

August 10th, 2017

#### **Notice Of Meeting**

You are invited to attend the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on **Monday**, **14th August 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

Cllr. D McAteer Cllr. O McMahon

Cllr. B Quinn Cllr. M Ruane

Cllr. G Stokes

## **Agenda**

- 1.0 Apologies and Chairmans remarks.
- 2.0 Declarations of Interest.
- 3.0 Action Sheet Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting Monday 12 June 2017. (Copy circulated)
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#### Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

- 4.0 Heritage Lottery Fund Great Places Application. (Copy attached)
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- 5.0 Derrymore Sport NI Application. (Copy attached)
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- 6.0 Review of Horse Riding provision Castlewellan Forest Park. (Copy attached)
  - ltem 6 Rpt re Review of Horse Riding Provision in Castlewellan Forest Park.pdf

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- 7.0 Department for Communities funding for Regeneration Projects. (Copy attached)
  - ltem 7 Rpt re DFC Funding for Regeneration project.pdf

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8.0 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P Brown re: Farmers/Artisan Market - Downpatrick. (Copy attached)

"That this Council recognises the positive impact local farmers and artisan markets can have on the local economy, particularly our tourism, small business and agri-food sectors. It also notes the success of the Newry Night Market and similar Farmers Markets in Comber. Council will consult with local food providers and prepare a business case on the viability of a monthly market in the traditional market town of Downpatrick."

- Councillor P Brown invited to be in attendance for discussion on this item.
- (NB: This Motion was referred from the Council Meeting May 2017 to the ERT

ltem 8 - Rpt re Farmers Market (Notice of Motion).pdf

# 9.0 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Enright, Trainor, Curran and Sharvin re: Masterplans. (Copy attached)

"Council directs Management to resume the Downpatrick Masterplan Implementation Group as an interagency working group led by Downpatrick DEA Councillors, but open to any other Councillor whose area is likely to be impacted by the Masterplan. The Masterplan Implementation Working Group is essential for the development and progression of five work streams containing all the major projects envisaged in the Downpatrick area. It is also the Downpatrick DEAs draft submission to the Area Plan. The resumption of this Masterplan Implementation Working Group can act as a model for other areas across the Council."

- Councillors Enright, Trainor, Curran and Sharvin invited to be in attendance for discussion on this item.
- (NB: This Motion was referred from Council Meeting June 2017 to the ERT Committee)
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#### 10.0 Economic Conference. (Copy attached)

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#### Tourism, Culture and Events Items

#### 11.0 Tourism Statistics 2016. (Copy attached)

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### 12.0 IAGTO Conference. (Copy attached)

ltem 12 - Rpt re IAGTO Cannes 2017.pdf

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### 13.0 Tollymore Clanbrassil Barn. (Copy attached)

ltem 13 - Rpt re Clanbrassil Barns & Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park.pdf

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### 14.0 Junior Golf Competition. (Copy attached)

ltem 14 - Rpt re Newry Mourne & Down Junior Golf Trophy.pdf

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#### Exempt Information Items

#### 15.0 Purchase of lands at Slieve Gullion. (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.

☐ Item 15 - Rpt re Purchase of lands at Slieve Gullion Forest Park (EXEMPT INFO).pdf

Not included

#### For Noting

## 16.0 RSI Update - NI Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP). (Copy attached)

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## 17.0 Update on Union 4 Priority Fisheries Funding (SEAFLAG2). (Copy attached)

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## 18.0 Warrenpoint Marina - Renewal of Planning Application. (Copy attached)

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## 19.0 Specialist Equipment for Phase 2 of works at Newry Town Hall. (Copy attached)

ltem 19 - Rpt re Phase 2 Works at Newry Town Hall.pdf

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### 20.0 Warrenpoint Baths. (Copy attached)

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### 21.0 ERT Actions Tracker Sheet. (Copy attached)

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## ACTION SHEET – ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING

## **MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/104/2017	ERT Committee Start Time	To retain the meeting start times at 3pm and 5pm respectively, with the next meeting to be held at 5pm.	L. Dillon		
ERT/107/2017	Marketing Plan	To provide a new website based on the key recommendations to drive NMD as the Outdoor Captial 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.	Andy Patterson  Mark Mohan	Ongoing	N

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ERT/108/2017	AONB Ring of Gullion Strangford & Lecale	To approve contents of the Ring of Gullion and Strangford & Lecale AONB Action Plans 2017-2022.	Darren Rice Caroline Nolan	Contents approved. Actions are to implement the plan over the next five years.	Y
ERT/109/2017	Strangford & Lecale Landscape Partnership Scheme	To approve the Councils role as lead partner on behalf of SLLP in the Coast Connect LPS.  NMDDC approve the submission of Phase I application as lead partner on behalf of the group.  NMDDC approve commitment of	Caroline Nolan	HLF Round 1 Site Visit Assessment scheduled for 18 August. Expect to hear in October if we've been successful in	N

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		£17k from NMDDC to the 18 month Development Stage of the Coast Connect Landscape Partnership Scheme from Nov 2017 to March 2019 and the SLLP application.		our Phase 1 Submission.	
ERT/110/2017	District Masterplans	To note the contents of Report dated 12 June 2017 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director ERT, regarding an update on District Masterplans.	J McGilly A Smyth M Quinn M Patterson S Crossey	Officers progressing with ongoing Masterplan priorities further quarterly update in Sept 2017.	Y
ERT/111/2017	Castlewellan Forest Park	The Terms of Reference of Task & 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 but it will need to be integrated to some extent however.	Shirley Keenan	TOR has been amended.	Y
		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.			

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		Regarding management of the park, Council are required to develop a proposal to discuss with FSNI. A draft lease will need to be prepared prior to submission of a round one application. It is recommended Council and FSNI now engage in respect of this matter. Various external reports need to be commissioned prior to the submission of a round one application. These Reports include the following:  - Biodiversity Survey and statement of significance.  - Garden and Arboretum Survey, initial Plan and statement of significance.  - Feasibillity Study in respect of the use of Built Heritage in first Court Yard at the Grange and visitor facilities at Bothy Yard.  - Traffic Survey and Car Park study.			
ERT/112/2017	MGL Co-operation Project Derrymore House Bessbrook	To approve contents of Report and approve to proceed to tender for the appointment of a consultancy team for the Derrymore House and Moore	Kevin McGarry  Amanda Smyth	Tender documents being drafted in	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
	- Moore Hall Mayo	Hall Co-operation Project, and subject to securing funding and tender being within budget, following assessment Council proceed to award contract.		cooperation with Co Mayo Local Action group	
ERT/113/2017	Social Enterprise Programme (Phase II)	To approve the additional activity and outputs for the Social Enterprise Programme (Phase II).	Martin Patterson	New SLA currently being updated.	Υ
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.	Martin Patterson		N
		B) Council to appoint consultants to work up and manage two development briefs of Lisubrn Street South and Lisburn Street North sides ensuring that proposals bear in mind the constraints and that car parking spaces and access was retained.		Development Brief procurement to be processed August 2017	
		C) Relevant department commences work to relocate			

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ERT/115/2017	City Deal	To note 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.	Liam Hannaway	Ongoing	N
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.	Marie Ward Jonathan McGilly	Ongoing	N
ERT/117/2017	ERT Business Plan	To approve ERT Business Plan for period 2017-18.	Marie Ward Jonathan McGilly Andy Patterson	Progressing	Y
ERT/118/2017	Lease- Tennis Pavilion (Rostrevor Tennis Club)	To agree to a proposed 20 year lease from 1 March 2017 of the pavilion building to Rostrevor Tennis Club at peppercorn rent.	Michelle Boyle Michelle McKeown	Progressing with Estates Dept.	N
ERT/119/2017	Halloween & Christmas Events	To approve the following community led organisations to organise and deliver Halloween and Christmas events in their respective towns with the support of Council officials from the ERT Directorate:  1)Ballynahinch (Halloween &	Aisleain McGill Mark Mohan	Ongoing	Y

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		Christmas) – Ballynahinch Community Collective in partnership with Ballynahinch Lyons 2) Crossmaglen (Halloween & Christmas) – Crossmaglen Community Association 3) Downpatrick (Halloween) – Downpatrick Community Collective 4) Kilkeel (Halloween & Christmas)- Kilkeel Development Association. 5) Newcastle (Christmas) – Chamber of Commerce 6) Warrenpoint (Halloween& Christmas) – Safer Warrenpoint Project (Halloween), Chamber of Commerce (Christmas)			
ERT/120/2017	Trail Network Rostrevor Forest	To tender for the services of a suitably qualified company to oversee the procurement and delivery of the design and build contract for a trail network in Rostrevor Forest.	Michelle Boyle	Ongoing	N
ERT/121/2017	IAGTO Conference	1 No Council Official attend the IAGTO North America Golf Tourism from 25-28 June 2017.	Michelle Boyle Tracey Mooney	Report to follow	
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Report to:	ERT Meeting
Date of Meeting:	August 2017
Subject:	Application for Heritage Lottery Fund for Great Place Scheme
Reporting Officer	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration &
(Including Job Title):	Tourism
Contact Officer	Therese Hamill, Ring of Gullion AONB Officer
(Including Job Title):	

To agree for the council to work as the lead partner for this application and submit the preliminary application by the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

To pursue all relevant funding opportunities to match fund the application, if it is successful to the final stage.

