

December 6th, 2017

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on **Monday, 11th December 2017** at **5:00 pm** in **Boardroom, Monaghan Row.**

Chair: Cllr. P Byrne

Vice: Cllr. D Hyland

Members: Cllr. R Burgess Cllr. M Carr

Cllr. C Casey Cllr. W Clarke

Cllr. D Curran Cllr. G Hanna

Cllr. H Harvey Cllr. T Hearty

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Cllr. B Quinn Cllr. M Ruane

Cllr. G Stokes

Agenda

1.0	Apologies and Chairman's Remarks	
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	Eoin Magennis - Ulster University	
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Scheme of Delegation for ERT from April 2017 to end March 2018.pdf

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18.0 Downpatrick PSNI Station (copy attached)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 3 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.

Not included

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DRAFT ACTION SHEET – ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 13 November 2017

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/195/2017	LOW POWERED WIDE AREA NETWORK (LPWAN) UPDATE	The application to The Digital Catapult was successful; Recommendation to allow officers within ERT to work with University of Ulster and Invest NI to identify possible locations within the district to site the LPWAN base stations;	Jonathan McGilly	Work ongoing – update report due January 2018	N
ERT/196/2017	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK TASK & FINISH PROJECT BOARD	To include budget in next financial year (subject to rates) in respect of additional work required and match funding to accompany application submission in 2018. £100,000 has been previously allocated in the current financial year Capital Budget. An uplift of £50,000 is now being sought.	Jonathan McGilly	Work ongoing	N
ERT/197/2017	SILVERY LIGHT PROJECT	Provide additional letters of support as required by potential funders The Silvery Light Trust consider making application to the Councils Financial Assistance Programme via the Programmes Unit.	Jonathan McGilly	Actioned	Y
ERT/198/2017	Belfast to Dublin High Speed Rail – Pre-feasibility Study	That the Council participate in the development of the pre-feasibility study and contribute to funding the project. Belfast City Council, Louth County Council and Fingal County Council have already committed.	Marie Ward	Work Ongoing	N

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ERT/199/2017	2018/19 TOURISM EVENTS PROGRAMME	 Approval of the schedule of Tourism Events subject to the budget process for 2018/19 A further workshop to be held on the Open Funding Call for 2018/19 and present this part to the ERT Committee in December 2018 The economic impact from each festival for 2017 to be made available to Members 	Andy Patterson	Ongoing	Y
ERT/200/2017	VISITOR EXPERIENCE PLAN FRAMEWORK	 To accept the Visitor Experience Plan Framework The key recommendations in enabling success and delivering world class experiences are: Designation of Unesco Global Geopark September 17 – November 19 Establish 4 -5 Cluster groups and develop a pilot programme of market ready experience by Spring 2018 November 17 – April 18 Tender and Implement a pilot mentorship programme initially with the 4-5 cluster groups November 17 – April 18 Strengthening training of guides and ambassadors January 18 – ongoing Expanding Awareness on Experience 	Andy Patterson	Work Ongoing	N

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		Development November 17 – ongoing			
		Tourism Forum established Ongoing			
		Implement Experience Development workshops on completion of the pilot April 18 – onwards			
		Advanced catalyst project identified in the Tourism Strategy Ongoing			
		Working with partners to strengthen 'pride of place' Ongoing			
		Working with partners to assess waymarking and signage November 17 – September 18			
		Continuing to promote respect for the natural and cultural heritage Ongoing			
		Coordinate a 'visitor code of conduct' January – June 18			
		Connecting with relevant international initiatives Ongoing			
ERT/201/2017	SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2023 BID	To confirm Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's support in principle of the bid for the title of European Capital of Culture in 2023.	Andy Patterson	Complete	Y
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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/202/2017	PURCHASE OF LAND AT SLIEVE GULLION FOREST PARK – ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING	Council to purchase lands 110m x 8m situated on an agricultural field at Slieve Gullion Forest Park, which fronts on to Wood Road, almost opposite the existing car park. The valuation agreed with LPS is £15,000, plus the landowners costs. To proceed to purchase subject to obtaining planning permission for car parking.	Marie Ward	Ongoing	N
ERT/203/2017	SLIEVE GULLION FOREST PARK – APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR AMENITY BUILDING	 TEM TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION To appoint the preferred supplier to undertake the new amenity building at Slieve Gullion Forest Park at cost of £403,620.27 which is £100,000 over the original projected costs. To progress with provision of a treatment plant for the amenity building and report back to Council on costs. 	Marie Ward	Ongoing	N
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Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Additional in year departmental funding from NIEA
Date:	Monday 11 th December 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officers:	Darren Rice – Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Manager Therese Hamill – Ring of Gullion AONB Officer Caroline Nolan – Strangford Lough and Lecale AONB Manager

To note recommendations and approve additional funding offer of £11,000

1.0 Purpose and Background

Background

NIEA contribute approx. maximum 50% funding to the Strangford & Lecale and Ring of Gullion AONBs. For the period $1^{\rm st}$ April 2016 to $31^{\rm st}$ March 2019 NIEA will contribute £254,774 to SLLP and £208,453 to the Ring of Gullion in order to implement their respective management action plans.

Additional funding offer

NIEA has secured additional in-year funding and has offered NMDDC £11,000 to achieve a set of objectives. The additional funding must be spent between period of LoO $1^{\rm st}$ December 2017 and $15^{\rm th}$ March 2018. The in year 17/18 NIEA offer is for a maximum 42.3% funding.

These aims and objectives are:

Strangford Lough and Lecale AONB Access project –Development of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Strategy for Strangford Lecale AONB and Strangford Lough MPA; to include the recreation potential of the wider area managed by SLLP and not solely focused on water based recreation.

This project stems from the SLLP AONB Management Action plan 2017-2021.

2.0 Key Issues

There is a small window to deliver the projects 1st December 2017 and 15th March 2018.

3.0	Recommendation Sign and return NIEA Acceptance Form
4.0	Resource Implications Staff time
5.0	Appendices

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 December 2017
Subject:	Union Priority 4 (SEAFLAG)
Reporting Officer	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director
Contact Officer	Margaret Quinn, Project Development Manager

To note the contents of the report and approve Recommendation in 3.0

- (a) That Committee notes the Strategy Development process.
- (b) That Committee approves the submission of the Development strategy to DAERA.
- (c) That Committee approves the acceptance and sign off for the administration/running costs letter of offer.

1.0 Purpose and Background:

1.1

As reported at October meeting of the ERT Committee, an application to lead the new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (FLAG 2) has been approved by DAERA. Council has also now received a letter of offer for £352,116 to cover the administration/running costs associated with the delivery of the programme. The SEAFLAG Board has been appointed to deliver the new funding programme and has held 2 meetings to date. McGarry Consultants were appointed to update the Local Development Strategy and submit it to DAERA by 30 November 2017. At the FLAG Board meeting on 22 November 2017 the draft strategy was approved, subject to some amendments. The strategy will then be tabled for approved by DAERA by 31December 2017. As part of the strategy development process, a series of consultation events were organised across the district. Public events were held in Ardglass, Kilkeel and Portavogie. Additionally, focus group meetings and one to one discussions were facilitated in each of the three locations.

The agreed objectives/themes of the programme are:-

- (a) Adding value, creating jobs, attracting young people and promoting innovation at all stages of the supply chain of fishery and aquaculture products.
- (b) Supporting diversification inside or outside commercial fisheries, lifelong learning and job creation in fisheries and aquaculture areas.
- (c) Enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets of the fisheries and aquaculture areas, including operations to mitigate climate change.
- (d) Promoting social well-being and cultural heritage in fisheries and aquaculture areas, including fisheries, aquaculture and maritime cultural heritage and
- (e) Strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development and the governance of local fisheries resources and maritime activities.

