Report	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To approve the attached business case - To approve the procurement of consultancy support for the development of an outline business case for a regional innovation hub within Newry Civic & Regional Hub - To approve the appointment of consultancy support following the BRCD Digital Advisory Board Approval 	A Smyth	In progress	N

ECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/022/2025	Ballykinlar Hut Removal update	<p>the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update on the expression of interest process relating to the Ballykinlar Hut To accept the Expression of Interest from Applicant 2 for the Ballykinlar Hut and all physical contents, subject to an agreed work plan To approve the request from Applicant 1 for a copy of the digital information associated with the Ballykinlar Hut project held by the Council 	A Smyth	Underway	N
ERT/023/2025	Destination Management System	It was agreed to continue as a partner with Tourism NI for the provision of Destination Management system for provision of Council's Tourism Website, which now includes Arts Services and Museum Services, and to extend the Deed of Agreement which sets out the Terms and Conditions as required.	A Smyth	In Place	Y
ERT/025/2025	Food Curator SLA	It was agreed to establish a Service Level Agreement with the organisation named within the Officer's Report for delivery of the Food Curator element of both Wake the Giant and Eats and Beats 2025 Festivals.	A Smyth	In place	Y

ECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY 14 APRIL 2025

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/029/2025	Action Sheet from meeting held 10/03/2025	It was agreed to note the action sheet	C Mallon	Noted	Y
ERT/030/2025	CMAV Advanced Mooring System	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Coastal Monitoring and Adaptation Plan Project (CMAV) grant award – 1 April 2025 for 48 months To approve the completion of required documentation, including partnership agreement with Ulster University and associated legal agreements to allow commencement of CMAV. To commence the recruitment process for 1 FTE according to the terms and conditions of the Letter of Offer. To approve the Business Case for the implementation of the Advanced Mooring Systems project which is the identified lead partner for the Coastal Monitoring and Adaptation Plan Project. 	A Smyth	In Progress	N
ERT/031/2025	Go Succeed Update	<p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update provided on the implementation of Go Succeed 2024/25 To approve Council entering into a MoU / Collaboration agreement with Belfast City Council (subject to Legal approval) to guarantee implementation of Go Succeed in 2025/26. 	A Smyth	In Progress	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/032/2025	LDP Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	The following was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amendments to the Statement of Community involvement (SCI) as contained within the Officer's Report and the associated appendix. To submit the revised SCI to the Department for Infrastructure for their agreement. 	J McGilly	Completed	Y
ERT/033/2025	Financial Assistance Call 1	It was agreed to allocate the letters of offer to projects as per Council policy to the groups recommended for the award of funding within the budget allocation	A Smyth	In Progress	N
ERT/034/2025	Building Control 6 monthly update	It was agreed to note the contents of the Officer's Report	J McGilly	Noted	y
ERT/035/2025	Licensing 6 monthly update	It was agreed to note the contents of the Officer's Report	J McGilly	noted	y
ERT/036/2025	LMP 2024/25 Update	It was agreed to note the outputs to date against targets per initiative delivered by NMD LMP against 24/25 Action Plan regarding Employability and Skills Programme	A Smyth	No Further action	Y
ERT/037/2025	PeacePlus	It was agreed to note the minutes of the peaceplus partnership of 23 January 25 and 27 march 25 as attached and outlined at section 2.2 of the Officer's Report	A Smyth	No Further action	Y
ERT/038/2025	Rural Business Development Scheme	It was agreed to note the update provided on the 2024 Rural Business Development Grant Scheme	A Smyth	No further action	Y

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12 May 2025
Subject:	Arts Outreach Programme for 2025-26
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Walker Arts Officer (Programming)

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

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1.0 Purpose and Background

1.1

Purpose

To seek approval for the recommendation set out in 3.1 of this report:

- i. To deliver an Artist Bursary Programme, awarding Letters of Offer for 6 bursaries
- ii. To deliver 2 Artist Bursaries through a Service Level Agreement with the John Hewitt Programme
- iii. To deliver a Theatre Company in Residence programme, establishing an SLA for delivery against KPI's between June 2025 and March 2026.
- iv. To deliver an Artist in Residence programme, establishing an SLA for delivery against KPI's between September 2025 and March 2026
- v. To support a Schools Shared Education Project, through issue of a Letter of Offer for implementation of a Street Mural Arts project

Background

In 2023 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council established the Artist Bursaries Programme. The aim of this initiative is to encourage, enable and support arts development for artists living in the district. The Programme acknowledges excellence in the arts throughout Newry Mourne & Down and offers artists and arts professionals the opportunity to research and develop their practice.

Council also established an Artist in Residence and Theatre Company in Residence programme for Down Arts Centre. The Programme supports and promotes an artist's personal development by providing residencies that would contribute to the development of a vigorous, visible arts sector across the district. The programme creates new opportunities for artists to engage in high quality artistic experiences that are inclusive and developmental and deliver social and educational outcomes for participants.