Recommend the on-going support from other departments for the application.

#### 1.0 Purpose and Background:

1.1

The Ring of Gullion Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is a unique geological landform, unparalleled elsewhere in Ireland or the UK and was the first ring dyke in the world to be geologically mapped. It was voted onto the 'Top 100 Geosites of UK & Ireland'. The ring of low, rugged hills forms a 'rampart' around the heather-clad Slieve Gullion mountain. Rich semi-wild habitats of heath, bog and woodland contrast with the neatly patterned fields and ladder farms.

The Ring of Gullion Partnership is proposing to apply to become a pilot for the Heritage Lottery Fund's Great Place Scheme.

The aim of the Great Place Scheme is to put heritage and culture at the heart of the local vision for between two and four places across Northern Ireland, making a step change in the contribution of heritage in those areas, and embedding it in the places' plans for the future.

Great Place will fund schemes in areas where there are existing strong local partnerships, and/or will help create new partnerships, which are committed to embedding heritage and culture as a core part of local plans, policies and strategies – cementing partnerships across the public, voluntary and private sectors.

By strengthening the connections between heritage, civic and community organisations, and the private sector and by involving people, schemes will enhance the role that heritage and culture plays in the future of each place participating in the scheme.

	Application Process:-
	<ul> <li>Submission of preliminary application by Midday 25 August 2017:</li> <li>Following a sift of the preliminary applications selected applicants will be invited to present their project proposals to the panel during the week beginning 4 September.</li> <li>The panel will then invite a number of applicants to submit a full application by the 6<sup>th</sup> December.</li> <li>Awarding of funding by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.</li> </ul>
	Projects can run for 3 years and the value of the application can be up to £500,000.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	The Ring of Gullion AONB outcomes cannot be achieved under existing funding for through the Environment Fund, the local council contributions and Heritage Lottery. It is therefore a requirement for the AONB Partnerships to seek funding from a range of sources to develop and deliver projects and to work in partnership across council functions and with other organisations and communities.
	This grant could be a key potential funder to implement the heritage projects in AONB management plan, carry on the work of the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership after it finishes in August 2018, help implement heritage actions from the Council's Community Plan, Tourism Strategy, Corporate Plan; Economic Regeneration and Investment Strategy and other relevant strategies.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	<ul> <li>To agree that the Council act as a lead partner for this application and submit the preliminary application.</li> <li>To pursue all relevant funding opportunities to match fund the application, if it is successful to the final stage.</li> <li>Recommend the on-going support from other departments for the application.</li> <li>To incorporate matchfunding in 2018/19 Budgets.</li> </ul>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	If the Council was successful with the preliminary application and presentation and is asked to submit the final application in December 2017, there is a need to confirm match funding of 10% cash of the final requested amount. This would be incorporated in 2018/19 Budgets.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices:
	N/A
	1.44.

Agenda Item:	
Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Update on Sport NI Application for regeneration of Derrymore Estate
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Amanda Smyth, Enterprise Development Officer

To progress Stage 2 as set out in Section 3.

#### 1.0 | Purpose and Background

Council submitted an application to Sport NI in February 2017 for the development of trail facilities in Derrymore Estate.

This application has now been assessed by Sport NI. Sport NI have advised that the application has passed stage 1 and has been moved to stage 2 assessment. Stage 2 assessment is the completion of a number of pre eligibility conditions which have to be satisfied.

Application to Sport NI is for

- (1) The development of trails around the Estate
- (2) The development a Camlough river walkway
- (3) Site Interpretation in Derrymore
- (4) Supporting and encouraging usage of Derrymore Estate to drive usage as outlined in the funding application

The application for funding is for a project cost of £240,000, of which 50% is match funding from Council.

#### 2.0 Key Issue

Sport NI will now move the application through stage 2 assessment.

Stage 2 of the application is the following:

- Sport NI will complete a Business Case on the project which Council will support them on via the provision of required information
- Council are required to put in place any legal agreements required for the project: Agreement with landowners National trust re delivery of the project in Derrymore Estate, and agreement with landowners re delivery of Camlough River walk project
- Obtaining Planning Approval, if required
- Procurement of a design term to prepare technical design drawings, and BoQ, for the project
- Procurement for the appointment of a contractor

The Sport NI application is being developed alongside a Cooperation Application to the Rural Development Programme. Officers will liaise with RDP LAG / DAERA regarding the potential for a single tender exercise that will meet the requirements of both funding programmes.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

To progress stage 2 conditions of the Sport NI application for regeneration of Derrymore Estate and Camlough River Walk. Stage 2 conditions are outlined below and all conditions are required to be in place before Sport NI can consider an award of funding.

- Procurement of a design team for the preparation of technical drawings and BoQ's (if a Letter of Offer is secured, costs incurred here can be allocated towards Councils match funding of the project)
- (2) To secure planning approval if required
- (3) To secure legal agreement with National Trust for delivery of the project on their land (i.e. Development Agreement. National trust will retain long term maintenance of the trails)
- (4) To secure PPA agreements with relevant land owners for delivery of the Camlough River walk project
- (5) To procure a contractor (appointment will only be made if a Letter of Offer is secured)

#### 4.0 Resource Implications

- Cost for procurement of a design team is estimated as £25,000.
- The Design Team costs of meeting stage 2 requirements as set out above will be approx £17,500. If a LoO is secured this will form part of Councils match funding the project. The balance of Design team fees will be incurred following a LoO issue (if project is approved) and if / when the contract is onsite.
- A budget is available in this financial year for the above costs
- Officers will continue to liaise with landowners to secure the necessary agreements

#### 5.0 Equality and Good Relations Implications

N/A

#### 6.0 Appendices

N/A

Agenda Item:	[This is the number the item will be given]
Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Strategic Review of Horse Riding Provision in Castlewellan Forest Park
Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Heather Wilson, Countryside Access Officer

To note/agree etc the contents of the report and approve recommendations at Section 3:

- Adopt interim walking tails as permanent trail system for equestrians
- Apply same permit principles for horse riders as mountain bikes
- · Create an interim trailhead and carpark.

#### 1.0 Purpose and Background

In early 2017 Forest Service NI indefinitely closed the horse riding trails in Castlewellan Forest Park to both commercial operators and individual riders to enable harvesting work to take place. This raised a high level of concern amongst the local horse riding fraternity within the District.

As an interim measure the council, in conjunction with the Mourne Heritage Trust and all relevant stakeholders, identified an interim horse riding trail system which was subsequently waymarked and managed.

At the same time Newry, Mourne and Down District Council commissioned Outdoor Recreation NI to undertake a 'Strategic Review of Horse Riding Provision within the Mournes area'.

The main aims and objectives of the study were to:-

- 1. Audit the existing horse riding provision within Mourne Forests
- 2. Audit the existing provision of PROW's
- 3. Review the horse riding permit system as operated by Forest Service
- 4. Consult Statutory organisations, forest users and private sector organisations
- 5. Benchmark current provision within the Mournes against other sites within Northern Ireland and the UK
- 6. Identify future opportunities for horse riding in the wider Mourne area and specifically Castlewellan Forest Park

An on-line survey generated 445 responses. The study found that 95% of the 445 respondents used the two key sites of Tollymore and Castlewellan Forest Park on a regular basis.

#### Summary of findings for Castlewellan Forest Park:-

- There are no purpose built trails as use is made of waymarked designated forest roads.
- The majority of riders do not purchase permits and wish to be treated on a par with mountain biking.
- There is no dedicated trail head for equestrian users with consequent health and safety issues. Access to trails is made either by the main car park, 'on hoof' by riding into the forest led by private operator or 'on hoof' from the Drumbuck Road.

#### Summary of findings for Tollymore Forest Park:-

- There are no purpose built horse riding trails with waymarked designated forest road trails. Forest Service permit access to all forest roads with a number of exceptions such as the Shimna Trail or where forestry operations are taking place.
- More permits are sold for Tollymore than Castlewellan
- Access to the trails is by parking in the main car park or riding into the forest by a range of access points.