The total funding package for grants allocation is £2M. The grant percentage to private sector projects will be 50% with an indicative cap set at £100,000. Grants of up to 100% may be available to community/public sector projects but

	it is anticipated that the majority of applications will be funded at 80%. The FLAG Board may amend these figures based on the number and type of applications received. It is anticipated that the programme will open for applications in the Spring of 2018. Calls will be made for each of the five themes. The recruitment process to appoint FLAG staff has commenced.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	Upon approval of the development strategy by DAERA, the programme will open for applications.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	 (a)That Committee notes the Strategy Development process. (b) That Committee approves the submission of the Development strategy to DAERA. (c) That Committee approves the acceptance and sign off for the administration/running costs letter of offer.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The administration budget is 100% funded through the programme.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	All EU programmes must recognise Section 75 legislation.
6.0	Appendices N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee				
Date of Meeting:	11 December 2017				
Subject:	Irish Street, Downpatrick, Public Realm Scheme				
Reporting Officer	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director				
Contact Officer	Margaret Quinn, Project Development Manager				

Decisions r	equired:
Committee a planning app	contents of the report and approve the recommendation at 3.1 - It is recommended that approves the further expenditure of £6,000 to allow the scheme to secure the necessary proval. This will ensure that the project will be ready to proceed as soon as the DFC
funding is re	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	As reported to Committee in 2016, Council, in partnership with Transport NI, has been progressing design proposals for a public realm scheme in Irish Street, Downpatrick. A capital funding package of £640,000 has been agreed, with Council approving a contribution of £110,000 and the balance of £510,000 being provided by the Department for Communities (DFC). Council also approved a contribution of £20,000 towards preliminary design work. As reported previously, delays to the scheme have been incurred due to the difficulty in DFC releasing the funds. Additionally, delays have been experienced in securing Planning Approval for the scheme. Planning Service has requested that the design consultants review the scheme and make amendments to the planning application. This further work will incur additional fees of £6,000.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	In addition to the contribution of £20,000 towards the design fees, Council is now requested to agree additional expenditure of £6,000 to cover the required additional design work.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	It is recommended that Committee approves the further expenditure of £6,000 to allow the scheme to secure the necessary planning approval. This will ensure that the project will be ready to proceed as soon as the DFC funding is released.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The £6,000 required for additional design work is in place within existing budgets.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	The contractor will be required to address issues of equality and sustainability in the delivery of the scheme. Preliminary consultations will ensure compliance with Section 75 legislation.
6.0	Appendices
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee			
Subject:	Innovate Accelerate Programme			
Date:	Monday 11 th December 2017			
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration			
Contact Officer:	Martin Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer			

To note contents of the Report and approve Recommendations in 3.0

1.0 Purpose and Background

The Innovate Accelerate Programme is a pilot programme designed to complement the work of the InterTrade Ireland led Co-Innovate Programme in the east transfrontier region (i.e. the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area in Northern Ireland and Louth, Monaghan and Meath counties in the Irish Republic). Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which has at its core the objective to enhance cross border co-operation and develop links with other local authorities and regional stakeholders. Economic development and Brexit are key themes within the MoU.

Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency in partnership with Down Business Centre and Louth, Monaghan and Meath Local Enterprise Offices are seeking to implement the cross border programme in association with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and the respective County Councils.

The Innovate Accelerate Programme aims to increase the innovativeness and the competitiveness of 80 companies in the region over a three year period (initially one year with the option for three years following a review). The programme will also, via innovation, help companies based in the region to tackle the challenges posed by Brexit.

2.0 Key Issue

The Innovate Accelerate programme supports and complements the current Co-Innovate programme led by InterTrade Ireland which offers graduated levels of support including free workshops, individual business health checks, detailed innovation audits, sectoral networks, project management placements and one-to-one expert mentoring. The initial assessment of businesses seeking to register on the Co-Innovate programme, unfortunately due to resources and suitability criteria, has a high level of refusal and the Innovate Accelerate pilot programme proposal will address this issue.

The Innovate Accelerate will assist 80 businesses across the programme region (20

businesses in Newry, Mourne and Down), all of which will participate actively in identifying cross-border trade linkages of which 75% will be developed into actual linkages.

The aim of the programme is to;

- protect against the potential economic isolation which threatens the region by supporting equality of opportunity through enabling SME owner-managers to transition from servicing local to external markets through engaging in cross border trade.
- develop a support infrastructure for SMEs challenged by Brexit, to increase
 their knowledge and capacity of the driving forces within their market; to
 develop the competitiveness of their businesses and the capacity of their staff;
 to engage effectively in sophisticated networking, and to be more innovative in
 applying management techniques to their own situation.

Outputs expected for Newry, Mourne and Down District

- 20 Innovation Concept Assessments and Development Plans
- 20 Specialist Implementation Mentoring Support
- 5 Innovation Voucher Support
- 50% of participating businesses will enter new markets
- 25% will have an increase in turnover within 2 years of completing the programme
- 90% of participating businesses will still be in business 2 years after completion
- 10% of turnover in participating businesses will come from export sales 2 years after completion

For information, InterTrade Ireland is supportive of the Innovate Accelerate programme.

3.0 Recommendation

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council contribute £25,000 towards the Innovate Accelerate Pilot Programme in year one to be implemented by Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency and Down Business Centre in partnership with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Louth, Meath and Monaghan Local Enterprise Offices. Option for two additional years in 2018/19 and 2019/20 upon review for the pilot programme.

4.0 Resource Implications

£25,000 and is available within the economic development budget.

5.0 Equality and Good Relations implications

This programme has an open door policy to all applicants and meets all of the criteria.

6.0 Appendices

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N/A

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Report to:	ERT Committee
Subject:	Audit of Vacant Properties
Date:	Monday 11 th December 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director, Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration

Decisions Required

To consider recommendations outlined and agree a way forward.

Recommend that NMDDC:

- I. Approve the SLA with the 2 no. Enterprise Agencies to cover works agreed in advance up to a maximum cost of £20,000 per annum for 2017/18 and 2018/19
- II. Approve vacant property unit works be completed under this SLA at a cost of £10,000 within the current financial year.

1.0 Purpose and Background

At a previous ERT Meeting it was agreed that the Council carry out an audit of vacant properties in Newry & Downpatrick as a pilot scheme and explore potential initiatives to help address the issue.

2.0 Key Issues

Council has a broad Heads of Agreement with the 2 Local Enterprise Agencies in the District (Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency & Down Business Centre) to provide support as required for local economic development activity and that work packages be agreed in advance via Committee. This SLA has been drafted and the Terms of Reference for the vacant property would have to be finalised. Officials have identified this as a piece of work that the Local Enterprise Agencies could deliver under the terms of the SLA.

3.0 Recommendations

Recommend that NMDDC:

- Approve the SLA with the 2 no. Enterprise Agencies to cover works agreed in advance up to a maximum cost of £20,000 per annum for 2017/18 and 2018/19
- II. Approve vacant property unit works be completed under this SLA at a cost of £10,000 within the current financial year

4.0 Resource Implications

£10k available within current Economic Development Budget

5.0 Equality and Good Relations implications

All Equality & Good Relation implications have been considered

6.0 Appendices

Not Applicable

Report to:	ERT Committee
Subject:	Ardglass Harbour Development
Date:	Monday 11 th December 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director, Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration

To consider recommendations outlined and agree a way forward.

Recommend that NMDDC:

- 1. Contributes £25k (25%) to Local Harbour Development Group to complete a business case for Harbour Development and wider regeneration projects
- 2. Group contribute 10% overall costs
- Group secure remaining (65%) budget from external source ie FLAG NMDDC Officer support the Group in their work

1.0 Purpose and Background

Newry Mourne and Down District Council has been working with SIB, INI, DAERA & Kilkeel Sea Source Group for 2 years to develop an extensive proposal of the development of a major new Harbour in Kilkeel that will future proof the Harbour and ensure the largest possible boats can enter Kilkeel to land fish and in turn support the development of the fish processing industry in Kilkeel. This work has been carried out on the clear understanding that any proposals must not be to the detriment of Ardglass Port as it is a key economic driver in that area of the District. Based on the research and consultation with the Ardglass fishing industry it has been demonstrated expansion of facilities and capacity in Kilkeel can have a positive impact for Ardglass.

2.0 Key Issues

The research carried out to date on the proposed new facility at Kilkeel has initially concluded that Ardglass will not be adversely impacted however, as part of the Village Plan Consultation for Ardglass concerns still remain particularly amongst the ancillary businesses that support the fishing industry in Ardglass. The local Harbour Development Group acknowledges the benefit Kilkeel proposal can have. To avail of the opportunities the Group have identified a number of constraints that could reduce the impact. The Group is concerned that they need to plan for the opportunities that may arise. The Group want to build on the work of the Village Plan to explore the business case for a number of key projects in and around the harbour that will ensure the Harbour becomes fit for purpose, has a positive impact along with other regeneration and community based projects that will ensure Ardglass avails of future opportunities.

3.0 Recommendations

Recommend that NMDDC:

- Contributes £25k (25%) to Local Harbour Development Group to complete a business case for Harbour Development and wider regeneration projects
- 2. Group contribute 10% overall costs
- 3. Group secure remaining (65%) budget from external source ie FLAG
- 4. NMDDC Officer support the Group in their work

4.0 Resource Implications

£25k for 2017/18 2018/19 Budget

5.0 Equality and Good Relations implications

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	All equality & good relation implications have been considered
6.0	Appendices Not Applicable

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Audit of Access to the Strangford Lough
Date:	11 December 2017
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director ERT Andy Patterson, Assistant Director ERT
Contact Officer:	Michelle Boyle, Tourism Development Officer

To note contents of report and approve recommendations in 3.0 Audit of Access to the Strangford Lough to include: Current Access, Potential Access and Recommendations, relevant to the potential to develop water based recreation and related activities while conserving the area's conservation features and biosecurity.