2	Key Issues
2.1	<p>2024 / 2025 Delivery</p> <p><u>Artist Bursaries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Artist Bursary – 2 bursaries at £1,000 each • Tyrone Guthrie Artist Bursary – 4 bursaries at £500 each (to attend a week-long residency for the artist). • John Hewitt International Summer School Artist Bursary – 2 bursaries at £500 each (to attend a week-long residency for the artist). <p><u>Theatre Company in Residence – Down Arts Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dramability was in residence from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. <p><u>Artist in Residence – Down Arts Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-month residency from January 2025 to 31st March 2025 at £10,000 • All KPI's were achieved by the Artist in Residence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A piece of Public Art for Newry Mourne & Down District Council now displayed in the studio bar in Down Arts Centre. ○ Working with 4 Community Groups based in Downpatrick. ○ Working with 3 local Primary Schools and 2 Secondary Schools. ○ A series of 2 six-week workshops for Adults ○ A series of 2 six-week workshops for Children
	<p>2025 / 2026 Delivery</p> <p>2.1</p> <p><u>The Artist Bursary Programme 2025 - 26</u></p> <p>It is proposed to deliver the Artist Bursary Programme for 2025/26 as per previous years with some minor amendments to build on the current success taking on board feedback from the evaluation undertaken with participating artists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Artist Bursary – 2 bursaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An artist can develop their project substantially and the potential audience/participant reach is much more considerable) • Tyrone Guthrie Artist Bursary – 4 bursaries • John Hewitt International Summer School Artist Bursary – 2 bursaries <p><u>Theatre Company in Residence – Down Arts Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dramability – Theatre Company in residence from 1st June 2025 to 31st March 2026 <p>2.2</p> <p><u>Artist in Residence – Down Arts Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-month weekly residency from 1st September 2025 to 31st March 2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expression of Interest call out in June and close in July with a panel meeting in August to appoint the Artist in Residence so they can be in place from September onwards. • EOI process will involve engaging with graduates from Art Schools as well as Artists living and working in NMD. • KPI's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A piece of Public Art. ○ Contribute a piece or pieces of artwork to the August 2026 Craft Month exhibition in Down Arts Centre Gallery and/or a solo/group show in the Gallery in 2026/27. ○ Working with 4 Community Groups. ○ Working with 3 local Primary Schools and 2 Secondary Schools. ○ 3 ten-week workshops for Adults ○ 3 eight-week workshops for Children <p><u>Scotch Street Mural Arts Project 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of the Artist in Residence Programme 2024/25 Down Arts Centre has been contacted by two schools that are currently involved in a shared education programme to ask if the Council could support a mural project. • The schools have proposed a 4-month mural art project / shared education programme • This would take place from September 2025 to December 2025 and involve a minimum six workshops with up to 800 young people to create a mural based on the history of Downpatrick. (The school has obtained consent from building owner for the mural)
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To approve the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To deliver an Artist Bursary Programme, awarding Letters of Offer for 6 bursaries To deliver 2 Artist Bursaries through a Service Level Agreement with the John Hewitt Programme To deliver a Theatre Company in Residence programme, establishing a Service Level Agreement for delivery against KPI's between June 2025 and March 2026. To deliver an Artist in Residence programme, establishing an Service Level Agreement for delivery against KPI's between September 2025 and March 2026 To support a Schools Shared Education Project, through issue of a Letter of Offer for implementation of a Street Mural Arts project
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>The current budget requirement for 2025/2026 is available within ERT departmental budgets.</p> <p>Refer to appendix 1 for detail on Cost</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 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)</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
	<p>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</p> <p>Appendix 1 - Cost</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	Available upon request - Feedback from 2024/25 Artist Bursary Programme

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12 May 2025
Subject:	Data Sharing Agreement Between DAERA & Councils
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Margaret Rodgers, Business Support Manager

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 approve the Data Sharing Agreement between DAERA and the 11 Councils.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Staff within DAERA and the 11 N.Ireland Councils work closely together regarding planning applications on agricultural land that are submitted to DAERA by the various Council authorities. Sharing of relevant information is vital if each party are to perform their statutory duties in regard to the planning application process.</p> <p>The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the sharing of appropriate information to enable the 11 District Councils to consider and determine planning applications that are submitted to their authority.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The goal of this Agreement is that information will be shared in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for investigating purposes.</p> <p>All parties will work in an integrated and co-ordinated way to achieve and improve their legal obligations in this area.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve the Data Sharing Agreement between DAERA and the 11 Councils regarding planning applications on agricultural land.

	The Data Sharing Agreement will be reviewed 12 months after the date of signing and three yearly thereafter.
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

	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
	Draft Data Sharing Agreement Between DAERA and 11 N.Ireland Councils
8.0	Background Documents
	None

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**Agriculture, Environment
and Rural Affairs**

An Roinn

**Talmhaíochta, Comhshaoil
agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

Department o'

**Fairmin, Environment
an' Kintra Matthers**

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DATA SHARING AGREEMENT BETWEEN

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA);

Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council;

Ards & North Down Borough Council;

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council;

Belfast City Council;

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council;

Derry City & Strabane District Council;

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council;

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council;

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council;

Mid Ulster District Council;

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council.