#### Public rights of way network:-

- Mainly used by local riders
- Under-utilised and require works to improve the conditions under hoof.
- The network needs to be better connected to each other and the forests parks.

#### Permits:-

- Most riders do not purchase a permit
- Other users such as mountain bikers do not pay for access to the trails so horse riders feel unfairly treated.

#### Shared use and user conflict:-

 This study has found no significant conflict or incidents and that all users are content to share the space.

#### 2.0 Key Issues

#### Castlewellan Forest Park

- There is no dedicated trailhead for horse riders with potential health and safety issues. Options put forward as follows:-
  - Option 1: Do nothing
  - Option 2: create a small dedicated trailhead with zoned parking area in the main car park
  - Option 3: Create a new trailhead and car park at the Forest entrance on the Bannanstown Road.
  - Option 4: Create a new equestrian trailhead and car park off site on a private operators equestrian yard.
- Shared use-there is currently no agreed code of conduct for all forest users.
- The interim trails are working effectively and should be adopted as the permanent trail system for equestrians.
- Horse riders should be treated in the same way as other users such as mountain bikers in relation to permits etc.
- In relation to the public rights of way network, work is currently being undertaken by the Active and Health Communities Department in relation to a Community Trails plan for the Mournes DEA.

- A dedicated trailhead and car park should be created: in the interim period.
   Option 2 to create an interim trailhead and car park is recommended with negotiations started with Forest Service.
- Option 4 should be explored in the longer term with sources of funding identified, taking into consideration the wider development plans for the Park such as the Heritage Lottery funding bid.
- A Forest Users Code of Conduct to be developed in conjunction with all relevant stakeholders.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

Castlewellan Forest Park should be the key priority for the Council at this point in time as we currently are responsible for the interim horse riding trails. Horse Riding in Tollymore Forest Park should be considered in future when the recreational aspects of the Park are transferred to council.

- Adopt interim walking tails as permanent trail system for equestrians
- Apply same permit principles for horse riders as mountain bikes
- Create an interim trailhead and carpark.

#### 4.0 Resource Implications

- Option 2::interim trailhead and car park could be created for a maximum £2000.
- Option 4: prepare estimates for inclusion in the 2018/19 budget round.

#### 5.0 Equality and Good Relations implications

None identified after consideration of the proposals in relation to all categories under Section 75.

#### 6.0 Appendices

None-full report available in request

Agenda Item:	
Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Delay to Department For Communities (DFC) funding for
	Regeneration Projects
Date:	Monday 14th August 2017
Reporting Officer :	Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer :	Mr Jonathan McGilly - Assistant Director of Enterprise,
	Employment & Regeneration

To agree the contents of the report and approve recommendations as follows:

- 1. Council note the on-going delay and asking that if and when funding is agreed for the 3 schemes, the resulting Letters of Offer should allow for extension into the 2018/19 Financial Years for scheme completion and spend.
- 2. In view of the on-going funding delay, Council now meet with DFC to discuss the Urban Regeneration Forward Work Plan and report back to ERT Committee in due course.

#### 1.0 | Purpose and Background

Further to previous updates, Council had been in discussions with the Department For Communities in regards to proposed DFC contributions towards the following schemes in the 17/18 Financial Year:

- Irish Street Public Realm Scheme (£520,000)
- Newry Cathedral Corridor Revitalisation Scheme (£100,000)
- Warrenpoint Revitalisation Scheme (£150,000)

However, the Department have yet to confirm when the required Letters of Offer for the 3 schemes will be issued, due to no agreement on the central government budget having being reached.

Outside of the above schemes and in view of the proposed delay, Council Officials will be proposing to meet with DFC to agree a review the Urban Regeneration Forward Work Plan which will be brought back to ERT in due course.

#### 2.0 Key Issue

- Now over 4 months into the 17/18 Financial year, the situation is becoming critical as delaying project items such as procurement of materials and appointment of suppliers across the 3 projects, leaves them increasingly difficult to deliver within a tighter timescale.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

To agree the contents of the report and approve recommendations as follows:

- 1. Council note the on-going delay and asking that if and when funding is agreed for the 3 schemes, the resulting Letters of Offer should allow for extension into the 2018/19 Financial Years for scheme completion and spend.
- 2. In view of the on-going funding delay, Council now meet with DFC to discuss the Urban Regeneration Forward Work Plan and report back to ERT Committee in due course.

#### 4.0 Resource Implications

In the 2017/18 Financial Year, Council have set aside relevant Capital and Revenue match funding contributions for all 3 projects.

#### 5.0 Equality and Good Relations implications

In delivery of the schemes, the Council are fully mindful of the Section 75 legislation.

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6.0 Appendices – N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 August 2017
Subject:	Farmers/Artisan Markets
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie Ward, Director
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Margaret Quinn, Project Development Manager

ecisions rec	ontents of the report and to approve the recommendation at point 3.	
.0	Purpose and Background:	
.1	The following Notice of Motion was presented to Council for consideration by Councillor Patrick Brown:	
	'That this Council recognises the positive impact local farmer and artisan markets can have on the local economy, particularly our tourism, small business and agrifood sectors. It also notes the success of the Newry night market and similar farmers markets in Comber. Council will consult with local food providers and prepare a business case on the viability of a monthly market in the traditional market town of Downpatrick.'	
	It was agreed to refer the above Notice of Motion to the Enterprise,	
	Regeneration and Tourism Committee for consideration and report.	
<b>.0</b> .1	<b>Key issues:</b> Following the referral of the above Notice of Motion, research has been carried ou	
.•	into the feasibility of organising a farmers/artisan market in Downpatrick.  Discussions have been held with 30+ local food producers and visits were made to recent farmers markets in Castlewellan and Comber. At these markets discussions were held with approximately 20 owner traders. Additionally, cost estimates have been obtained for the delivery of a market.	
	Consultations with producers has raised the following:	
	<ul><li>a) A market in Downpatrick is not favoured.</li><li>b) Proposed location of a market in Downpatrick – St Patrick Square, provokes strong objections from existing traders on the Square.</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>Feedback from the producers who were consulted indicated a town centre location in Newcastle as their preferred site.</li> </ul>	
	<ul><li>d) Spring/Summer is the preferred time for any proposed market.</li><li>e) Evenings &amp; Saturdays are not favoured by Traders.</li></ul>	
	d) Spring/Summer is the preferred time for any proposed market.	

	If an Artisan/Farmers Market were to proceed, the options are:
	<b>Option 1</b> - Council Staff develop, promote and deliver the market;
	<b>Option 2 -</b> A third party is engaged to deliver the project on behalf of Council;
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	It is recommended that a pilot project is undertaken in 2018/19 to include a market in Newcastle initially. Following this and based on evaluation of the Newcastle market, a trial market could be held in Downpatrick to confirm the level of interest. This will provide the opportunity to assess the preferred location/s. If the pilots prove successful it is also recommended that approval is given to appoint a company to deliver the market/s on behalf of Council. Following an evaluation of the pilots, consideration could be given to arranging Farmers Markets in other towns across the district.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The indicative costs in organising a market would be £2,000 for the erection and dismantling of marquees and the cleaning operation after the market. Additionally a marketing budget of £1000 would be required to promote the event.  Council currently has 6 marquees in Downpatrick which could be used for a trial market. If the trial market proved successful it is recommended that new, custom designed marquees be acquired. This would cost in the region of £5,000. Discussions with the organisers of Comber market, (the local regeneration group) highlighted that local involvement is crucial to the continued success of the
	<ul><li>£3,000 for the operation of each market and staff time.</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>If the pilot proves successful, a further £5,000 to procure bespoke marquees.</li> <li>If agreed, to appoint an external company to deliver an indicative budget of £10,000 would be required.</li> </ul>
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	The project will be open to all participants and will recognise Section 75 legislation.
6.0	Appendices
	N/A

Agenda Item:	[This is the number the item will be given]
Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Masterplans
Date:	Monday 14 August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration

To consider recommendation at 3.0:

Given the Community Planning Structures and DEA forums interaction with all the key agencies involved it is recommended Council continues with its agreed course of action on Masterplans as agreed in February 2017 and do not establish a Downpatrick Masterplan Implementation Group as this will

- (i) Impact on resources to support the mechanism
- (ii) Cause a disparity on how Masterplans are implemented in other four areas
- (iii) Will duplicate the role intended for DEA Working Groups and Community Plan Thematic Groups

#### 1.0 Purpose and Background:

At the June Council meeting a Notice of Motion regarding Downpatrick Masterplan was put forward and read:-

"Council directs management to resume the Downpatrick Masterplan Implementation Group as an interagency working group led by Downpatrick DEA Councillors, but open to any other Councillor whose area is likely to be impacted by the Masterplan. The Masterplan Implementation Working Group is essential for the development and progression of five work streams containing all the major projects envisaged in the Downpatrick area. It is also the Downpatrick DEA's draft submission to the Area Plan. The resumption of this Masterplan Implementation Working Group can act as a model for other areas across the Council"

It was agreed this matter be deferred to the next ERT committee with Officers reviewing this in light of the agreements made to date on masterplans via this committee

#### 2.0 Key Issues:

In late 2015 Council initiated a process to review the 4no. District Masterplans ie

- (i) Newry City Masterplan
- (ii) Ballynahinch Masterplan
- (iii) Downpatrick Masterplan

#### (iv) South East Coast Masterplan (Kilkeel, Warrenpoint, Newcastle)

The aim was to distil the list of visionary projects into a workable priority action plan for Council. In setting these priorities Council recognised that priorities would need to be reviewed in line with circumstances and potential funding opportunities. As a result of this agreement the following process was used to develop draft Priority Action Plans for each Masterplan.

