



April 16th, 2018

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on **Monday, 16th April 2018** at **5:00 pm** in **Boardroom, Monaghan Row.**

Chair: Cllr. P Byrne

Vice: Cllr. D Hyland

Members:

Cllr. R Burgess	Cllr. M Carr
Cllr. C Casey	Cllr. W Clarke
Cllr. D Curran	Cllr. G Hanna
Cllr. H Harvey	Cllr. T Hearty
Cllr. D McAteer	Cllr. O McMahon
Cllr. B Quinn	Cllr. M Ruane
Cllr. G Stokes	

Agenda

1.0 Apologies & Chairperson's remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 ERT Action Sheet - 12 March 2018 (Attached)

 *Action Sheet from ERT 12.03.18.pdf*

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Presentations

4.0 Presentation by Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

5.0 ERT Business Plan 2018/19 (Attached)

 *Business Plan Report ERT 2018-19.pdf*

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6.0 Chambre House (Attached)

 *Chambre House v2.pdf*

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7.0 Skills Forum Update and Next Steps (Attached)

 *Skills Forum 16.04.18.pdf*

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8.0 RDP Village Plans (Attached)

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9.0 Brexit Forum Report (Attached)

 *Brexit Forum Meeting - ERT April 2018.pdf*

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10.0 Developing the Belfast - Dublin Economic Corridor (Attached)

 *Developing the Belfast - Dublin Economic Corridor ERT April 2018.pdf*

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11.0 Women in Business (Attached)

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12.0 ESF Financial Assistance (Attached)

 *ESF Financial Assistance 16.04.18.pdf*

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13.0 Rural Broadband Update (Attached)

An appendix to the report can be found as follows:

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 *Rural Broadband Report update 16.04.18.pdf*

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Tourism, Culture and Events Items

14.0 Arts and Culture Marketing Plan (Attached)

 *Arts and Culture Marketing Plan - 16.04.18.pdf*

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15.0 DownTime Festival (Attached)

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Exempt Information Items

16.0 Slieve Gullion Courtyard - Lease of walled garden and shed (Attached)

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

 *EXEMPT INFO - Lease of Slieve Gullion Walled Garden ERT April 2018.pdf*

Not included

Enterprise Employment and Regeneration - For noting

17.0 Belfast Region City Deal Update (Attached)

 *Belfast Region City Deal_April 2018 ERT.pdf*

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18.0 Scheme of Delegation (Attached)









 *Scheme of Delegation at 09.04.18.pdf*

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19.0 Castlewellan Forest Park (Attached)

 *Castlewellan Task & Finish Cover Report ERT April 2018.pdf*

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20.0 SLLP Update (Attached)	
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21.0 Gigabit Voucher Scheme (Attached)	
 <i>Gigabit Voucher Scheme .pdf</i>	<i>Page 93</i>
22.0 Action Tracker Update Sheet (Attached)	
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24.0 Tourism Events Programme 2018/19 (Attached)	
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25.0 Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund (Attached)	
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26.0 Report of Joint Louth Committee Meeting - Nov 2017 (Attached)	
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27.0 Letter from DfC re Special Architectural or Historic Interest (Attached)	
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ACTION SHEET – ENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING

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MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/044/201 8	FORKHILL FORMER BARRACKS SITE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Officials continue to work closely with DFC to ensure that Councils interest in the site is maintained and any follow up Business Cases are completed and submitted to the Department for Communities. 2. Council Officials and DEA reps on the Forkhill Site Development Steering Group to liaise closely with DFC and any other registered government departments to ensure that a balanced mixed use development of the site takes place. 	M Ward	Ongoing/Work in Progress	N
ERT/045/201 8	DFC YEAR END UNDERSPEND	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Officials continue to work up a Call Off Capital List of smaller projects that would be eligible for potential DFC under-spend in 18/19 financial year. 2. Council approve a Letter of Offer for £15,000 that will come from DFC in regards to small elements of Newry City Christmas Illuminations, 	J McGilly J McGilly	Ongoing Ongoing	N N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		<p>Dereliction Decoration and Floral Planters that they wish to fund in 17/18.</p> <p>3. Report back to ERT Committee in due course on progress with the longer term 18/19 underspend list across our urban centres.</p> <p>4. A report regarding the provision of floral displays across smaller towns and villages in the district be sent to the RTS Committee and brought back to ERT Committee in due course</p>	J McGilly	Ongoing	N
ERT/046/2018	TOURISM MARKETING PLAN 2018/19	Consider and approve the circulated Marketing Plan to implement specific campaigns and initiatives, that will drive tourism growth in the Newry, Mourne and Down district in the 2018/19 Year.	A Patterson	Ongoing	N
ERT/047/2018	COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT TWO INTERNATIONAL GOLF TRADE SHOWS	Consider and approve the attendance of one council officer at the two international golf trade shows detailed in this paper.	A Patterson	Ongoing	Y
ERT/048/2018	SLA'S TOURISM 2018/19	1. Consider and approve the list of Service Level Agreements for 2018/19 as detailed within this	M Ward	Actioned	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		report.		Ongoing	N
		2. Service Level Agreements for previous two years (2016/17 and 2017/18) to be made available to Members			
ERT/052/2018	TOURISM EVENTS FUNDING CALL	Note the contents of the report, and that officers should open the fund for a further round of applications when feasible.	A Patterson	Ongoing	N
END					

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Business Plan 2018-19
Date:	16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Decisions Required

Members are asked to note the contents of the report, give consideration and agree to:
The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Business Plan (2018-19)

And to note the section of the Business plan which refers to Building Control and Regulation and Planning. This section of the Business plan will be approved at the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.

1.0 Purpose and Background

Directorate Business Plans are an essential part of the Council's Business Planning and Performance Management Framework, which provides for the cascade of Members' priorities throughout the organisation and their subsequent performance management.

The Business Plans provide important information in relation to planned activity during 2018-19 which will contribute to the achievement of important strategic outcomes for the Council; most notably in relation to the Community Plan, Corporate Plan, Performance Improvement Plan and other key strategies. Business Plans are aligned with the Council's budget for the same period, with other Directorates also tabling Plans for 2018-19 to their respective parent Committees in April 2018.

2.0 Key Issues

Performance Review

Receives and makes decisions on the majority of planning applications

Enforces breaches of planning permission

Makes tree preservation orders

Produced a local development plan outlining how land in Down and South Armagh should be used and developed in the future.

Business Plans

Copies of The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Business Plans (2018-19) are provided at Appendices.

3.0 Recommendations

Members are asked to note the contents of the report, give consideration and agree to:
The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Business Plan (2018-19)

And to note the section of the Business plan which refers to Building Control and Regulation and Planning. This section of the Business plan will be approved at the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.

4.0	Resource Implications There are resource implications arising from this report as the delivery of actions within the respective Business Plans will be resourced from the agreed budget for 2018-19.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications There are no equality or good relations implications arising from this report, however specific tasks within each Business Plan may be subject to their own statutory screening. The outcomes of which will be reported to Members as part of future Officer recommendations.
6.0	Appendices Appendix I – Review of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorates Business Plan (2017-18);

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorate

Annual Business Plan 2018-19



Comhairle Ceantair
an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

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1.0 Introduction

The Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism (ERT) is responsible for the following key functions of Council:-

- Economic Development
- Regeneration
- Tourism Development and Promotion
- Tourism Facilities Management and Development
- Arts and Culture
- Heritage
- EU Funding
- AONB Management
- Planning Development Management and Control
- Local Development Plan
- Building Control
- Licencing
- Events
- International Relations

The work of the Department is led by the following strategies:

- Economic, Regeneration and Investment Strategy
- Tourism Strategy
- Rural Development Strategy

The strategies all connect with the objectives and outcomes of the Community Plan.

The following Strategies/Plans will be developed in 2018-19

- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Local Development Plan – Preferred Options Paper

2.0 Background and Context

The ERT Business Plan is developed within the context of the Community Plan, Corporate Plan and Performance Improvement Plan. The Community Plan sets out the long term outcomes for the District, based on the needs and aspirations of local people. The Corporate Plan sets out the key priorities for the Council between 2015 19, and how it will contribute to achieving the community planning outcomes. The Performance Improvement Plan highlights the positive outcomes stakeholders can expect to see through the annual performance improvement objectives, which are clearly aligned to community planning outcomes and corporate priorities.

The Community Plan, Corporate Plan and Performance Improvement Plan are cross cutting and strategic in nature. They guide all activity within the organisation, as well as the subsequent allocation of resources, and sit within a hierarchy of plans, as outlined in the 'Business Planning and Performance Management Framework' (Figure 1).