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<p>1.</p>	<p>Parties to the Agreement</p> <p>Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)</p> <p>Keith Johnston</p> <p>Countryside Management Unit Inspectorate Branch Agricultural Inspector Grade 1 Atek Building Edenaveys Industrial Estate Newry Road Armagh BT60 1NF</p> <p>Tel: 028 37 529064</p> <p>Email: keith.johnston@daera-ni.gov.uk</p> <p>Data Protection No. ZA195437</p>
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	<p>Newry Mourne & Down District Council</p> <p>XXXXXXXXXXXXX Principal Planning Officer Newry Mourne & Down District Council Downshire Civic Centre Downshire Estate Ardglass Road Downpatrick BT30 6GQ</p> <p>Tel: 0330 137 4036</p> <p>Email: info@nmandd.org</p> <p>Data Protection No. ZA057622</p>
2.	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Staff within DAERA and the 11 N. Ireland Councils, as referenced previously, work closely together regarding planning applications on agricultural land that are submitted to DAERA by the various Council authorities. Sharing of relevant information is vital if each party are to perform their statutory duties in regard to the planning application process.</p>
3.	<p>Purpose</p> <p>To facilitate the sharing of appropriate information to enable the 11 District Councils to consider and determine planning applications that are submitted to their authority.</p> <p>DAERA receive requests for information from the 11 Councils in N. Ireland by email, through form P1C, regarding active farming that may be connected to the</p>

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	<p>planning application submitted to them for consideration. When applying for planning permission on a farm, additional information is required to enable the Councils to make an informed decision.</p> <p>For these purposes, active farming refers to the production, rearing or growing of agricultural products including harvesting, milking, breeding animals and keeping animals for farming purposes, or maintaining land in good agricultural and environmental condition. This is in line with assimilated EU/UK and DAERA legislation.</p> <p>DAERA will send the information requested by return email, in the form of a Consultee Response, directly to the individual Council, outlining the position regarding active farming. Councils can provide additional information or feedback to DAERA by email on the planning application under consideration, as/may be required.</p>
4.	<p>Signatories Responsibilities</p> <p>All parties will work in an integrated and co-ordinated way to achieve and improve their legal obligations in this area.</p>
5.	<p>Legal Basis for Data Sharing</p> <p>The processing of information is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of an official authority vested in the controller, as per Data Protection Act 2018 and UKGDPR principles.</p> <p>Conditions for Sharing</p> <p>Information will be shared in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for investigating purposes.</p> <p>All parties comply with their obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. The data collected, processed and shared is necessary to comply with DAERA's and the listed partner organisations - as data controllers - legal obligation.</p> <p>The processing of this data is in accordance with the following:-</p> <p><u>GDPR</u></p> <p>Article 6 (1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) provides the 'Lawfulness of Processing' personal data. Article 6, 1 (e) provides for the sharing of personal data in this agreement:-</p> <p>e) Public task: processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of an official authority vested in the controller.</p>

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<p>6.</p>	<p>Organisations Involved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) Keith Johnston keith.johnston@daera-ni.gov.uk • Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) Seamus Rafferty seamus.rafferty@daera-ni.gov.uk • Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs (DAERA) Jackie Miller jackie.miller@daera-ni.gov.uk • Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council XXXXXXXXXX • Ards and North Down Borough Council XXXXXXXXXX • Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council XXXXXXXXXX • Belfast City Council XXXXXXXXXX • Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Denise Dickson - denise.dickson@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk • Derry City and Strabane District Council Proinsias McCaughey proinsias.mccaughey@derrystrabane.com • Fermanagh and Omagh District Council XXXXXXXXXX • Lisburn and Castlereagh City XXXXXXXXXX • Mid and East Antrim Borough Council XXXXXXXXXX • Mid Ulster District Council XXXXXXXXXX • Newry, Mourne and Down District Council XXXXXXXXXX
<p>7.</p>	<p>Method of Transfer</p> <p>Method of Transfer or Transport Secure email to email named account. Information to be requested by the planning authorities using form P1C/email only with DAERA providing a reply in the Consultee Response form or to email, as appropriate .</p> <p>Frequency of transfer / periodicity?</p>

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	<p>As required, with Consultee Responses provided by DAERA within 15 working days of receipt. If this is not possible, DAERA will let you know why a response may take longer and when you can expect a full response.</p>
8.	<p>Data to be Shared</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the farm business ID identified on Form P1C been in existence for more than 6 years? • What date was the farm business ID allocated? • What category is the farm business ID? • Has the farm business claimed direct payments through any agricultural support scheme in each of the last 6 years? • If 'No' to the above, which years (if any) out of the last 6, have claims been made? • Is the application site on land for which payments are currently being claimed by the farm business? • Provide email responses regarding specific information in relation to planning applications, as received. • Provide email responses regarding specific information in relation to matters re-Certificate of Lawful Use and Development planning applications, as received. • Additional comments, as/if required.
9.	<p>Information use</p> <p>The data will be shared under this agreement as per section 3.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sharing of the information is required to facilitate the determination of planning applications throughout N. Ireland. • This sharing of information will ensure adherence to the relevant legislation as detailed in section 5 above. • The sharing of this data will assist in the prevention and detection of crime in line with Part 3, DPA 2018. <p>Each party will be responsible for answering queries on their information. Information will not be released further to 3rd parties without the consent of the originating party.</p>
10.	<p>Requests for information</p> <p>The responsibility for dealing with a request for personal data, general information or environmental information will rest with the agency who owns the information. It</p>

