

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 11th October 2021** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room Downshire Civic Centre** and via **Microsoft Teams**.

Committee Membership:

Councillor R Howell **Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor D Curran

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor M Savage

Councillor G Stokes

Agenda

1.0 Introduction and Apologies

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 ERT Action Sheet September 2021 (Attached)

📄 *Action Sheet - ERT Sept 2021.pdf*

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Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

4.0 Active Travel Cycle Infrastructure & Educational Programme. (Attached)

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📄 *Appx - Active Travel Cycle Infrastructure & Educational Programme Business Case.pdf*

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5.0 Labour Market Partnership Update. (Attached)

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📄 *Appx 1 - Labour Market Partnership Summary.pdf*

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📄 *Appx 2 - Labour Market Partnership Business Case.pdf*

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6.0 Outdoor Recreation NI SLA 2021-22. (Attached)

📄 *ERT Report - Outdoor Recreation NI SLA 2021.22.pdf*

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7.0 Report of Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme Meeting held on 5 October 2021. (Attached)

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📄 *Appx. Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm T&F Mtg 05 10 2021.pdf*

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Exempt Information Items

8.0 Christmas Lights Switch On. (Attached)

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

 *ERT Report - Christmas Events 2021.pdf*

Not included

9.0 Newcastle Harbour Fishing Tours. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Newcastle Harbour Fishing Tours.pdf*

Not included

10.0 Permissive Path Agreement – Slieve Gullion. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Permissive Path Agreement - Slieve Gullion.pdf*

Not included

 *Appx - Permissive Path Agreement Map.pdf*

Not included

11.0 St Patrick's Day 2022. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - St Patrick's Day 2022.pdf*

Not included

 *Appx - St Patricks Day Proposal.pdf*

Not included

12.0 Tourism NI Experience Development Capital Programme. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Tourism NI Experience Development Capital Programme.pdf*

Not included

13.0 Viking Festival – Ards & North Down BC SLA. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Viking Festival - Ards & North Down BC SLA.pdf*

Not included

For Noting

14.0 Building Control 6 x Monthly Report. (Attached)

 *Building Control Report September 2021.pdf*

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15.0 Full Fibre NI Update (w/appx). (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Full Fibre NI Update.pdf*

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 *Appx. Full Fibre NI sites in NMDDC Area.pdf*

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16.0 Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)

 *ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet - for Oct Mtg 2021.pdf*

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17.0 Licensing 6 x Monthly Report. (Attached)

 *Licensing Report SEP 2021.pdf*

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18.0 Louth and Newry, Mourne & Down Strategic Alliance Mtg 19th May 2021. (Attached)

 *Louth and Newry, Mourne & Down Strategic Alliance Mtg Report.pdf*

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19.0 Planning Performance Figures for September 2021. (Attached)

 *Planning Performance Figures for Sept 2021.pdf*

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20.0 Regional Innovation Hub Update. (Attached)

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21.0 Rural Development Programme Priority 6 Update. (Attached)

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22.0 Tourism NI Co-operative Partnership Marketing Fund Autumn 2021. (Attached)

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Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
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- Cllr Patrick Brown
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- Cllr Robert Burgess
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- Cllr Pete Byrne
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- Mr Gerard Byrne
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- Cllr Charlie Casey
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- Cllr William Clarke
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- Mrs Linda Cummins
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- Cllr Dermot Curran
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- Cllr Laura Devlin
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- Ms Louise Dillon
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- Cllr Sean Doran
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- Cllr Cadogan Enright
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- Cllr Aoife Finnegan
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- Cllr Hugh Gallagher
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- Cllr Mark Gibbons
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- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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- Cllr Glyn Hanna
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- Cllr Valerie Harte
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- Cllr Roisin Howell
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- Ms Catherine Hughes
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- Mr Colum Jackson
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- Mrs Josephine Kelly
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- Mrs Sheila Kieran
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- Cllr Mickey Larkin
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- Cllr Alan Lewis
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- Mr Michael Lipsett
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- Cllr Oonagh Magennis
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- Mr Conor Mallon
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- Cllr Gavin Malone
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- Cllr Cathy Mason
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- Mr Johnny Mc Bride
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- Colette McAteer
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- Cllr Declan McAteer
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- Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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- Jonathan McGilly
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- Cllr Harold McKee
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- Patricia McKeever
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- Cllr Karen McKevitt
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- Cllr Andrew McMurray
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- Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
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- Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTION SHEETENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/159/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: STAFF SHORTAGES WITHIN HOSPITALITY	<p>(a) To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding staff shortages within hospitality.</p> <p>(b) To note Report dated dated 13 September 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration, and that Officers proceed to action the content of the Motion through the Economic Forum structures which exist, taking into consideration issues raised by Members including supply and demand within the hospitality industry and to explore the possibility of a Jobs Fare.</p> <p>(c) Officers to report back to the ERT Committee in November / December 2021.</p>	J McGilly	<p>Employability and skills working group to consider this issue at October meeting</p> <p>Proposal for Careers fayre to be presented to next Covid 19 working group</p>	n

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ERT/160/2021	FORKHILL FORMER POLICE BARRACKS	<p>1) Council and Department for Communities ensure that the Partnership Committee are kept updated in relation to the ongoing Land Transfer Process.</p> <p>2) Council commission a Value for Money process to appoint a facilitator to draw up a Biodiversity & Access Plan for the Forkhill Former Barracks Site in consultation with the local community.</p> <p>3) Council approve a Business Case for the £50,000 on offer from the Peace Programme and undertake the required procurement/framework appointment once a final plan has been agreed.</p> <p>4) Council work closely with the Peace Programme and Challenge Fund to ensure the eligibility of whatever items are being put forward in the proposed Biodiversity & Access Plan.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	y

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ERT/161/2021	WARRENPOINT FRONTSORE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME	<p>To approve the following recommendations arising from the Warrenpoint Frontshore Public Realm Scheme Task & Finish Steering Group Meeting held on 13 August 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To accept the Breakwater Concept Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with inclusion of the suggested adjustments / amendments following consideration by the Task & Finish Steering Group and proceed to a Public Consultation Process and Planning Application thereafter. 2) To approve Business Case and Payments to Department for Infrastructure (60,000) and BT (£20,000) for future elements of works as part of the overall scheme. 	J McGilly	Task and finish group meeting to consider next steps to be held on 5 October	n

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ERT/162/2021	WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note the Action Report from the Steering Group meeting held on 26 August 2021. 2) To approve a Business Case for a landscape scheme at the sea view entrance of the Park in anticipation of National Lottery Heritage Funding approving the plans and there being sufficient time left in project delivery 3) To appoint an artist to design an interpretative art piece and install it in the Park. The themes of the art piece will reflect the heritage and landscape of Warrenpoint Park and Town. 4) To appoint a Horticultural / Arboricultural Consultancy to undertake a survey of Warrenpoint Municipal Park. 	J McGilly	Work in progress	y
ERT/163/2021	CONSUMER TRADE SHOWS 2021-22	1 No. Council Officer attend tourism trade and consumer shows in conjunction with Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland to support the tourism industry in the recovery period from Covid 19.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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ERT/164/2021	EXTERNAL SIGNAGE FOR NEWRY & MOURNE MUSEUM	To approve capital funding to install new signage at Newry & Mourne Museum.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/165/2021	SPONSORSHIP FOR HOSPITALITY EXCHANGE CONFERENCE	To approve Council support in the form of sponsorship for the Hospitality Exchange Conference and Exhibition 2021.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/166/2021	CONSULTATION RE: BUILDING CONTROL REGULATIONS	To note Report dated 13 September 2021 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director of Building Control & Licensing and approve the response provided by Officers as per Appendix 2, regarding a consultation by Department of Finance on Part R of the Building Regulation (NI) 2020 Changing Places Toilet Provision (CPT).	C Jackson	Response to be sent to the DoF by the 20 Oct 2021. In progress.	N
ERT/167/2021	<u>EXEMPT</u> COVID RECOVERY WORKING GROUP MEETING – 20 AUGUST 2021	To seek a recommendation to access Covid recovery funding for sustainability, biodiversity, general upgrade works and feasibility study for a pump track at Islands Park, Newcastle.	C Mallon	In progress	Y

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ERT/168/2021	EXEMPT HALLOWEEN EVENTS PROGRAMME	To recommend approval to issue Service Level Agreements for the delivery of Halloween or Christmas events to five community/development groups in 2021, with named event organisers required to ensure events can be delivered safely, whilst taking all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the Covid-19 virus.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/169/2021	EXEMPT NEWRY CHAMBER MUSIC PROPOSALS	To establish a Service Level Agreement between Council and Newry Chamber Music for the delivery of an arts and community outreach programme in the 2021/2022 season.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/170/2021	EXEMPT STRANGFORD LOUGH TOURISM CLUSTER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDIN G	To note the Memorandum of Understanding between NMDDC; Ards and North Down BC and the Strangford Lough Tourism Cluster (SLTC) which outlines a model of collaboration for the promotion and development of tourism providers within the Cluster.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/171/2021	EXEMPT TNI PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FUND – SLA AGREEMENTS	To recommend approval for Council to enter into Service Level Agreements with the Newry, Mourne and Down Tourism Businesses detailed in the report to deliver a	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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		programme of events/experiences as part of the Tourism NI Market Led Product Development Programme 2021/22.			
ERT/178/2021	SUBMISSIONS TO DFI RE: GREENWAY AND ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS	<p>Given their importance to the District's tourism industry, Task and Finish Working Groups be set up for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of Greenways - Newcastle Harbour <p>An update be provided to Councillor Stokes regarding the application in respect of Newry Greenway.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th October 2021
Subject:	Active Travel Cycle Infrastructure Pilot and Active Travel Programme Extension - Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Seamus Crossey Project Manager EER Section

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the recommendations contained in Section 3:</p> <p><u>Background</u> As per the previous ERT update report on the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan, a key element of this was in relation to the Active Travel Masterplan and Active Travel Programme. Council through AHC had worked closely with Sustrans to complete a district wide 10 Year Masterplan for future development of Active Travel, while also working with schools, employers and communities across the Council to roll out active travel educational promotion.</p> <p>ERT working closely with Active and Healthy Communities Department is proposing to take forward an initial Bike Shelter and Bike Stand Installation process and possible extension of the Active Travel Programme subject to programme slippage being confirmed.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The Masterplan was presented to the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum in September and will be subject to approval at October AHC. It sets out a long-term vision for the district. While Council intend to work in partnership across its own Departments and with external agencies such as DFI, there is now an opportunity to begin to deliver on one of the stated objectives of enhancing the Cycle Parking infrastructure across the district.</p> <p>The proposal is to install 2 Cycle Parking Shelters in Downpatrick, 2 in Newry and then Cycle Stands within 3 settlements in each of the other 5 DEA areas across the district. The exact type of infrastructure and suitability of locations are subject to site inspections by the Councils AHC Department and then agreed with the Council Framework Contractor.</p>

	<p>As well as the installation of the above physical infrastructure, Council also wish to extend its successful Active Travel Educational Promotional Programme across the district.</p> <p>All of the above activity can be undertaken and delivered before the end of March 2022.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>1. Subject to Slippage funding under the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation programme, Council to install pilot number of Cycle Shelters & Stands and extend the Active Travel Educational Programme.</p> <p>2. Council approve the supporting Business Case for remaining Active Travel measures being funded under the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>100% Grant Aid secured for the implementation of the scheme.</p> <p>No financial cost to Council other than staff resource</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	<p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	Business Case for Active Travel Cycle Shelters/Stands and Educational Programme – available on request.
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Business Case (Short Form)

£30,000 < £100,000 Expenditure

Project Title:	Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme _Active Travel Cycle Infrastructure & Educational Programme.
Directorate:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism (ERT)
SECTION A	
<p>Tell us about your project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current provision? 2. What is the proposed provision (what options have you considered)? 3. What is the need and how is it evidenced? 4. Are all statutory approvals in place – please outline? 5. Are there any risks associated with this project – please outline? 	<p>For expenditure between £30,000 and £100,000 which is over and above the operational costs of a department, for example:</p> <p>Under the proposed 'Covid 19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme', this is a new scheme, with a desire to install Active Travel Cycle Shelters/Stands across District and to further roll out the Active Travel Educational Programme.</p> <p>The 2 options facing the scheme to come are: Option 1 – Do nothing and not undertake the works to the Active Travel provision as described above, resulting in a loss of grant aid to the Council and a missed chance to enhance the Active Travel Infrastructure within our town/village centres.</p> <p>Option 2 _Agree to proceed with increasing the Active Travel Cycle Infrastructure provision across the district and roll out of the Educational Programme. Following tender close/Framework Appointment, award a PO to the preferred supplier.</p> <p>The need has been identified from the overall Covid-19 Recovery Revitalization programme plan that was put together to achieve the DFC / DAERA / DFI grant aid.</p> <p>Relevant approvals are in place to carry out these works.</p> <p>Until the Framework Contractor has placed the order for the materials, serious risk of project delay, given the long lead in time that is effecting a number of similar type of projects.</p>

<p>6. Any other relevant information? i.e. drawings, plans, photographs...</p> <p>You are not limited to one page, please expand where necessary.</p> <p>All of the above questions must be addressed.</p>	
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SECTION B

<p>7. Is your expenditure linked to the Corporate Plan/Community Plan/Directorate Business Plan – please reference the relevant section.</p>	<p>This expenditure is linked to the Councils Corporate plan and ongoing regeneration of our urban and rural centres.</p>
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<p>8. Has this project been identified as a priority in your Directorate?</p> <p>Please provide details:</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conditions Survey	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<p>The Project is clearly listed in the Departments list of projects, given that DFC funding is being obtained subject to Business Case approval and the fact that these works are helping to deliver on a bigger overall Covid 19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme.</p>			