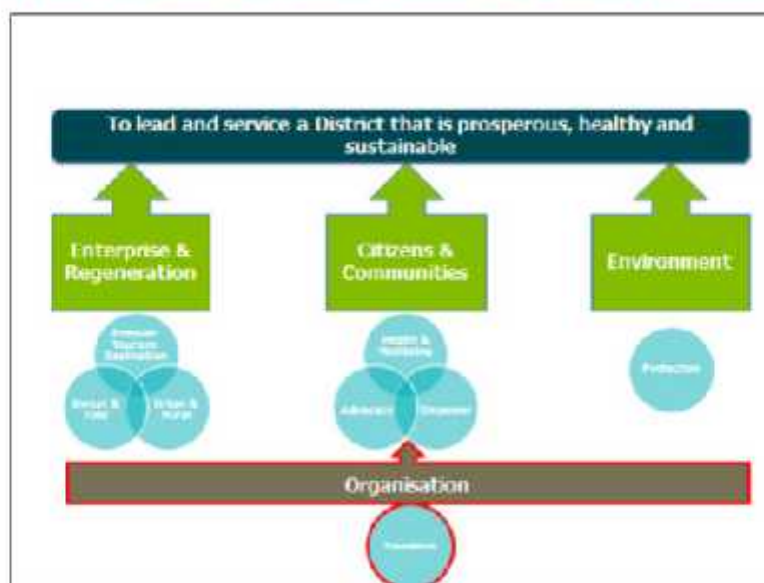
The Business Planning and Performance Management Framework drives and provides assurance that the Council is delivering its corporate vision and priorities, whilst securing continuous improvement in the exercise of functions. It provides a mechanism to join up and cascade the various plans and strategies across the organisation, demonstrating how employees contribute to achieving community planning outcomes and corporate priorities, for the ultimate benefit of the citizens we serve.

Figure 1: Business Planning and Performance Management Framework



The ERT Business Plan provides an overview of the key operational activities for the coming year. These activities are explicitly linked to corporate priorities, and coupled with 'business as usual' service delivery, provide clear direction for all employees within the Office (Figure 2). The ERT Business Plan is published annually and is the basis upon which performance is managed and reviewed by full Council, the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism, Regulatory and Technical Service Committee's and Senior Management Team.

Figure 2: ERT alignment with corporate priorities



3.0 Purpose and Values

Purpose

The ERT Directorate's primary purpose is to develop, implement and monitor strategies and plans to deliver economic, regeneration, tourism and arts & culture outcomes for the Council that align to strategic objectives.

The department adheres to the Council's values:-

ERT activity is primarily aligned with the following corporate priority:

'Transform and modernise the Council, providing accessible as well as value for money services'

The ERT Business Plan also supports and underpins the delivery of other corporate Priorities.

Values

The Directorate adheres to the Council's values which are outlined in the Corporate Plan 2015-19:

We Will Be	What This Means
Citizen Focused	We will actively encourage citizen and community engagement, as well as be a listening and responsive Council.
Accountable	We will make decisions based on an objective assessment of need and operate in a transparent way as well as openly report on our performance.
Collaborative	We will actively encourage and pursue working in partnership and at all levels to deliver for our District.
Sustainable	We will take into account the social, economic and environmental impacts of our decisions on current and future generations.
Fairness	We will proactively target actions at those who are marginalised in our community.

In accordance with the Section 75 requirements of the Northern Ireland Act (1998), the ERT Directorate is committed to carrying out its functions having due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and regard for the desirability to promote good relations.

4.0 Challenges and Opportunities

The ERT was established in 2017 following the reorganisation of the former Strategic Planning and Performance Directorate and Regulatory and Technical Services Directorate. The directorate continues to evolve in line with organisational change, and remains committed to developing and embedding the necessary plans, policies and processes to deliver improvement across the organisation. Influences within the external and internal environment continuously present challenges and opportunities, which have an impact on the overall management and operation of the ERT Directorate. These influences can be summarised as follows:

External Environment

- **Legislation:** Ensuring legislative compliance with The Local Government (NI) Act 2014 and subsequent Orders, specifically in relation to the Duty of Community Planning, Duty of Improvement and Political Governance.
- **Strategic Alliances:** Collaborating with stakeholders to address the impact of Brexit and continue to operate amidst wider political uncertainty.
- **Community Planning:** Strengthening existing partnerships and progressing the implementation of the four Thematic Delivery Plans to support the achievement of the long term community planning outcomes.

- **Local Government Reform:** Addressing legacy issues and successfully integrating the new powers and functions created by Local Government Reform.
- **Evidence Based Decision-Making:** Ongoing collation of national, regional and local datasets to inform and influence local decision-making, policy development and service provision.
- **Global trends:** Considering the impact of complex social issues, the needs of a growing and ageing population, increased demand for public services and rising customer expectations on public service provision.

Internal Environment

- **Management:** Successfully establishing the Office in terms of its structure, governance, internal processes and increased responsibilities. Tier 4 positions are now in place and the focus is on recruiting to Tier 5 positions.
- **Resources:** Identifying and securing the financial and non-financial resources required for the Office to successfully develop and discharge its responsibilities amidst increased budgetary constraints and austerity.
- **Democracy:** Ensuring Elected Members and the Council's decision-making structures are provided with appropriate levels of support to enable the effective and efficient discharge of their responsibilities.
- **Transformation and Improvement:** Leading the development and implementation of a transformational programme of change at both strategic and operational levels, enabling employees and Elected Members to drive forward improvements that meet resident needs and aspirations.
- **Performance Management:** Monitoring and reviewing Council performance, highlighting areas of high-performance, identifying areas for intervention and facilitating the development of a performance improvement culture.
- **Risk Management:** Managing potential risks and opportunities in achieving the key actions outlined in the CEO Business Plan by adhering to the Corporate Risk Management Policy and reviewing the CEO Risk Register on a quarterly basis.

5.0 ERT Supporting Actions 2018-19

Corporate Priorities	Key Office Actions
<p>Become one of the premier tourism destinations on the island of Ireland. Attracted investment and supported the creation of new jobs. Protected our natural and built environment. Led the regeneration of our urban and rural areas. Advocated on your behalf specifically in relation to those issues which really matter to you.</p>	<p>Enterprise and Regeneration – Work with partners to lead the implementation of the Economic, Regeneration and Investment Strategy. Tourism, Culture and Events – Work with partners to lead the implementation of the Tourism Strategy. Lead the development and implementation of Culture and Arts Strategy Building Control and Regulation – A statutory duty to apply the Building Regulations and licencing obligations of Council. The management of Car Park facilities owned and operated by Council Planning– To secure the orderly and consistent development of land whilst furthering sustainable development and improving well-being.</p>

Corporate Priorities	<p>Become one of the premier tourism destinations on the island of Ireland. Attracted investment and supported the creation of new jobs. Protected our natural and built environment. Led the regeneration of our urban and rural areas. Advocated on your behalf specifically in relation to those issues which really matter to you.</p>
Service Areas	Enterprise, Regeneration, Tourism, Culture and Arts, Planning and Building Control.
Senior Responsible Officers	<p>Marie Ward: Director Jonathan McGilly: Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Andrew Patterson: Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Arts Colum Jackson: Assistant Director Building Control and Regulation Anthony McKay: Chief Planning Officer</p>
Community Planning Outcome(s)	n/a
Performance Improvement Objective(s)	n/a

Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Actions

	Key Actions	Timescale
Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration	Implement an SME business mentoring programme Establish a cohesive Social Enterprise Programme that compliments and adds value to the work of other agencies (DfC, INI etc) that operate in this sector	September 2018
	Ongoing delivery of NI Business Start Programme in collaboration with 10 partner Councils and Invest NI	March 2019
	Submit Belfast Region City Deal bid in cooperation with 5 partner Councils	November 2018
	Implement the NI Rural Development programme as per strategy for 18/19. Develop 3 number village renewal applications to RDP and begin to implement across the NMD area	March 2019
	Establish delivery structures for the SEA FLAG programme and open programme for applications as year one of the 3 year strategy	
	Conclude Development brief exercises for sites at Warrenpoint Baths and Lisburn Street Carparks Ballynahinch	September 2018
	Secure all lands and carry out Development brief process to realise the regeneration of the former PSNI station site and adjacent lands in Downpatrick	March 2019
	Implement the Regeneration forward plan by developing scheme to complete public realm along lower Hill street and appoint team for scheme development 19/20	
	Secure a preferred partner for the development of Theatre, Conference and Civic Centre for Newry City	June 2019
	Establish an effective programme and structure for AONB management across the 3 AONBs in the district culminating in new 3 year programme funding bid to NIEA	January 2019
	Continued development of collaboration across all sectors to promote regeneration, business growth and business development in the District.	Ongoing
	Work in partnership with Councils and other partners in relation to BREXIT.	Ongoing
	Deliver an Innovation Conference for the District	September 2018

Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events	Deliver a Destination Marketing Programme to support the proposition of the district becoming one of the premier tourist destinations and reinforce the position of Outdoor Capital	March 2019
	Create destination experiences through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development and delivery of Visitor Experience Plans; 2. Experiential Package Development; and 3. A Business Support Programme with industry. 	Ongoing
	Support the promotion of compelling experiences and align with Tourism NI's focus on driving international visitors and bed nights.	Ongoing
	Reinforce a strong partnership approach to destination management, leadership and collaboration through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Interdepartmental Tourism Working Group 2. Cross-party Tourism Task and Finish group 3. Industry Steering Group 4. Engagement with DEA Forums 	Ongoing
	Continue to develop and deliver an Annual Tourism Events Programme in line with emerging visitor experience plans and in partnership with Tourism NI	Annually
	Continue to reorganise the structure within ERT to oversee all aspects of experience development, destination management, visitor services and marketing	Ongoing
	Develop and deliver key projects to establish growth opportunities for the following key tourism sectors: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food and drink 2. Screen Tourism 3. Cruise Tourism 4. Meetings, Incentive, Conferences and Events (MICE) 	Ongoing
	Continue to develop a submission for a UNESCO Geopark: Operate as a De facto Geopark from November 2019.	Ongoing
	Establish an inter sectoral Arts Forum to work on the development of an Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy and develop marketing infrastructure and systems to support and voluntary, community and professional arts sector.	Sept 2018
	Facilitate connectivity between sectors e.g. linking cultural industries, education and tourism with those engaged in the evening economy.	Ongoing
Continue to progress the Mourne Mountains Gateway Project in partnership with partners.	Ongoing	
Continue to develop the Newry Canal Blueway and Great Eastern Greenway projects with partners.	Ongoing	

Building Control and regulation	Increase the online/automated phone applications for Dog Licences from 10% to 50%	Jan – Mar 2019
	Introduce the online facility for BN and RG BC applications	Oct – Dec 2018
	Introduce the online facility for Licences	Oct – Dec 2018
	Establish a centralised licensing unit and set performance targets	Oct – Dec 2018
	Implementation of the Street Café trading legislation.	Oct – Dec 2018
	Implementation of the Road Closures legislation.	Apr – June 2018
	Maintain an effective monitoring and reporting procedure to demonstrate effective performance within Building Control	Ongoing
	Maintain an effective information sharing procedure between Building Control and Planning	Ongoing
	Rationalise the alignment of bye-laws enforcement of the dog control and car park service throughout the District.	Jan – Mar 2019
	Implementation of the car park strategy in line with overall regeneration objectives for the district	Ongoing
Planning	Implement improvement plan and performance monitoring that delivers planning application turn round targets (15 weeks)	Ongoing
	Continually improve planning department performance	Ongoing
	Continue to focus on reducing the backlog of historic planning applications.	Ongoing
	Implement an effective procedure to monitor and manage correspondence.	Ongoing
	Complete consultation on Preferred Options Paper and publication of Draft Development Plan Strategy	
	Review implementation of planning policy in relation to large developments and developer contributions – Article 76	
	Implement an effective monitoring and reporting procedure to demonstrate effective performance enforcement control.	
	Work with Agents and Developers to cooperatively streamline regulatory government processes	Ongoing

Through the amalgamation of Enterprise, Regeneration, Tourism, Planning and Building Control and Regulation promote the regeneration of the District creating an efficient and effective service for all.

6.0 Performance

The ERT Directorate performs a key role in leading the regeneration of the District. This exercise will also identify additional, suitable performance measures for the ERT Directorate.

In addition to managing and monitoring financial and human resources, the following performance measures will be monitored during 2018-19:

Measures of Success
<p>Economic Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Plans Completed 284 • Jobs Created 155 • Business created 193
<p>Building Control KPI Targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Building Control applications processed within 21 days from the date of submission – Target 75% • Commercial Building Control applications processed within 35 days from the date of submission – Target 75% • All Building Control applications processed within 56 day from date of submission – Target 100% • Amendments to applications (BR3 returns) to be processed within 14 days from date of re-submission – Target 80% <p>Assistant Director will report these KPIs to the Director of a monthly basis.</p>
<p>Tourism, Culture and Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism visitor revenue • Tourism visitor volume (overnights) • Tourism jobs supported • Visitor revenue in arts, culture and heritage venues • Visitor volume in arts, culture and heritage venues • Engagement of local communities in arts, culture and heritage programmes
<p>Planning Statutory Targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local planning applications to be processed within an average of 15 weeks. • Major planning applications to be processed within an average of 30 weeks. • 70% of all enforcement cases concluded within 39 weeks of complaint receipt.

ERT Plans and Strategies

The ERT Directorate is responsible for leading the development, implementation and review of the following plans and strategies, which influence the work of the Office and Council:

- Economic, Regeneration and Investment Strategy
- Tourism Strategy
- Rural Development Strategy

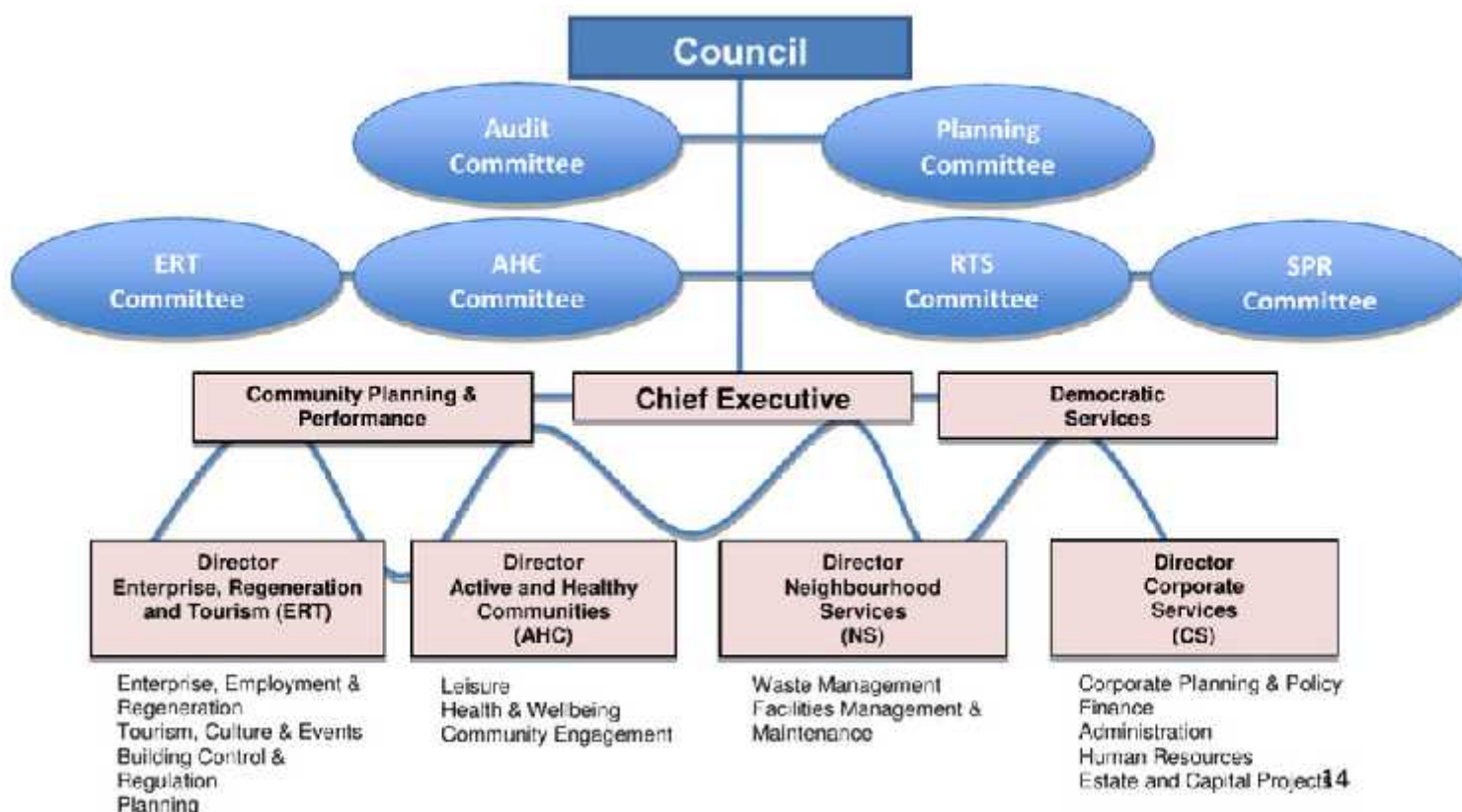
The following Strategies/Plans will be developed in 2018-19

- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Local Development Plan – Preferred Options Paper

7.0 Organisation and Office Structure

The ERT Directorate is one of five Departments, which together, comprise the Management structure of the Council. The management structure of the Council is set-out in Figure 3.