#### Stage 1

Officer working groups including DSD staff reviewed each of the Masterplans on

27/11/15 – Newry 3/12/15 – Downpatrick & Ballynahinch 8/12/15 – South East Coast

At this stage Officers reviewed actions completed to date and analysed remaining projects based on

- internal and external
- Key partners
- key deliverables
- aligned projects to relevant strategies and identified partners.
- Funding and resource availability

Projects were then prioritised based on an analysis of the above. This process was facilitated by an external trained facilitator.

#### Stage 2

On 26 June 2016 an Elected Member workshop was held to review each of the plans and input. This was facilitated by the same facilitator as at Stage 1 and was led by ERT Department with support of SMT. Plans were reviewed based on these discussions. Elected Members inputted on prioritisation and took a global view of the financial and resource implications of the combined priorities across all masterplans and considered Council corporate plan and other strategies.

#### Stage 3

The draft plans were then tabled at DEA meetings for discussion and input from Elected Members of respective DEAs and the social/voluntary/private sector representatives on DEAs. These meetings happened as follows:-

Downpatrick DEA 15 June 2016 & 10 September 2016 Downpatrick Masterplan

Rowallane DEA 9 August 2016 Ballynahinch Masterplan

Crotlieve DEA 8 September 2016 South East Coast Masterplan

Mournes DEA 20 October 2016 South East Coast Masterplan

Newry DEA 25 August 2016 Newry City Masterplan

At these meetings members reviewed draft priority action plans within context of the overall Masterplan and inputted to prioritisation and actions.

#### Stage 4

SMT considered the revised drafts reviewing the financial implication and in turn agreed Project Managers for each of the actions contained in the plans.

SMT also considered how Community Planning structures, its thematic working groups and DEA structures could be utilised to engage with other government agencies on key actions to be delivered by them ie Roads etc, given the demand on attendees time to attend additional meetings.

#### Stage 5

Finalised Priority Action Plans were tabled at 13 February 2017 ERT Committee and it was agreed that

- (i) 4no. Priority Action Plans be approved
- (ii) ERT Committee be updated on progress quarterly
- (iii) Officers update DEAs twice per annum

#### 3.0 Recommendations:

Given the Community Planning Structures and DEA forums interaction with all the key agencies involved it is recommended Council continues with its agreed course of action on Masterplans as agreed in February 2017 and do not establish a Downpatrick Masterplan Implementation Group as this will

- (iv) Impact on resources to support the mechanism
- (v) Cause a disparity on how Masterplans are implemented in other four areas
- (vi) Will duplicate the role intended for DEA Working Groups and Community Plan Thematic Groups

#### 4.0 Resource Implications:

If Council agreed to continue with agreed structure there will be no additional cost. If there are changes to structures Council will need to reconsider budgets and discuss with external agencies their willingness to attend additional meetings bearing in mind the challenges this has posed for new structures already.

#### 5.0 Equality and Good Relations Implications:

Plan continues to meet all the requirements of equality and good relations.

#### 6.0 Appendices:

N/A

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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Latest Tourism Performance Figures
Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Andrew Patterson
Contact Officer:	Andrew Patterson

To note the contents of this paper and attached NISRA report.

#### 1.0 Purpose and Background

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) has released the latest annual tourism performance statistics for all Local Government Districts covering the period of 2016.

The latest statistics demonstrate the importance of tourism to the local economy in Newry, Mourne and Down. Tourism generated £61million in revenue in 2016 and supported 4,953 jobs, which accounts for 9.5% of total employee jobs in the district.

The NISRA report on Overnight Tourism Statistics in 2016 Newry, Mourne & Down Local Government District is attached in Appendix 1.

#### 2.0 Key Issues

#### **Overnight Trips & Spend**

The number of overnight trips to Newry, Mourne and Down reached 571,400 in 2016, which represented a 41% increase on the previous year. The revenue generated by tourism for the local economy reached £61million, which represented a 27% increase year-on-year.

The volume of overnight trips taken in Newry, Mourn and Down represented 12% of all overnight trips taken in Northern Ireland in 2016 and accounted for 7% of all tourism spend across Northern Ireland.

The latest statistics indicate that tourism supports 4,953 jobs in Newry, Mourne & Down, which accounts for 9.5% of total employee jobs.

#### Origin of Visitor & Reason for Visit

In terms of origin of visitors Newry, Mourne and Down attracts the highest proportion of domestic overnight trips of all the Local Government Districts. More than 50% of overnight trips were for holiday purposes. Visiting friends and relatives accounted for the second main reason for visit.

Over two thirds of the overnight visitors to the district in 2016 were from Northern Ireland and 34% travelled from Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland, mainland Europe or from international destinations.

#### **Visitor Attractions**

The districts tourism attractions continued to perform strongly in 2016, with Castle Ward House & Demesne, and The Saint Patrick Centre among the top attractions. Visitor numbers to Forest Parks continue to grow each year, with Slieve Gullion Forest Park topping the list with almost 388,000 visitors being recorded in 2016.

#### **Tourist Accommodation**

Hotel room occupancy reached 62% for the year, although room occupancy rates for other types of accommodation such as B&Bs, Guest House and Guest Accommodation was 17% for the same period. Room occupancy for Self Catering accommodation was 43% for the year.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

To note the contents of this paper and attached NISRA report.

#### 4.0 Resource Implications

N/a

#### 5.0 | Equality and Good Relations implications

N/A

#### 6.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 - NISRA Report on Overnight Tourism Statistics in 2016 for the Newry, Mourne & Down Local Government District.





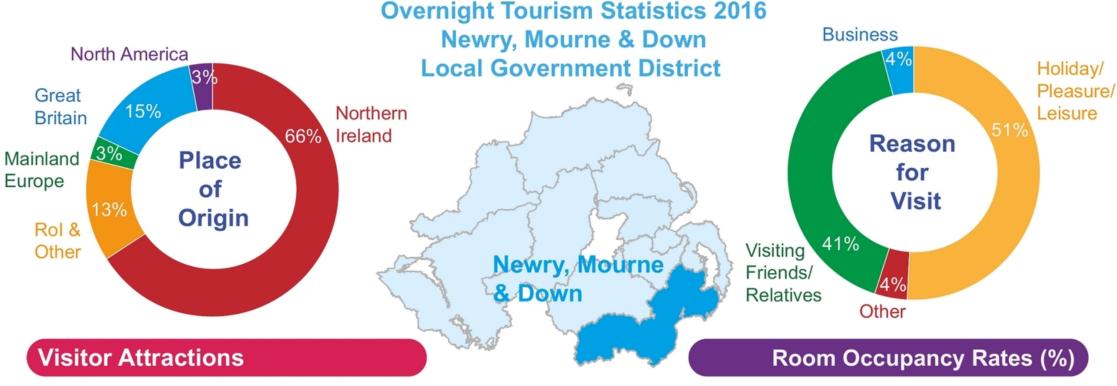
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## **Top three in Newry, Mourne & Down:**

Castle Ward House
 Demesne

2. Newry Cathedral



3. The Saint Patrick Centre





Hotels

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Other Commercial Accommodation

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject: Date:	Update on attendance at IAGTO North American Convention International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) 11-14 December, Cannes 14 August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer:	Michelle Boyle, Tourism Development Officer

To agree that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council attend the International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) 11-14 December, Cannes with their own stand to promote Golf links and parkland courses along with tourism experiences subject to parkland and links golf clubs within the region sharing the stand space with council.

#### 1.0 Purpose and Background

It was agreed to attend the IAGTO North American Convention, from 25-28 June with North and West Coast Links. Meetings were set up to promote golf and tourism experiences within the region.

New contacts have been made at this show with confirmation of 4no groups from North America and Canada with a circa of 12-15 people per group to play and stay in the Newry, Mourne and Down Region along with a new group to visit from the Nordics with a circa of 40 people.