1.0 Purpose and Background

The Councils Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2021, identified the potential offered by Strangford Lough & Lecale Coast, with the emphasis on Mountain, Myths and Maritime, the Lough and Coast has the potential to play a key role in delivering water based recreation and other related activities for both the local community and visitors in a sustainable way.

2.0 Key Issues

The coastal waters of Strangford Lough are a largely untapped resource in terms of recreation for local communities and visitor. The Councils recent tourism identified the lack of access around Strangford Lough as a weakness and recommended the need for an inventory and strategies to improve access to the water. Various strategic plans for economic and community development have highlighted the opportunity to develop outdoor recreation and in particular water based recreation.

Physically accessing the water is problematic, especially for visitors and there is little co-ordinated or strategic access provision. A mix of private land ownership and access control, tidal conditions, substrate, location of slips and parking can present challenges even for local people wishing to get boats or kayaks into the water.

Strangford Lough is one of the UK and Europe's most important marine sites and is a designated Marine Conservation Zone, a Special Area of Conservation, a Special Protection Area, and a Ramsar site. Its shores are designated Areas of Special Scientific Interest.

The Outer Ards Peninsula is a Special Protection Area and has ASSI designation. The Lecale coast has a Special Protection Area at Killough and is designated ASSI.

Three sites are due for EU Bathing Water designation at Cloughey, Kilclief and Ballyhornan. Tyrella is a designated Blue Flag Beach and Minerstown has a Green Coast Award.

Having such a tremendous natural resource brings with it responsibility for its care so that it can continue to be used and enjoyed into the future. A mix of voluntary management measures, Northern Ireland, UK and European legislation and international conventions and directives is in place to protect the area's exceptional and internationally important wildlife and landscape.

There is huge potential to develop a system for sustainable access to the water and shore that would facilitate wildlife watching, sport and recreation as well as other activities such as education and scientific research.

To inform the opportunity and make recommendations on the way forward an audit of Access to the Strangford Lough and Lecale Coast to include with recommendations regarding the potential to develop water based recreation and related activities while conserving the area's conservation features and biosecurity. This piece of work will be managed through Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership with funding from both NMDDC and Ards and North Down BC

3.0 Recommendations:

Audit of Access to the Strangford Lough to include: Current Access, Potential Access and Recommendations, relevant to the potential to develop water based recreation and related activities while conserving the area's conservation features and biosecurity.

4.0 Resource Implications

The projected cost is £25,000 and would be funded jointly by NMDDC and Ards and North Down BC from existing 17/18 budgets

5.0 Equality Assessment

This will be considered as part of the project development

6.0 Appendices

N/A

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Agenda Item:	2018/19 Tourism Events Programme – Open Funding Call
Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date:	11 December 2017
Reporting Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Approval of the criteria and budget for an Open Funding Call for Tourism Events for the 2018/19 Financial Year. As set out below in 2.1 (At a workshop on Thursday 30th November members considered the above scenarios and identified scenario 3 as their preferred budget option as set out above), Scenario 3 is the recommended option.

1.0 Purpose and Background

Council has approved the 2018 Tourism Events Programme on Monday 4th December 2017. This paper sets out further detail of the Tourism Events Open Funding Call, including:

- a) The Criteria that would be used to appraise events for financial assistance; and
- b) The budget that would be allocated to an Open Funding Call

Members are asked to consider the recommendations made in this paper and approve the Tourism Events Open Funding Call for release in January 2018.

2.0 Key Issues

2.1 Budgets allocated to an Open Funding Call

Members asked for more consideration to be given to the budget allocated to an Open Funding Call at the workshop on Monday 20-November. To achieve a 15% / 85% budget split between the Open Funding Call and the main Tourism Event Programme, with the requirement to maintain the overall tourism events budget remain at £1288k:

- The budget for the Open Funding Call would increase from £105k to £195k
- The budget for the main Tourism Event Programme budget would decrease from £1183k to £1093k

In order to achieve the above budget split there are three scenarios:

<u>Scenario 1</u> - Remove c8% budget from all events within the main Tourism Events programme.

- The main challenge with this scenario is that the budget cut that would be made to some of the smaller tourism events will mean these events become unfeasible and could not go ahead, i.e. Halloween, Christmas switch-ons, Down to the Races, Skiffies.
- These events receive very positive feedback, particularly from local communities, and therefore scenario 1 is not a recommended option.

<u>Scenario 2</u> - Remove c12% from Giant Adventures Events – to include the following:

- Festival of Flight: £140k proposed budget cut to £122k
- Footsteps in the Forest: £85k proposed budget cut to £74k
- Wake the Giant: £100k proposed budget cut to £87k
- City of Merchants: £100k budget cut to £87k
- In addition to the above budget adjustments, the overall budget proposed for the Guardians of the Mournes Festival would be cut from £128k to £112k.

If this scenario is approved Council officers will review the feasibility of delivering the Giant Adventure series of events to a similar scale as the 2017/18 Financial Year. The Festival of Flight may remain a one-day event as in 2017. The feasibility of constructing more Giants will be reviewed, and the overall concept of the Guardian of the Mournes festival will be reviewed and scaled back as required.

<u>Scenario 3</u> – Consideration of Voluntary Contributions budget and Open Funding Call budget:

- The Council's budget for Financial Assistance to Major/minor events and community festivals under Voluntary Contributions is £78,000.
- An increase in the proposed major events funding call from £105,000 to £135,000 plus the existing VC budget of £78,000 would mean an overall events funding pot of £213,000 that could be delivered by professional event organisers or via community organisations.
- To achieve the increase in the new open call of £30,000 adjustments could be made to the Giant Adventure series of events, which would have minimal impact on the ability to deliver.

At a workshop on Thursday 30th November members considered the above scenarios and identified scenario 3 as their preferred budget option as set out above.

Note – to achieve this budget scenario there would be no changes made to the application process, criteria or funding pot of £78,000 of Council's Financial Assistance to Major/minor events and community festivals under Voluntary Contributions.

2.2 Open Funding Call - Criteria

It is proposed that only tourism events that aligned with the objectives of the council's respective strategies could be supported via grant funding.

A Tourism Event is defined as meeting the following criteria:

- An event that attracts visitors that normally reside outside of the district or outside of Northern Ireland, and were the event has played the key role in attracting them to visit the district.
- An event that acts to positively showcase the district on a regional or international scale as a unique tourism destination. This would include generating positive media coverage both pre and post event.
- Have total visitor numbers greater than 1,000
- Have at least £10,000 of funding (excluding Council funding)

2.3 Who Can Apply

- Applications will be open to legally constituted organisations or individuals in the public, private or voluntary sectors.
- Event organisers may only submit one application per event.
- Offers of financial assistance offered will depend on the overall budget available and the number of eligible applications received.

2.4 Assessment Criteria

It is proposed that the following criteria will be used to assess applications:

- Evidence of visitor numbers, economic impact and overnight stays (for existing events). Applicants will be asked to provide a clear justification of projected number of visitors, and evidence of overnight stays, etc. This may include evidence from:
 - Previous ticket sales (if applicable)
 - Online booking system data
 - Postcodes of attendees
 - PSNI visitor counts (if available)
 - Independent evaluations
 - Research or economic impact studies from previous events
- Evidence of detailed plans or proposals to work in partnership with tourism accommodation providers to create packagers, offers and promotions around the event, to encourage overnight stays (for new and existing events)
- Evidence from an Events Business Plan of aspiring to grow other sources of funding, including sponsorship, merchandise or ticket sales to ensure long-term sustainability of the event.
- Evidence of how the event supports the strategic objective of the

district becoming one of the **premier tourism destinations on the island of Ireland**. This includes the proposition of becoming the '**Adventure Capital of Ireland**'. Evidence can include marketing plans, promotional material, events plans, and proposals to engage the local businesses and communities in the event.

- Evidence of contribution to the four main themes of the Council's
 Tourism Events Programme, i.e. Giant Adventures; Activity
 Tourism; Music & Cultural Events; Economic Support of Local Businesses. Again, evidence can include marketing plans, promotional material, events plans, and proposals to engage the local businesses and communities in the event.
- Evidence from a marketing plan of how the event will be promoted to international visitors, via digital marketing channels, and how this fits with the Council's strategic objective of the district becoming one of the premier tourism destinations on the island of Ireland.

It is recognised that not all event promoters will be able to provide evidence for all of these criteria. In order to support event organisers it is proposed that the Council would work closely with groups and individuals that host tourism events within the district to facilitate workshops and mentoring opportunities aimed at growing their capacity in terms of attracting sponsorship, developing digital marketing skills, etc.