Figure 3 - Council Management Structure



8.0 Financial Information

	Net estimated expenditure Revenue (2018-19)
Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration	1,176,397
Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events	5,743,811
Building Control and Regulation	187,702
Planning	824,855
TOTAL: ERT Directorate	7,932,765

9.0 Governance Arrangements

Reviewing performance and reporting progress to Elected Members and other key stakeholders facilitates transparency, accountability and improvement in everything the Council does. The governance arrangements to develop, monitor and report the Council's progress in implementing the ERT Business Plan are outlined below, and are supplemented by regular reviews by the ERT Director and her team. The governance arrangements the Council has put in place to deliver continuous improvement are also subject an annual audit and assessment by the Northern Ireland Audit Office.

Full Council

- Ratification of ERT Business Plan
- Ratification of annual review of ERT Business Plan

Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee / Audit Committee

- Scrutiny and challenge around the Duty of Improvement
- Provide assurance that performance management arrangements are robust and effective

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism and Regulatory and Technical Services Committees

- Consideration, scrutiny and approval of ERT Business Plan
- Consideration, scrutiny and approval of the annual review of ERT Business Plan

Senior Management Team

- Development, consideration and approval of ERT Business Plan
- Development, consideration and approval of the annual review of ERT Business Plan

Political Governance

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee

Councillor Pete Byrne (Chair)
Councillor Davy Hyland
Councillor Robert Burgess
Councillor Michael Carr
Councillor Charlie Casey
Councillor William Clarke
Councillor Dermot Curran
Councillor Glyn Hanna
Councillor Harry Harvey
Councillor Terry Hearty
Councillor Declan McAteer
Councillor Oksana McMahon
Councillor Brian Quinn
Councillor Mickey Ruane
Councillor Gary Stokes

Regulatory and Technical Services Committee

Councillor John Trainor (Chair)
Councillor Valerie Harte
Councillor Terry Andrews
Councillor Charlie Casey
Councillor Willie Clarke
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Councillor Dermot Curran
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Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorate

Business Plan 2017-18

Annual Review






Introduction

This report provides an overview of the Council’s progress in delivering the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorate Business Plan 2017-18, across the following service areas:

- Economic Development
- Regeneration
- Tourism Development and Promotion
- Tourism Facilities Management and Development
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- EU Funding
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management and Rights of Way
- Events
- International Relations

Progress across the key supporting actions has been aligned to the relevant community planning outcomes, corporate priorities, performance improvement objectives and Directorate objectives. Performance has also been tracked against the targets set, using the legend below.

Legend






Status	
	Target or objective achieved / on track to be achieved
	Target or objective partially achieved / likely to be achieved / subject to delay
	Target or objective not achieved / unlikely to be achieved








Progress at a glance










Supporting action	Status








Tourism

Community Plan Outcome	All people in Newry, Mourne and Down benefit from prosperous communities
Corporate Priority	Become one of the premier tourist destinations on the Island of Ireland
Performance Improvement Objective	Improve economic growth by creating new business starts, supporting the growth of existing businesses and promoting Newry, Mourne and Down as a premier tourist destination
Directorate Objectives	<p>To become the destination of choice in Ireland</p> <p>To become Northern Ireland's premier outdoor/adventure destination</p> <p>To become one of Northern Ireland's finest events destinations</p> <p>To ensure that the Arts, Culture and Heritage sector is pivotal to economic development and tourism across the region</p> <p>To support the voluntary, community and professional arts sector within the region</p>

Supporting Action	Status	Explanatory Note
Tourism Destination of Choice Support the promotion of compelling experiences and aligning with Tourism NI's focus on driving international visitors and bed nights		Visitor Experience Plans developed. Cluster Groups formed. New Visitor Experiences being brought to market from April 18.
Commission 2 Experience Development Plans for The Mourne Mountains and Ring of Gullion and Mourne Coastal experience (Strangford Lough to Carlingford).		Complete.
Experiential Package Development which is industry focused		New Visitor Experiences being brought to market from April 18.
Develop destination stories in partnership with DEA forums		Engagement at a local level ongoing. Further work planned in 18/19 to engage local communities in Visitor Experience Plans.
Review and agree Framework and Action Plan for Events in the context of new Experience Development Plans		Events Programme and budget for 2018/19 developed and approved at committee.







Develop a Business Support Programme with the Industry		Business Support Programme developed in line with Visitor Experience Plans. Cluster groups of businesses formed. Mentor Programme scoped and Sales and Marketing training being rolled out.
Establish a new NMDDC inter-departmental tourism working group to work alongside a stronger and more focused team of officers within Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism		Interdepartmental issues scoped and addressed with Assistant Director Team/CMT.
Re-organise the internal structure within Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism to oversee all aspects of experience development, destination management, visitor services and the marketing of NMD destinations- in partnership with key external agencies.		Work ongoing.
Establish an industry advisory group based on public-private participation model.		Steering Group formed to advise on key programmes – including Geopark development and Visitor Experience Plans.
Develop a project plan for Strategy Implementation considering resource requirements		Steering Group formed to advise on key programmes – including Geopark development and Visitor Experience Plans.
Raise the profile of coastal flavours through working closely with the food and drink sector and related business to develop authentic Mourne coastal flavours experiences.		Food Circle formed. Work ongoing.
Establish a Coastal flavour food and drink circle		Work ongoing.






Outdoor Adventure Destination		
Develop a three-year action plan for outdoor adventure (land and water based) that looks at the entire spectrum of opportunities within NMD, but with a particular focus on the Mourne Guillon area and the Mourne Coast (Strangford Lough to Carlingford Lough).		Plan developed and approved by Committee.
Agree the submission of an application to UNESCO for Geopark Status and a Communications plan with Council.		Work ongoing. Submission due in November 2019.
Establish a Task and Finish group with relevant local and regional stakeholders to oversee submission of the application working closely with Geological Survey NI.		Group Established.
Operate as a De facto Geopark from September 18		Work ongoing. Submission due in November 2019.
Review the recommendations of the Mourne Mountains Gateway study and agree the way forward with NMDCC		Study complete. Work ongoing in partnership with TNI and BCC (as part of the Belfast City Deal) and key stakeholders to progress the project.
Develop a memorandum of understanding between NMDCC and ABCBC to support restoration of Newry Ship Canal as a navigable channel for canoes and small boats.		Project study to be progressed in 18/19.
Develop an Action Plan in consultation with stakeholders to support restoration works.		Project study to be progressed in 18/19.
Submit planning application to complete phase 2 from the Weir to Omeath and from Carlingford Marina to Carlingford which will link to the existing Omeath to Carlingford Marina Greenway.		Greenway project progressing.
Complete Feasibility Studies on Greenway projects for Downpatrick to Newcastle, Downpatrick to Ardglass and Comber to Downpatrick and seeking funding for implementation		Feasibility studies complete and work ongoing in 18/19 to secure funding.

Events		
Develop an Events Plan		Events Programme and budget for 2018/19 developed and approved by Council.
Arts, Culture and Heritage		
Develop an Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy for the region		Consultant appointed. Project to complete by October 2018.
Influence the inclusion of arts, cultural and heritage initiatives within the Community Plan, and in strategies for i.e. rural development, neighbourhood renewal, tourism and economic development.		Work ongoing.
Lobby for the retention of budgets for arts, heritage and cultural at a NI level.		Work ongoing.
Community, Voluntary and Professional Arts		
Facilitate connectivity between sectors e.g. linking cultural industries, education and tourism with those engaged in the evening economy (i.e. via the Economic Forum and Tourism Advisory Forum).		Work ongoing within development of Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy.
Develop marketing infrastructure and systems to support the voluntary, community and professional arts sector.		Marketing Programme for Arts, Culture and Heritage being scoped.
Develop an entertainment/ cultural venue for Newry that is fit for purpose with 500+ seat auditorium.		Working ongoing as part of wider redevelopment project.