In order to capitalise on the recent success of the North American Convention trip the International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) 11-14 December, Cannes is an excellent opportunity to further promote golf tourism along with other tourism experience within the region and to connect with contacts that have been made throughout the year.

#### 2.0 Kev Issues

It is proposed Council attend the IGTM event and invite golf clubs within the region to share the stand space to promote golf and tourism experiences within the region.

Tourism Ireland, Failte Ireland and Tourism NI and North and West Coast Links are all planning to attend this event.

In order to capitalise on the recent success of this trip and the North American Convention this is an excellent opportunity to further promote golf tourism along with other tourism experiences within the region and to connect with contacts that have been made throughout the year.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council attend the International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) 11-14 December, Cannes with a their own stand to promote Golf links and parkland courses along with tourism experiences and invite golf

	clubs within the region to share the stand space with council. Subject to parkland and links golf clubs within the region attending
4.0	Resource Implications
	Projected cost £4000.00 which includes stand space, flights and
	accommodation
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications
	N/A
6.0	Appendices
	N/A

Agenda Item:	
Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Clanbrassil Barns & Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park
Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer:	Michelle Boyle, Tourism Development Officer

 Council enters into a agreement with the DAERA for a 20 year lease for Clanbrassil Barns and Tea Rooms at Tollymore which would be subject to valuation by DAERA and condition assessment by Council

# 1.0 Purpose and Background

A report was presented to the ERT Committee in October 2015 and it was approved that the Council enters into a Global licence with the Forestry Service for Forests at Castlewellan, Tollymore, Kilbroney, Slieve Gullion and Donard. The Slieve Gullion licence is nearing completion.

The Council at its ERT Committee in April 2017 That Council agreed in in partnership with DAERA (Forest Service) seek Expressions of Interest from interested parties for service provision in Clanbrassil Barn and Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park

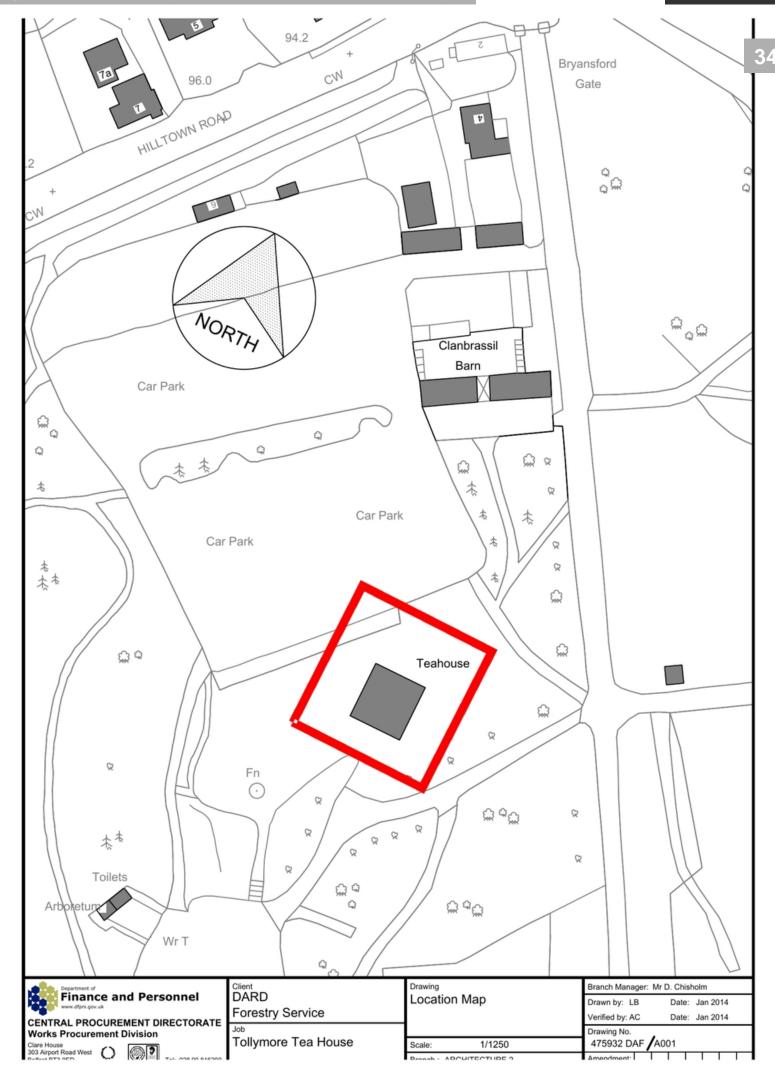
### 2.0 Key Issues

The Council currently does not have a remit regarding the use or management of Clanbrassil Barn and Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park. Officials have discussed with Forest Service progression of the Expression of Interest and the recommendation is that until such times at the Global Licence is in place for Tollymore that Council enter into a 20 year lease with DAERA (Forest Service) for Clanbrassil Barn and Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park

The requirement from DAERA is that Council enters into a agreement with the Department for a 20 year lease which subsequently would be subsumed by the Global agreement for Tollymore

This is lease would be the subject of a valuation by DAERA

3.0	Recommendations
	As per decisions required
4.0	Resource Implications
	The buildings will be subject to an Expression of Interest to seek service provision
5.0	Equality Assessment
	Consideration will be taken as part of Expression of Interest
6.0	Appendices
	Site plan attached



Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Newry, Mourne and Down Junior Trophy
Date:	14 August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Tracey Mooney, Assistant Tourism Development Officer

- Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to manage the Newry, Mourne and Down Junior Golf tournament taking place 15-17 August 2018
- 2. 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

# 1.0 | Purpose and Background

At the ERT committee meeting dated 10 October 2016 approval was agreed to organise a youth golfing competition within the Newry, Mourne and Down area to enable the development of youth golf.

The Newry, Mourne and Down Junior Golf Trophy will take place 15 - 17 August 2018 and will include the following golf clubs:

Kilkeel Golf Club Warrenpoint Golf Club Qualifying to play Royal County Down

The official organising group will consist of representation from Warrenpoint & Kilkeel golf clubs, Royal County Down and Golfing Union Ireland.

The Junior Trophy will run along with the Newry, Mourne and Down Golf Trophy.

# 2.0 Key Issues

Ensuring that this competition is targeted at the correct markets throughout Ireland and beyond to attract competitors.

	Ensuring that there is a clear call to action within all marketing material.	
	Ensuring that all accommodation providers are aware of the Trophy	
3.0	Recommendations	
	1. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to manage the Newry, Mourne and Down Junior Golf tournament taking place 15-17 August 2018	
	<ul> <li>To appoint Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to be represented on the organising group along with representation from:</li> <li>Warrenpoint Golf Club</li> </ul>	
	Kilkeel Golf Club	
	Royal county Down	
	Golfing Union Ireland	
4.0	Resource Implications	
	A provision will be made as part of a revenue budget which would be utilised to cover costs.	
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications All equality and good relations will be considered as part of the tournament.	
6.0	Appendices N/A	

Agenda Item:	
Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Update on NI Business Start Up Programme (NIBSUP)
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Amanda Smyth, Enterprise Development Officer

To note/agree etc the contents of the report and approve recommendations at Section 3

# 1.0 | Purpose and Background

As agreed previously by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, an 11 Council collaborative funding bid was submitted to the ERDF Investment for Growth & Jobs Programme (2014-2020) for the delivery of a Northern Ireland wide business start-up programme (NIBSUP). Invest NI approved funding for the collaborative programme and issued a Letter of Offer in February 2017.

As lead partner on behalf of the 11 Council's, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council commenced Procurement of the below contracts under the NIBSUP

- Programme Delivery
- Enquiry handling
- Marketing
- Provision of an MIS

### 2.0 Key Issue

### Programme Delivery

Procurement of the Delivery Partner has now concluded and an appointment has been made to Enterprise NI. Enterprise NI will commence their contract on Monday 03 September.

As Council is currently under an interim arrangement for programme delivery this contract will cease on Friday 01 September 2017. Any outstanding clients on the interim programme will transfer onto the new NIBSUP Programme on this date.

#### **Enquiry Handing**

Procurement for this contract is underway, due to be completed end of August 2017 Interim arrangements for Enquiry handing will continue until the new contract is awarded

#### Marketing

Procurement for this contract is underway, due to be completed end of August 2017. Interim arrangements for marketing will continue until the new contract is awarded

### MIS System

This system has been developed and Council staff trained. Training is currently underway with staff under the new NIBSUP programme delivery contract.