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	<p>must not be disclosed to any person or into the public domain without prior consultation and agreement with the originating sources.</p> <p>Requests for information under the General Data Protection Regulation, Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations must be dealt with by the individual agency who receives the request. Each party may request reasonable assistance of the other parties in order to respond to any requests for information. (Non-Public authorities are only subject to GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018)</p> <p>Where information held is relevant to the request and is identified as having originated from another agency, it will be the responsibility of the receiving party to contact the originator of the data to determine whether the originator wishes to claim an exemption under the provisions of either the GDPR, Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations. Due to the legislative time frames involved, it is essential that this type of request is processed quickly between organisations to allow the processing organisation time to complete.</p>
11.	<p>Responsibilities of each party</p> <p>Each party to this agreement remains the Data Controller for the data it provides/ shares with the others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each party must ensure that adequate steps are taken to prevent – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Accidental or deliberate destruction of the information; (b) Accidental or deliberate modification of the information; (c) Unauthorised access to information or to any computer system or other mobile device containing the information; (d) Misuse of the information; (e) Loss of data (refer to section 12). • Each party is responsible to ensure that security protocols are in place for security audit purposes in line with their individual policies and procedures based on the GDPR. • Each party is responsible for ensuring they have organisational and security measures in place to protect the lawful use of any information shared. Each will ensure a reasonable level of security for supplied information, personal or non-personal, and process the information accordingly. • Each party will ensure that staff are only given access to personal data where there is a legal right, in order for them to perform their duties in connection with the delivery of this service. • Each party is responsible for ensuring that any staff who access shared information under this agreement are fully aware of their responsibilities under the GDPR to maintain the security and confidentiality of personal information.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each party must ensure that all staff accessing shared information follow the procedures and standards that have been agreed and incorporated within this agreement. Passwords must not be shared. Each party must be able to trace who accesses this information for their own audit purposes. Each party must have a retention and disposal policy in place and adhere to the same. Each party will share with the other party the outcome of any audits or reviews that have been carried out on its activities as it pertains to this agreement.
12.	<p>Security</p> <p>Security Level – 2 (based on the Business Impact Level Tables)</p> <p>All parties must adhere to their Data Protection Policies and GDPR.</p> <p>All information must be handled in accordance with the Government guidelines and the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018, for handling and processing personal information.</p> <p>An up-to-date list of those with access to the data should be maintained.</p> <p>All Staff must be fully aware of, and abide by, their duties and responsibilities and comply with the seven principles of GDPR.</p> <p>Personal data shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject; (b) Collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; (c) Adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for the purpose; (d) Accurate and where necessary kept up to date; (e) Kept in a form which permits identification of the data subject for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data is processed; (f) Processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures to ensure integrity and confidentiality;

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	<p>(g) Data controllers are responsible for compliance with these GDPR principles and must be able to demonstrate this to data subjects and to Audit Requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data retrieved from DAERA will be processed for the purpose of this Agreement only. • Data shared must be processed for the purpose of this agreement only. This data should not be released to a Third Party without the prior knowledge and explicit consent of DAERA. Any misuse of this information will result in a breach of the agreement. • Any paper copies printed must be securely stored in locked cabinets which are only accessible by authorised staff. • All parties must ensure paper documentation, kept on their business premises, is securely stored in a lockable cupboard or drawer and is protected from unauthorised use or access by another person, and from accidental corruption caused, for example, by spillage or breakage. • All ID codes and passwords must be stored securely and changed on a regular basis. • Audit Requirements – DAERA can at any time request access to printed documentation to ensure security protocols are in place for security audit purposes. DAERA also have the right to inspect that the correct disposal of paper documentation has been carried out at the end of the Programme.
13.	<p>Retention and Disposal</p> <p>The data will be retained for 7 years after completion of the case.</p> <p>The data will be retained by the respective parties in line with their retention and disposal schedules to permit any ongoing cases or appeals to be heard. For DAERA this will be a retention period of 7 years.</p>
14.	<p>Security incidents or data breaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each party will be responsible for investigating their own data loss incidents. Each party will notify the others of any such loss. • DAERA must be informed immediately in the event of a data breach or data loss. • All such incidents should be reported to: <p>Information & Communication Branch Manager Phillip Gilmore Jubilee House First Floor 111 Ballykelly Road Limavady Londonderry</p>