2.5 Successful Applications

- Successful applicants will receive a grant letter of offer.
- Up to 50% of the grant may be paid once the signed acceptance of the offer has been received, before the event takes place. Any remaining grant amounts will be paid once the events have taken place and the conditions of the letter of offer are met.

3.0 Recommendations

Approval of the criteria and budget for an Open Funding Call for Tourism Events for the 2018/19 Financial Year. As set out below in 2.1 (At a workshop on Thursday 30th November members considered the above scenarios and identified scenario 3 as their preferred budget option as set out above), Scenario 3 is the recommended option.

4.0 Resource Implications

As detailed above. This proposed budget is subject to any revision in rates for the 18/19 Financial Year.

5.0 Equality Assessment

The proposed Tourism Event Funding Programme will be equality screened

	 and will be underpinned by the following principles: Effective decision-making; Section 75 duties in terms of promoting equality of opportunity and good relations; Openness and transparency; Fairness; Consistency in approach; Civic leadership.
6.0	Appendices
	N/a

ACTIONS TRACKING UPDATE

ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		ERT – MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015			
ERT/118/2015	Annalong Harbour Stormgate	Council Officers proceed to prepare a joint funding bid for funding projects at both Annalong Harbour and Newcastle Harbour	Ongoing		
		ERT – Monday 11 JANUARY 2016			
ERT/177/2016	Policy & Procedures Access to the Countryside in Newry Mourne & Down District Council	To note a policy document was currently being prepared on Access to the Countryside in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area, as outlined in Report dated 21 December 2015 from Ms C Murphy and Ms Heather Wilson, Countryside/Rights of Way Officer	Work ongoing to complete the policy including seeking legal advice	Final draft to go to Committee Jan/Feb 2018	
		The policy document will be a framework for merging the differing policies within the legacy Councils and ensuring the Council's compliance with the implementation of the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983. When the policy document is completed it will be brought to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee for			

		consideration in due course.			
		ERT - MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2016			
ERT/155/2016	Tender re: Arts Centre	The Council tender for the Development of	In Progress		
	Heritage	an Integrated Culture Arts & Heritage			
	Strategy & Action Plan	Strategy 2017 – 201 and Action Plan 2017-			
	5.0	2019 for Newry, Mourne and Down District			
		Council, as per report dated 10 October			
		2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director			
		ERT.			
		ERT – MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016			
ERT/175/2016	Downpatrick PSNI	Agreed the Council support Downpatrick	In progress	Report at Dec 2017	
	Station	Community Collective Group in their efforts	(1000)	ERT	
		to secure the site via Community Asset			
		Transfer and Council to offer advice and			
		support to the Group to develop the			
		initiative, as per Report dated 14 November			
		2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director of			
		Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism.			
ERT/176/2016	Sean Hollywood Arts	(a) The Council to not proceed on the basis	In progress		
	Centre Café Franchise	as outlined in Point2.0 for the reasons as			
		outlined in Point 3.0 in Report dated 14			
		November 2016 from Ms J Turley Facilities Administrator.			
		racilities Administrator.			
		(b) Council Officials to enter back into			
		negotiations regarding the café franchise			
		at Sean Hollywood Arts Centre			
ERT/178/2016	Caravan and Campsite	(a) To agree a join process between Council	In progress		
	Management	and Forest Service to appoint external	10000		
		expertise to prepare the Business			

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		Rationale and Specification to seek competent providers for the management of Tollymore, Castlewellan and Kilbroney Park Caravan/ Camping provision with the option to consider some additional tourism recreational services which would enhance the tourism offering. (b) To revert to Council with the completed Business Rational and Specification prior to progressing to seek Expression of Interest.			
ERT/184/2016	Maintenance – Struell Wells	This issue would be reported back to the ERT Committee following completion of	Completed	No additional funding available for	
	0.50.5005	discussions between Historic Environment		maintenance.	
		Division and Council.			
		ERT – MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016			
ERT/191/2016	Coastal Communities Fund	(a) Advance the Coastal Communities Fund application to Stage 2 of the process.	Ongoing		
		(b) The Council to go to tender for the appointment of a delivery agent, if successful at Stage 2 of the process.			
ERT/200/2016	Overseas Results for	The Council enter into an Agreement with	J McGilly	Completed	
	Newry, Mourne &	Overseas Results Ltd to run a programme of			
	Down District Council	export sourcing for 20 companies in the			
	Area	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council			
		area.			
		ERT - JANUARY 2017			
ERT/004/2017	NI Business Start	To note that NMDDC have received and	J McGilly	Actioned – update	
	Programme (NIPSP)	signed a Legal Agreement for the NI		reports to be sent to	

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		Business Start Up Programme and will also		ERT on an ongoing
		accept and sign associated Letter of Offer to		basis
		be received from Invest NI, in line with		
		details of the Programme as outlined under		
		Option 1 of the Project Assessment, and		
		detailed in the Legal Agreement		
ERT/005/2017	Marine Taskforce	 a) NMDDC should respond to DAERA consultation to support the designation of Kilclief and Ballyhornan as EU Bathing Waters as proposed by DAERA and seek to have Killough reconsidered for designation in 2017. b) The Council should allocate resources to the designated sites to cover the one off capital costs of signage and ongoing annual costs of £540. The Council should keep the health and safety requirements at the sites under review including the potential requirements for lifeguards. c) The Council should pursue the potential for using community lifeguards and volunteers at these sites and other amenity beaches. d) Community engagement with communities in Kilclief, Ballyhornan and Killough with litter collection and shore activities included in the AONB 	J McGilly	Ongoing
ERT/006/2017	International Ice	Management Action Plan a) The Council to provide a letter of support	M Boyle	Awaiting update from
	Swimming Association	to the Camlough Lake Water Festival		CLWF on plans to
	Bid	(CLWF) to host the International Ice		progress
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		Championships 2019 in Newry Canal or			
		Camlough lake. b) ERT and AHC Departments will work in			
		partnership with CLWF Festival to			
		facilitate this project.			
ERT/007/2017	Mooring Licence – Newcastle Harbour	 a) The allocation of Mooring Licences at Newcastle Harbour to be a 3 yearly process to be carried out in 2017 and continued for 2018 and 2019. b) Mooring changes for 2017 to be approved and approved on a yearly basis thereafter, on a basis of a 5% increase 	M McKeown	Mooring allocation process to commence for a 3 year basis	
		per annum. c) No pontoon provision at Newcastle Harbour during the summer.			
ERT/008/2017	Lighting of Holm Oak	To take no action at present in respect of	M McKeown	New costing obtained –	
	Tree – Kilbroney Park,	the provision of lighting at the Holm Oak		Tree lighting provided	
	Rostrevor	Tree in Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor, as the			
		Council currently have no budget in place for this expenditure.			
ERT/009/2017	SEA FLAG 2	Authority be granted to Council Officers to		Awaiting DAERA call for	
	Programme – UNION	proceed with the submission of a bid to		proposals. Strategy	
	PRIORITY 4	DEARA to deliver the new round of funding		submitted November	
		and to proceed with procurement of the		2017 and FLAG	
		necessary consultancy work.		Committee established.	
		FEBRUARY 2017			
ERT/035/2017	Athletics NI –	Agreed Council Officials in the ERT	M Patterson/M	Initial conversations	
	European Cross	Department in partnership with Council	Mohan	have taken place.	
	Country	Officials in the AHC Department, liaise with		Communications	
	Championships	Athletics NI and the relevant stakeholders, to consider the potential for a bid to be		ongoing.	

		made by Athletics NI to host the European			
		Athletics to host the European Cross Country			
		Championships to be held in Kilbroney Park,			
		Rostrevor			
		MARCH 2017			
ERT/044/2017	Purple Status Flag	Council Officials work with private sector in	M Quinn	Update to be provided	
	(Newcastle)	the Newcastle area to establish a Purple Flag		to ERT January 2018	
		Working Group and that if agreement is			
		reached with the businesses, that an			
		application is submitted in January 2018 for			
		Purple Flag Status.			
		Councillor B Quinn to be provided with a			
		copy of the Purple Flag assessment for			
		Newry.			
		APRIL 2017			
ERT/079/2017	Familiarisation Visit to	To approve the familiarisation visit to	M Ward	Complete	
	Strangford	Strangford and the surrounding area in June			
		2017.			
ERT/081/2017	Festival of Flight	To approve extension of appointment of the	M Mohan	Complete	
	Flying Display Director	Festival Flight Flying Display Director 2017,			
		in line with decision taken the ERT			
		Committee Meeting held on 9 May 2016.			
ERT/082/2017	Conference:	To approve a contribution in the sun of	M Mohan	Complete	
	Developing &	£2,500 to co-host a Conference on			
	Managing Recreation	Developing and Managing Recreation in			
	in Protected Areas	Protected Areas, to be held in the Ti			
		Chulainn Cultural Centre Mullaghbawn in			
		September 2017.			