Economic Development

Community Plan Outcome	All people in Newry, Mourne and Down benefit from prosperous communities
Corporate Priority	Attract investment and support the creation of new jobs
Performance Improvement Objective	Improve economic growth by creating new business starts, supporting the growth of existing businesses and promoting Newry, Mourne and Down as a premier tourist destination
Directorate Objectives	<p>To support job creation through the growth of the indigenous business base</p> <p>To advance employability and skills within the region</p> <p>To enhance cross border and trans-national business development links</p> <p>To increase inward investment to the region</p> <p>To establish effective business networks</p> <p>To influence the establishment of effective and business friendly approaches to the planning process</p> <p>To generate and maximise opportunities for the Creative industry sector</p>



Supporting Action	Status	Explanatory Note
Establish, implement and deliver the Regional Business Start Programme for Newry, Mourne and Down		New programme up and running
Develop, implement and deliver a suite of business support programmes focused on job creation, growth and sectoral development in areas where the region has identified key strengths		10 programmes delivered and funding secured for new mentoring programme in 18/19
Develop programmes that enhance employability and skills that are relevant to local business and investor needs		Skills forum established and action plan being developed with early deliverables identified.
Continue to develop and expand the MOU with Louth County Council to enable the delivery of effective the delivery of effective cross border initiatives and explore other transnational linkages.		Ongoing work around Brexit and key infrastructure projects
Work with Invest NI to promote the region across the UK, Ireland, Europe and further afield with the aim of attracting new investors		Ongoing
Establish an Economic Forum representative of the local business, regeneration and tourism sector		Forum up and running.













Continue to develop the business database and inform businesses of local development opportunities through regular Ezines		Ongoing via NMD Business, promoted at all events etc.
Review land use and infrastructure provision for business development and to inform the Local Development Plan		Working with LDP team on POP development
Work in partnership with business and planners to help facilitate a speedy and effective planning process		Ongoing engagement
Develop incubators and innovation hubs for creative and cultural industries; incentives and support for the craft sector to collaborate and develop their own sales channels e.g. pop-up shops, open studio schemes etc		Linkages developed with SRC, SERC and other relevant agencies to move this forward.
Support the establishment of new cultural businesses, and the growth of existing, through the delivery of business support initiatives		Ongoing











Urban and Rural Regeneration



Community Plan Outcome	All people in Newry, Mourne and Down benefit from prosperous communities
Corporate Priority	Lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas
Performance Improvement Objective	Urban Regeneration Deliver urban and rural regeneration initiatives that will create a District where people want to live, work and invest in

Directorate Objectives	<p>To deliver a suite of urban regeneration initiatives</p> <p>To identify the role of arts, culture and heritage in regeneration</p> <p>To influence Central Government priorities for key infrastructural projects which can be the catalyst for regeneration</p> <p>To develop an investment plan to realise regeneration in the area</p> <p>To deliver a suite of urban Regeneration initiatives</p> <p>To identify the role of Arts Culture and heritage in regeneration</p> <p>To influence Central Government priorities for key infrastructural projects which can be the catalyst for regeneration</p> <p>To develop an investment plan to realise regeneration in the area</p> <p>To develop and implement regeneration projects</p> <p>Rural Regeneration</p> <p>To maximise investment opportunities from the Rural Development Programme, European Fisheries Programme, and other funding streams, i.e. transnational programmes</p> <p>To implement and deliver a Rural Development and a Fisheries Programme for the region</p> <p>To influence the improvement of infrastructure across the rural areas in order to meet the needs of rural communities, rural services, and rural businesses</p> <p>To deliver a suite of programmes which will seek to regenerate rural areas</p> <p>To influence the establishment of an effective planning process which is considerate of rural development priorities</p>
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Supporting Action	Status	Explanatory Note
Urban Regeneration		
<p>Deliver urban regeneration initiatives that will create an environment that encourages people to want to live, work and visit and invest in</p> <p>Identify priorities for the retail sector, and deliver initiatives that will seek to grow and support it within our town centres, i.e. BIDs, Purple Flag, Shop Local.</p>		<p>PR Schemes completed in Warrenpoint, Park scheme underway.</p>
<p>Identify priorities for the retail sector, and deliver initiatives that will seek to grow and support it within our town centres, i.e. BIDs, Purple Flag, Shop Local.</p>		<p>BID engagement ongoing, Shop Local, Farmers Markets In Downpatrick and Newcastle being developed, Autism NI etc</p>

Invest in high quality infrastructure and public realm initiatives			Downpatrick scheme delayed due to funding.
Review the role of town centres towards a more diverse mix of functions, experience, and service and market accordingly			Establishing linkages with Chambers etc to develop this work.
Design and deliver a range of Art, Culture and Heritage Projects that aim to deliver on regeneration outputs			Ongoing via visitor experience work
Strengthen the Evening Economy through regeneration initiatives, and culture, heritage and arts programmes that encourage greater use of urban areas			Events programme and BID initiatives
Create locations & spaces meet to meet and interact through Arts, cultural and heritage activities			Built into regeneration scheme development moving forward.
Lobby Government depts and agencies as required for provision of key infrastructure and services that will regenerate the region, i.e. roads, ports, broadband connectivity, etc			Ongoing across a range of initiatives
Influence the Local Development Plan to be considerate of urban development priorities			Ongoing
Maximise the level of public spend and lever additional investment from private investment funds, EU, and other financial instruments			Work underway around key corporate projects such as Civic Centre, City Deal etc
Continue to implement the hotel accommodation strategy for the district			Ongoing. Hotel commenced in South Armagh, Planning application submitted in Downpatrick.
Deliver the next phase of the development plan for Newry Civic Centre			Ongoing
Implement the Newry Investment Plan			Ongoing
Rural Regeneration			
Implement and deliver initiatives identified within Council's Regeneration Framework, Village Plans and Master Plans			Village Plans updated and new plans developed for remaining settlements.
Maximise funding distribution to the region from key Rural Development programmes, i.e. RDP Agri-food schemes, Rural Business, Rural Tourism and Village Renewal schemes and other initiatives within the Rural Development Programme			Working with RDP Team to develop initiatives and applications

Support rural business and community groups identify investment opportunities which will enable delivery of initiatives against the village plans and master plans, and contribute to the growth of the local rural business economy		Ongoing support to local groups.
Support villages to identify possible opportunities for collaboration and delivery of rural initiatives on a cluster basis		Analysis of Village Plans ongoing with recommendations to be presented to Council via DEAs Spring 2018
Develop strategies for each programme that is considerate and complementary of initiatives detailed within other Council and regional Strategies and Framework documents		Ongoing
Implement EU funding programmes using delivery initiatives that will ensure maximum impact to the region		RDP Programme underway
Review existing broadband research and data to identify current provision		RDP funding secured for research and company appointed, report complete in draft.
Support broadband research & data with consultation with relevant bodies to identify all infrastructural needs and requirements within the rural areas		Working on broadband initiatives across Council departments and across Council via LFFN and City Deal etc
Work with Statutory Departments and agencies to deliver on initiatives which will seek to improve rural infrastructure provision, and usage of same, in order to meet the requirements of rural communities, rural services, and rural businesses		Ongoing via RDP etc
Develop a suite programmes which focus on addressing rural issues in order to revitalise rural areas, i.e. rural business development, farm diversification, addressing dereliction & maximising use of development sites, town & village environmental improvements, shop front schemes etc		Ongoing via RDP
Establish were required collaborative networks involving external agencies who can help inform and assist in the development of regeneration programmes within and across the rural areas		Networks established and being established on ongoing basis to tackle local issues
Support were appropriate, planning opportunities which are economically sustainable, and show consideration for the protection and improvement of the		Range of schemes being developed across the district via RDP, AONB Action Plans, Local regeneration

environment, wildlife and natural and built heritage			programmes etc.
Support were appropriate, initiatives that progress renewable energy opportunities, and efforts towards achievement of the PfG Renewable Energy targets			
Support the development of sustainable and environmentally friendly businesses in rural areas		Ongoing	

Measures of Success

Measures of Success	2017-18		Status	Explanatory note
	Target	YTD Actual		
Stat Number of business plan applications approved	245	206		
Stat Number of new business starts	167	140		
Stat Number of jobs promoted through business start-up activity	155	144		