9. Preferred Option –	Option 2_ Agree to proceed with increasing the Active
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<p>Please detail your preferred option and a rational why this option was selected</p>	<p>Travel Cycle Infrastructure provision across the district and roll out of the Educational Programme. Following tender close/Framework Appointment, award a PO to the preferred supplier.</p>		
<p>10. Please provide a breakdown of all costs, including running costs (whole life costs).</p> <p>Please provide information on how these costs have been arrived at.</p>	<p>Item 1 - £50,000 (Carrying out Delivery of Active Travel Cycle Infrastructure installation and further roll of the Educational Programme.)</p> <p>Total £50,000.00</p>	<p><u>Account Code / Cost Centre / Project Code (if applicable):</u></p> <p><u>1048 / S056 / 2171</u></p>	
<p>11. Please indicate how this project will be financed.</p> <p>Please provide details</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Internal Funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> External Funding</p> <p>Council have Monies available in 2021/22 through the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan for this Active Travel Cycle Infrastructure & Educational Programme.</p>		
<p>Is or will there be any perceived cross EU Border interest for this requirement/project:</p>		<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Prepared by:</p>	<p>Seamus Crossey</p>	<p>Date Submitted:</p>	<p>11/10/2021</p>
<p>Validated by Assistant Director</p>	<p>Sign: <i>Jonathan McGilly</i></p> <p>Date: 11/10/2021</p>		
<p>Director Approval:</p>	<p><i>Conor Mallon</i></p> <p>Sign:</p> <p>Date: 11/10/2021</p>		
<p>Committee Approval:</p>	<p>Date: ERT 11th October 2021</p>		
<p>Council Approval</p>	<p>Date: Full Council 1st November 2021</p>		

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th October 2021
Subject:	Update on Labour Market Partnership (LMP)
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director for Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note that council have prepared and submitted to DFC a Strategic Assessment and Action Plan for implementation of a LMP across the District To approve the attached business case for the LMP Action Plan To approve that council now procure and appoint external delivery agents to implement the range of initiatives outlined in the attached business case, and approved for funding by DFC To approve the acceptance of DFC Letters of Offer for LMP / Skills and Employability activity, including administration and operational costs To approve the development and submission of an LMP Strategic Assessment & Action Plan for the 2022/2023 financial period, with details on same to be tabled at a further meeting of Council <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Employability NI, led by DfC, is the new approach to helping unemployed individuals to get back into work. The governance of Employability NI includes the establishment of Labour Market Partnerships (LMPs), one in each District Council area.</p> <p>Members have previously approved that Council participates as a key stakeholder in the planning and development of a local Labour Market Partnership for the District.</p> <p>Council in late 2020 had established under the Economic Forum an Employability and Skills working group. At a meeting of this E&S working group in Feb 2021 it was agreed that the Employability and Skills working group would assume the role of the NMD local Labour Market Partnership.</p> <p>The aim of the local Labour Market Partnership is deliver initiatives that assist those identified as unemployed / economically inactive into employment or closer to employment.</p> <p>Council will provide the administrative support and governance for the local LMP.</p>

2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>In order to bid for DFC funding for LMP activity during the current financial year, DFC required the following to be completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The completion of a strategic assessment: The Strategic Assessment was informed through a number of key steps, including a review and analysis of existing information / strategies held by Council, information provided by statutory partners, as well as the results of a facilitated engagement and consultation process with local businesses, statutory partners and community representatives from across the council area. <p>A statistical analysis on labour market and employability data was undertaken on the Council's behalf by the Economic Policy Centre, at Ulster University. A Turning the Curve Exercise was undertaken in relation to the current Interim Local LMP Action Plan Themes and projects and considered the programmes of work in relation to the outcomes they delivered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of an Action Plan As a result of the above consultation and engagement process, an Interim Action Plan for the NMD area has been agreed for each of the 3 LMP Strategic Priorities. <p>Against each of the Strategic Priorities (SP) the Interim Action Plan (2021/2022) identifies a number of Themes, Aims and Key Activities which are evidence based and focused on outcomes which improve employability and labour market conditions across the NMD area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Priority 1: To form and successfully deliver the functions of the local Labour Market Partnership for the area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1: LMP Delivery • Strategic Priority 2: To improve employability outcomes and/or labour market conditions locally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1: Access to work ○ Theme 2: Skills for work ○ Theme 3: NMD A Place to work • Strategic Priority 3: To support delivery of Employability NI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1: Support Regional Employability Programmes <p>A further summary of this activity is included at appendix 1</p> <p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council submit the Strategic Assessment and Action Plan to DFC for completion of a Business Case and assessment. If approved Council expect to receive a Letter of Offer in November 2021, to spend by 31st March 2022 • Given the short timescales for delivery, officers will commence the preparation for procurement of services for delivery against the Action Plan. Officers will

	<p>work with Council procurement team to establish the most effective and appropriate procurement route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Business Case had been established which sets out the purpose of the LMP and the actions to be delivered as part of this requirement • Council have previously approved the establishment of an LMP resource • The action plan is an interim action Plan, up to 31st March 2022. A further interim action plan and strategic assessment will be developed for the period 01 April 2022 – 31st March 2023 and will be submitted to DFC by 25th February 2022.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note that council have prepared and submitted to DFC a Strategic Assessment and Action Plan for implementation of a LMP across the District • To approve the attached business case for the LMP Action Plan • To approve that council now procure and appoint external delivery agents to implement the range of initiatives outlined in the attached business case, and approved for funding by DFC • To approve the acceptance of DFC Letters of Offer for LMP / Skills and Employability activity, including administration and operational costs • To approve the development and submission of an LMP Strategic Assessment & Action Plan for the 2022/2023 financial period, with details on same to be tabled at a further meeting of Council
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>LMP Activity is 100% funded by DFC</p> <p>For the current financial period, 2021 / 2022 Council are submitting a bid for £495,250 which encompasses £422,750 of operational costs and £72,500 of administration costs. Budgets are subject to change following assessment with DFC</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p>

	<p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p>Proposal initiating consultation</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	<p>1. A Summary of Themes, Aims and Key Activities agreed by the NMD LMP</p> <p>2. LMP Business Case</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Appx 1

A Summary of Themes, Aims and Key Activities agreed by the NMD LMP is below:

Strategic Priority 1: To form and successfully deliver the functions of the LMP	
Theme 1: LMP Delivery	
Aim	Key Activity
1.1 Effective delivery of the LMP through the appropriate Administration and Governance structures.	<p>Administration of LMP & Action Plan PR, Marketing and Engagement Establish an appropriate LMP resource managed by NMDDC</p> <p>Forward Planning: 2022 / 2023 - Develop a strategic assessment and interim action plan for 2022 / 2023</p>

Strategic Priority 2: To improve employability outcomes and/or labour market conditions	
Theme – 1: Access to Work	
Aim	Key Activity
1.1 Labour Market Analysis - (Supply)	Intelligence - Research to define the hardest to reach groups within the unemployed and economically inactive population, with an intervention proposal for 2022/ 2023
1.2. Business Needs Analysis	Intelligence. To scope out what the employability / skills requirements are of employers. Undertake a sectoral analysis to identify and inform current and future employability and skills supply v's employer demand to which future employability initiatives can be targeted
1.3. NMD Work Start Programme	Pre-Employment Support - Early Stage Intervention, one to one - mentoring and sign posting support for participants on: local employment opportunities, transferrable skills, employment opportunities and pathways, associated skill / qualification requirements, training opportunities. Target: Those at risk of losing their job and/or are the hardest to reach unemployed groups.
1.4. NMD Employment Placement Programme - Pre-Development Stage Only	Work Placement: Design and develop a bespoke employment placement programme for implementation during 2022/2023. Opportunity to be in a focused skill area where opportunities for employment progression is identified and supported. Target - those unemployed or who are working P/T but seeking to go to F/T hour
1.5. Stimulate self-employment as an "employment" opportunity	<p>Business Start: Wrap Around Support – Mentoring Up to 5 days Specialised mentoring / business support between Go for It participation and establishing a trading company.</p> <p>Business Launch Challenge Fund - Financial incentive (retrospective payment) to the value of up to £1000 per business, to support the launch and establishment of the business</p>

1.6. Graduate Placement & work ready skills Programme - pre-development stage only	<p>Placement Programme - To scope out and identify were jobs opportunities exist across NMD at graduate level. Graduate Placement Programme targeting graduates who are underemployed or unemployed. Programme will recruit employers who are able to create / have available a graduate vacancy and offer a paid placement opportunity in a relevant role</p> <p>Additional Skills Programme - To scope out a programme which will support graduates to obtain additional skills aligned to identified opportunities and which enhance their skills level and potential of gaining relevant employment, i.e. digital skills training</p>
Theme 2: Skills for work	
Aim	Key Activity
2.1 Non-Accredited Reskilling Interventions	<p>Re Skilling those unemployed / at risk of redundancy: Signposting and support to access Reskilling interventions. Create linkages between employment opportunities and those unemployed / at risk of redundancy. Targeting those unemployed, at risk of unemployment, who are work ready, but lacking a key skill or qualification necessary to gain meaningful employment</p>
2.2 Non-Accredited Sectoral Academies	<p>Sectoral Academy: To provide upskilling interventions in a focused skill area where opportunities for employment progression is identified and supported. Identify skill gaps in areas where local employment opportunities exist, and which could be addressed through non-accredited sectoral academy. Upskill those unemployed, or those working PT seeking FT employment</p>
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Theme 3: NMD: A place to work	
Aim	Key Activity
3.1 NMD – A Place to work - Promotion and showcasing of local employment opportunities - Phase 1: Development of Campaign – 2021/2022	<p>Promote local employment opportunities - To create awareness among job seekers (NMD and beyond) of the range of career opportunities available locally and pathways for accessing same. Develop an Interactive tool / platform that collates NMD employability opportunities and creates awareness on pathways to local employment opportunities. Opportunity to develop on a sectoral basis, i.e. support in the tourism and hospitality sector as they reopen and re-establish following covid-19 restrictions on business operations</p>
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3.3 Job & skill Matching	Aligning Skill supply with Employers - Support delivery of Jobs and Career fairs and events, including sectoral focused events where scope and opportunity exists. Opportunity to showcase key sectors, range of industry across the sector, job opportunities within, growth plans of the sector etc. Enhanced Career Guidance aligned to local opportunities.
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Strategic Priority 3: - To support delivery of Employability NI	
Theme 1: Support Regional Employability Programmes	
Aim	Key Activity
1.1 Apprenticeships - Grow apprenticeships as a recognised pathway to employment.	Apprenticeships awareness: LMP to work with Colleges, to increase the number of employers engaging in apprenticeship opportunities. Engagement Campaign to increase the number of students considering apprenticeships as a pathway to employment
1.2 Enhanced awareness for DFC Employability Programmes and DFE / Colleges Accredited Programmes	Regional Employability support awareness: Support awareness locally among job seekers of the wider range of support available to support pathway to employment
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Full Business Case Template

Expenditure: £100,000 < £500,000

This pro forma is designed to document expenditure appraisals for expenditures between £100k and £500k with appropriate and proportionate effort. It identifies the main elements of a business case to be covered, followed by spaces or tables for inserting the relevant information. ***The spaces and tables should be enlarged or modified as required to accommodate all the necessary information.***

There are no precise rules about the length of business case documents for small expenditure decisions, but, as an indication, it might be anything from a few pages in the simplest cases to 20 pages or so in more complex cases.

For detailed guidance on business cases and expenditure appraisal, consult the [Northern Ireland Guide to Expenditure Appraisal and Evaluation](#) (NIGEAE) or seek advice from the Procurement Department.

Project Title:	Newry Mourn and Down Labour Market Partnership	
Directorate:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism	
Prepared by:	Elaine McAlinden	
Date:	27.09.2021	
Checked by Assistant Director:		Date: 5 October 2021
Director Approval:		Date: 5 th October 2021
Committee Approval: (AHC, SP&R, RTS or ERT)	ERT	Date: 11 Oct 2021
Council Approval: (minutes ratified)	Full Council	Date: Nov 2021

Note: The level of detail should be proportionate and appropriate to the level of expenditure to be incurred.

Section 1: Project Background, Strategic Context and Need

- **Explain the background to the proposal - detail what the expenditure is for and why it is needed?**
- **Please provide the strategic context.**

Ensure that you have clearly identified the need for the new project or service

1. Explain the background to the proposal including its strategic context – i.e. departmental business plan, corporate plan, community plan, regional strategies and government strategies, relevance to NI Government or Departmental strategic aims and policy objectives.
2. Identify the key stakeholders and explain their commitment and any outstanding issues.
3. As specifically as possible, explain the nature of the needs or demands that are to be addressed, and detail any deficiencies in existing service provision.
4. Include suitable quantification of needs/demands/deficiencies where possible.
5. Outline the proposed timescale for implementation of the project.
6. Is this project subject to a conditions survey/other survey?
7. Please provide any other relevant information to support the need for this project. i.e. drawings, plans, photographs...

Background

Employability NI is a new approach by DfC to helping unemployed individuals to get back into work. The establishment of Labour Market Partnerships (LMPs), one in each District Council area, is a key output of Employability NI. The Business Case proposes the establishment of a local NMD LMP's with the aim of engaging with employers and groups across the Council area to identify opportunities to assist those who are identified as economically inactive get into employment or bring them closer to employment.