Agreements for the delivery of the NIBSUP programme under the collaborative arrangement has been outlined and agreed within the Legal Agreement signed January 2017

<u>Update on performance under the Interim Business Start support</u>
For the 2017/2018 period the target and achievements to date are as follows:

Business Plans Approved - 2017/2018 target - 252 Business Plans Approved - 2017/2018 achieved to date - 76

Jobs promoted - 2017/2018 target - 155 Jobs promoted - 2017/2018 achieved to date - 58 (37% achieved)

### 3.0 Recommendations

To note that delivery of Business Startup support under interim programme arrangements will cease on Friday 01 September 2017. Delivery of Business Startup support under the collaborative arrangements with the 10 other NI Councils will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

### 4.0 Resource Implications

Budget for the NI Business Start Up programme is in place through the 'transfer of functions' budget. Cost are summarised below:

Programme timeframe: 3.5 years

Total NI Programme Cost: £6,173,904

100% Cost to NMD for 3.5 year programme: £634,643

Grant to NMD against above cost: £379,981

Balance cost to NMD: £254,662

Cost to NMD over 3.5 year programme is as set out below

Year 1: £81,132
Year 2: £69,689
Year 3: £67,333
Year 4: £36,507

## 5.0 Appendices

N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 August 2017
Subject:	Union Priority 4 (SEAFLAG)
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Margaret Quinn, Project Development Manager

Decisions required:		
To note the contents of the report.		
1.0	Purpose and Background:	
1.1	In January ERT Committee approved the submission of an application to DAERA to deliver the SEAFLAG 2 Project and to appoint consultants to assist with the review/development of a strategy for future delivery of the programme. At that time it was expected that the call for applications would open in February. However, the Department deferred the call until July. This report is to inform members that DAERA has now opened the call for FLAG groups to submit applications and that Council will be making a submission by the closing date of 8 September 2017.	
2.0	Key issues:	
2.1	As agreed in January, officers will now complete the application process and reconvene the constituted FLAG Committee.	
3.0	Recommendations:	
3.1	For information.	
4.0	Resource implications	
4.1	Officer time and strategy development costs which were approved in January 2017. Strategy development costs are eligible for funding by DAERA.	
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:	
5.1	All EU programmes must recognise Section 75 legislation.	
6.0	Appendices	
	N/A	

Agenda Item:	
Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Warrenpoint Marina Project Update
Date:	Monday 14 August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Martin Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer

For Noting

# 1.0 Purpose and Background

The Council have for a number of years planned to develop a boating marina in Warrenpoint in partnership with Warrenpoint Harbour Authority. Planning permission is currently in place (2012 - 2017) to build a 200 berth Marina (concept image and location attached to this report for reference).

In 2012 an application was submitted to the INTERREG IV tourism call in partnership with a number of cross border stakeholders including Louth County Council, the Loughs Agency, Carlingford Marina and Dumfries and Galloway Council in Scotland. The project was short listed, however due to INTERREG budget constraints and cross border displacement issues it was turned down for funding. There is an existing 'green book' economic appraisal and business plan for the project in addition to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

#### 2.0 Key Issues

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council will need to consider the future of the development of a marina due to existing planning permission expiring in September 2017 and finance needing to be secured in the future.

Council officials from the ERT Department have met recently with the CEO of Warrenpoint Harbour Authority and they have indicated that they prefer proceeding with the project on the basis of the following; a stand-alone Warrenpoint Marina project in partnership with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

The application for renewal of the planning permission for the Marina will be submitted in August 2017 as the existing permission is due to expires on Wednesday 6th September 2017. Points for future consideration:

- Approximate total cost for the construction of the Warrenpoint Marina in 2012 was £8.7 million.
- The existing business plan for the marina construction will require updating.
- The existing Environmental Impact Statement may require updating.
- Funding sources will require identifying to realise the project.
- Although detailed in the Councils South East Coast Masterplan, there is no budget within the Council to implement any aspect of the project.

3.0	Recommendations
	For noting
4.0	Resource Implications
	N/A
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
	Warrenpoint Marina concept image.



Agenda Item:	
Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Costing for Specialist Equipment for Phase 2 of works at Newry Town Hall
Date:	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Aisleain McGill, Arts Culture and Museums

To note the contents of the report and approve recommendations at Section 3

# 1.0 | Purpose and Background

To note the additional costs for staging equipment in Phase 2 of works at Newry Town Hall.

## 2.0 Key Issues

The specialist consultant provided an estimated cost of the equipment of approx. £98K.for pre-tender. As some of the contractors were having difficulties obtaining costs for the specialist equipment at Tender stage, it was decided to include a PC sum of £120K which would comfortably cover the costs of the specialist equipment.

Following the appointment of the main contractor and numerous meetings/correspondence with the electrical sub-contractor, the current quoted cost for the specialist equipment is £151,383.97+VAT. This does not include the contractor's 5%. The total cost would be £158,953.17 + VAT.

Note: An alternative cost from another supplier was provided by the contractor at a total cost of £160,532.89 +VAT.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that the sum of £158,953.17 is accepted as the costs for supplying and fitting the specialist stage equipment for inclusion in Phase 2 works.

## 4.0 Resource Implications

Overall the pre-tender estimate for this contract was £620,000 including a PC Sum of £120k for specialist equipment. The actual tender accepted was £477,721.45 including a PC Sum of £120k and a £50k sum for General Contingencies. We are still within the contract sum of £477,721.45 + VAT, as the additional cost associated with the actual price of the specialist equipment

	(£158,953.17 - £120,000.00 = £38,953.17) is expended from the £50k sum for General Contingencies. After the adjustment of the specialist equipment cost and other Early Warnings, £11,246.83 of contingency remains to deliver the project within the contract sum. No additional resources at this stage.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications
	None
6.0	Appendices
	N/A

Agenda Item:	
Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Warrenpoint Baths Proposed Development update
Date:	Monday 14 August 2017
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Martin Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council proceed to appoint a suitably qualified multidisciplinary team to design and manage a development brief process in line with existing planning approval.

# 1.0 Purpose and Background

Many attempts have been made to agree a way forward in relation to the Warrenpoint Baths facility. Previously the Newry and Mourne legacy Council had completed two 'development brief' processes to explore if there was private sector interest. There was limited interest and nothing progressed.

Following this process the Council appointed Milligan, Reside Larkin as the consultant architect and a series of public consultation meetings were held. A Warrenpoint Baths steering group was also formed which included all stakeholders; public, private and Councillors. This culminated in the presentation of a development proposal that addressed the major concerns of each of the stakeholders. All ideas were integrated into the proposal which reviewed and prioritised aspirations to ensure an agreed potentially deliverable scheme was produced.

The development proposal agreed by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council includes a major event space, changing facilities, business units (with leisure focus/seaweed baths/coffee dock), retention of front façade and storage.

The planning application was submitted in April 2015 and subsequently approved with planning permission being granted for 5 years commencing 18 January 2017.

#### 2.0 Key Issues

There is no budget allocated to Warrenpoint Baths development, however there is a regeneration budget allocated for developing potential projects.

The facility is mentioned in the South East Coast Masterplan however it is not an identified priority capital project in the Councils financial plans.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council proceed to appoint a suitably qualified multi-disciplinary team to design and manage a development brief process in line with existing planning approval.
4.0	Resource Implications
	£5,000 - £10,000 as per regeneration budget.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications
	Any future project will be required to meet the policy.
6.0	Appendices
	Warrenpoint Baths development proposal concept image.









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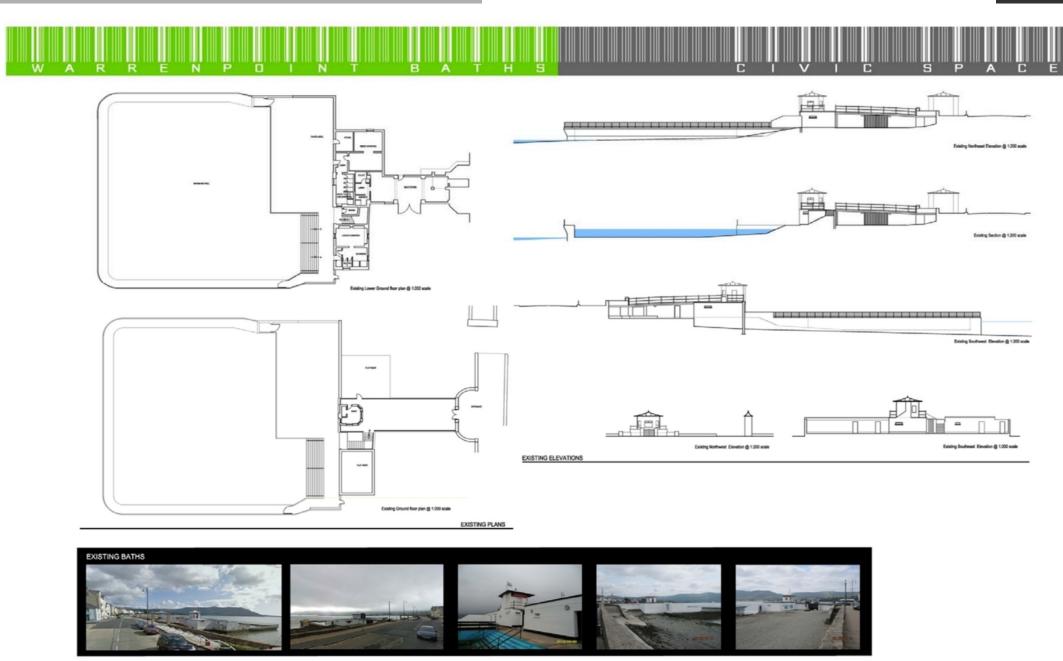