ERT/083/2017	Student Placement	To appoint 2 No. placement students from	M Mohan	Complete
	2017/2018	the Tourism Marketing and Events		
		Management Degree Courses at the		
		University of Ulster, to assist in the delivery		
		of Tourism Events.		
		12 JUNE 2017		
ERT/095/2017	Former PSNI Station	M Ward advised Officials arranging a	M Ward	Actioned – update as
	Site, Downpatrick	meeting with Department for Economy and		per report to be taken
		SIB. Report to be brought to August		to November 2017 ERT
		Committee Meeting.		
ERT/101/2017	Cranfield Beach	Councillor Quinn asked for Officials to look at		On-going
		replacing the turning bay with a roundabout		
		as during warmer water cars park in the		
		turning bay resulting in residents being		
		unable to get into their homes.		
		Hotel provision – Rostrevor		
ERT/107/2017	Marketing Plan	To provide a new website based on the		On-going
		key recommendation to drive NMD as an		
		Outdoor Capital of Ireland incorporating		
		Mountains, Myths and Maritime themes.		
		To provide and implement a Tourism Specific Marketing Plan		
		To work on a pilot basis with the		
		Tourism businesses during 2018 in the		
		delivery of 3 key outdoor events –		
		Mourne international Walking Festival,		
		Newry Water Festival and Red Bull		
		Foxhunt, Bike Fest and subject to		
		evaluation consider opportunities for		
		other tourism events.		

ERT/108/2017	AONB Ring of Gullion, Strangford and Lecale	To approve the contents of the Ring of Gullion, Strangford and Lecale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Action Plans 2017-2022.	J McGilly	Actioned. Plan currently being implemented
ERT/109/2017	Strangford and Lecale Landscape Partnership Scheme	 (a) To approve the Council's role as lead partner on behalf of SLLP in the Coast Connect LPS. (b) NMDDC approve the submission of Phase I application as lead partner of the group. (c) NMDDC approve commitment of £17k from NMDDC from NMDDC to the 18 month development stage of the Coast Connect Landscape Partnership Scheme from November 2017 to March 2019 and SLLP application. 	J McGilly	Phase I bid not successful, currently reviewing projects and planning next steps.
ERT/111/2017	Castlewellan Forest Park	 The Terms of Reference of the Task and Finish Board are amended to allow a Chair to remain in place for 12 months as opposed to 6 months for the purposes of consistency. Taking over the Castle is not part of the application. It will need to be integrated to some extent however. No additional roads are recommended. The preferred option is bringing traffic into the car park from the Bann Road but will require a study to determine feasibility. Management of the Park – Council are required to develop a proposal to discuss with FSNI. A draft lease will need to be 	J McGilly	Work ongoing.

ERT/112/2017	MGL Co-operation Project Derrymore House, Bessbrook Moorehall, Co Mayo	prepared prior to submission of a round one application. It is recommended that Council and FSNI now engage in report of this matter. Various external reports need to be commissioned prior to the submission of round one application. These reports include the following: • Biodiversity Survey and statement of significance. • Garden and Arboretum Survey, initial plan and statement of significance. • Feasibility Study in respect of the use of Built heritage in first court yard at the Grange and visitor facilities at both yards. • Traffic Survey and car-park study. To approve contents of the report and approve to proceed to tender for the appointment of a consultancy team for the Derrymore House and Moorehall cooperation project, and subject to securing funding and tender being within budget, following assessment Council proceed to award contract.	J McGilly	Work Ongoing	
		It was also agreed in line with design of the Derrymore House cooperation project, to reengage site owners, ie National Trust, in discussions regarding lease/development agreements, to the satisfaction of the funder and submit a Planning Application for the			

		agreed design proposals.		
ERT/113/2017	Social Enterprise Programme Phase II	To approve the additional activity and outputs for the Social Enterprise Programme (Phase II), as per Report dated 12 June 2017 from Mr A Patterson, Tourism NI	J McGilly	Currently implemented -update report to ERT Nov 17
ERT/114/2017	Re-Development of Car Parks – Ballynahinch	 (a) To note reference to car parks in the Draft Off-Street Car Parking Strategy and agree to proceed with this proposal in advance of agreeing Off-Street Car Parking Strategy. (b) Council to appoint consultants to work up and manage two development briefs of Lisburn Street South and Lisburn Street North sides ensuring that proposals bear in mind the constraints and that car parking spaces and access was retained. (c) Relevant department commences work to relocate bonfire. 	J McGilly	Consultant appointed to work up the development brief. Currently ongoing - Development Brief to be advertised early 2018
ERT/118/2017	City Deals	It was agreed to note the progress on the strategic collaboration with Belfast City Council, Ards and North Down and Antrim and Newtownabbey and agree to on-going participation to progress this initiative.	J McGilly	Work Ongoing and Council updated by ERT
ERT/116/2017	Brexit	To note the activity in relation to the preparation for Brexit negotiations and agree the direction of travel in relation to solutions.	J McGilly	Border corridor impact study completed – key issues identified – work ongoing with Chamber of Commerce etc, re lobbying.
ERT/117/2017	ERT Business Plan	Approve the ERT Business Plan for the		

		period 2017-18.		
ERT/118/2017	Lease – Tennis Pavilion – Rostrevor Tennis Club	It was agreed to agree to a proposed 20 year lease from 1 March 2017 of the pavilion building to Rostrevor Tennis Club at peppercorn rent, as per report dated 12 June 2017 from Ms B Magill, Administration Officer.		
ERT/119/2017	Halloween and Christmas Events	 Ballynahinch (Halloween & Christmas) – Ballynahinch Community Collective in partnership with Ballynahinch Lyons. Crossmaglen (Halloween & Christmas) – Crossmaglen Community Association Downpatrick (Halloween) – Downpatrick Community Collective Kilkeel (Halloween & Christmas) – Kilkeel Development Association Newcastle (Christmas) – Chamber of Commerce Warrenpoint (Halloween & Christmas) – Safer Warrenpoint Project (Halloween), Chamber of Commerce (Christmas) 		
ERT/120/2017	Trail Network Rostrevor Forest	It was agreed to tender for the services of a suitability qualified company to oversee the procurement and delivery of the design and build contract for a trail network in Rostrevor Forest, as per report dated 12 June 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.		
ERT/121/2017	IAGTO Conference	It was agreed that a Council official attend the IAGTO North America Golf Tourism from 25-28 June 2017.		

		AUGUST 2017		
ERT/131/2017	Heritage Lottery Fund Great Places Application	It was agreed as follows regarding Heritage Lottery Fund Application for Great Places Scheme for Ring of Gullion AONB: (a) The Council to act as a lead partner for this application and submit the preliminary application. (b) To pursue all relevant funding opportunities to match fund the application, if it is successful to the final stage. (c) Recommend the on-going support from other departments for the application. To	J McGilly	Stage 1 approved currently developing Stage 2 application for December 2017 submission.
		incorporate match funding in 2018/19 budgets.		
ERT/132/2017	Derrymore Sport NI Application	 (a) To progress Stage 2 Conditions of the Sport NI Application for the regeneration of Derrymore Estate and Camlough River Walk. Conditions are as follows, and must be in place before Sport NI can consider an award of funding: (b) Procurement of a design team for preparation of technical drawings and BoQ's (if a letter of offer is secured, costs incurred here can be allocated towards Council's match funding of the project) (c) To secure Planning approval if required (d) To secure Legal Agreement – National Trust for delivery of the project on their land (ie, Development Agreement – National Trust will retain long term 	J McGilly	Work ongoing.