Strategic Context

Newry, Mourn and Down District Council Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy 2020 – 2025 is built around 3 key pillars of investment:

- Supporting Entrepreneurship, Business growth and Innovation
- Improving Employability and Skills
- Investing in Regeneration and Modern Infrastructure

The action plan for the pillar 'Improving Employability and Skills' is closely aligned to the concerns, challenges and priorities for a Labour Market Partnership.

Using the ERT strategy as a basis, the NMD LMP undertook to complete further research and analysis, including a Strategic Assessment of employability and labour

market conditions relevant to the Council Area. This exercise was undertaken to identify underlying employability / labour market issues, and to establish priorities that will address the most persistent problems.

The Strategic Assessment was informed through a number of key steps, including a review and analysis of existing information / strategies held by Council, information provided by statutory partners, as well as the results of a facilitated engagement and consultation process with local businesses, statutory partners and community representatives from across the council area.

Key Stakeholders

The NMD LMP is a dynamic partnership, committed to working together to make a positive difference. The Council will lead the NMD LMP and engage regularly with the following external organisations: -

- Newry Mourne and Down District Council – Lead
- Further Education colleges
- Local Enterprise Agencies
- Chamber of Commerce's
- Area Learning Co-ordinators for NMD
- Invest NI
- Jobs and Benefits Office
- Social Economy and Private sector representatives

Needs/Demands to be Addressed

A Business Needs Engagement exercise took place during June and July 2021. In tandem, a statistical analysis on labour market and employability data was undertaken on the Council's behalf by the Economic Policy Centre, at Ulster University. A Turning the Curve Exercise was undertaken in relation to the current Interim Local LMP Action Plan Themes and projects and considered the programmes of work in relation to the outcomes they delivered.

As a result of the above consultation and engagement process, an Interim Action Plan for the NMD area has been agreed for each of the 3 LMP Strategic Priorities which are detailed in Project Objectives below.

Period of Contract

The action plan is an interim action Plan, up to 31st March 2022. A further interim action plan and strategic assessment will be developed for the period 01 April 2022

– 31st March 2023 and will be submitted to DFC by 25th February 2022.

Budget

The NMD LMP has been allocated a budget by DFC of up to £500,000. It is estimated that individual programmes from the Labour Market Partnership will be commissioned ranging in value from £100 to £100,000.

Is or will there be any perceived cross EU Border interest for this requirement/project:

Yes No

Section 2: State Objectives & Constraints

1. Explain and list the project objectives in specific measurable terms.
2. Include quantifiable targets where possible.
3. Identify any likely constraints to the project e.g. timing issues, legal requirements, professional standards, planning constraints and so on.

Project Objectives

Against each of the Strategic Priorities (SP) the Interim Action Plan (2021/2022) identifies a number of Themes, Aims and Key Activities which are evidence based and focused on outcomes which improve employability and labour market conditions across the NMD area.

- Strategic Priority 1: To form and successfully deliver the functions of the local Labour Market Partnership for the area
 - Theme 1: LMP Delivery
- Strategic Priority 2: To improve employability outcomes and/or labour market conditions locally
 - Theme 1: Access to work
 - Theme 2: Skills for work
 - Theme 3: NMD A Place to work
- Strategic Priority 3: To support delivery of Employability NI
 - Theme 1: Support Regional Employability Programmes

The LMP will report against the Action Plan as required on a quarterly basis, using the Quarterly Financial and Thematic Report Card returns.

Example Initiatives

All activity to be delivered will be defined on a Letter of Offer from DFC and detailed on an approved LMP Action Plan

An example of initiatives for which the above would be required may include but are not limited too:

- Effective delivery of the LMP through the appropriate Administration and Governance structures.
- Sourcing Technical Assistance to support LMP activity
- Labour Market Analysis - Research
- Business Needs Analysis - Research
- NMD Work Start Programme
- NMD Employment Placement Programme
- Stimulate self-employment as an 'employment' opportunity
- Graduate Placement and work ready skills programme
- Non -Accredited Reskilling Interventions
- Non – Accredited Sectoral Academies
- Upskilling for Growth Programmes
- NMD – A Place to Work Promotion and showcasing local employment opportunities.
- Job & Skills Matching programme
- Apprenticeship Promotion
- Enhanced awareness of DFC/DFE Employability programmes
- Support for ESF Employability programmes

For any programme brought forward under the Labour Market Partnership, full detail will be provided on individual project objectives, targets, constraints, budget and timescale.

Further proposed detail is provided at appendix 1

Section 3: Identify the Options and indicate the risks, costs and benefits of each option – this includes monetary and non-monetary.

- **Options - Please identify all available options and provide a description of each option.**

- Identify all available options and provide a full description of each.
- This should include a do nothing option (status quo).
 - Other may include, 'do minimum' and then a number of 'do something' options.
- Explain each option and how it would meet the aim and objectives.
- Provide advantages and disadvantages of each option

- **Risks - Please indicate if there are any notable risks associated with the project/acquisition.**

A risk could be any factor which would have a negative impact on the project running smoothly.

Consider a range of risks such as:

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| - Financing | - Timeframe |
| - Contractor capabilities | - Reputation |
| - The requirements for statutory approvals | - Poor take-up of new service / acquisition (if applicable) |
| - Land ownership | - Health and safety, etc. |
| - External Funding Uncertainities | - Insurance |

Indicate how these risks could be mitigated against.

- **Monetary Costs and Benefits**

Outline the full range of monetary costs for each option.

Please explain how these costs have been estimated e.g. previous experience. If there are any monetary benefits, these should be included here e.g. savings.

Include:

- Capital costs
- Ongoing revenue costs, (e.g. warranty costs, maintenance costs, service charges etc. whole life costs, insurance)
- Income generated
- Savings made
- Any other monetary benefits
- Net cost to Council.

- **Non-Monetary Costs and Benefits**

Please identify the non-monetary costs and benefits associated with each option.

Non-monetary costs and benefits to include (costs which cannot be measured in financial terms): Not all of these may be applicable to each option.

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| - Sustainability | - Collaboration |
| - Environmental | - Improved Service Delivery |
| - Social | - Local Economic Multiplier |
| - Health and Well being | - Corporate & Community Plan objectives |
| - External Funding Uncertainities | |
| - Reputation | |

The number of Options will vary according to each project.

Option 1)	Status Quo
<p>Description to include how this option meets the Aims & Objectives identified in Section 2:</p> <p>Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Risks:</p> <p>Monetary Benefits:</p> <p>Non-Monetary Costs & Benefits:</p>	<p>Continue to work as normal and provide ad-hoc support to Skills and Employability initiatives across NMD Council area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This option would deliver only on ESF and specific programmes as outlined in Section 2 above. <p>Advantages</p> <p>Option would allow Council to provide some support for Employability and Skills Initiatives as and when requested by organisations.</p> <p>Disadvantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding: The Council could not apply for funding for Labour Market Partnerships of approx £500k Time Management and Resource: Current approval process is labour intensive and creates a need for multiple approval and procurement processes. <p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council will not be able to deliver on all the programmes and initiatives that it is requested to support unless funding from outside body is secured.
<p>Monetary Costs:</p> <p>This is a sample and should be adapted as required or replaced with a spreadsheet</p>	<p>No guarantees can be given to outside organisations of the level of funding, type of work to be undertaken with each initiative year on year.</p> <p>Individual projects and initiatives could range from £500 to over £90,000.</p> <p>All projects will be 100% funded through DFC</p>

Option 2)	Do something
<p>Description to include how this option meets the Aims & Objectives identified in Section 2:</p> <p>Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p> <p>Risks:</p> <p>Monetary Benefits:</p> <p>Non-Monetary Costs & Benefits:</p>	<p><u>Establish a Labour Market Partnership for NMDDC area.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option would deliver fully on the aims and objectives as outlined in Section 2 above. <p>Advantages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NMDDC would be in the position to submit a LMP Interim Action Plan to DFC and if successful, could attract upwards of £500,000 worth of funding for Employability and Skills Initiatives. This option would also allow Council to lead of all of the LMP initiatives and to build key relationship with E&S Suppliers to help the local Economy grow and recover. <p>Disadvantages</p> <p>None</p> <p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that all Suppliers/Programmes and Supports adhere to the funding requirements of DFC
<p>Monetary Costs:</p> <p>This is a sample and should be adapted as required or replaced with a spreadsheet</p>	<p>No guarantee can be given of the volume, type or value of work to be commissioned through this contract.</p> <p>It is estimated that individual jobs will be commissioned ranging in value from £100 to £100,000.</p> <p>The value of the NMD Interim Action Plan is approx £500,000</p> <p>All projects delivered will be 100% funded through DFC</p>

Section 4: Social Value and Rural Proofing

a. Social Value - The additional benefit that a contract can deliver to the local community over and above the benefit of the goods and services themselves.

This benefit could be social, economic or environmental. For example, what are the opportunities to the community through the overall project if they do not directly benefit i.e. Creating skills and training opportunities.

Example the development of a new football pitch, the direct benefit is the provision of a football pitch, the social value could be the an opportunity of apprenticeship with the construction firm awarded the contract, an opportunity for local coaches to provide skills and fitness training on the new pitch.

Has social value been considered and indicate how?

A key focus of the activity to be delivered through the Labour Market Partnership will be supporting the Employability and Skills Initiative across the District to bring people closer to the local Labour market and into work.

b. Rural Proofing - The process by which policies, strategies and plans are assessed to determine whether they have a differential impact on **rural** areas and, where appropriate, adjustments are made to take account of particular **rural** circumstances.

Have you considered if this project could have a different impact in rural areas and, if so how you might change, implement the project differently to ensure equitable treatment for rural dwellers?

The recommendation has been considered not to be within the scope of the Rural Needs Act.

c. Equality Screening – Should the project / service being discussed be subject to an Equality Screening?

It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.

Section 5: Analysis and Selection of Preferred Option

Clearly document the preferred option – why has this option been selected?

Option 2: **Establish a Labour Market Partnership for NMDDC area**

Section 6: Monitoring and Evaluation

1. identify who will manage the project,
2. detail how progress and budget will be monitored,
3. how are you going to report on the aims and objectives outlined for this proposal?
4. how will variances be managed and reported,
5. how the benefits will be measured?

6. State proposed evaluation arrangements e.g. when it will happen, who will do it, what factors will be evaluated?

The **NMD Interim Labour Market Partnership (LMP)**, has been developed by using existing structures within the NMD Council area, namely the Employability and Skills working group and the Economic Forum.

The membership of the NMD LMP is:

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- Further Education colleges
- Local Enterprise Agencies
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- Invest NI
- Jobs and Benefits Office
- Social Economy and Private sector representatives

Newry Mourn and Down District council will act as administrative lead for the Labour Market Partnership and be responsible for the procurement of skills and employability initiatives through the LMP.

The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism (ERT) Department will manage the LMP Action Plan and report against the performance indicators. Each programme/project will carry it's own budget and procurement approvals process. Each programme will also report against the aims and objectives delivered, report on any variances, benefits and complete all performance management reports required by the LMP.

Section 7: Financing

Please indicate how the project / service will be financed. Has this been included in the estimates?

Yes

No

If yes, where in the estimates

Account Code:

Cost Code:

Project Code:

The LMP is a new activity which DFC have approved Council on in April 2021. All activity is 100% funded through DFC with no requirement for match funding

All activity to be delivered will be defined on a Letter of Offer from DFC and an approved LMP Action Plan

If the proposal is for Capital expenditure, has this expenditure been included within the four year rolling capital plan? If so, how much has been put in the plan?

N/A

Section 8: Appendices

Please name the document and reference the relevant section of the document to be attached.

1. A Summary of Themes, Aims and Key Activities agreed by the NMD LMP

Section 9: Glossary

Key to Abbreviations:

LMP – Labour Market Partnership

Appendix 1: A Summary of Themes, Aims and Key Activities agreed by the NMD LMP

Below subject to assessment and approved by DFC. All final and agreed activity to be delivered will be defined on a Letter of Offer from DFC and detailed on an approved LMP Action Plan

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Theme 3: NMD: A place to work

Aim	Key Activity
3.1 NMD – A Place to work - Promotion and showcasing of local employment opportunities - Phase 1: Development of Campaign – 2021/2022	Promote local employment opportunities - To create awareness among job seekers (NMD and beyond) of the range of career opportunities available local and pathways for accessing same. Develop an Interactive tool / platform that collates NMD employability opportunities and creates awareness on pathways to local employment opportunities. Opportunity to develop on a sectoral basis, i.e. support in the tourism and hospitality sector as they reopen and re-establish following covid-19 restrictions on business operations
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Strategic Priority 3: - To support delivery of Employability NI

Theme 1: Support Regional Employability Programmes

Aim	Key Activity
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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th October 2021
Subject:	Challenge Fund Trail Plans SLA with ORNI 2021-2022
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager

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

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>To consider and agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for 2021 – 2022 at a cost of £49,500.00 <p>In June 2017 NMDDC developed an Outdoor Recreation Action Plan for the Ring of Gullion with ORNI.</p> <p>NMDDC successfully secured Challenge Fund from DAERA to deliver the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Slieve Gullion trail from the lake to Ballard road to planning stage Reroute a closed section of the Ring of Gullion Way to planning stage Carrive summit loop, lower hills consultation and development to planning stage Forkhill River walk feasibility, consultation and development Forkhill River Blueways feasibility, consultation and development <p>Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland is a not-for-profit organisation who make it easier for people to responsibly enjoy the outdoors. Their ethos is that partnership working is fundamental to ensure they achieve their vision and that success will be achieved through working in partnership with a wide range of organisations which have an interest in, or involvement with, outdoor recreation.</p> <p>ORNI proactively engage with local councils in Northern Ireland to establish Service Level Agreements. These allow them to target their dedicated expertise to enable councils to achieve their outdoor recreation potential.</p> <p>NMDDC, AHC Department currently have a Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI for Community Trails. The community trails work is similar to this in that there is a period of development, enjoyment and bringing them to planning to make sure projects are shovel ready.</p>