Measures of Success	Timetable	Status	Explanatory note
Complete development of visitors experience plans	March 2018		Complete
Establish Inter departmental tourism group and Tourism Forum	Q1 2018/19		Interdepartmental issues scoped and addressed with Assistant Director Team/CMT.
Deliver Giant Adventure 5 flagship events	Ongoing		Complete
Develop project plan for development and delivery of tourism flagship project	June 2018		Scoping plan complete. Work ongoing

Tourism

Economic Development	Develop the UNESCO Global Geo Park application	Nov 2019		Work ongoing.
	Project proposals developed for pre enterprise, post start up and growth for submission to Investment for Jobs and Growth Programme			Approved
Regeneration	Develop the Economic Forum and establish working groups around skills, infrastructure and Brexit			Ongoing
	By March 2018 support two cross border business events	March 2018		Ongoing, Careers Fayre and Brexit event
	Quarterly review of the Masterplans for District against the agreed programme of activity for each	March 2018		Ongoing via ERT Committee and DEA structures
	Commence delivery of environmental improvement schemes in Downpatrick and revitalisation schemes in Newry and Warrenpoint			Delayed due to funding
	Develop proposals for environmental improvement schemes for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020			Underway, forward work plan agreed
	Continue programme of activity for the "Make it Local Campaign"			Ongoing
	Implement the Rural Development Strategy – target around £1million project spend	April 2018		Ongoing, Call 3 commenced
	Begin work on new SEA Flag Strategy for fishing villages in the District	March 2018		Strategy submitted and approved. Open for applications Spring 2018
	Develop Rural Development Partnership funding applications around village renewal and broadband			Ongoing
	Review the AONB structures in the line with strategic partnerships			Ongoing. Funding secured for 18/19
AONB's	Implement 2017/2018 AONB Management Plans (i) Strangford Lough & Lecale (ii) Ring of Gullion (iii) Mournes			Ongoing.

Report to	ERT Committee
Date of Meeting	16 th April 2018
Subject	Slieve Gullion Forest Park '5 Star Destination' project
Reporting Officer	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer	Darren Rice – LPS Manager

Decisions required:

Proceed with Option 3b; a refurbished Chambre House Interpretation Experience.
 Procure an Interpretation Consultant.
 Submit full application to DAERA.
 If successful, deliver project as set out in the application and the Letter of Offer.

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Purpose and Background:

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Background

An EOI for the Slieve Gullion Forest Park '5 Star Destination' project for grant aid of £500,000 was submitted to DAERA's 'Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Rural Tourism Scheme' in February 2016 and NMDDC have been asked to proceed to full application.

There are a number of mandatory requirements for application stage notably: Economic Appraisal no older than 18 months; planning permission applied for; and all tender documentation.

An Integrated Design Team has been appointed in order to draw up the tender documentation for a contractor for Chambre House. Enabling works has been carried out at Chambre House to allow this to proceed.

Procurement for an Interpretation Consultant needs to be carried out. The Interpretation Consultant is required in order to draw up the tender documentation for the Interpretation Contractor/s.

£940,000 has been secured from NMDDC rates via the capital rates rolling programme up until 2020/21.

Committed spend to date:

£72,350 – Integrated design team; enabling works contractor; and bat surveys.

The project outlined in the EOI is ambitious and delivers against

	the Tourism NI Strategy. The project also delivers against the NMDDC Tourism Strategy and will positively contribute to the aspiring UNESCO Geopark application.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>Options</p> <p>There are four options;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do nothing, and concentrate on maintaining the assets in Slieve Gullion Forest Park; 2. Seek an additional £440,000 for full costs and provide interpretation throughout the park and at Chambre House including the extension 3. a. Seek an additional £150,000 and provide interpretation throughout the park and at Chambre House excluding the extension b. provide interpretation throughout Chambre House (excluding the extension) only c. provide interpretation throughout the park and at Chambre House excluding the extension but at a reduced quality from the above options 3a and 3b. 4. provide interpretation throughout Slieve Gullion Forest Park excluding the Chambre House <p>Options 1 and 4 are below budget Options 2 and 3a are over budget Options 3b and 3c are approximately on budget (note all suppliers yet to be tendered for).</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	<p>Procure an Interpretation Consultant. Meet all mandatory requirements for 'Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Rural Tourism Scheme' application.</p> <p>Submit a full application to DAERA based on Option 3b.</p> <p>If successful, deliver project as set out in the application and the Letter of Offer.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	LPS Manager's time to manage project. NMDDC risk not securing the funding to implement the project.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices:
	NA

Report to:	ERT Committee
Subject:	Skills Forum
Date:	Monday 16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director, Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration

Decisions Required

To adopt the report of the workshop, feedback and the next steps as detailed in Section 3 of this Report.

1. Council adopt the report
2. Officials work with Social Research Centre to develop an online survey to capture the views of a wider cross section of industry and education and complete this exercise by end May 2018
3. Further meeting of the Forum be convened mid-June before school term ends to consider the combined response and agree next steps
4. Council include as part of the Innovation Event in September an engagement/skill fair whereby students from across the region can learn more of the job career opportunities that exist in the District through the range of employers across Sectors.

1.0 Purpose and Background

As a result of Council's engagement with Business representatives across the District via the Economic Forum, Skills were identified as a significant issue for local businesses. The main issues that businesses identified were: (i) a current skills gap issue and (ii) Future skills requirements to meet demands of on-going and changing local economy. Following this it was agreed to convene a Skills Forum to be representative of local business, public and education sector across the Newry Mourne and Down District.

The initial meeting of the Forum was held on 9th February 2018 with 44 people attending representing a range of businesses, schools and Further Education Sector across the Region.

The discussion was facilitated by the Social Research Centre and following presentations by Council and case studies from Industry, participants were asked to consider a number of key questions in smaller groups of 6-10 people. The purpose of the questions were to facilitate networking across sectors, explore the key issues in more detail and begin a conversation on how all the various interests can work more closely to address the skills issues facing the region.

2.0 Key Issues

A full report on the Forum and the facilitated workshops is appended to this report, however the big suggestions that emerged were:

- i. Need for better engagement & understanding between business & education
- ii. Need to motivate & inspire young people to want to work in the Region by showcasing the opportunities that do exist
- iii. Need for improved communication between schools/colleges & industry and this must involve students & parents
- iv. Promotion & development of opportunities via higher level apprenticeships

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. Better alignment of curriculum & skills mix vi. Better use of technology to aid training etc. vii. More structured and supported system for student placements. <p>An evaluation of the event demonstrated a very strong support for the Forum, its aims and a willingness to engage at future events & meetings. A number of organisations & schools invited but who could not attend have also been in contact to get feedback from the events and request they remain on the invite list for future meetings. Based on the positive feedback Officers have also discussed with the facilitator if an online survey could be developed to garner the views of more businesses, schools, etc. to help support these initial findings.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council adopt the report 2. Officials work with Social Research Centre to develop an online survey to capture the views of a wider cross section of industry and education and complete this exercise by end May 2018 3. Further meeting of the Forum be convened mid-June before school term ends to consider the combined response and agree next steps 4. Council include as part of the Innovation Event in September an engagement/skill fair whereby students from across the region can learn more of the job career opportunities that exist in the District through the range of employers across Sectors.
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>Budget has been included within Economic Development Budget for 2018/19</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications</p> <p>All Equality & Good Relation implications have been considered</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>Attached – “Open for Business – Empowering Potential” – Skill Forum Feedback</p>



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 9th February 2018, Newry and Mourne and Down DC (NMDDC) hosted a breakfast workshop in the Canal Court Hotel. The workshop was one of a series of pro-active steps taken by NMDDC in response to 'City Deal'.

The specific purpose of this workshop was three fold, namely to:

- Invite representatives from local schools and local employers to meet;
- Provide information on relevant trends in the local skills and labour market;
- Facilitate schools and employers in starting a conversation on how they might work more closely to fill the skills gap, and through this, enable the locality to prosper.
- Hear and record the views, ideas and suggestions on this.

All views, ideas and suggestions were welcomed.

The purpose of this report is to summarise the wide range of views expressed so that next steps can be discerned.

In total, 44 people attended the event. The profile of the attendees is shown in the table below.