ERT/133/2017	Horse Riding Provision Castlewellan Forest Park	maintenance of the trails) (e) To secure PPA agreements with relevant landowners for delivery of the Camlough River Walk project. (f) To procure a contractor. (Appointment only subject to securing a Letter of Offer) (a) To adopt interim walking trails as permanent trail system for equestrians. (b) To apply same permit principles for horse riders as mountain bikes. (c) To create an interim trail head and car	J McGilly	Completed	
ERT/134/2017	Department for Communities Funding - Regeneration Projects	 park. (a) Council write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department for Communities regarding the following: To express the Council's concern at the on-going delay in Department for Communities funding for regeneration projects. To seek a meeting between Council Official and the Permanent Secretary to discuss the on-going delay in funding and the Urban Regeneration Forward Work Plan and to request that funding is agreed for the three schemes, that Letters of Offer should allow for an extension into the 2018/19 financial year for a scheme completion and spend. (b) Report back to Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting in due course. 	J McGilly	Awaiting outcome from DfC	
ERT/135/2017	Notice of Motion –	It was agreed as follows, regarding a Notice	J McGilly	At Planning Stage	

	Farmers/Artisan	of Motion regarding Farmers/Artisan			
	Market, Downpatrick	Markets:			
		 (a) A pilot project be undertaken in 2018/19 to include a market in Newcastle initially, and based on evaluation of the Newcastle Market, a trial Market could be held in Downpatrick to confirm the level of interest, thus providing an opportunity to assess the preferred location/s. (b) If the pilot markets prove successful, the Council to appoint a company to deliver the Market/s on behalf of the Council. (c) Following evaluation of the pilot markets, the Council to consider arranging Farmers Markets in other towns across the District. 			
ERT/136/2017	Notice of Motion	It was agreed to proceed as follows	J McGilly	Masterplans	
	Masterplans	regarding a Notice of Motion regarding	3,	implementation	
		Masterplans: That given the Community		ongoing - reported	
		Planning Structures and DES Forums		through DEA Forums	
		interaction with all the key agencies		and ERT Committee as	
		involved, the Council continue with its		agreed.	
		agreed course of action on Masterplans, as			
		agreed in February 2017, and do not			
		establish a Downpatrick Masterplan			
		Implementation Group for the following			
		reasons as outlined in Report dated 14			
		August 2017 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant			
		Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and			
		Tourism.			

ERT/137/2017	NI Economic	It was agreed to appoint the following	J McGilly	Actioned	Y
	Conference	delegates to attend the Economic			
		Conference to be held on Wednesday 25			
		October 2017 in Armagh City Hotel at a cost			
		of £306 inc. VAT per delegate.			
		- Chairperson of ERT Committee			
		(Councillor P Byrne)			
		- Deputy Chairperson of ERT Committee			
		(Councillor D Hyland) - 1 No. Official			
ERT/138/2017	Tourism Performance	It was agreed to note Report dated 14			
	Figures 2016	August 2017 from Mr A Patterson Assistant			
	- 3	Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding			
		tourism performance figures 2016.			
		It was also agreed Mr A Patterson, Assistant			
		Director of Tourism Culture & Events, to			
		submit a more detailed report on Tourism			
		Performance Statistics on the ERT			
		Committee based on the points raised by			
		members.			
ERT/139/2017	IAGTO Conference	It was agreed Newry, Mourne and Down			
		District Council attend the International Golf			
		Travel Market (IGTM from 11-14 December			
		2017 in Cannes, France, with a Council stand			
		to promote Golf Links and parkland courses			
		along with tourism experiences and invite			
		golf clubs within the regions to share the			
		stand space with Council, subject to			
		parkland and links golf clubs within the			
		region attending.			

ERT/140/2017	Clanbrassil Barns and Tea Rooms Tollymore Forest Park	It was agreed the Council enter into a legal agreement with DAERA for a 20 year Lease for Clanbrassil Barns & Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park, subject to valuation by DAERA and condition assessment by Council, as per Report dated 14 August 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.			
ERT/141/2017	Junior Golf Competition	It was agreed as regarding Newry, Mourne and Down Junior Golf Trophy: (a) Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to manage the Newry, Mourne and Down Junior Golf Tournament to take place 15-17 August 2018. (b) To appoint Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be represented on the organising group along with representation from: - Warrenpoint Golf Club - Kilkeel Golf Club - Royal County Down - Golfing Union Ireland			
ERT/142/2017	Warrenpoint Baths	It was agreed the Council proceed to appoint a suitably qualified multi-disciplinary team to design and manage a development brief process in line with existing planning approval.	J McGily	Tender closed Currently being assessed (Nov 2017)	
		ERT – MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017			
ERT/153/2017	International Relations Forum	(a) Adopt the amended International Relations Policy, Framework and Terms of Reference.	Marie Ward	On-going	

EDT/454/2017	Action Sheet	 (b) Approve participation in the music programme exchange with Southern Pines in April 2018 with attendance by the six children who participated in July 2017 (substitutions to be agreed if required), the Chair of Council, and two Council Officials to travel with children and supervise the programme. (c) Approve the Chair of the Council, one Council Official and one representative from the education sector attending the anniversary celebration of School No 7 in Kirovsk. (d) Approve the development with Sioux Falls agreement with an emphasis on business and trade. (e) Approve further consideration of the City of Pawtucket request with a paper to be brought back to a future ERT Committee. (f) Membership of the International Relations Reference Group to be amended to include one Councillor from the Alliance Party so that there is representative from SDLP/Sinn Fein/DUP/UUP/Independents. 	Maria Ward		
ERT/154/2017	Brexit Paper	 (a) To note the contents of the report and the research document. (b) To approve the attendance by the Chair of Council and one Council Official at the Brussels launch and to also appoint Councillor P Byrne, as Chairperson of the ERT Committee to attend. (c) To invite a speaker from N Ireland Food 	Marie Ward	Progressing as per approval	

		and Drink Association to a future			
		meeting of the ERT Committee.			
ERT/155/2017	City Deal	 (a) To note contents of the report and to consider membership from Newry, Mourne and Down on the political steering group. (b) Due to the short lead time it was recommended that the members of the party representative's forum, the Chair and Deputy Chair of Council and the Chair of the Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee form the membership for this Council. 		On-going as per actions	
ERT/156/2017	Sports Tourism Outdoor Framework	(a) To accept the Sports Tourism Framework and link delivery with marketing Plan implementation.(b) Overgrown grass along the towpath would be reported for attention by the relevant section of Council.	Andy Patterson	Progressing as per approval	
ERT/157/2017	Down County Museum British Museum Proposal 2018	 (a) That Committee and Council support the request by Down County Museum to go ahead with important loans of material for two proposed major displays from the British Museum relating to the world of St Patrick (in 2019) and the world if Sir Hands Sloane (in 2020) (b) If this approval is given, work will be undertaken to determine the extent and full cost of the required improvements to Gallery 5 and Gallery 6 at Down County Museum in 2018, in order to maximise the potential of the Museum to attract major loan exhibits and consequently 	Andy Patterson	Progressing as per approval	

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		major publicity and visitor attendance in 2019 and 2020. Work to the galleries			
		would be subject to the rates process.			
ERT/158/2017	Tourism Marketing	(a) Approval to tender for services of a	Andy	Progressing as per	
	Plan Development	marketing agency to develop a	Patterson	approval	
		marketing plan, and to implement		approximation and the second	
		specific campaigns and initiatives, that			
		will drive tourism growth in the Newry,			
		Mourne and Down District, for a period			
		of 1 year with the option of renewal for a			
		further 2 years on an annual basis			
		subject to satisfactory performance.			
ERT/160/2017	Sport NI Outdoor	(a) To agree to a formal agreement between	Andy	On-going	
	Inclusive Beaches	Newry, Mourne and Down DC and Mae	Patterson		
		Murray foundation to facilitate the			
		preparation of a business case to Sport			
		NI to provide an inclusive destination at			
		Cranfield Beach subject to agreeing logistics of storage and letting of			
		equipment.			
		(b) Subject to a successful bid to Sport NI			
		provide partnership funding of 25%			
		equating to £4675.60 and assistance			
		with planning application by Mae Murray			
		Foundation if required.			
ERT/161/2017	Gateway to Mournes	(a) Approval of the vision document and	Andy	On-going	
	Study	progression to the next stage of	Patterson		
		development of the project which			
		may include undertaking a detailed			
		traffic management survey; detailed			
		market, financial and economic			
		feasibility study and developing			
		designs in more detail for			

		Environmental Impact Assessment as required. ERT MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017	
ERT/171/2017	GREENWAY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS	 (a) Council approval to work up project bids and detailed designs for the Department of Infrastructure's Capital Grants Programme for Greenways should the Programme become available. (b) Council explores how the work relating to the negotiation with landowners can be progressed Jonathan McGilly McGilly McGilly McGilly MucGilly McGilly McGilly McGilly MucGilly Mu	
ERT/172/2017	NORTHERN IRELAND EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND PROGRAMME 2014-2020	(a) Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (a) authorise Council officials to engage with relevant organisations to develop potential ESF applications and report back to Council in due course and (b) provide £50,000 per annum within the 2018/19, 2019/20 & 2020/21 financial years to match fund and lever in potential new economic and employment projects under the European Social Fund programme 2014 - 2020. This would be made available within the economic development budget. Work ongoing subject to 18/19 Budgets	
ERT/175/2017	APPLICATION TO HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND FOR GREAT PLACE SCHEME	 (a) To agree that the Council act as a lead partner for this application and submit the preliminary application. (b) To pursue all relevant funding opportunities to match fund the 	