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	<p>BT49 9HP</p> <p>Tel No: 028 77 442350</p> <p>Email: philip.gilmore@daera-ni.gov.uk</p> <p>In the event of such a data loss incident DAERA will instigate an investigation in line with the DAERA Information Loss Handling Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All parties must fully engage in the resolution of an incident by assisting in the investigation being carried out.
<p>15.</p>	<p>Review/Termination of Data Sharing Agreement</p> <p>All parties agree to inform the other party in the case of a termination of agreement. The party should be informed in writing. Data will be deleted in a secure fashion if requested.</p> <p>This Data Sharing Agreement will be reviewed 12 months after the date of signing and three yearly thereafter.</p> <p>If any significant change takes place which means the agreement becomes an unreliable reference point, the agreement will be updated as needed and a new version circulated to replace it. Signatories to this agreement can request an extraordinary review at any time.</p> <p>Any party may terminate the agreement at any time if it is believed that any of the parties involved are not adhering to the policies referred to in this agreement. As a result of such a termination the party involved will be required to securely dispose of any information owned by or obtained from the other parties.</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Signatures</p> <p>I have read, understood and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of this agreement. All information received will only be used for the purpose defined and listed in the agreement.</p> <hr/> <p>Signed on behalf of Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs</p> <p>Name: XXXXXX</p> <p>Position:</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>

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<div><p>Signed on behalf of Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council</p><p>Name: XXXXXX</p><p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p><p>Signature:</p><p>Date:</p></div>
<div><p>Signed on behalf of Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council</p><p>Name:</p><p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p><p>Signature:</p><p>Date:</p></div>
<div><p>Signed on behalf of Belfast City Council</p><p>Name: XXXXXX</p><p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p><p>Signature:</p><p>Date:</p></div>
<div><p>Signed on behalf of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council</p><p>Name: Denise Dickson</p><p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p><p>Signature:</p><p>Date</p></div>

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	<p>Signed on behalf of Derry City & Strabane District Council</p> <p>Name: Proinsias McCaughey</p> <p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>
	<p>Signed on behalf of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council</p> <p>Name: XXXXXX</p> <p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>
	<p>Signed on behalf of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council</p> <p>Name: XXXXXX</p> <p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>
	<p>Signed on behalf of Mid and East Antrim Council</p> <p>Name: XXXXXX</p> <p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>

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	<p>Signed on behalf of Mid Ulster District Council</p> <p>Name: XXXXXX</p> <p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>
	<p>Signed on behalf of Newry, Mourne & Down District Council</p> <p>Name: XXXXXX</p> <p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>
	<p>Signed on behalf of Ards and North Down Borough Council</p> <p>Name: XXXXXX</p> <p>Position: Principal Planning Officer</p> <p>Signature:</p> <p>Date:</p>

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DATA SHARING PHYSICAL SECURITY CHECKLIST

Background

The Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and General Data Protection Regulation requires organisations to have appropriate technical and organisational measures in place when sharing personal data. The Department may be familiar with protecting information it holds but establishing appropriate security in respect of shared information with third parties, especially non-NICS organisations, needs to be established before any transfer takes place.

Baseline controls

Before data is shared with a third party DAERA, as the Data Owner, should ensure that all data will be stored, handled, transmitted and disposed of in accordance with HMG policy and guidelines, the DPA and GDPR.

Data should only be available to a third party in accordance with the Need-To-Know principle. DAERA should insist that data is secure from unauthorised access at all times.

Physical security measures should be checked to ensure these are appropriate before data is handed over and the Data Owner must conduct random checks to ensure the data is being maintained appropriately.

Physical Security measures (Checklist)

The list of questions below, although not exhaustive, is designed to highlight key matters to be considered around physical security when sharing data:

- Is there effective access control to the area of the premises where the data is stored / processed?
- Are visitors supervised appropriately?
- Is the data stored and transferred securely?
- Is appropriate encryption of personal data applied and managed effectively?
- Is all portable media (e.g. laptops, discs, USB memory sticks etc.) secured when not in use and particularly out of working hours?
- Are appropriate arrangements in place for the secure disposal of data (e.g. paper shredding)?
- Have staff received appropriate training on GDPR which came into force on 25 May 2018?
- Have staff received appropriate training on the handling, storage, transmission and disposal of the data?

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ANNEX B

GLOSSARY

Anonymised data – information from which no individual can be identified.

Data controller – a person or organisation (either alone or jointly or in common with other persons or organisations) who determines the purposes for which and the manner in which any personal information is to be processed.

Data processor – any person or organisation (other than an employee of the data controller) who processes information on behalf of the data controller.

Data Protection Act (DPA) – the main UK legislation governing the handling and protection of information relating to living people.

Data subject – a living person who is the subject of the personal data.

Data sharing – the disclosure of data from one or more organisations to a third-party organisation or organisations, or the sharing of data between different parts of an organisation. It can take the form of systemic, routine data sharing where the same information is shared between the same organisations for an established purpose, or one-off decisions to share data for any of a range of purpose.

Data sharing agreement – common set of rules to be adopted by the various organisations involved in a data sharing operation.

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 – legislation that provides rights of public access to environmental information held by public authorities.

EIR request – a request by a member of the public for access to environmental information held by a public authority. In most cases, the public authority must provide a response to the request within 20 working days of receipt.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – legislation that provides public access to information held by public authorities.