	Other key areas of focus are: Delivery of MountainBikeNI.com Consortium, Delivery of WalkNI.com Consortium, Community Trail Plan Planning and Development.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The proposed 2021/2022 SLA with ORNI aims to build on the foundation work completed through previous years work and deliver the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress submission of planning applications and ensure 'shovel ready' projects for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Slieve Gullion trail from the lake to Ballard ✓ Reroute a closed section of the Ring of Gullion Way ✓ Carrive summit loop in the lower hills • Progress Feasibility/scoping/assessing/developing 2 new outdoor recreation opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Forkhill River walk ✓ Forkhill River Blueways <p>The funding has been secured for this work, and all budgets have been accounted for in current projections. No additional resources are required for this work.</p> <p>The establishment of new outdoor recreation may also led to additional resource requirements as part of the day to day management and upkeep of these assets. The budget for repairs, maintenance and cleansing resources for the Slieve Gullion trail, the Ring of Gullion Way trail are already budgeted for.</p> <p>Additional budget provision for Carrive Loop, Forkhill River Walk and Forkhill River Blueways may be required if it progresses to capital works stage.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To consider and agree:</p> <p>To enter into a new Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for the 2021-2022 financial year at the total cost of £49,500.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue/Payroll: A budget of £49,500 has been identified and secured in DAERA Challenge Fund matched with Councils 2021/2022 rates estimates process to support the proposed ORNI SLA 2021/2022.</p> <p>Annual repairs, maintenance and cleansing costs for any new trails will have an impact on revenue budgets. Once established these should be accounted for within the appropriate budgets and included in annual rates estimates processors going forward.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)

5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices N/A</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th October 2021
Subject:	Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme – Task and Finish Steering Group meeting held on 05/10/2021
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Seamus Crossey – Project Manager

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To seek approval for the recommendations as set out in Section 3 of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> As discussed previously at the ERT committee, a Task and Finish Group made up of Crotlieve Councillors and Trader Reps has been assembled to take forward the proposed Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme.</p> <p>With Consultants AECOM appointed in 2020, they were commissioned to look at the overall extend of a potential scheme to see what could be proposed and was possible within the various sections running from Dock Street to Slieve Foy Place, along the Front Shore. At a late stage in the process, consultants were also separately asked to consider the WP Breakwater as an add on to the scheme.</p> <p>While the main Front Shore element of the Scheme proceeded to have a full planning application made in mid-September 2021, the Breakwater element went through its own Public consultation process in September.</p> <p>The Meeting on the 5th October 2021, was an opportunity for the Task and Finish Steering Group to consider comments returned on the completed 'Breakwater Upgrade Scheme' public consultation process and to also consider a full update on projected costs all other elements of both the Breakwater and main Front Shore Schemes.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The presentation to the Task & Finish Grouping highlighted the public comments that had been returned on the consulted Concept Proposals, examining key aspects such as the proposed Vendor/Kiosk Spaces, Bins, Seating, Lighting, Railings, Cladding, Pathway Materials and Pedestrian Accessibility.</p> <p>While the Steering Group Acknowledged that comments had been received on all aspects of the design, they were still disappointed at the low number of overall public comments that came back and asked for the process to be extended, before further consideration and then submission of a planning application for the Breakwater.</p>

	<p>It was also discussed that initial cost projections for both the Front Shore and Breakwater Elements of the scheme, had come in well over the likely available budget for the scheme. Having reviewed the costs against 3 separate geographical elements of the scheme it was being put forward that the project proceeds based on a phased approach.</p> <p>DFC still keen to take forward one overall Economic Appraisal for all 3 elements, so that phases 2 and 3 are approved subject to funding within future financial years. In the current climate there was an acceptance of this approach and it was vital that Council and DFC continue to work closely so that potential funding for phase 1 is not lost in 21/22 and funding is secured for phase 2 and 3 in due course.</p> <p>Other updates to the Steering Group covered the submission of a Planning Application in mid-September 2021 for the main Front Shore elements and procurement that was now underway in regards a Dive Survey & Ground Investigation Site Survey. Also discussed was the tight turn around between funding approval and having to have a contractor in place before the 31st March 2022 so now important to proceed when ready to RIBA stage 4 for the contractor appointment for phase 1.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
	Accept the recommendations from Task & Finish Steering Group to:
3.1	It was agreed to extend the Public Consultation process for the proposed Breakwater Scheme.
3.2	Task & Finish Steering Group in Agreement to proceed based on a phased approach to the overall delivery of a WP Front Shore/Breakwater Public Realm Scheme.
3.3	A separate report on the project and its cost options to be taken to the next meeting of the Councils Strategic Finance Working Group.
3.4	Project proceeds to RIBA stage 4 with its consultants to ensure that the contractor for phase 1 is appointed and in place to meet the required Funding commitment deadlines.
4.0	Resource Implications
4.1	Council have an available Capital Budget in 2020/21 (50k) and 2021/22 (130k) to cover ongoing costs of RIBA stages 1-3 of the project and RIBA stage 4 as required. In the next few weeks, an Economic Appraisal will be completed and submitted for the overall Front Shore and Breakwater elements of the Scheme. A separate report on this will be taken back to Council Strategic Finance Working Group in regards the cost options and match funding requirement from Council.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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7.0	Appendices
	Report of the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group meeting held on 5 th October 2021.
8.0	Background Documents

	N/A
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Title of Working Group/Forum: Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme - Task and Finish Steering GroupDate/time/venue: Wednesday 5th October 2021 at 10.30am via Microsoft TeamsCllrs present: Cllr K McKeivitt, Cllr J Tinnelly,Other Attending: Ms B Murphy (DFC), Mr R Preston (Consultants), Mr M Kelly (WBR Chamber), Mr A Markey (WBR Chamber)Chaired by: Cllr K McKeivitt Officers present: Mr J McGilly, Mr S CrosseyApologies for non-attendance: Cllr M Ruane, Cllr D McAteer, Mr C McAvoy (WBR Chamber), Cllr M Gibbons

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Agreed way forward (if matter requires Committee/Council approval, a separate Report should be compiled and submitted to Committee)	Lead Officer	Actions taken/Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
1	Scheme Background	- S Crossey outlined that since the last meeting in August 2021, much had happened, particularly given the submission of the full Planning Application for the main Front Shore Scheme. - He added that this meeting was very much about presenting the separate Breakwater Scheme Public Consultation Comments that had come back and then to discuss projected scheme costings.	S Crossey		N
2	Presentation of the returned Consultation Comments on the 'Breakwater Upgrade Scheme'	The presentation to the Task & Finish Steering Group highlighted the views that had been obtained from members of the public. Consultants took the Project Board through the Concept Design and comments received on key aspects such as Bins, Seating, Lighting,	S Crossey		N

		Railings, Cladding, Pathway Materials and Vender Kiosks.			
3	Key Warrenpoint Breakwater Upgrade Discussion Items;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disappointed on the low number of responses to the Breakwater Upgrade consultation process and agreed that the process should be redone. - Despite the reduced comments on the Concept Design it was good to see all aspects of the scheme being commented on. - Whenever the next phase of Public Consultation is completed the steering group at that stage can make a final decision on the Kiosks, Cladding and Finished Pathway Surface of the Breakwater. 	S Crossey	1.)_It was agreed to extend the Public Consultation process for the proposed Breakwater Scheme.	N
4	Update on projected overall Project Costs for both Front Shore and Breakwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S Crossey outlined that initial cost projections for both the Front Shore and Breakwater Elements of the scheme, had come in well over the likely available budget for the scheme. - Having reviewed the costs against 3 separate geographical elements of the scheme it was being put forward that the project proceeds based on a phased approach. - DFC still keen to take forward one overall Economic Appraisal for all 3 elements, so that phases 2 and 3 are approved subject to funding within future financial years. - Important that Council and DFC continue to work closely so that potential funding for phase 1 is not lost in 21/22 and funding is secured for 	S Crossey	<p>2.)_Task & Finish Steering Group in Agreement to proceed on the basis of a phased approach to the overall delivery of a WP Front Shore/Breakwater Public Realm Scheme.</p> <p>3.)_A separate report on the project and its cost options to be taken to the next meeting of the Councils Strategic Finance Working Group.</p>	

		phase 2 and 3 in due course.			
5	Update on progress with all other aspects of the Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Planning was submitted in mid-September 2021 for the main Front Shore scheme - RFQ procurement is now underway for a Dive Survey and Ground Investigation Site Survey - Given the tight turn around between funding approval and having to have a contractor in place before the 31st March 2022, important to now proceed when ready to RIBA stage 4 for the contractor appointment for phase 1. - On the delivery programme, Council to ensure that summer season/users/festivals/Traders/Residents are all taken into consideration when on-site. 	S Crossey	4.)_Project proceeds to RIBA stage 4 to ensure that the contractor for phase 1 is appointed and in place to meet the required Funding commitment deadlines.	N
4	AOB		S Crossey		N

Signed: ____Seamus Crossey (Project Manager - Lead Officer)

6 Monthly Report for ERT Committee Meeting

1.0 Building Regulations Report – Matters for Noting

1.1 Number of Building Regulation Applications Received

1 March 2021 – 31 Aug 2021	1 March 2020 – 31 Aug 2020
1807	1009

1.2 Fees Received

1 March 2021 – 31 Aug 2021		1 March 2020 – 31 Aug 2020	
Plan Fee	£157,254.38	Plan Fee	£114,230.28
Inspection Fee	£336,521.89	Inspection Fee	£198,147.26
Other Fee	<u>£2,700.00</u>	Other Fee	<u>£1,775.80</u>
Total	£496,476.27	Total	£314,153.34

(Figures are obtained from our Tascomi Records)

1.3 Site Inspections carried out

1 March 2021 – 31 Aug 2021	1 March 2020 – 31 Aug 2020
6810	3957

1.4 Performance

Current performance indicators are being met:-

Domestic Plan Assessments assessed within 21 days	(Target 75%) 86%
Non Domestic Plan Assessments assessed within 35 days	(Target 75%) 90%
BR3 Returns assessed within 14 days	(Target 80%) 92%

2.0 Enforcement

Number of premises visited to assess extent of unauthorised works between March 2021 and August 2021 = 25

28 Clonvaraghan Road, Ballyward	Refurbishment of existing small cottage	Resolved
33a Clonvaraghan Road, Ballyward	Modular building providing self-contained living accommodation	Resolved
10 Shrewsbury Dale, Saintfield	Roofspace conversion	Resolved
75-77 Boat Street, Newry	Conversion of existing shop into flats	Resolved
Killard Road, Ballyhornan	Cattle shed	Reminder letter sent
204a Armagh Road, Newry	Portal frame	Resolved
19c St. Patrick's Drive, Downpatrick	Change of use and alterations from office and store to form dwelling	Resolved
51 Tullyronan, Ardglass	Sun lounge to rear of property	Resolved
15 Carrickasticken Road, Forkhill	Dwelling and attached store erected in a timber frame to a concrete slab	Resolved
22 Ballaghbeg Park, Newcastle	Extension to dwelling	Resolved
Mountview Road, Ballynahinch	New dwelling	Resolved
19 Ryanstown Road, Warrenpoint	Detached garage with room above	Resolved
48a Aghincurk Road, Newtownhamilton	New dwelling	Resolved
2 Camlough Park, Bessbrook	Alterations to dwelling	Resolved
24 Bellfield, Castlewellan	New building over 30 m ²	Resolved

1 Mill Road, Castlewellan	Refurbishment of dwelling including new roof structure	Legal proceedings have commenced
15 Clogharevan Park, Bessbrook	Alterations to dwelling	Resolved
157 Armagh Road, Newry	Alterations to dwelling	Resolved
59 Lower North Street, Newry	Alterations to existing bar	Reminder letter sent
92 Maytown Road, Mountnorris	New shed	Resolved
20 Orior Road, Newry	Installation of oil fired central heating system (replacement boiler)	Resolved
3 Kildare Street, Newry	Alterations and extension to restaurant	Resolved
61 Main Street, Dundrum	Alterations to restaurant	Resolved
2 Ballyculter Road, Downpatrick	Roofspace conversion	Reminder letter sent
3 Drumreagh Road, Rostrevor	Extension to dwelling	Timeframe has not expired

3.0 Dangerous Structures

Number of premises identified as dangerous structures between March 2021 and August 2021 = 10

41 Knockdarragh, Newry	Dangerous wall	Resolved
15 Downpatrick Street, Crossgar	Car crashed through front of public house	Resolved
North Street, Newry	Loose plinth at base of flats	Resolved

Church View, Dundrum	Loose window boarding to unoccupied building	Resolved
29-31 Canal Street, Newry	Loose slates	Resolved
14 Canal Street, Newry	Loose timber at eaves of building	Resolved
84 Main Street, Killough	Loose slates in gutter	Resolved
24a Derrywilligan Road, Newry	Fire damage to storage unit	Resolved
15-19 Main Street, Castlewellan	Damaged front elevation to public bar	Resolved
56 Seaview, Warrenpoint	Loose slates and gutter at vacant building	Resolved

4.0 Property Certificates

Property certificates responded to date.

1 March 2021 – 31 Aug 2021

1517

1 March 2020 – 31 Aug 2020

855

5.0 Fire Risk Assessments

Our Building Control Surveyors have carried out 12 Fire Risk Assessments during the past 6 months.