Sector Represented	Attendees
Schools	10
Employers	19
Council	13
Other (specify) UUJ & Social Research Centre	2
TOTAL	44

It is evident from the feedback of schools and employers who attended that they found participation in the workshop a truly worthwhile investment of their time:

- 100%** rated the event as informative with over half (52%) strongly agreeing.
- 100%** rated the event as engaging with almost two-thirds (62%) strongly agreeing.
- 100%** rated the event as useful with, again almost two-thirds (62%) strongly agreeing.
- 100%** indicated that they would recommend a workshop like this to others.

FACILITATED DISCUSSION

“How can schools and employers in this area work more closely to fill the skills gap, and through this, enable our locality to prosper?”

Context

- Unanimous (100%) agreement that the skills gap was evident. With almost half (45%) of participants rating it as ‘very evident’.
- General consensus that the current process to fill the skills gaps is inadequate. New and updated processes were thought to be needed, particularly in relation to the careers advice process within the education sector.
- Widespread acknowledgement that there was a key role for the Further Education (FE) sector in supporting this through developing professional and technical skills at the local level.
- Awareness that FE sector’s potential is somewhat constrained by a Department for Economy (DfE) / Department for Education (DfEd) requirement to address basic English and Maths deficiencies. Students entering FE without these basic skills. Schools need to address this. £50Mn currently being expended on this by the FE sector across NI. If the basic skills issue were resolved, this money could potentially be re-allocated to improve professional and technical skills.
- Concern amongst some that the current system of funding education encourages schools to focus on academics/attainment. Teachers are under pressure to show results in terms of grades, so issues (e.g. such as skills match, employability) become secondary. This raised several questions including:
 - How do we / should we measure the ‘success’ of education?
 - Do we go beyond grades?
 - Assess employability?

- Adopt a more holistic, rather than results-orientated approach?
- How do we address the wider cultural issues e.g. the bias in our society towards university education rather placements.

Key Suggestions

The key suggestions put forward by the attendees were:

Education and Industry

- Businesses need to understand what schools/colleges do.
- Many teachers do not have business experience so need on-going exposure, advice and learning.
- Not enough resources invested in the careers service. Needs to be led by individuals who are experienced in industry.

Motivate & Inspire

- Primary school kids are very excited about exploring new things and learning but as soon as they reach secondary level, this excitement and motivation to learn and explore fades away. Why is this happening?
- Industry needs to better inspire students about the potential careers that are available.
- Use and promote tangible 'case studies' to motivate students.

Improve communication

- Some perceived engaging with businesses as challenging.
- Suggested that a platform be established to facilitate regular communication between employers, council and the educational sectors to exchange dialog and establish a needs analysis of each party. A dedicated officer required to facilitate may be an option.
- Suggested that an education centre was required - to enable a shared space for businesses and schools to engage. Businesses and students can come together on a weekly basis.
- Have local employers speaking at schools, inspiring young people towards business.
- Industry needs to clarify & dispel misconceptions re what specific jobs / roles entail.
- Industry days should be better organised, supported and communicated.
- There is opportunity to utilize shared education program funding to run industry days.
- Teachers/students should be given the opportunity to visit the local employers in their area.
- Potential employers need to be visiting schools and colleges highlighting the skills required and the benefits / attraction of working for their company.
- Businesses to host events for students and parents on company opportunities / careers.

Apprenticeships

- Students need to know about Higher Apprenticeships.
- Different perceptions of the availability of apprenticeships locally:
 - Some perceived that there were not many currently
 - Others remarked that more businesses are now offering apprenticeships.
- Different perceptions of Apprenticeships
 - Viewed by some as sub-standard to A Levels / University. Lot of emphasis on young people going to University to obtain a career, despite the considerable cost (and sometimes debt) of studying for a degree.
 - Apprenticeships considered by some to be the best option. Apprenticeships can offer a very good alternative and students perceived to be better off in the longer term.
- More positive marketing of apprenticeships thought to be required. Suggested that schools should be promoting A Levels and Apprenticeships side by side and illustrating pros and cons of each.
- School leavers' nights need to sell the apprenticeship experience with an awareness that they are competing with the "university experience".
- Call for more funding to be made available to enable students to apply for apprenticeships.

Curriculum and Skill Mix

- STEM Agenda perceived to be not working. Not enough people taking up the STEM subjects – only 2% rise in uptake in STEM subjects despite the financial investment. Specifically, STEM Agenda not filling the shortfall in Engineering.
- In conversations with Invest NI, employers do not exclusively raise a lack of technical skills. The primary issue to be addressed is the wider employability skills of young people. Many have the necessary technical skills but don't have the necessary employability skills (i.e. understanding how a business works etc). There is a strategic gap that needs to be addressed about young students not understanding the practicalities of business (i.e. invoicing, cash flow, profit, managing people, logistics etc). More needs to be done to address this gap.
- Perceived the curriculum needs to change to incorporate more business skills, social skills and cash management. Concern at degree students leaving University with theory. However, in employment, other aptitudes are also needed - confidence, adaptability, responsibility, problem-solving were specifically mentioned.
- Some considered that there needs to be a strategic shift from producing general administrators to technical and professional skills.
- More bespoke courses (for industry / preparation for industry) were thought to be necessary.
- Noted that, in the past, schools delivered an “applied business” course - a practical course which provided business skills and more encouragement for students to consider business as a future career. The funding for this has now been removed and this course is no longer offered.

Parents

- More work thought to be needed with parents to address parental attitudes and the preference, amongst some, for university amongst some. Educate parents that university is not the only option.
- Concern about the number of students who drop out of university because, despite parental aspirations / intentions, University turns not to be compatible with the student's particular needs / aptitudes.

- Educate parents on the employment gaps.
- Enable businesses to engage with parents.

Placements

- Desire to see greater commitment from education sector to placements in industry. Thought to be not enough time for schools to commit to placements. Major barrier was thought to be the emphasis on results and text book approach within current education system.
- Thought that placements could be better integrated into schools careers advice.
- Schools offering placements for last 2 years of high school.
- Perception that placements are often not well structured - that work placements are being sought but wished to see greater consideration being given to what students actually want from their career.
- Wished to see more student placements in large industry (which are multi-faceted).
- Industry should make more placements available in effort to provide soft and hard skills to students. A mix of theory and practical experience is required. This could also include job shadowing, mentoring placements or part time work allowing students to develop skills while still studying.
- Placements perceived by some to be filling the skills gap the education system does not cover.
- Placements provide “hands on” experience dealing with cash flow, budget, etc. Real opportunities for young people to experience what is involved in the “cut and thrust” of business / dealing with specific business scenarios and help measure the impact of individuals’ work.

Technology

- As technology trends grow, education organisations need to be more proactive about investigating training using new emerging technologies such as Augmented and Virtual Reality. Similarly, if colleges are teaching a prospectus it needs to be future-proofed and current to fit in with the industry e.g. computer programming techniques.

Best Opportunities

The best opportunities (most lasting value) were thought to be:

- **Working together for positive change** - Industry, education and council to work in partnership to run short term events and carry out higher level lobbying to secure necessary resources and lever long term change.
- **Changing emphasis**
 - Have less emphasis on University route.
 - Increase awareness amongst teachers, parents and students of the other pathways that exist to employment, in particular Higher Level Apprenticeships & Apprenticeships.
 - Focus on highlighting the benefits of these pathways in terms of addressing cost pressures of tertiary education, along with better chances of employability. (This requires industry engaging with education at the earliest possible opportunity in order to inform student choices).
 - Increase number and attractiveness of 'high level' apprenticeships.
- **Enhancing the role of placements** - Placements can help fill the skills gap that the education system does not cover.
- **Improving communication**
 - Arrange business to school/business to parent engagement sessions at subject choice stage
 - Businesses to offer work placements and hosting events for students on company opportunities / business careers evening for students and parents
- Have careers days to involve parents and industry.



- **Encouraging young people** - To explore what they want to work towards in an attempt to identify skills required.
- **Marketing student choices / opportunities more, and more innovatively marketing tools**, e.g. Omniplex Cinema advertisement.
- **Focusing on younger children** - Inspire, motivate at a young age. Promote a culture of young ambassadors/advocates.

Earliest Opportunities

The earliest opportunities (some of which were also listed among the best ideas) were:

- Establish a forum with a view to making changes to curriculum - Through this, the Education and Industry organisation should establish stronger relationships
- Improved marketing of career options for young people
- Businesses to offer work placements.
- Businesses to hosting events for students and parents on company opportunities / business careers
- Improve Business/Education links:**
 - Give teachers/students the opportunity to visit the local employers in their area.
 - **Have** local employers speaking at schools, inspiring young people towards business.
 - Utilize the shared education program funding to run industry days.
 - Ensure that Industry days are as well organised, supported and communicated as possible.
 - On school leavers nights, sell the apprenticeship experience with an awareness that they are competing with the “university experience”
 - Have a school and industry twinning project e.g. all schools in District



- Have 'speed dating events' involving schools / colleges and industry.
- Host a job fair
- Set up a register of businesses
- Have industry articulate its requirements.
- Develop a skills strategy out of City Deal

Should anyone else be invited to attend events like these?