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		application, if it is successful to the final stage. (c) Recommend the on-going support from all relevant NMDDC departments for the applications.
ERT/177/2017	OUTLINE REGENERATION FORWARD WORK PLACE - DFC	(a) Approve the 'Outline Urban Regeneration Public Realm Future Work Plan', to allow continued lobbying of DFC in regards their Newry Mourne and Down budget allocations. Jonathan McGilly Work ongoing to implement plan of prepare Budgets.
ERT/178/2017	REGIONAL BID TO DIGITAL CATAPULT FOR LPWAN (LOW POWERED WIDE AREA NETWORK)	(a) Currently 10 other Councils have expressed an interest in the scheme and have been asked to provide £10,000 each to fund and coordinate challenge funds to launch small scale trials and explorations of the technology. Stage 1 application approved – working on options for implementation.
		(b) It is recommended that Council commit £10,000 to fund the implementation of the network allowing SME's to develop innovative solutions using LPWAN technology to overcome the key challenges.
		(c) Timescales: If the bid is successful, the network is required to be operational by March 2018
ERT/179/2017	CITY DEAL UPDATE	(a) To commit to participation in the Belfast Region City Deal and its objective of creating for the region "more and better Marie Ward Work ongoing

			jobs, inclusive growth, improved skills and growth of the domestic business base and FDI"			
		(b)	To approve an initial contribution of £10,000 towards phase 1 research for the development of a Skills Barometer and labour market analysis for the City Deal Region (part contribution with total costs shared among participation Councils)			
		(c)	To note that additional costs will be incurred in developing and implementing the City Deal; as the Deal develops and detail of further costs become available these will be reported on through Councils normal procedures.			
		(d)	Given the strategic importance of Council's involvement in the City Deal initiative, members may wish to consider a workshop with Full Council and KPMG (City Deal consultants) prior to the full Council meeting on 6th Nov, to enable the City Deal initiative and benefits to the area to be further discussed.			
ERT/180/2017	BREXIT (VERBAL REPORT)	(a)	The Chairperson to convey at the Launch of the Research Paper / Brexit in Brussels on 11 October 2017 that the priority for the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is to focus on what is best for businesses and the	Marie Ward	Completed	

		farming industry both North and South of the Border. (b) Invite Invest NI back to a future Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting to provide an update on investment opportunities and sites in the District.			
ERT/181/2017	NEWRY CIVIC CENTRE REGENERATION	(a) Public and Business Information Sessions to be hosted in Newry	Marie Ward	Sessions to be held 28 th November 2017	
ERT/183/2017	MASTERPLANS – BALLYNAHINCH, DOWNPATRICK, NEWRY, SOUTH EAST COAST	(a) Presentation given to the Committee by Newry 2020 prior to the Meeting to be used to form the basis of discussion going forward.	Marie Ward	Referred to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee	
ERT/191/2017	CAMLOUGH LAKE – LAND RELATED MATTERS	Closed Session Item To enter into negotiations with Richardson Estate to settle any outstanding mortgage they hold pertaining to Camlough Lake (b) To complete detail design and submit planning associated with multi purpose building at Camlough Lake to assist in informing land acquisition requirements	Andy Patterson	Ongoing	
		ERT MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017			

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

The Council's Scheme of Delegation for Officers is made in accordance with Section 7 (arrangements for discharge of functions of Council) of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014.

Arrangements for Monitoring and Review

Each Department is required to appoint an officer with responsibility for maintaining a register of delegated decisions. Reports on the register shall be brought to relevant Committees on a bi-annual basis.

A corporate register of delegated decisions shall be maintained by the Head of Democratic Services which can be requested to be produced by any Committee of Council at any time. The Head of Democratic Services is the responsible officer for ensuring this register remains current and accurate at all times.

Scheme of Delegated Decisions for Reporting

The following delegated decisions or authorisations are to be reported monthly (unless otherwise specified) to the relevant Committee by the officer responsible for making or granting.

- 1. Engaging consultancy assistance below the delegated level of £2,000;
- 2. Decision to commence formal restructuring within a Department or Departments;
- Consultation responses other than technical responses where officers asked for Member views;
- 4. Decisions arising from external report on significant Health and Safety at Work;
- 5. In cases of emergency, the allocation or awarding of Financial assistance (small grants) to external groups or organisations below the delegated level of £300; and
- 6. Other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.

Attached is a reporting form for each of the categories of delegated decisions/authorisations which should be completed by Departmental Officers and reported to relevant committees.

Other decisions or authorisations delegated to each Department under the Scheme of Delegation, should be reported by way of a bi-annual report to the relevant Committee of Council, (refer to the Council's Scheme of Delegation for complete list of delegated matters).

A copy should also be forwarded to Eileen McParland, Democratic Services Manager – eileen.mcparland@newryandmourne.gov.uk

Category 1.

Engaging consultancy assistance below the designated level of £2,000

Name of Consultancy	Cost ex VAT
	Name of Consultancy

Category 2.

Decision to commence formal restructuring with a Department or Departments

Name of Department/s and reason for restructure

Category 3.

Consultation responses other than technical responses where officers asked for Member views

List Consultation title and attach response

Category 4

Decisions arising from external report on significant Health and Safety at Work issues

Details of report issued by Health and Safety Executive	Decision taken as result of report received

Category 5

In cases of emergency, the allocation or awarding of financial assistance (small grants) to external groups or organisations below the designated level of $\mathfrak{L}300$

Name of group/organisations	Amount awarded	Reason for award

Category 6

Any other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.

	Directors consider	Members sho	ould be aware o	of.
Info on event	Date of agreement/approval	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
Extension to St Patricks Day and Easter operating dates		Elmer Bell		
Various dates April to Oct 2017 on Newry Canal- Angling	24/3/17	Geoff Quinn Newry Canal Match Group	Approved	
13/4/17 Hill & Dale Running Event Castlewellan Trails	Event Licence 23/3/17	Newcastle Athletics Club	Approved	Insurance Event fee £30 Event Bond £30
18/4/17 charity fundraising cycle on Newry Towpath	9/3/17	Michelle McCann Administration Officer Head Injury Support	Approved	Insurance No fee
18 & 19/4/17 filming actors riding horses on beach	12/4/17	Woman in White Productions	Approved	
23rd April 2017 – charity walk for Southern Area Hospice	14/3/17	Southern Area Hospice	Approved	
23/4/17 Girl Guide Event in Kilbroney Park – scavenger hunt & team building	12/4/17	Girl Guides	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
27/4/17 Newcastle Athletics Club race in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17	Newcastle Athletics Club	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
6 th May 2017 Darkness into Light 5km walk – starting at 4.30am	12/4/17	Catherine Croston	Approved	KP Staff arrangement to come in early. Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
7/5/17 charity fundraising walk on Newry Towpath	14/3/17	Emma McKevitt Fight for Alfie	Approved	Insurance No fee

Other info (date of event etc)	Date of agreement	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
30/5, 1/6 & 5/6 2017filming in Kilbroney Park	27/4/17	Ryan Loney Little Forest Studios 21A High Street Lurgan BT66 8AH 07834 226 917 028 3832 3793	Approved	
Use of Castlewellan Mountain Bike Trails for the Ulster XC Series Round 4 Mountain Bike Race on 14 May 2017.	5/5/17	Shimna Wheelers Cycling Club c/o Michael Clarke, 11a Dundrinne Road, Castlewellan, Co Down, BT31 9LY	Approved	
Use of Tyrella Beach on 13 & 14 May 2017 for charity walk along beach and camp in car park	9/5/17	Paul McKinstry Journey Free	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety plan, plan of area to be used etc requested
21/5/17 - 10k & 5k on the bay – Warrenpoint breakwater	19/5/17	Anne McCormack St Peters GAA	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety plan requested
24/5/17 School Walk Abbey Grammar Newry in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17	Dominic Wadsworth	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
25-29 May 2017 Warrenpoint Park Bluesberry – part of Blues on Bay Weekend	10/4/17	Ian Sands	Approved	
3 & 4 June 2017 Crooked Lake Triathlon, Camlough	1/6/17	Catherine Murphy	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
10/6/17 Mourne Way Marathon in Kilbroney Park	12/4/17		Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
12/6/17 Action MS Sponsored Walk in Kilbroney Park	12/4/17	Action MS	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested

Other info (date of event etc)	Date of agreement	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
17/6/17 Kilbroney Vintage Car Show in Kilbroney Park	12/4/17	Kilbroney Show	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
IRISH JUNIOR TRIALS – Fishing - CANAL & Albert Basin Sat June 24/Sun 25th	23/5/17	Oliver McGauley	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety plan, plan of area to be used etc requested
26 & 27 June Murlough Bay filming on beach from sand dunes	30/5/17	Gordon Wycherley Zephr Films	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, plan of area to be used etc requested
8/7/17 Top of the Mourne Triathlon in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17		Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
22 & 23/7/17 Irish National Champs M Bike Event in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17		Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
23/7/17 Womens Mini Marathon in Kilbroney Pk	12/4/17		Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
As part of Fiddlers Green Festival - forest school for children and foraging classes for adults in Kilbroney forest from the 24th-25th July 2017		Lucy O'Hagan forest school practitioner, bushcraft instructor and forager 07928108932	Approved	
29/7/17 12-2pm Kilbroney Park Bear Hunt on Narnia Trail, table top activities, picnic & bouncy castle	26/5/17	Kate Cahill Sure Start	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested

Other info (date of event etc)	Date of agreement	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
Mourne Truck Run Albert Basin from 4-6 August	15/5/17	Stephen O'Hare	Approved	
6-13 Aug 17 Maiden of Mournes Festival Warrenpoint Square	12/4/17	Maiden of Mourne Festival	Approved	6/8 open fair day – stage, dance floor & seating area in Square. Small cabin to be located in square for duration of festival. 8/8 Ulster radio rdshow, 10/9 Cancer Bus.
11/8 & 12/8 & 13/8 Camlough Lake Water Festival	2/6/17	CLWF festival	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
LA until end of Sept then extended to end Oct 2017	31/5/17	Café in Kilbroney lease	Approved	
10/9/17 South Armagh Warrior & Lord & Lady swim Camlough Lake	2/6/17	C Murphy Newry Triathlon Club	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
23/9/17 SMILE Mile at Camlough Lake	2/6/17	C Murphy Newry Triathlon Club	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
20 th – 22 nd Oct & 27 th – 29 th Oct Newry Oktoberfest Use of Albert Basin	07.09.17	Graeme @ Grounded	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested. Subject to 50% Fee in advance.
Fri 11 th – Su 13 th Aug 13 th Irish International Currach Championships	20.07.17	Tom McCann	Approved	Insured under Maiden of Mournes Festival Insurance
Greater Newry Business Awards – Sponsorship	30.06.17	Newry Chamber	Approved	£5k sponsorship
Family Fun Day at Flagstaff Viewpoint Sun 30 th July 1pm – 6pm	26.07.17	Newry Maritime Association	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc.
Curraghs to enter water at Victoria Locks and move around on Sun 30 th July 1pm – 6pm	26.07.17	Newry Maritime Association	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc.
Foraging Walk for adults in Kilbroney Park on 10 th August 2017 5pm – 8pm	07.08.17	Lucy O'Hagan	Approved	PL Insurance, Risk Assessment, Events Plan, Child Protection Policy.

BBC Filming Ardglass Harbour 6,	03.08.17	Catriona Stewart, BBC	Approved	Flight Plan, Insurance, Risk Assessment,
7 th Aug, 8 th Aug		1. C.		Permission from CAA
Maiden of the Mournes request to use Warrenpoint Beach during festival 6-13 th Aug 2017			Approved	
Cross Community Memorial Prayer service at Cranfield West Amenity Area 25 th Aug 2017, 7.30pm	25.08.17	James McAreavey	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
St Patrick's Coastal Endurance Ride 2 nd September 2017 at Tyrella Beach	01.09.17	David Cunningham, St. Patrick's Coast Ride	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Angling Competition, Middlebank – coal yard area. 24/09, 22/10, 29/10, 12/11, 19/11, 03/12	01.09.17	Geoff Quinn	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
BBC Filming at Fairy Glen, Rostrevor 1 st Sept 2017 – The Big Painting Challenge	22.08.17	Bernadette Kelly, Assistant Producer, The Big Painting Challenge, BBC	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Viking Event in Kilbroney Park, Rostrevor 16 Sept 2017	25.08.17	Magnus Vikings	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Junior National Team Trials, Middle Bank, Newry Canal, 16 Sept 2017	25.08.17	Jack Tisdall	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Charity Walk on Newry Canal Towpath on Sat 2 nd Sept	30.08.17	PIPS	Approved	Insurance, Risk Assessments, Health & Safety, Plan of Area to be used etc.
Albert Basin - Carparking for Quays Centre staff for Christmas period. Extension to 21 st Jan 2018 requested		Parker Green		
Albert Basin 2018 Dates: Move on site Monday 5 th March 2018, open to the public Friday 9 th March 2018, St Patricks day on a Saturday, proposing	26.10.17	Cullen's Funfair	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested

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an extra day on the bank holiday Monday, finishing on Monday 19 th March. Vacating the site on Tuesday 20 th March 2018				
Albert Basin 29 th June – 1 st July 2018	27.11.17	Duffy's Circus	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
Albert Basin – 25 th January (tbc)	27.11.17	Circus Vegas	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
Albert Basin July 2018 (preferably a Sat, 2/3 day event tbc) daily family activities and night time gigs	21.11.17	Nicola McEvoy	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested. Subject to fees. 50% payable in advance.
Use of Event Space Hill Street, Newry for promotion & gazebo,	27.11.17	Independent Marketing Company on behalf of Pure Gym	Approved	Subject to Events plan - details of start/finish times, what exactly will be taking place on site, emergency contact details etc Risk Assessment Insurance cover.

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Reimagine, Remake, Replay 2017-2021 project
Date:	Monday 11 th December 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Noreen Cunningham, Curator, Declan Carroll, Education Officer

Decisions Required

To note the contents of the report.

1.0 Purpose and Background

Newry and Mourne Museum's application to be a local museum partner in the Heritage Lottery Funded *Reimagine, Remake, Replay* 2017-2021 project has been successful. The Selection Panel, which comprised Dr David Lewis (Nerve Centre), Niall Kerr (Nerve Centre), Paddy Gilmore (NMNI), Triona White-Hamilton (NIMC) was impressed by the high standard of our application.

The project which aims to make heritage relevant to more, and a greater diversity of, young people; increase the ambition, scale and quality of youth engagement with heritage; develop and embed sustainable, on-going work with young people within heritage organisations; and evidence the value of youth engagement with heritage.

2.0 Key Issues

The Museum will work with 11-25 age group, a key demographic, that traditionally does not engage with the museum sector.

The focus will be to connect young people with museums and heritage through creative media and the latest digital technologies and;

- Change young people's attitudes to heritage
- Change museums' attitudes to young people
- Harness young people's imagination and creativity to reimagine, remake and replay museum collections and other aspects of our past
- Empower young people to create quality interpretive materials including 3D materials, exhibitions, film and interactive content and develop new audiences for heritage
- Give young people new skills and accreditations through engagement with heritage and digital creativity and improve their life chances
- Build young people's confidence and self-esteem

3.0 Recommendations

That the above information be noted

4.0 Resource Implications

The project will be fully funded and resourced through the Heritage Lottery Fund and coordinated by NIMC. Digital resources and courses will be provided by the Nerve Centre etc.

The Museum, through the Education Officer Declan Carroll, will recruit youth panel members throughout the lifetime of the project. The Museum will dedicate time and resources to delivering the *Reimagine, Remake, Replay* project through its education remit.

Equality and Good Relations implications

This will have a positive implication - the Museum will work with 11-25 age group a key demographic that traditionally does not engage with the museum sector.

6.0 Appendices

5.0

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee	
Subject:	Proposed Downpatrick Hotel Concept	
Date:	Monday 11th December 2017	
Reporting Officer :	Mr Jonathan McGilly - Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration	
Contact Officer :	Mr Seamus Crossey – Capital Projects Officer - ERT	

Decisions Required To note/agree etc the contents of the report and approve recommendations at Section 3 Purpose and Background At a previous ERT meeting in May 2017, it was confirmed that Consultants had completed a Feasibility Study into a proposed Hotel for Downpatrick. The Council approved the report. It was also agreed that stage 2 and 3 of the process be put on hold until the Abbey Lodge proposal had progressed through planning. Thereafter, Council officials met with the Developer of the Abby Lodge Hotel proposal. A planning application has now been submitted by the Developer and is going through the Statutory process. 2.0 **Key Issue** The progression of the planning application for the proposed site, means that there is no current requirement on Council to proceed with seeking any other Expressions of Interest. 3.0 Recommendations 1.) Committee asked to 'Note' this progress and await the outcome of the planning process. 4.0 Resource Implications No resource implications at this stage. **Equality and Good Relations implications** 5.0 In delivery of these schemes, the Council are fully mindful of the Section 75 legislation. 6.0 **Appendices** N/A (Final Report was available for viewing back at the ERT May 2017 committee

meeting, but is not being circulated at this meeting)