FOI request – a request from a member of the public for access to information held by a public authority. The public authority must provide a response to the request within 20 working days of receipt.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union. It also addresses the export of personal data outside the EU and came into effect on 25 May 2018.

Personal data – information which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that information, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or other information in the possession of the data controller. It includes any expression of opinion about the individual and any indication of the intentions of the data controller or any other person in respect of the individual.

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Privacy impact assessment (PIA) – a comprehensive process for determining the privacy, confidentiality and security risks associated with the collection, use and disclosure of personal data.

Processing of data – means any operation or set of operations performed on personal data or sets of personal data, such as collection, recording, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, restriction, erasure or destruction., use

Registration – The ICO maintains a public register of data controllers. Each register entry includes the name and address of the data controller and details of the types of personal data they process. Notification is the process by which a data controller's details are added to the register.

Sensitive personal data – personal information about an individual's race or ethnic origin; political opinions; religious or other similar beliefs; trade union membership; genetic / biometric data; health; sexuality; criminal proceedings or convictions. Sensitive personal data can only be processed under strict conditions.

Subject access request – a written request from an individual for information is held about them. The data controller must respond to the request within one month of receipt.

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12th May 2025
Subject:	Kilkeel Chamber – Artisan Markets
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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 approve the establishment of a Service Level Agreement with Kilkeel Chamber to deliver three artisan markets in 25/26.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce aims to support business growth in the Mourne area and engage with the community by organising events in Kilkeel. Council provides logistical support via Community Festivals and Make it Local to Kilkeel Chamber for events.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Kilkeel Chamber engaged with Council seeking support for the development of artisan markets in Kilkeel. Kilkeel Chamber proposes to host three artisan markets during key holiday periods in 25/26.</p> <p>The markets will be held in Kilkeel Lower Square event space, the space can accommodate 12 stalls. The markets are expected to boost visibility for local retailers, artisans, and food producers, attract more visitors to the town, and support businesses such as shops, cafés, restaurants, and other services—ultimately stimulating economic activity in the area.</p> <p>The Chamber will allocate stalls, provide children’s entertainment, music licence, insurance, first aid, stewards and advertise the markets and provide an evaluation.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve the establishment of a Service Level Agreement with Kilkeel Chamber to deliver three artisan markets in 25/26.

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	There is provision in 25/26 revenue budget. Refer to appendix 1 for detail on cost.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

	<p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	<p>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</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Cost</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12 May 2025
Subject:	NI Regional Planning IT System
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Margaret Rodgers, Business Support Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve Service Level Agreement and associated costs of the Shared Service for the Planning system</p> <p><u>Background</u> In January 2022, the Planning Portal Governance Board agreed the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Intelligent Client Function (ICF) and 11 partner Planning Authorities. The ICF manages the contract for the NI Planning Portal as a shared regional service operated by Belfast City Council.</p> <p>The SLA is required to be reviewed after 3 years and the ICF is currently consulting on a revised SLA. The ICF met with the Heads of Planning on 20th February 2025 to present the proposed changes and discuss feedback from councils.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	The annual budget as detailed in Appendix 1 is shared amongst planning authorities based on the historic levels of planning fees generated by each authority over the previous 4 yr period, with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council paying 12.6% in 2025-2026 year.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Intelligent Client Function (ICF) and 11 partner Planning Authorities and associated costs of the Shared Service for the Planning system.
4.0	Resource implications

4.1	Funds available as per 2025/26 budgets to cover costs of the Shared Service for the Planning system.
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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p>

	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	These items are 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 Appx 1. Cost Breakdown Appx 2. Draft NI Regional Planning IT System	
8.0	Background Documents	
	None	

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12 th May 2025
Subject:	Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme - Legacy phase projects
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve issuing Service Level Agreements (SLA) for the delivery of 3 Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Legacy phase projects as set out in section 2 and 4 of this report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop Teaching Space - SLA with Mountain Ways Ireland • Heritage across the Generations - SLA with Rural Health Partnership • Ring of Gullion Heritage Festival – SLA with Oriel Events <p><u>Background</u> NMDDC, through the Ring of Gullion AONB Landscape Partnership have delivered a series of projects as per the Landscape Partnership Legacy Plan. These projects have been approved by the Ring of Gullion AONB Partnership. Approval is required for SLAs with various cultural, arts and tourism providers to deliver these projects.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>SLAs are required to deliver the following projects. SLAs will be tailored for each activity/event and will detail key outputs. Delivery agents/individuals will report against delivery, timescales, and cost.</p> <p>1. Mountain Ways Ireland - Workshop Teaching Space This project will provide a workshop teaching space to bring communities together for continued development of heritage skills and rich culture and history of wild native flora and their many uses. Our ancestors knew how to identify, conserve, preserve and harvest (sustainably and ethically) plants and herbs for medicinal,</p>