- Event Building, Kilbroney
- Kilbroney Park Buildings
- Newry Arts Centre
- Warrenpoint Town Hall
- Kilkeel Sports Centre
- Annalong Cornmill
- Kilkeel Changing Block
- Kilkeel Bowling Green
- Carginagh Road Playing Fields Pavilion
- Camlough Amenity Site
- Downpatrick Railway Museum
- Down County Museum

6.0 Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) Checks and LPS Vacant Rating 1st March 2021 -31st August 2021

ESTATE AGENTS

- ❖ Total no of agents checked (on site/ website) - 45
- ❖ Total number of properties not compliant – 2
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued – 2
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters – 2

PENALTY CHARGE NOTICES

- ❖ Penalty Charge Notices issued this period– 0
- ❖ Penalty Charge Notices paid this period – 0
- ❖ Penalty Charge Notices paid this period that were issued in previous period - 0
- ❖ Penalty Charge Notices issued in previous period now with Small Claims Court for failure to pay – 0

DISPLAY ENERGY CERTIFICATES (DEC's)

- ❖ Number of buildings checked on Landmark - 216
- ❖ Number of buildings compliant on Landmark - 182
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued - 34
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters - 0

AIR CONDITIONING

- ❖ Number of air con buildings checked on landmark - 110
- ❖ Number of air con buildings compliant – 78
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued - 32
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters – 0

EPCs RECEIVED (ON CONSTRUCTION)

- ❖ Number of new dwelling EPC's checked on Landmark – 392
- ❖ Number of new dwellings compliant – 389
- ❖ Number of dwellings now compliant after Letter 1 – 390

LPS VACANT RATING

- ❖ No vacant rating carried out between March and September due to Covid 19 restrictions

Recommendation:

For Noting

Colum Jackson

Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th October 2021
Subject:	Update on Full Fibre Northern
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Forster Full Fibre Northern Ireland Operations Lead

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To provide an update to elected members on the progress of the Full Fibre Northern Ireland Programme.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is the lead Council and administrator for Full Fibre Northern Ireland (FFNI). The Consortium is made up of the 10 rural Councils in Northern Ireland and the Business Services Organisation (BSO). In 2019 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council was successful in securing funding on behalf of the Consortium to the value of £24 million from the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). This funding comprises of £15m in Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) and £9m in Rural Gigabit Connectivity (RGC) funding.</p> <p>This total funding package is now being used to install gigabit capable fibre connections to Council-owned buildings by March 2022 that would, in turn, help to enhance the delivery of Council digital services and present network cost savings but also will stimulate further network investment in surrounding areas, thereby benefitting local businesses and households.</p>
2.0	Key issues
	<p>FFNI funding takes an anchor tenancy approach using Public-Sector buildings (hubs). The idea being that the funding not only connects the public sector sites providing significant benefits to them, but also extends gigabit capable fibre deeper into our communities. Communication providers can then build upon the FFNI network through their own commercial plans in order to reach these surrounding homes and businesses that lie close to the path of the network (i.e. market stimulation).</p> <p>Through FFNI, both Fibrus and Openreach are extending their commercial plans using the FFNI infrastructure and network. Fibrus have matched the funding secured from</p>

DCMS to rollout fibre connectivity to surrounding premises. The FFNI programme aligns to and compliments Project Stratum.

Progress in Newry, Mourne and Down area

Across the Council’s own geographic area, FFNI funding will deliver fibre connectivity to 70 Council owned sites and 25 BSO sites (GP surgeries, hospitals, fire/ambulance stations etc).

Gigabit Capable Fibre to the Council sites will provide an ultrafast connection that can be used by Councils sites e.g. Community Centres to offer new digital services. The programme will also provide the foundation and infrastructure for future digital transformation projects that may come from other funding sources e.g. Belfast Region City Deal Digital pillar.



Figure 1 - Across the NMDDC area 70 Council sites (Green) and 50 BSO sites (Red) will be connected. Each of these sites will act as an anchor hub. Installation is a mix of Fibrus and Openreach deployment. Fibrus have subcontracted Openreach to deliver in areas where their network will not go to.

Of the 70 NMDDC sites 35 have been installed as of August 2021. These sites will not have a service running on the Fibre infrastructure yet however until WAN migration in early 2022.

Progress of Full Fibre across the Newry, Mourne and Down area has increased significantly as a result of FFNI, Project Stratum and Commercial Interventions. In

2020, only 21% of premises had access to Full Fibre. In September 2021, that figure has risen to 67% (sources OFCOM Connected Nations Report 2021).

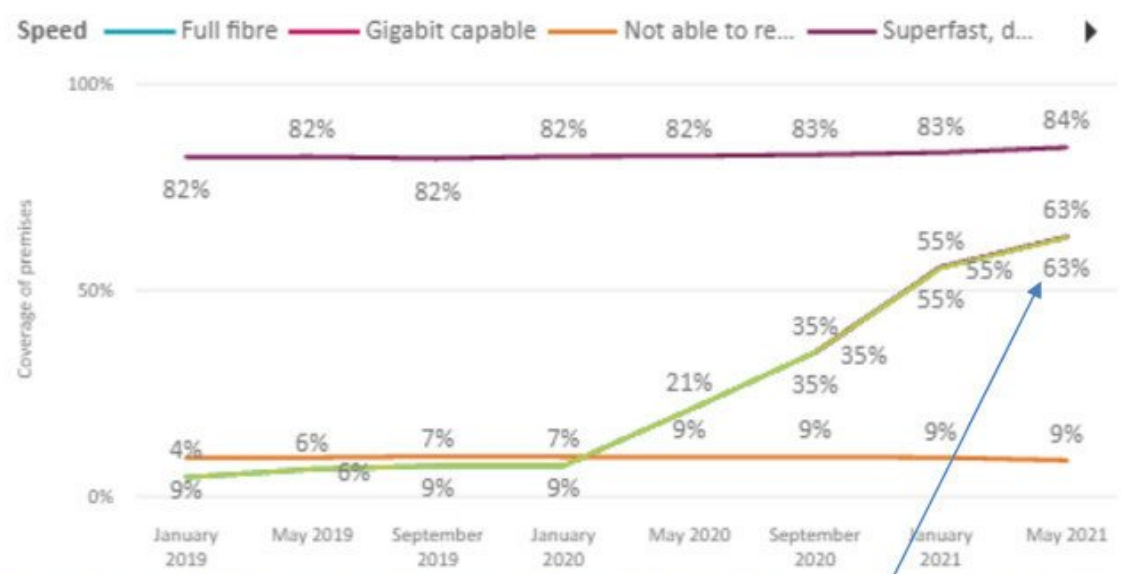


Figure 2 - Chart above shows increased penetration of Gigabit Capable Fibre in NMDDC area (now 67% in Sept 21) . Note that Stratum still has an important role to connect remaining 10% that have less than 30mbps in remote areas. (Source OFCOM Connected Nations Report 2021)

Progress Across Northern Ireland

Taking a Consortium wide view, the FFNI programme aims to achieve installation to 940 sites across all partners. The connection of these sites will create a significant boost to the rollout of ultrafast gigabit capable fibre across the province.

Current progress of FFNI to date across NI has connected 607 of the 940 sites (64% completion) across all Consortium member organisations. The programme longstop date is March 2022.

The FFNI programme compliments Project Stratum which is also deployed by Fibrus under the DfE contract. Through these UK Government funded interventions as well as communication providers own commercial interventions, Northern Ireland is now the top nation in the UK for Gigabit Capable broadband and Full-Fibre Broadband coverage to residential premises. (source: OFCOM Connected Nations Report 2021)

Access to full fibre	September 2020	January 2021	May 2021
UK	18%	21%	24%
England	16%	19%	23%
Northern Ireland	56%	63%	67%
Scotland	17%	20%	23%
Wales	19%	21%	24%

Figure 3- Chart above shows access to Full Fibre Gigabit Capable Fibre across UK. Full Fibre is offers Next Generation Access (NGA) with speeds over 1000mpbs

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the update provided regarding the FFNI programme and Full Fibre availability within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/A
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	Appendices
	FFNI Sites in NMDDC Area
8.0	Background Documents
	OFCOM Connected Nations Report Summer 2021



FFNI sites in NMDDC Area

FFNI Partner	Site Name	Delivery Type
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Annalong Community Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Annalong Cornmill	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Aughnagun Landfill Site	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Bagenals Castle	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Ballyholland Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Ballykine Recycling Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Ballykinlar Community Centre	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Ballynahinch Community Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Ballynahinch Market House	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Bann Road Household Recycling Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Barcroft Community Centre	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Barnmeen Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Bessbrook Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Bridge Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Cabra Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Camlough Household Recycling Centre	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Castlewellan Community Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Cloughreagh Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Cranfield Amenity Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Crossmaglen Community Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Crossmaglen Recycling Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Cullyhanna Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Dan Rice Hall	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Delamont Country Park	FFIB

Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Derrybeg Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Dorsey Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Down Arts Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Down County Museum	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Down Leisure Centre (New Build)	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Downpatrick HRC	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Downshire Civic Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Drumalane Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Drumanakelly Landfill Site	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Forkhill Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Greenbank Industrial Estate	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Hilltown Civic Amenity Site	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Hilltown Community Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Kilbroney Park	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Kilkeel Civic Amenity Site	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Kilkeel Fish Market	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Kilkeel Leisure Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Kitty's Road Community Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Lisnacree Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Loch Inch Cemetery	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Maghereagh Office	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	McGrath House	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Meadow Community Centre	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Meigh Community Centre	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Monaghan Row	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Monks Hill Municipal Cemetery	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Mullaghbawn Community Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Newcastle Leisure Centre	Fibrus



Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Newcastle Rock Pool	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Newry Civic Amenity Site	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Newry Leisure Centre	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Newry Market	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Newry Town Hall	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Newtownhamilton Community Centre	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Rostrevor Men's Shed	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Saintfield Community Centre	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Sean Hollywood Arts Centre	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Slieve Gullion (New Build)	FFIB
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	St Colmans College Running Track	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Strangford Road Depot	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Struell Cemetery	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Three Ways Community Centre	Commercial Rollout
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Warrenpoint Amenity Skip Site	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Warrenpoint Cemetery	Fibrus
Newry Mourne and Down District Council	Warrenpoint Town Hall	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Saintfield Health Centre Fairview	Commercial Rollout
Business Services Organisation	Ballynahinch Fire Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	2 Dromore road	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Ballynahinch Community Services	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Ballynahinch Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	12 The Green Irish street	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	40 Stream street	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Downpatrick Fire Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Downpatrick Ambulance Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Downpatrick District Headquarters	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Downpatrick GP Downe Hospital	FIBRUS
Business Services Organisation	Dr Murphy GP Downpatrick Road	Commercial Rollout
Business Services Organisation	Clough Surgery	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	James street Crossgar Surgery	Commercial Rollout
Business Services Organisation	14 Downpatrick road	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	The Corncrane Centre	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Ballyward Surgery	FFIB





Business Services Organisation	56 Main street - Newcastle	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Newcastle Ambulance Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Causeway surgery	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Newcastle Fire Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	14 Church view	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Rostrevor Surgery	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	50 Great Georges street	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Summerhill Surgery	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Warrenpoint Fire Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	15 Havelock place	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Kilkeel Fire Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Kilkeel Primary Care Centre	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Mourne Family Surgery	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	14 Kilkeel road	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Rathfriland health centre	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Rathfriland Fire Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Newtownhamilton Fire Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	2A Markethill road	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	The Community Centre	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Newry District Headquarters	Commercial Rollout
Business Services Organisation	Clanrye, Newry health village	FFIB
Business Services Organisation	Cornmarket, Newry Health Village	FFIB
Business Services Organisation	Newry health village	FFIB
Business Services Organisation	Newry health village	FFIB
Business Services Organisation	Poyntzpass GP Branch Surgery	FFIB
Business Services Organisation	7a Convent Hill	Commercial Rollout
Business Services Organisation	Camlough Medical Centre	Commercial Rollout
Business Services Organisation	BSO Daisy Hill Hospital	FFIB
Business Services Organisation	5B Drumintee road Killeavy	Commercial Rollout
Business Services Organisation	Crossmaglen health centre	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Rathkeeland house	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	Crossmaglen Fire Station	Fibrus
Business Services Organisation	2A Forkhill road	FFIB

Note: sites are due to be connected through a range of delivery methods including Fibrus own build, Openreach FFIB (Full Fibre Infrastructure Build) and Openreach Commercial plans. Site list may change. Fibrus have subcontracted Openreach to deliver some of these sites using Openreach FFIB.

Commercial plans are sites that Openreach have said they are going to connect through their own commercial interventions. All connected sites will offer Gigabit Capable Fibre to the Premises FTTP.