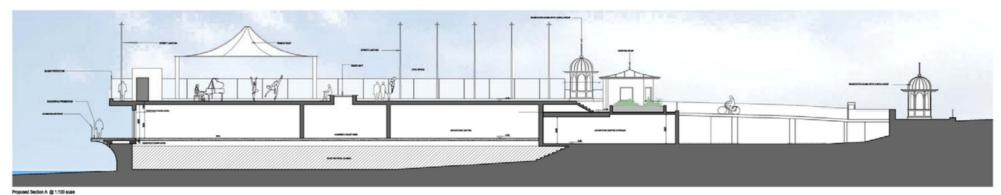












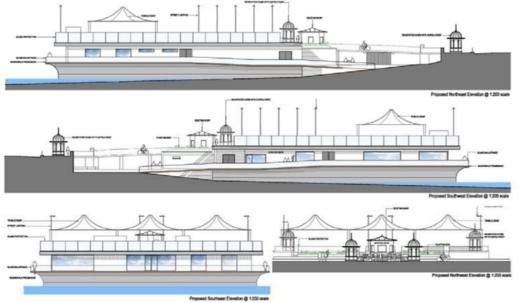


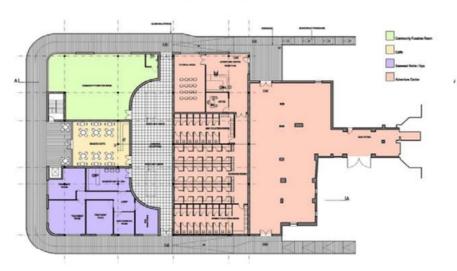


HISTORICAL PHOTOS OF WARRENPOINT BATHS

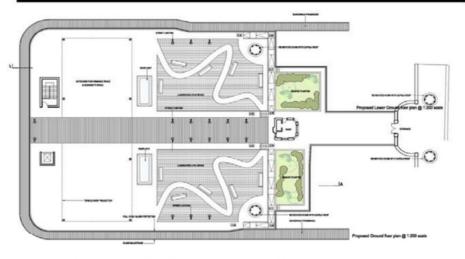








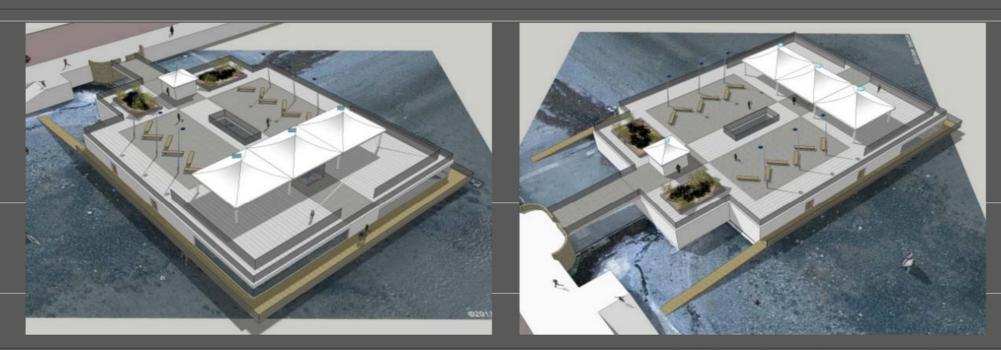






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WARRENPOINT BATHS PROPOSAL



# **ACTIONS TRACKING UPDATE**

# ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN
		ERT – MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2015		
ERT/117/2015	Transfer of Forest Assets	To approve recommendations contained in Report dated 12 October 2015 from G McGivern regarding the transfer of forest assets to Council.  Council Officials to investigate establishing Community Development Trusts.	Ongoing	
		Sommanny Bevelopment Tracto.		
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 & 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 on going to complete the policy including seeking legal advice.	
		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 8 FEBRUARY 2016		

ERT/27/2016	Overflow Car Park Slieve Gullion Forest	CLOSED SESSION ITEM Further time be allocated to Council officials to seek alternative provision for an overflow car parking facility at Slieve Gullion Forest Park, which will meet the Council criteria for such a facility at this location.	Ongoing 5
		ERT – MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016	
ERT/36/2016	Hotel Development	The Council commission site option appraisal and business case/appraisal for hotel provision in Downpatrick and Newcastle.	Work in Progress
		ERT – MONDAY 13 JUNE 2016	
ERT/107/2016	Proposals re: Killeavey Castle	Closed Session Item To approve the recommendation contained in Report dated 13 June 2016 from Ms M Ward Director ERT, regarding proposals for Killeavey Castle, subject to satisfactory legal agreements, valuations and satisfactory grant approvals.	In progress
		ERT - MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016	
ERT/120/2016	Funding Derrymore House & Estate	<ul> <li>(a) The Council prepares two funding applications for EU RDP Programme and Sport NI, for infrastructure investment in Derrymore House &amp; Estate.</li> <li>(b) The Council re-allocates up to £10,000 from the existing budget of £50,000 reserved as match funding for the unsuccessful Space &amp; Place to secure the technical assistance support required to prepare the two funding applications.</li> </ul>	In progress
		ERT MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2016	
ERT/136/2016	Newry Town Hall Schedule of Works	<ul><li>(a) To close Newry Town Hall for Main Hall bookings from 15 May – 15 September 2017.</li><li>(b) Mood Boards be produced to inform all</li></ul>	Ongoing
		groups and others of progress of works.	

		<ul><li>(c) Meeting be convened at later date with Director of ERT, user groups and Theatre consultant, to inform them of proposed works.</li><li>(d) Consultation process to begin in Autumn with Arts Groups/relevant bodies for Audience Development Strategy.</li></ul>		54
		ERT - MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2016		
ERT/155/2016	Tender re: Arts Culture Heritage Strategy & Action Plan	The Council tender for the Development of an Integrated Culture Arts & Heritage Strategy 2017 – 2021 and Action Plan 2017-2019 for Newry Mourne & Down District Council, as per Report dated 10 October 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director ERT.	In progress	
ERT/158/2016	Youth Golf Competition	To hold a Youth Golf Competition in April 2017 on the championship course at Royal County Down with a qualifier competition to be held at Ardglass Golf Club, as per Report dated 10 October 2016 from Ms T Mooney Assistant Tourism Development Officer.	In progress	
ERT/169/2016	Derrymore Estate Partnership	(a)Council Officials to continue to progress the delivery of projects that seek to develop the recreational potential of Derrymore Estate.  (b)Council to submit an application for Trail facility development to Sport NI before the deadline of February 2017, and if successful, to make available the required match funding towards this project of approximately £140,000 in 2017/18.  (c)Council Officials to commence work on preparation and submission of a planning application for above project to ensure project delivery is not delayed if a Letter of Offer for funding is awarded.	In progress	