	<p>food and craft purposes. The enhancement of facilities will enable us to reach the local community and share this conservation message with them.</p> <p>2. Rural Health Partnership – ‘Heritage across the Generations’ The project will increase community participation in local heritage to make its conservation more sustainable, including developing new audiences and involving hard-to reach groups. The projects activities will provide opportunities to enhance the story and the landscape of the area it will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Enhance local festivals and events through the introduction of new elements that enhance knowledge and appreciation of the area’s heritage. B. Enable teachers teaching in the schools in the LP area to exploit the landscape to its full potential. Schoolchildren will have a greater understanding of the place where they live and children will grow up with this knowledge and pass it on to their children. C. Involve the younger generation in the oral tradition, provide an audio-visual archive of the LPS project and upload promotional videos online. <p>3. Ring of Gullion Heritage Festival (formerly Lúnasa) The heritage Festival will be an authentic and immersive experience celebrating all types of heritage in the Ring of Gullion. The festival has been developed as a partnership known as the Festival Working Group, with expertise from tourism, event planning, cultural heritage, music, farming, and tour guiding. The Festival Working Group have nominated Oriel Events as Chairperson and lead facilitator to deliver the programme and festival, ensuring the outputs are achieved. Oriel Events will be supported by The Festival Working Group, the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership, and Council Officers. The working group has been involved in the Festival development since inception.</p> <p>All the providers listed above have a tried and tested experience in delivering programmes and workshops.</p> <p><u>The outcomes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased visitor-spend in NMDDC • Increased Community Engagement in NMDDC • Increased awareness of NMDDC as an events destination • NMDDC delivering for sustainable and regenerative community and tourism engagement • Supporting the local heritage sector • Increased connectedness in the area • Promoting the new status of the District as a Geopark • Supporting the local traditional music sector
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To approve issuing Service Level Agreements (SLA) for the delivery of 3 Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Legacy phase projects as set out in section 2 and 4 of this report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop Teaching Space - SLA with Mountain Ways Ireland

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage across the Generations - SLA with Rural Health Partnership Ring of Gullion Heritage Festival – SLA with Oriel Events
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>The required budgets are available within existing Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy budgets at 100% funding. No additional funding is required from NMDDC.</p> <p>Refer to appendix 1 for detail on cost.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> N/A</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
	<p>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</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Cost</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12th May 2025
Subject:	Young Enterprise Northern Ireland (YENI) Building Aspirations Project
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the Issue a Letter of Offer to Young Enterprise Northern Ireland (YENI) to deliver 'Building Aspirations' project in 25/26.</p> <p><u>Background</u> YENI is Northern Ireland's leading enterprise education charity. YENI has secured financial support from private investors and the James Kane Foundation to deliver a 'Building Aspirations' project to post primary schools in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Council supports several initiatives aimed at post-primary pupils through Go Succeed and the Labour Market Partnership, with a focus on entrepreneurship and employability opportunities.</p> <p>YENI has requested financial support from Council to deliver 'Building Aspirations' project in all post primary schools throughout the District.</p> <p>The 'Building Aspirations' project will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial capability – ensuring young people can manage the money they earn. • Work readiness – develop skills for work and learn about sectors and job roles in the economy. • Entrepreneurship - students get the opportunity to set up and run their own business selling to the public at Young Enterprise trade fairs, with business mentor support.

	The project will engage with 4,000 post primary students in 25/26.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve the Issue a Letter of Offer to Young Enterprise Northern Ireland (YENI) to deliver 'Building Aspirations' project in 25/26.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	There is provision in 25/26 revenue budget. Refer to appendix 1 for detail on cost.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>

6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
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8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12 th May 2025
Subject:	Carlingford Lough Commission – SLA for Maintenance of Navigational Markers
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

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1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To approve that Council enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Carlingford Lough Commission (CLC) to maintain 10 Navigational Markers within the Newry River from Narrow Water to Victoria Lock Gates</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Council installed navigational buoys which became fully operational within the Newry River from Narrow Water to Victoria Lock in November 2006. The nature of the navigational buoys which were installed required a certain amount of ongoing maintenance.</p>
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<p>Navigational markers are required to be maintained, and chains & shackles replaced on a regular basis to ensure the buoys don't break loose and navigational lights are working to ensure safe passage for boats up the river.</p> <p>Carlingford Lough Commission who are responsible for maintaining all existing markers within their jurisdiction in Carlingford Lough have been maintaining the 10 markers along the Newry River on Council's behalf on an annual basis.</p>
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			To approve that Council enter into a Service Level Agreement with Carlingford Lough Commission (CLC) to maintain 10 Navigational Markers within the Newry River from Narrow Water to Victoria Lock Gates
4.0			Resource implications
4.1			There is provision in 25/26 revenue budget. Refer to appendix 1 for detail on cost.
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	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/> The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/>	
5.3	<i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> 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"/>	
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8.0	Background Documents	
	N/A	