HISTORIC**ACTION TRACKER SHEET****ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE****(For Noting at ERT September 2021)**

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ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		October 2019			
ERT/138/2019	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	<p>(a) The Council proceed to commence the PQQ contractor procurement stage for the Northern section of the Carlingford Lough Greenway.</p> <p>(b) Council Officers to update Councillor McMurray regarding plans for Greenways at Comber/Downpatrick.</p>	J McGilly	Negotiations ongoing with landowners and funder. Revised submission submitted to funders May 2020. Planning submitted and awaiting decision. SEUPB considering additional funding bid. Economic appraisal completed and with SEUPB and DfI	N

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		(AUGUST 2020)			
ERT/095/2020	CAR PARK BANN ROAD CASTLEWELLAN	To progress the proposed redevelopment of the Bann Road parking area in collaboration with DFI and approve the submission of a planning application for a change of use for the area concerned.	C Jackson	Planning Application approved May 2021. Site investigation work complete and waiting on results.	N
		SEPTEMBER 2020			
ERT/129/2020	(Historic Action) NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	A paper be brought to a meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting outlining proposals to move forward with the regeneration of Newcastle Harbour.	J McGilly	Work in progress, Following September ERT Working group to be established to progress in line with Master plan review for Newcastle	N
		(JANUARY 2021)			
ERT/010/2021	WARRENPOINT FRONTSHORE PR SCHEME	1. Members area asked to accept the broad Concept Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with suggested adjustments and proceed to a Consultation Process in early 2021.	J McGilly	Scheme consultation launched April 2021 Scheme approved following	N

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Officers report on feedback from the consultation process to the Task and Finish Group, before proceeding to finalise the design for submission to planning. 3. Officers complete and submit the Economic Appraisal to Council and the Department For Communities for consideration of the funding package for the scheme. 4. Members approve the Business Case to carry out a Site Investigation Survey and other smaller surveys costs as required to prepare for the planning submission. 5. Once completed officers will present the DFI One Way system proposal for Warrenpoint at a future meeting of Crotlieve Cllrs in early 2021. 		consultation now moving to submit planning and complete Economic Appriaisal	
		(MARCH 2021)			
ERT/051/2021	WARRENPOINT BATHS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council continue to ensure that ongoing measures are taken to monitor and address Health and Safety concerns as they arise at the existing Baths Structure. 	J McGilly	Cavanagh Kelly currently working on SOC for project as approved for planning	N

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Council officials to continue discussions with potential funders given the development of new funding programmes - Peace Plus; Shared Prosperity Fund; NLHF, Tourism NI, etc, based on the development of the facility as per the planning approval that is currently in place on the site. 3. Council officials proceed with appointment of a consultancy team to prepare a business case / economic appraisal on the existing Council approved scheme based on the Planning approval in place for the Warrenpoint Baths site. 		Draft report due mid September	
ERT/093/2021	LEVELLING UP FUND	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council do not submit an application in the current call for 18 June 2021 Levelling Up Fund, but explore and develop initiatives that best fit the criteria utilising the Development fund that will become available early summer. 2. In respect of CRF, the Council explore potential joint funding bids with FE sector aligned to economic development and regeneration strategy. 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		(AUGUST 2021)			
ERT/135/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: FISHING & SEAFOOD INDUSTRY DEV. PROGRAMME	<p>To defer a final decision on proposed governance until after DAERA Officials present to the ERT Committee Meeting in September 2021 on the Fishing and Seafood Development Programme, and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance proposals for the project • NMDDC role in the project • Current progress with the Strategic Outline Case • Timelines for delivery of the Strategic Outline Case • Key next steps <p>Council support the Fishing Representatives in their call for the current SRC facility in Kilkeel to be converted to a maritime college.</p> <p>Mr McGilly to provide Councillor Reilly with the results of the studies that had been carried out in relation to Kilkeel Harbour.</p>	J McGilly	Presentation from DAERA made to Sept ERT, agreed to proceed with project as per DAERA proposals for Governance and project management.	y

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ERT/136/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: MOTORHOME STRATEGY	<p>To note the contents of Report dated 09 August 2021 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture & Events, and to approve for officers to consult with several key stakeholders to inform the development of the Terms of Reference for a future Motorhome Strategy for the District.</p> <p>To amend the wording of the Notice of Motion to read:</p> <p><i>"With the ever increasing numbers of Motorhome owners and campers opting to use car parks and other locations for overnight stays in Newcastle, Council acknowledge the signs of tension that are now growing between local residents and those wishing to use public spaces for overnight stays. Council recognise that freedom camping has become unsustainable at some key areas. In turn this is placing operational and environmental pressure on visitor</i></p>	A Patterson	In progress	N

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		<p><i>attractions originally designed for day time recreational use only. Council develop a public space overnight stay strategy which includes both motorhomes and tents for Newry Mourne and Down Council region, encompassing Newry and the main towns, villages and rural areas."</i></p> <p>Mr Patterson to contact Councillor Hanna in relation to specific car parks and legislation regarding overnight stays.</p> <p>Mr Patterson to advise Members if any planning applications had been received from the private sector for the provision of facilities for motorhome users.</p>			
ERT/137/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: REVIVAL OF DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE	To note Report dated 09 August 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration, and proceed as follows:	J McGilly	Work in progress. Follow p meeting held with Downpatrick Councillors. Survey of key	n

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Officers carry out a detailed options appraisal in partnership with local elected Members and business representatives, looking at the most suitable option going forward, that best represents the need of the Town Centre.• Report back to the ERT Committee with findings of the options appraisal exercise.		stakeholders to be undertaken	
		(OCTOBER 2021 – TO FOLLOW)			

Licensing Report: Matters for Noting

1 March 2021 - 31 August 2021

1.0	Application Information	
1.1	Number of Licensing Applications Received and Validated (Amusement, Cinema, Dogs, Entertainment, Lotteries, Marriage, Pavement Café, Petroleum, Road Closures and Street Trading)	5744
1.2	Number of Licences Granted (Amusement, Cinema, Dogs, Entertainment, Lotteries, Marriage, Pavement Café, Petroleum, Road Closures and Street Trading)	5718
1.3	Number of Annual Inspections Carried out (Amusement, Cinema, Entertainment, Marriage, Petroleum and also During Performance Inspections)	106

2.0 List of Entertainment Licences Issued ⁽³³⁾

Name of Premises (Entertainment)	Address
Canal Court Hotel	Merchants Quay, Newry
Cappy Wines and Spirits Ltd	124 Concession Road, Crossmaglen
Currans Bar and Seafood Steakhouse	83 Strangford Road, Ardglass
Downpatrick Omniplex	5 Owenbeg Avenue, Downpatrick
Dufferin Coaching Inn	33 High Street, Killyleagh
Fitzpatricks Bar	Church Street, Downpatrick
Inverbrena Community Centre	Stella Maris Street, Strangford
Kent Amusements	79 Central Promenade, Newcastle
Mackens Bar (Gems Bar Ltd)	71-73 South Promenade, Newcastle
Marquee at Strangford Festival	Lower Green / Quay Road, Strangford
Merchant Bar and Grill	13-19 Francis Street, Newry
Mooney's Bar	36 Main Street, Castlewellan
Mr Buzby's	16 The Square, Newtownhamilton
Mulhollands Bar	18-20 Main Street, Castlewellan
Narrow Water Castle	Newry Road, Warrenpoint
Newcastle Community Cinema	52a Main Street, Newcastle
Newry Omniplex Cinema	The Quay's Shopping Centre Albert Basin, Newry
Newtownhamilton Community Centre	The Square, Newtownhamilton
Patrician Youth Centre	John Street, Downpatrick
Percy French Restaurant	Downs Road, Newcastle
Quinns Bar	62-64 Main Street, Newcastle
Rademon Estate Distillery	Church Road, Crossgar
Rademon Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church Hall	19 Listooder Road, Crossgar
Santa's Cottage	Sandbank Road, Hilltown
St Johns GAA	Ballywillwill Road, Castlewellan
St Patricks Parish Centre	24 Church Street, Ballynahinch
The Carman's Inn	15 Downpatrick Street, Crossgar
The Dundrum Inn	143-145 Main Street, Dundrum
The Primrose	30 Main Street, Ballynahinch

Name of Premises (Entertainment)	Address
The Q Club	2 Basin Quay, Newry
The Rowallane Inn	Belfast Road, Saintfield
Whiskey Micks	Church Street, Downpatrick
Whitecross Lounge	176B Tullyah Road, Whitecross

3.0 List of Petroleum Licences Issued ⁽³⁷⁾

Name of Premises (Petroleum)	Address
A29 Fuel Centre Ltd	3 Armagh Road Newtownhamilton
Ardmore PSNI Station	3 Belfast Road Carneyhough Newry
B Cassidy & Sons	38 - 40 Carran Road Crossmaglen
Brennans	149 Newcastle Road Seaforde
Central Filling Station	6 Main Street Camlough
College Filling Station	112 Market Street Downpatrick
Coole Oils Ltd	71 New Road Silverbridge
Donard View Service Station	76 Crossgar Road Ballynahinch
Dublin Road Mini Mart	112 Dublin Road Kilcoo
E Lennon & Son Ltd	1 Newcastle Road Castlewellan
Eurospar	55 Greencastle Street Kilkeel
Eurospar Ardglass	5 Downpatrick Road, Ardglass
Eurospar Clough	2-4 Main Street Clough
Fresh Food Centre	7-9 Dublin Road Castlewellan
Ghan Filling Station	43 Warrenpoint Road Rostrevor
Glenview Service Station	10 Dublin Road Cloghoge Newry
Grant Stores	2 Bog Road Attical Kilkeel
Greenbank Service Station	7 Warrenpoint Road Newry
Gregory's Service Station	109 Camlough Road Bessbrook
Henry J. McVeigh	33 Clanvaraghan Road Castlewellan
Killens Service Station	49 Main Street Hilltown
Mac Fuels	56 Forkhill Road Newry
Meadowside Filling Station	27 Church Street Downpatrick
Millvale Services Ltd	17 Millvale Road Bessbrook
Morgan Fuels Killeen Xpress Service Station	251 Dublin Road Newry
Morgan Xpress Archview Garage	26 Camlough Road Newry
Morrisons Vivoextra	69 Belfast Road, Ballynahinch
Mulkerns Eurospar	51A Forkhill Road Newry
Murphy Bros	103 Carrickasticken Road Forkhill
Narrow Water Service Station	58 Newry Road Warrenpoint
Newry Filling Station	16 Belfast Road Drumcashellone Newry
O'Hare's Drumaness Ltd T/A Eurospar	121 Drumaness Road Drumaness Ballynahinch
O'Hare's Supermarket	37 Newry Road Mayobridge
O'Hare's Warrenpoint Ltd	61a Upper Dromore Road Warrenpoint
Rockmount Service Station	32 Rathfriland Road Industrial Estate Newry
Royal County Down Golf Club	36 Golf Links Road Newcastle
Supervalu Newcastle (Barbican)	80-82 Dundrum Road Newcastle

4.0 List of Amusement Permits Issued ⁽¹¹⁾

Arcadia Amusements	37-39 Central Promenade Newcastle
Boyle Bingo	36a Merchants Quay Newry
Boyle Bingo & Amusements	29 and 31 Church Street Warrenpoint
Casino Palace	8 Water Street Newry
Funland	90-94 Main Street Newcastle
Joyland Amusements	1 - 11 Central Promenade Newcastle
Max Sports Gaming Centre	4 Margaret Square Newry
Rosco's Amusement Arcade	15 St Patrick's Drive Downpatrick
The Casino	51 Monaghan Street Newry
The Q Club	2 Basin Quay Newry
Vegas Casino	4 Corn Market Newry

5.0 Breakdown of Animal Welfare calls in Newry, Mourne and Down

5.1 Animal Welfare Calls	
Total number of calls for Northern Ireland	3109
Total number of calls received to date by Southern Region Area	701
Number of calls for Newry, Mourne and Down District area	276
Completed calls for Newry, Mourne and Down District area	250
5.2 Animal Welfare Cases	
Number of animal welfare cases in Northern Ireland	2555
Number of animal welfare cases in Southern Region group	583
Number of animal welfare cases in Newry, Mourne and Down DCI	212
Number of calls that are not animal welfare cases	64 (NM)
5.3 Breakdown of Animal Welfare Cases	
Total number of animal welfare cases in Northern Ireland	2555
Number of animal welfare cases closed in Northern Ireland	2207
Number of animal welfare cases open in Southern Region group	49
5.4 Breakdown of Visits and Actions (Newry)	
Number of visits carried out	269
Improvement Notices	19
Number of cases of animals seized	2

6.0 Street Nameplates

Nameplates Requests Received	122
Nameplates Ordered	105
Nameplates confirmed as being erected	96

7.0 List of Single Language Nameplates erected from 1 March 2021 - 31 August 2021

Street Name	
Forestbrook Road, Rostrevor	
Shannagh Drive, Annalong	
Head Road, Annalong	
Nos 17, 18 & 19 West Point, Killough	
Mourne View, Crossgar	
Nos. 118, 119, 121, 123, 125 Tandragee Road, Newry	
Rostrevor Road, Hilltown	
Kilbroney Road, Hilltown	
Dundrinne Road, Castlewellan	
Nos 17, 18 & 19 West Point, Killough	
Mourne Esplanade, Kilkeel	
The Steading, Kilkeel	
Slieve Foy Place Leading To Seaview Mews & Parkside, Warrenpoint	
Ballyclander Road, Downpatrick	
Great Georges Street, Warrenpoint	
Dromore Terrace, Warrenpoint	
Lisgullion Park, Newry	
Drumgullion Avenue Leading To Lisgullion Park, Newry	
Ballylone Road, Saintfield	
Great Georges Street, Warrenpoint	
Dromore Terrace, Warrenpoint	
Lisgullion Park, Newry	
Drumgullion Avenue Leading To Lisgullion Park, Newry	
Ballylone Road, Saintfield	
Rocksfield View, Crossgar	
Old Station Court, Killyleagh	
3 - 12 Carnagat Park, Newry	
Bay Rock Avenue, Downpatrick	
42 - 48 & 35 - 53 St. Clare's Avenue, Newry	
Ballinran Road Leading To Ballinran New Road, Kilkeel	
Nos. 118,119, 121, 123, 125 Tandragee Road, Newry	
86 - 112 (evens) Drumgullion Avenue, Newry	
34 - 52 (evens) Drumgullion Avenue, Newry	
37 - 55 (odds) Drumgullion Avenue, Newry	
9 - 27b (odds) Drumgullion Avenue, Newry	
12 - 32 (evens) Drumgullion Avenue, Newry	
Upper Kinghill Road, Hilltown	