ERT/173/2016	Membership – Connect Programme	Agreed to engage with Catalyst Inc via the Connect Programme, on a 12 month silver membership programme at a cost of £2,000 pa, as per Report dated 14 November 2016 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director of ERT.	In progress	55
ERT/175/2016	Downpatrick PSNI Station	Agreed the Council support Downpatrick Community Collective Group in their efforts 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 & Tourism.	In progress	
ERT/177/2016	NIRDP Rural Tourism Scheme Slieve Gullion Forest Park	<ul> <li>(a) Submit an application for the funding deficit to potential funders, ie, Heritage Lottery Fund, when the Slieve GullionForest Park Economic Appraisal is complete.</li> <li>(b) Invite to tender to prepare a planning application for the project, assess tenders, appoint supplier using the MEAT process.</li> <li>(c) Submit planning application for project.</li> <li>(d) Proceed to tender the proposed Augmented Reality Project.</li> <li>(e) Submit the round two application to NIRDP 2014-2020 Priority 6 Rural Tourism Scheme.</li> </ul>	In progress	
ERT/178/2016	Caravan and Campsite Management	(a)To agree a joint process between Council and ForestService to appoint external expertise to prepare the Business 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	In progress	

		offering.  (b)To revert to Council with the completed Business Rational and Specification prior to progressing to seek Expression of Interest.		56
ERT/179/2016	Slieve Croob Walking Trails	Agreed that both of the Council's Countryside Access Officers will have input into the study being carried out by Outdoor Recreation NI regarding a Community Trails Plan to examine potential trails within the Slieve Croob and Mournes District Electoral Area, as per Report dated 14 November 2016 from Ms H Wilson, Countryside Access Officer regarding CommunityTrails Plan to examine potential trails within Slieve Croob and Mournes DEA.	In progress	
ERT/184/2016	Maintenance – Struell Wells	This issue would be reported back to the ERT Committee following completion of discussions between Historic Environment Division and Council.	In progress	
ERT/194/2016	Armstrong Hut Ballykinler Camp	<ul> <li>(a)To approve the development of initial plans and to seek costs for the project to reconstruct an Armstrong Hut from Ballykinler Camp at Down County Museum in order that should funding Become available from Peace IV, or an alternative source, the project can process.</li> <li>(b) Progress reports regarding the project to reconstruct an Armstrong Hut from Ballykinler Camp at Down County Museum, be tabled at the Enterprise Regeneration &amp; Tourism Committee Meeting in due course.</li> </ul>	Ongoing	
ERT/197/2016	Land at Slieve Croob – Walking Trails	(a) No further action be taken by Council regarding The development of walking trails and acquisition of and in Slieve Croob, until such times as the study	ORNI anticipate that a final draft of the report will be available by the	

		peing carried out by ORNI regarding a community trails plan for Slieve Croob and Mournes DEA, is completed.  (b) An update report regarding the development of Walking trails in Slieve Croob to be tabled at a future meeting of the ERT Committee.	end of January/early February for consideration by the Countryside Officers. Full report to be tabled at future Committee meeting	5
		JANUARY 2017		
ERT/004/2017	NI Business Start Programme (NIPSP)	To note that NMDDC have received and signed a Legal Agreement for the NI Business Start Up Programme and will also accept and sign the associated Letter of Offer to be received from Invest NI, in line with the details of the Programme as outlined under Option 1 of the Project Assessment, and detailed in the Legal Agreement.	J McGilly	Awaiting final Letter of Offer
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 the ongoing annual costs of £540. The Council should keep the heatlh and safety requirements at these sites under review, including the potential requirement 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 Management Action Plan.		58
ERT/006/2017	International Ice Swimming Association Bid	A) The Council to provide a letter of support to the Camlough Lake Water Festival (CLWF) to host the International Ice Swimming Association (IISA) World Championships 2019 in Newry Canal or Camlough Lake.  B) ERT and AHC Departments will work in partnership with CLWF Festival to facilitate this project.	M Boyle	Awaiting update from CLWF on plans to progress
ERT/009/2017	SEA FLAG 2 Programme – Union Priority 4	Authority be granted to Council Officers to proceed with the submission of a bid to DAERA to deliver the new round of funding and to proceed with procurement of the necessary consultancy work.	J McGilly	On agenda – August 2017.
ERT/011/2017	Kilbroney Park Café – Licence Agreement	<ul> <li>A) To advertise the Licence for the renewal of the Kilbroney Park Café for a 3 year period.</li> <li>B) To provide a new Licence Agreement to the existing operator at the Kilbroney Park Café to operate the Café from 1 February 2017 – 30 September 2017 to facilitate the procurement exercise to complete.</li> <li>C) To undertake a valuation to establish a Licence Fee reflective of the current market for the licence period 1 February 2017 – 30 September 2017.</li> </ul>	M Boyle	Ongoing
		FEBRUARY 2017		
ERT/027/2017	District Masterplans	Subject to extensive consultation, the Council adopt and implement the 4 No. Masterplans for the District with quarterly review and date provided to the ERT Committee and bi-annual reports provided to DEAs.	J McGilly	Ongoing. Report on progress will go to May ERT mtg
ERT/035/2017	Athletics NI - European Cross Country Championships	Agreed Council Officials in the ERT Department in partnership with Council Officials in the AHC Department, liaise with Athletics NI and the relevant stakeholders, to consider the potential for a bid to be made by Athletics NI and UK Athletics	M Patterson/M Mohan	Initial conversations have taken place. Communications

		to the European Athletics to host the European	Ι	ongoing
		Cross Country Championships to be held in Kilbroney Park Rostrevor.		59
		MARCH 2017		
ERT/044/2017	Purple Status Flag (Newcastle)	Council Officers work with the private sector in the Newcastle area to establish a Purple Flag 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.	M Quinn	Meeting to be held in Newcastle after Easter holiday to agree formation of Purple Flag group.
ERT/045/2017	Autism Initiatives NI	Council Officers work with the private sector in the Newcastle area to promote and develop the concept to have Newcastle awarded the status as First Autism Friendly town in Northern Ireland.	M Quinn	Meeting arranged with Autism Initiatives NI and Newcastle Business representatives for 29 March 2017. Workshop to be held for Businesses/Cllrs end April 2017
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				end April 2017
ERT/048/2017	Castlewellan Forest Park – Task & Finish Board	<ul> <li>a) The Report of the Café Conversion – The Heritage Potential of Castlewellan Forest Park, be shared with the public as a record of the information collated at the World Cafe Style Conversion Workshop which took place on 1 February 2017.</li> <li>b) To note that the Council cannot commit to implementing all of the suggestions/ideas that were recorded at the Workshop.</li> </ul>	S Keenan	The Castlewellan Task and Finish Project Board will discuss at the next meeting in April how they wish to make this document public ie via which platforms /press etc
ERT/049/2017	Castlewellan Forest Park – Recreation Forum	To establish a Castlewellan Forest Park Recreation Forum to provide a proactive channel for two way communication on interfaces between and issues impacting upon the various outdoor recreation activities in Castlewellan Forest Park, informing management approaches and acting as a forum in which to build mutual understanding and consensus among key users.	S Keenan	MHT will be faciliating this Forum, they hope to have an initial meeting of the forum in May /June 2017.
ERT/052/2017	Mountain Bike Event	To support the Red Bull Foxhunt and Irish National Championships in Rostrevor and PSYCLE in Castlewellan.	M Boyle	In progress
ERT/054/2017	Tender Visitor Experience Plans	To issue a tender to appoint a company to undertake 2 No. Visitor Experience Plans for Mourne & Gullion and Mourne Coastal (Strangford Lough to Carlingford Lough, incorporating St Patrick) Ms M Boyle Tourism Development Officer to contact the relevant statutory agency following concerns raised by Councillor B Quinn regarding the urgent need for works to be carried out at all the tourist information signage in the District to cut back overgrowth and clean signs.	M Boyle	In progress
ERT/056/2017	Sole Providers	To proceed to engage the services of the Big Telly Theatre Company for artists, materials, project management and programming solutions as required, specifically their "Creative Shops"	A McGill	Completed

		programme to support City of Merchants Festival in Newry up to £20,000.		61
		APRIL 2017		
ERT/069/2017	Business Development Programmes of Support	To deliver the following business engagement activities:  SRC Crest Programme that will provide training opportunities to the unemployed  Mentoring Programme for existing businesses  Short term business development workshops, ie, digital marketing, brand development, procurement, e-commerce, sales development, idea generation for new starts.	A Smyth	Development of programmes underway; services to be procured
ERT/070/2017	Interreg Europe Project – Inside Out of EU	To participate on the Stakeholder Group with the DFE for the implementation of the Interreg Europe Project: Inside Out of EU.	A Smyth	Participation as requested by the DFE on the steering group for the Interreg Europe Project: Inside Out EU
ERT/075/2017	Clanbrassil Barn & Tea Rooms Tollymore Forest Park	The Council, in partnership with DAERA (Forest Service) seek Expressions of Interest from interested parties for service provision in Clanbrassil Barn & Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park.	M Boyle	EOI to be agreed with Forest Service prior to advertising.
ERT/076/2017	Wardens House Kilbroney Park Rostrevor	To approve a one year lease of the Wardens House at Kilbroney Park Rostrevor, to the proposed tenant, at a rental cost of £200 per month. Electricity, heating, insurance, rates, etc will not be included in the rental figure but will be paid separately by the Lessee.  It was also agreed to include the possibility of a 2 year extension to the lease if required.	M Boyle/B Magill	Brief for advertising to be agreed.

ERT/079/2017	Familiarisation Visit to	To approve the familiarisation visit to Strangford	M Ward	Ongoing
	Strangford	and the surrounding area in June 2017.		62
		JUNE 2017		
		(To Follow)		