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12 th May 2025
Subject:	DBEC Cross Border Strategic Tourism Programme Application
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon, Director Economy, Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien McConville DBEC Programme Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the recommendations in 3.1 of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Work is currently underway to develop and submit an application to the SEUPB PEACEPLUS Programme under Investment Area 6.1 – Strategic Planning and Engagement, with a focus on delivering a cross-border strategic tourism initiative.</p> <p>Investment Area 6.1 is designed to support efforts that reduce legal and administrative barriers to cross-border cooperation through joint strategy development, capacity building, and the identification of shared solutions. The funding call, which opened on 20 March 2025 and closes on 15 May 2025, includes a dedicated allocation specifically for cross-border collaboration in areas such as strategic planning, data collection, and knowledge exchange.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The proposed project aims to leverage Peace Plus 6.1 funding to initiate a groundbreaking cross-border tourism collaboration along the Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor (DBEC). This initiative unites key stakeholders to collectively address shared challenges in tourism development for the first time across the DBEC region. Currently, there is no formal, structured regional tourism collaboration across the corridor. This project offers a coordinated mechanism to tackle these challenges, ensuring impactful, scalable, and sustainable outcomes.</p> <p><u>Strategic Approach:</u> A Food and Drink Tourism Pilot has been selected as the core demonstration project to test cross-border coordination.</p>

	<p>Why this focus?</p> <p>The food and drink tourism sector’s challenges are already well understood by all stakeholders, making it an ideal starting point for collaborative innovation, problem-solving, and the establishment of structures.</p> <p>The pilot will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as a catalyst for broader tourism development and cooperation; • Provide a framework for aligning initiatives with broader strategies; • Strengthen funding bids through streamlined and efficient partnerships; • Prioritise resources towards the most impactful and urgent areas; • Simplify communication and vision, ensuring a shared understanding of value at all stakeholder levels; • Serve as a model for addressing challenges in other tourism segments such as Arts & Culture, Natural Heritage, and Recreation & Leisure. • The application process requires a lead Council from within the Peace Plus Functional area which includes Northern Ireland and specific border counties of the Republic of Ireland (Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan, and Sligo). Newry, Mourne and Down District Council who holds the secretariat for DBEC, will be the lead partner. • The programme takes a “functional area” approach, which allows flexibility where thematic relevance justifies participation. This project will span the entire DBEC region, including Belfast, Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Lisburn and Castlereagh, Newry, Mourne and Down, Louth, Meath, Fingal, and Dublin City Council areas. • The funding request is in the region of €2 million to enable the appointment of dedicated project staff and a sufficient budget to appoint a consultancy-led team to deliver on the work package outputs as outlined above. • As the lead partner, if successful in the funding bid, NMDDC committee approval will be required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept the Letter of Offer. • Appoint Project Co-Ordinator staff. • Manage the procurement and appointment of external consultancy support. • Financial management of the project. • Monitoring and reporting the progression of the project to DBEC Partnership, DBEC Tourism Sub Group, and the relevant internal committee.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note that a funding application has been submitted to SEUPB PEACEPLUS Programme under Investment Area 6.1 – Strategic Planning and Engagement, seeking €2 million to enable the delivery of a Programme.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Newry, Mourne and Down District Council as the lead Partner for the project.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	If successful with the application, the project will be 100% funded by SEUPB, Peace Plus Programme and DBEC.
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>The project did not 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>

	<div>If yes, please complete the following:</div> <div>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></div>
7.0	Appendices
	n/a
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 12 May 2025
Subject:	Eats and Beats - Partnership with Banbridge Buskfest
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director: Economy Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin McCartan Events Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the partnership between Eats and Beats Event and Banbridge Buskfest by offering the Overall Winner of Buskfest 2025 a performance slot on stage at the Eats and Beats Festival 2025.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Buskfest is an All Island competition drawing participants from a wide range of ages and professionalism.</p> <p>Buskfest, now in its 21st year, is a vibrant annual celebration of street performance, hosted by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and held in Banbridge town centre.</p> <p>This year's event will take place on Saturday 14th June 2025, with the main busking competition running from 2pm to 5pm.</p> <p>The event attracts performers from across the region and is adjudicated by a panel of judges comprising musicians and representatives from respected cultural organisations, including BBC Radio Ulster's Ralph McLean, Stendahl Festival, and the Oh Yeah Music Centre.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>There are 5 competitions with the winners each receiving £500 and the overall winner receiving £1,000.</p> <p>To increase the attractiveness and value of the Buskfest Festival, ABC Council would like to provide the winner with the opportunity to perform at the Eats and Beats Event. They recognise that this would provide valuable exposure for the emerging talent.</p>

	<p>The benefits to Newry Mourne and Down of engaging in this partnership would be:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association with a long-standing and respected arts initiative • Early access to emerging talent with strong public and industry support • Positive brand alignment with youth development and live music • Cross-promotion across Buskfest and NMDDC & Visit Mourne platforms • Eats and Beats performance fee is covered by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council <p>This is also an opportunity to collaborate and showcase the next breakout artist from Northern Ireland's vibrant street music scene at Eats and Beats Festival 2025.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the partnership between Eats and Beats Event and Banbridge Buskfest by offering the Overall Winner of Buskfest 2025 a performance slot on stage at the Eats and Beats Festival 2025.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/A
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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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
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