Single Language Nameplates (continued)	
Kinghill Road, Hilltown	
23 B - 23 Q Forest Hills, Newry	
Todds Hill Lane, Saintfield	
Roxburgh Place, Rostrevor	
Clooneavin Avenue, Warrenpoint	(Replacement)
Moyad Road, Slievenaman	(Replacement)
Carrigs Road, Newcastle	(Replacement)
Donard Place, Newcastle	(Replacement)
Ryanstown Road, Burren	(Replacement)
Killowen Old Road, Rostrevor	(Replacement)
Hall Road, Ballynahinch	(Replacement)
Castle Court, Killough	(Replacement)
Peartree Road, Downpatrick	(Replacement)
Peartree Road, Saintfield	(Replacement)
Peartree Road, Saintfield	(Replacement)
Ballyclander Road, Downpatrick	(Replacement)
Bay Rock Close, Downpatrick	(Replacement)
Cottage Road, Seaforde	(Replacement)
Kinelarty Walk, Downpatrick	(Replacement)
Seaview Mews, Warrenpoint	(Replacement)
Cahard Road, Ballynahinch	(Replacement)
Dunnanew Road, Seaforde	(Replacement)
Smalls Road, Warrenpoint	(Reinstated)

8.0 Requests for Dual Language Nameplates Approved/Rejected

8.1 Magheralone Road, Ballynahinch

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Magheralone Road, Ballynahinch, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 50 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.2 Forest Park View, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Forest Park View, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 13 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.3 Newcastle Road, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Newcastle Road, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 82 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.4 Old Park Road, Downpatrick

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Old Park Road, Downpatrick, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 74 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.5 Weir Lane, Ballynahinch

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Weir Lane, Ballynahinch, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 8 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.6 John F Kennedy Estate, Castlewella

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at John F Kennedy Estate, Castlewella, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 20 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.7 Loughinisland Road, Downpatrick

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Loughinisland Road, Downpatrick, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 88 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.8 Mearne Road, Downpatrick

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Mearne Road, Downpatrick, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 46 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.9 Oak Lands, Crossgar

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Oak Lands, Crossgar, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 23 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.10 O'Donnell Close, Castlewella

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at O'Donnell Close, Castlewella, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 15 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.11 St Patricks Avenue, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at St Patricks Avenue, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 13 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.12 Vianstown Road, Downpatrick

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Vianstown Road, Downpatrick, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 71 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.13 Chancellors Hall, Newry

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Chancellors Hall, Newry, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 134 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.14 Hall Court, Hilltown

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Hall Court, Hilltown, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 5 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.15 Laurel Hill, Newry

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Laurel Hill, Newry, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 31 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.16 Lodge Meadows, Hilltown

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Lodge Meadows, Hilltown, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 44 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.17 Longfield Heights, Forkhill

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Longfield Heights, Forkhill, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 43 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.18 Newry Road, Mullaghbawn

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Newry Road, Mullaghbawn, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 29 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.19 Oakridge Villas, Hilltown

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Oakridge Villas, Hilltown, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 11 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.20 O'Hagans Terrace, Hilltown

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at O'Hagans Terrace, Hilltown, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 8 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.21 Slievenagarragh, Hilltown

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Slievenagarragh, Hilltown, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 80 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.22 Spelga Park Leading To Glenveagh, Hilltown

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Spelga Park, Hilltown, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 61 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.23 St. Annes Park, Mayobridge

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at St. Annes Park, Mayobridge, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 72 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.24 St. Patricks Park, Hilltown

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at St. Patricks Park, Hilltown, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 26 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.25 Tullyframe Road, Kilkeel

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Tullyframe Road, Kilkeel, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 98 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.26 Willow Grove, Newry

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Willow Grove, Newry, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 43 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.27 Annsborough Park, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Annsborough Park, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 52 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.28 Bellfield, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Bellfield, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 57 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.29 Castleglen Park, Dundrum

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Castleglen Park, Dundrum, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 32 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.30 Clarkill, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Clarkill, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 6 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.31 Corry Wood Park, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Corry Wood Park, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 37 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.32 King Street, Newcastle

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at King Street, Newcastle, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 100 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.33 Lakeside Brae, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Lakeside Brae, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 7 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.34 Lakeside Villas, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Lakeside Villas, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 16 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.35 Mill Hill Court, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Mill Hill Court, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 9 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.36 Mourne Green, Newcastle

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Mourne Green, Newcastle, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 49 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.37 New Meadow Row, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at New Meadow Row, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 49 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.38 Forest Park, Dromintee

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Forest Park, Dromintee, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 60 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.39 Newry Road, Mullaghbawn

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Newry Road, Mullaghbawn, following a request from an occupant.

A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 29 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.40 Old Road, Dundrum (Rejected)

It was not approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Old Road, Dundrum, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 22 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail). [REDACTED]

8.41 Strangford Road, Downpatrick (Rejected)

It was not approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Strangford Road, Downpatrick, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 79 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail). [REDACTED]

8.42 Chestnut Road, Ballynahinch (Rejected)

It was not approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Chestnut Road, Ballynahinch, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 17 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail). [REDACTED]

8.43 Clarkill Road, Castlewellan (Rejected)

It was not approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Clarkill Road, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 27 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail). [REDACTED]

8.44 Drumbuck Road, Castlewellan (Rejected)

It was not approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Drumbuck Road, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 25 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail). [REDACTED]

8.45 Mill Hill, Castlewellan (Rejected)

It was not approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at Mill Hill, Castlewellan, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 55 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail). [REDACTED]

9.0 Postal Numbering

9.1	Allocation of New Postal Address	141
9.2	Postal queries received	259

Postal queries are address queries from Pointer, Land and Property Services and queries from members of the public.

10.0 Requests for Development Naming (Approved)

10.1 "Edengrove Park South" at Lisburn Road, Ballynahinch

By Developer: Beechview Developments Ltd

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature".

The other roads in the development are Edengrove Park, East, West and North so this completes it.

10.2 "Spring Drive" at Spring Meadows, Warrenpoint

By Developer: MCK Contracts

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 4 - "The prefix of the name can only be the same as an existing street or road name prefix in the locality if it is accessed from that street or road".

This development is accessed off Spring Meadows and Spring Drive is not an existing name within the district.

10.3 "Craigmore View" at Craigmore Way, Newry

By Developer: Kevin Watson Group

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 4 - "The prefix of the name can only be the same as an existing street or road name prefix in the locality if it is accessed from that street or road". The development is accessed off Craigmore Way.

10.4 "Finlieve Drive" at Ballymaderfy Road, Kilkeel

By Developer: KCD Homes

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature". The Development is being named after a local mountain in The Mournes.

10.5 "Mowhan Crescent" at Mowhan Road, Whitecross

By Developer: Margaret Nugent

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 4 - "The prefix of the name can only be the same as an existing street or road name prefix in the locality if it is accessed from that street or road". The Development is accessed off Mowhan Road.

10.6 "Coastside View" at Greencastle Road, Kilkeel

By Developer: Kilbroney Building Systems Limited

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature". Is located near to the coast.

10.7 "Montalto Gardens", "Montalto Meadows", "Montalto Avenue", "Montalto Way" and "Montalto Rocks" at Lisburn Road, Ballynahinch

By Developer: Coulter Homes Ltd

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature".

Development is located in the locale of Montalto estate, Ballynahinch, a privately-owned demesne which dates back to the 1660s.

10.8 "The Dunes" at Downs Road, Newcastle

By Developer: P and E Hutley

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature".

The name is relevant to the immediate and surrounding coastal area where the dunes are considered an iconic Newcastle landscape feature.

10.9 "Greencastle Court" at Greencastle Road, Kilkeel

By Developer: BLC Contracts Ltd

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature", and, No. 4 - "The prefix of the name can only be the same as an existing street or road name prefix in the locality if it is accessed from that street or road". The development is located off the Greencastle Road.

10.10 "River Lodge" at Castlewellaan Road, Hilltown

By Developer: Trustees of The Kelly Family SSAS

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature" with the proximity to the River Bann and Lodge.

10.11 "Rosconor Park" at Drumnaconagher Road, Crossgar

By Developer: Edgewater Ltd

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature". Rosconor is the neighbouring townland between Teconnaught and Tullynacree.

10.12 "Burren Close" at Castlewellan Road, Newcastle

By Developer: Kelly Brothers / RPP Architects Ltd

The proposed development name **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under No. 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature".

The Burren River is found to the west of the site. The word "Burren" comes from the Irish word "Boireann" meaning a rocky place, which reflects the Mourne Mountains. The development also connects onto the existing "Burren Park".

Recommendation:

For Noting:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Colum Jackson

**Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
(Building Control)**



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District Council

Approved 15.9.21
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**Louth/ Newry Mourne and Down Strategic Alliance
of Elected Members between
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, and Louth County Council**

**Report of Meeting held Wednesday 19 May 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
Via ZOOM Platform**

**In the Chair: Councillor A Watters, Louth County Council
(Joint Chair)**

Present:

Councillor P McGeough,	Louth County Council
Councillor T Cunningham,	Louth County Council
Councillor D Power,	Louth County Council
Councillor E Corrigan,	Louth County Council
Councillor J Byrne,	Louth County Council
Councillor E Coffey,	Louth County Council
Councillor A McKeivitt,	Louth County Council
Councillor J Sheridan,	Louth County Council
Councillor J Tinnelly,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor M Larkin,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor D Curran,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor R Mulgrew,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor D Murphy,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor H McKee,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Ms J Martin,	Chief Executive LCC
Ms M Ward,	Chief Executive NMDDC
Mr F Pentony,	Director LCC
Ms C Duff	Director LCC
Ms B Woods	Director LCC
Mr J McGuinness	Director LCC
Mr J McBride,	Director NMDDC
Ms D Carville,	Director NMDDC
Mr C Mallon,	Director NMDDC
Mr J McGilly,	Assistant Director NMDDC
Ms P Arthurs,	East Border Region
Ms A Powell,	NMDDC (Notes)

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Councillor D McAteer,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC (Joint Chair)
Councillor W Clarke,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor W Walker,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Mr P Donnelly	Director LCC
Mr M Lipsett,	Director NMDDC

2. Report of Louth/Newry Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2021 (attached)

Omitted action regarding adding Newry City Park Project to action plan. It was agreed that this action be added to the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Corrigan, report of meeting held on the 24 February 2021 was approved.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising raised

4. Presentation – Climate Change

J McBride and C Duff provided a presentation on Climate Change.

5. Update – Strategic Alliance Action Plan (attached)

C Mallon advised the Joint Tourism Promotional Video produced will be circulated in social media and as a link on relevant websites.

6. Action Plan Review Workshop – 16 June 2021 (provisional date)

It was proposed to hold a workshop to review the current Action Plan. On the request of Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, it was agreed a workshop be held to review the Action Plan.

AGREED: Workshop to review Action Plan to be held on proposed date of 16 June via Zoom platform

7. Schedule of meetings 2021:

The next meeting will be held at 10am on 15th September 2021 via ZOOM Platform

Future meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Wednesday 16 June, 10.30am - Workshop
- ❖ Wednesday 15th September, 10am
- ❖ Wednesday 24th November, 10am

Signed: C Mallon
 Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

ACTIONS

	ACTION	Referred to
1.	Workshop to review Action Plan to be held on proposed date of 16 June via Zoom platform	C Mallon/ F Pentony

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1. Live Applications

MONTH 2021/22	NEW APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS
April 2021	206	1,195	232
May 2021	204	1,238	228
June 2021	172	1,219	236
July 2021	176	1,190	224
August 2021	152	1,174	226
September 2021	182	1,175	226

2. Live Applications by length of time in system

Month 2020/21	Under 6 months	Between 6 and 12 months	Between 12 and 18 months	Between 18 and 24 months	Over 24 months	Total
April 2021	770	193	81	54	97	1,195
May 2021	818	192	76	53	99	1,238
June 2021	777	206	82	43	111	1,219
July 2021	787	179	79	44	101	1,190
August 2021	754	194	84	49	93	1,174
September 2021	737	212	87	44	95	1,175

3. Live applications per Case Officer

Month 2021/22	Average number of Applications per Case Officer
April	83
May	85
June	89
July	83
August	75
September	67

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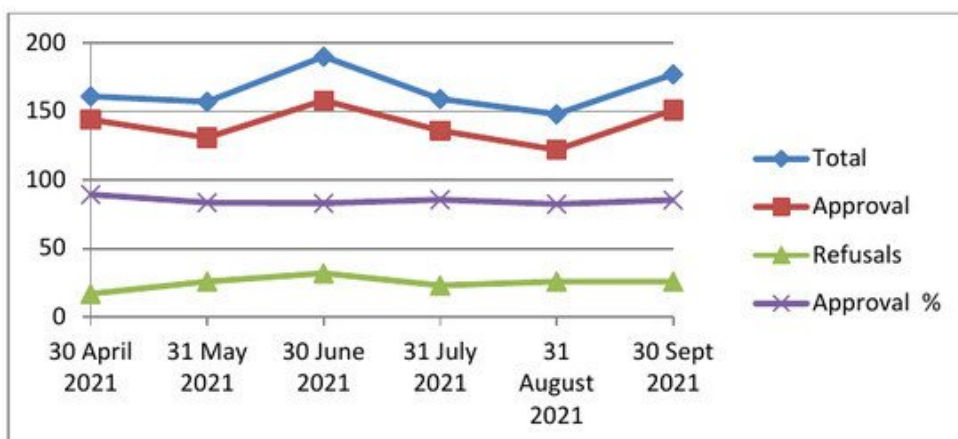
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4. Decisions issued per month

Month 2021/22	Number of Decisions Issued	Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority
April	161	155
May	157	146
June	190	184
July	159	150
August	148	145
September	177	166

5. Decisions Issued YTD

Month 2021/22	Number of Decisions Issued	Breakdown of Decisions	
April	161	Approvals (144)	89%
		Refusals (17)	11%
May	318	Approvals (275)	86%
		Refusals (43)	14%
June	508	Approvals (433)	85%
		Refusals (75)	15%
July	667	Approvals (569)	85%
		Refusals (98)	15%
August	815	Approvals (691)	85%
		Refusals (124)	15%
September	992	Approvals (842)	85%
		Refusals (150)	15%



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6. Enforcement Live cases

Month 2021/2022	<=1yr	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	5+yrs	Total
April	285	133	127	122	62	101	830
May	291	134	122	128	64	104	843
June	267	132	121	136	60	102	818
July	269	134	114	137	68	102	824
August	266	132	107	133	71	103	812
September	279	136	103	129	71	102	820

7. Planning Committee

Month	Number of Applications presented to Committee	Number of Applications Determined by Committee	Number of Applications Withdrawn/ Deferred for future meeting	Number of Officer recommendation overturned
8 April 2021	14	11	3	3
5 May 2021	16	8	8	3
2 & 30 June 2021 (Meetings cancelled)	-	-	-	-
28 July 2021	15	7	8	2
25 August 2021	15	9	6	6
22 September 2021	13	10	3	5
Totals	73	45	28	19

8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Withdrawn
Newry & Mourne	17	0	0	0	0
Down	27	3	1	2	1
TOTAL	44	3	1	2	1

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Statutory targets monthly update - August 2021 (unvalidated management information)

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	Major applications (target of 30 weeks)				Local applications (target of 15 weeks)				Cases concluded (target of 39 weeks)			
	Number received	Number decided/withdrawn ¹	Average processing time ²	% of cases processed within 30 weeks	Number received	Number decided/withdrawn ¹	Average processing time ²	% of cases processed within 15 weeks	Number opened	Number brought to conclusion ³	"70%" conclusion time ³	% of cases concluded within 39 weeks
April	2	-	0.0	0.0%	172	143	16.6	43.4%	44	19	69.8	52.6%
May	2	1	35.4	0.0%	161	137	17.2	41.6%	31	30	57.0	66.7%
June	1	1	49.8	0.0%	183	173	16.8	42.8%	38	41	85.8	46.3%
July	0	-	0.0	0.0%	127	136	17.0	41.2%	38	27	85.2	51.9%
August	0	-	0.0	0.0%	137	140	17.1	38.6%	35	67	0.0	53.7%
September	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
October	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
November	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
December	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
January	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
February	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
March	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
Year to date	5	2	42.6	0.0%	780	729	17.0	41.6%	186	184	76.0	53.8%

Source: NI Planning Portal

Notes:

1. CLUDS, TPOS, NMCS and PADS/PANs have been excluded from all applications figures

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2. The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn. The media have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".

3. The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning determined by sorting data from its lowest to highest values and then taking the data point at the 70th percentile of the sequence.

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th October 2021
Subject:	Update on Regional Innovation Hub
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Patricia McPolin Business Intelligence Officer

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on the completion of an Outline Business Case for a Newry City Innovation Hub, to be delivered under investment from the Belfast Regional City Deal, <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Under the Belfast Region City Deal, Digital and Innovation pillar Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are proposing the development of a state of art Regional Innovation Hub within the Newry Theatre and Conference Centre, situated on the second floor, encompassing 189 sq. m.</p> <p>Incorporating a high quality, digitally advanced co-making space, the Regional Innovation Hub will provide a platform for education and skills training, particularly for new economy skills and digitally enabled design. It will stimulate innovation and develop greater awareness and uptake of new and emerging digital skills whilst offering students, technologists, local businesses and communities the space and equipment to pursue innovative projects on a small to medium scale.</p> <p>With an indicative budget of £1.5m, the aim of the hub is to complement the entrepreneurial activity currently on-going within the region while also breeding innovation and diversification within the creative and performing arts sectors and other core industries. The hub will provide a physical gathering space for like-minded people, incorporating resources and technology dedicated towards innovation and entrepreneurial outcomes. The hub is proposed to stimulate an increase in private sector investment, create jobs and encourage industry collaboration across the Belfast City Deal region.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>An outline business case is currently being completed for the proposed innovation hub, located within the Theatre and Conferencing facility in Newry City.</p> <p><u>Current stage:</u> Appointed consultants, CavanaghanKelly have been of the course of the summer months engaged in various extensive consultations with several stakeholders to include:</p>

- One-to-one interviews with Invest NI, Tourism partners, Universities, Regional Colleges and Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade;
- Industry focus groups with Manufacturing, Construction, Financial, Arts, Tourism, Creative and IT specific businesses;
- Business and organisations survey disseminated via Council databases, Enterprise Agencies, Chambers, FSB, Women In Business and Regional Colleges.

Research concluded from the consultations will be analysed to subsequently inform the five-case model Outline Business Case expected in Autumn 2021, to provide a clearly defined proposal and USP.

The OBC will align the project with the Belfast Region City Deal objectives and particularly the Digital strategy, in addition to detailing the infrastructure requirements, capital and equipment fit out and staffing/resource requirements. Affordability, financing and viability of the Regional Innovation Hub will be detailed within the OBC.

Timescales:

Feedback and recommended adjustments to the draft OBC will be provided in Autumn 2021, in anticipation of submission to BRCD in early 2022.

The OBC is exploring proposed facilities and users as follows, which are subject to change / further develop as the OBC process develops:

Facilities:

- Studio/production area High specification soundproofed area with green screens and backdrops and an area for film/photography. This will be double walled with a floating floor added to dampen any other noise pollution from other facilities within the theatre.
- Recording studio with audio production area & recording booth Soundproofed secure space with audio desks and computer(s) for audio production and software available. The recording booth will be big enough for a minimum of 5 people/small groups and would be attached to the recording studio. Adjacent to the Studio/Production Area.
- Meeting/training rooms Areas used for training/production/meetings/mentoring/meetups as part of the overall Theatre and Conference Centre. Using available high-end equipment on trolleys within this space. Meeting/Training/Production areas can be hired on a daily rate to include access to equipment such as TVs/Projectors/Screens/ Production equipment.
- Green room/make-up area An area needed for talent in larger productions and photoshoots as part of the overall Theatre and Conference Centre.
- Operational storage space Storage trolleys with specialist/expensive equipment such as iMac/Windows computers, mixing desks, other AV equipment.
- Smart storage Secure storage area with access only granted to trained users or people responsible for high end equipment, e.g., High-end cameras, computer equipment, AR/VR headsets, etc.

	<p><u>Benefits:</u> As well as a physical space, the hub will also provide a foundation for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing networks and connections • Improving Digital technologies and competences • Testing and experimentation at low risk for small businesses and entrepreneurs • Technical and business talent acquisitions • Mentoring of digital skills and business skill transfer • Assisting businesses and start-ups with Pathways to financing, investment and customer revenue • And become a “hub” for a Community of like-minded individuals at different stages in their journey e.g. Newry Digital Meetup group for example. <p><u>Potential user groups:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Export focused businesses - provision of digital equipment and support for creation of high quality promotional and digital content to help sales and promotion, creation and design of digital products and innovation in process • TV, Film and Digital Content - Hub will have high specification equipment and broadcast space allowing creation of high-quality productions. Creating a potential link to Screen Media Innovation Lab (“SMIL”) • Arts, Culture, Musicians and Artisanal Producers - skills support and equipment to allow artwork and performances to be converted to digital form, allowing it to be broadcast, supporting the sector and attracting visitors to the region • SMEs - specialise space for creation of digital content for promotional material, events and workshops, networking and a location for bringing together entrepreneurial minds. Also provide training and up-skilling opportunities in conjunction with training providers. • Tourism and Public Sector - creation of interactive tourism experiences and content to support tourism strategy, encourage visitors and investment in the region • Business productivity (Manufacturing and Construction) - creation of VR/AR content to counteract the loss of trade show as means of promoting products. Development of virtual conferences/events to allow interaction with local businesses.
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>To note the update on the Belfast Regional City Deal Regional Innovation Hub, particularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research concluded from the consultations will be analysed to subsequently inform the five-case model Outline Business Case expected in Autumn 2021, to provide a clearly defined proposal and USP. • Feedback and recommended adjustments to the draft OBC will be provided in Autumn 2021, in anticipation of submission to BRCD in early 2022.
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Resource implications</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th October 2021
Subject:	Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kevin McGarry, Programme Manager

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

For decision
 For noting only
 x

1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> This paper provides an update on the progress and work undertaken to date by the Administration Unit of behalf of Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development partnership in the delivery of Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme</p> <p><u>Background</u> Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership Ltd (The Local Action Group / LAG) are responsible for the delivery of £11.18 of finance provided by the European Commission and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) through Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme (2014 – 2020). Newry, Mourne and Down District Council hold a contract and Service Level Agreement with the LAG and DAERA to act as the administrative lead to undertake the requirements of the programme in accordance with prescribed guidance.</p> <p>The funding was available through the schemes of Rural Business Investment, Rural Basic Services, Village Renewal, Rural Broadband and Cooperation.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>As Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme works towards its conclusion in March 2022, the Administration Unit, on behalf of the LAG, continue to process a range of claims for payment, monitor projects whilst continuing the Post Project Evaluation of projects that have been awarded grant assistance. An exit strategy is also being developed to ensure there is an efficient closure of the programme with regards to the administrative responsibilities as set out in the Desk Instruction and as detailed in the Article 60 check.</p> <p>Over the past 18 months the RDP Administration Unit have worked to ensure the programme has not been negatively affected in its delivery with all claims, monitoring</p>

and post project evaluation returns completed in an efficient manner. DAERA have also provided a number of easements to the Desk Instruction during this time which have been implemented across the delivery of the programme.

To date the Local Action Group have issued 46 letters of offer valued at over £1.5M from the scheme of **Rural Business Investment Scheme** which, in advance of the COVID19 outbreak, was working towards the creation of over 130 full time equivalent jobs (FTE's). During this period payments have continued to be processed, vouched, verified and paid to businesses amounting to approximately £160K. In keeping with the exceptional circumstances we found ourselves in, the Local Action Group granted extensions to projects that had been adversely affected by the global pandemic whilst continuing to monitor their progress.

The **Rural Basic Services Scheme** engages primarily with community and voluntary organisations and all 11 capital projects were adversely affected due to the restrictions the construction industry were faced with. To this end the Local Action Group issued project extensions and all projects worked towards completion whilst holding their retention during the defect period, in some instances beyond the programming period.

The Minister has been particularly interested in a number of the completed Rural Basic Services projects (Greenhill YMCA and Ballyvea FC Community Hub) and has been involved in publicity activities associated with these projects.

The **Village Renewal Scheme**, which only permits applications from NMDDC, currently has a number of live letters of offer to include;

- 7No Environmental Improvement Schemes;
 - Annalong
 - Ardglass
 - Ballyhornan
 - Dundrum
 - Meigh
 - Newtownhamilton
 - Killyleagh
- 2No Permitted Paths;
 - Corry Wood
 - Seaforde

The Administration Unit have processed claims to the value of £ 3,110,059.54 with payments to NMDDC complete. Again, retention values that are yet to be processed and this will be completed after the defect period has passed. Further to this, there is ongoing monitoring and post project evaluation required.

The Local Action Group have been working in partnership a LEADER Group in County Mayo (in conjunction with Mayo County Council) to develop the outdoor

	<p>facilities at Derramore House, Bessbrook and Moorehall, Carnacon, County Mayo through the Cooperation Scheme of the programme. The project is now complete with the DAERA Minister profiled to visit the site and to launch the completed project.</p> <p>Following the Rural Development Programme Managers involvement in the preparation of the Rural Policy Framework, the consultation period for the policy has ended with the Local Action Group submitting a response. This will work towards informing how any future interventions will be devised and delivered.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the contents of the report.
4.0	Resource implications
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Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11 th October 2021
Subject:	Tourism Co-operative Partnership Marketing Fund
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle, Head of Product Development & Visitor Experience

<input type="checkbox"/> For decision <input type="checkbox"/> For noting only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the contents of this report on confirmation of grant funding of £20,000 from Tourism NI's Cooperative Partnership Marketing Fund awarded to NMDDC for the provision of an Autumn/Winter marketing campaign, to be delivered via a service level agreement between NMDDC and Tourism NI.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Tourism NI Co-operative Partnership Marketing Fund is designed to support marketing activity that will assist Northern Ireland's Tourism Industry through recovery from COVID-19. All NI local Councils and Destination Marketing Organisations can apply. All applications will be administered by a Service Level Agreement between the successful Council and Tourism NI.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has been awarded £20,000 from this fund, with total spend up to £26,500. The match funding requirement from Council is £6,500.</p> <p>This campaign follows on from a successful 'Visit Mourne Summer Campaign 2021' presented on social media. Officers have continued to create awareness and knowledge of the district by building the following and reach on social media and click throughs to the website. Digital marketing on Facebook and Instagram in particular have been very effective over the summer.</p> <p>Officers will create a unique Autumnal section on www.visitmournemountains.co.uk for this seasonal campaign. By using the services of the Tourism NI contracted agencies to create digital content in the form of new social media videos, sponsored and targeted posts, officers will continue to promote the district and our tourism offering.</p> <p>Due to the criteria set by Tourism Northern Ireland, all industry partners featured must be registered in the 'We're Good to Go' scheme – to be featured in the copy.</p>
3.0	Recommendations

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4.1	ERT revenue budget of £6,500 match fund is currently available.
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