Workshop participants proposed the following:

- SAICA Warrenpoint - Willing to offer apprenticeships and keen to work with schools
- Other public sector employers, NHS / Hospitals etc
- Parents
- Local PTA representatives (parents). Kids from different sections of education.
- Intertrade and more SME's (Brexit discussion)
- Examinations Boards/Third level graduates
- Invest NI
- Construction and Retail
- Representative from the Department for Communities and Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships. Representatives of Area Learning Committee (schools partnership) and careers teachers
- Government Career Service
- Career Guidance Councillors
- More HR for input into careers department restructure
- More local businesses
- Enterprise NI / Young Enterprise
- Head Teachers from all local schools.

EVALUATION OF WORKSHOP

The ratings speaks for themselves. The feedback from schools and employers clearly demonstrates that they found participation in the workshop a truly worthwhile investment of their time:

- 100% rated the event as informative with over half (52%) strongly agreeing.
- 100% rated the event as engaging with almost two-thirds (62%) strongly agreeing.
- 100% rated the event as useful with, again almost two-thirds (62%) strongly agreeing.
- 100% indicated that they would recommend a workshop like this to others.

Appendix A – Participants

Appendix A: Skills Forum 1st Meeting, 9 February 2018

List of Attendees

Connor Fearon	Reed in Partnership
Mary Meehan	Newry Chamber of Commerce
Brian Doran	Southern Regional College
Heather McKee	South East Regional College
Mark McGivern	First Derivatives
Niall Casey	Invest NI
Cliff Coulter	Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce
Janice Symington	Down Business Centre
Olga Fitzpatrick	WBR Chamber of Commerce
Clare Conlon	Youth Action
Dr Conor Patterson	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Teresa Campbell	PKF/FPM Accountants
Breda McAteer	O'Hare & McGovern
Peter Murray	Buttercrane Shopping Centre
Michael Gaynor	Dundalk Chamber
Emma Marmion	Prestige Business Solutions Ltd
Alan Henning	Rockwell Collins
Emma Keenan	MJM Marine
Deborah Loughran	Newry Chamber of Commerce
Eoin Magennis	University of Ulster
Marie Ward	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Jonathan McGilly	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Amanda Smyth	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Martin Patterson	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Michael Forster	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Margaret Quinn	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Seamus Crossey Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Johny McBride Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Alan Beggs Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Liam Hannaway Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Cllr Michael Savage Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Cllr Harry Harvey Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Cllr Roisin Mulgrew Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Sean Sloan Abbey Christian Brothers Grammar School, Newry
 Declan Murray St Joseph's Boys High School
 Keith Williamson Down High School
 Dr Pat Walsh Assumption Grammar School, Ballynahinch
 Joanne Hughes St Mary's High School, Newry
 Siobhan Bradley St Paul's High School, Bessbrook
 Michelle Clancy St Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick
 Aidan McGivern St Mark's High School, Warrenpoint
 Catrina Marron St Mark's High School, Warrenpoint
 Colette McElroy Our Lady's Grammar School, Newry

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Village Plan: Implementation
Date:	16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director: Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Amanda Smyth Enterprise Development Officer
Decisions Required	
To agree the contents of the report and approve recommendations at Section 3:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to meet pre application eligibility, to appoint, within existing available budgets, the necessary disciplines, that are required to develop projects through design and costing stages and secure any required statutory approvals, • In order to comply with pre application eligibility requirement, to undertake procurement for the identification of preferred bidders, for any Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services, and contractors for implementation of works • To make applications to the Mourne Gullion Lecale Village Renewal measure for implementation of suitable and eligible actions following an analysis across the Village Plans • To appoint Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services and contractors following acceptance of a Letter of Offer for implementation of the Village Renewal initiatives 	
1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>Mourne Gullion Lecale Rural Development Programme, through the Village Renewal Measure seeks to enhance and regenerate rural communities through the investments identified within the Village Plans, subject to programme eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Council has recently completed a programme of investment, also through the RDP Village Renewal Measure that has updated 24 Village Plans, and created an additional 20 new Village Plans. Together with other existing Village Plans, there are 51 Village Plans in existence across the District, which provide local level actions for approximately 65 settlements.</p> <p>Council now has an opportunity to implement actions from the Village Plans through an application for funding to the MGL Rural Development Programme - Village Renewal Measure.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issue</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Village Renewal Measure has eligibility criteria that set out the parameters for the type of project that would be eligible for funding. RDP advise that eligible projects would include: environmental improvements, shop front enhancements, rural culture and heritage, gateway projects and derelict site enhancement. 2) The rules of the Rural Development Programme issued by DAERA require that in order to make an application for funding, capital projects are required to have completed prior to submission of an application: full design and costing, all statutory approvals, and a

	<p>full procurement process for the selection for a preferred consultant and / or contractor.</p> <p>On the basis of the above, Officers will now undertake the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A analysis across the Village Plans to identify suitable and eligible projects that could be applied for through the MGL Village Renewal Measure • A proposal will be taken through the DEA Forums to agree the delivery of projects in each respective DEA area • Council will appoint, within existing available budgets, the necessary disciplines, that will be required to develop projects through design and costing stages and securing any required statutory approvals, • Where appropriate, officials will engage with DEA Forums, and community representation in the design of the proposed projects • In advance of making funding applications to the Village Renewal Scheme Council will undertake where required, full procurement for the identification of a preferred bidder, for any Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services, and contractors for implementation of works. This is a pre application eligibility requirement. No appointment will be made until a Letter of Offer is secured. • To make applications to the Mourne Gullion Lecale Village Renewal measure for implementation of suitable and eligible actions following an analysis across the Village Plans
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to meet pre application eligibility, to appoint, within existing available budgets, the necessary disciplines, that are required to develop projects through design and costing stages and secure any required statutory approvals, • In order to comply with pre application eligibility requirement, to undertake procurement for the identification of preferred bidders, for any Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services, and contractors for implementation of works • To make applications to the Mourne Gullion Lecale Village Renewal measure for implementation of suitable and eligible actions following an analysis across the Village Plans • To appoint Multi-Disciplinary consultancy services and contractors following acceptance of a Letter of Offer for implementation of the Village Renewal initiatives
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>The total budget to be included in the MGL Village Renewal funding application will be informed following the completion of a design and costing exercise, once the projects have been identified. At this stage, a further report will be brought to ERT on the estimate cost. Council are eligible for grant assistance of 75%, with 25% match funding from Council. Allowance has been made in 2018/19 rate estimates for such match funding.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations Implications</p> <p>N/A</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>N/a</p>

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Brexit Forum
Date:	16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Marie Ward, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Decisions Required	
1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>At the Council meeting on 6th November 2017 it was agreed to establish a Brexit Forum. The first meeting of the Forum was held on 28th March 2018.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>The members of the Brexit Forum considered the potential for opportunities to work with ROI businesses in particular manufacturing in relation to potential location in the Newry, Mourne and Down Region.</p> <p>The Forum members proposed the following;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of active engagement with the business community in ROI. 2. Council work in partnership with Queens University Belfast to host a further "Town Hall" Brexit event in Newry in addition to the Brexit event to be held in the Downpatrick side of the District.
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>To approve a visit by the Brexit Forum members to Dublin to meet with business representatives and to approve the hosting of a "Town Hall" Brexit event in Newry in partnership with Queens University.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>Staff time and travel costs to Dublin. Potential financial contribution to the value of £1,000 for the delivery of the "Town Hall" event.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications</p> <p>All necessary considerations will be taken account of</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>Actions Sheet from Brexit forum meeting</p>

Title of Working Group/Forum: INAUGURAL MEETING OF BREXIT FORUM

Date/time/venue: Wednesday 28th March 2018 @ 11:00am, Training Room, NMDDC, Monaghan Row Offices, Newry

Councillors present: Cllr Mulgrew, Cllr Casey, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Savage, Cllr Tinnelly

Chaired by: Cllr Mulgrew **Officers present:** M Ward, S Magee

Apologies for non-attendance: Cllr Burgess, Cllr Byrne, J McGilly

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
1	Nomination of Chairperson	Cllr Mulgrew nominated	M Ward	Actioned	Y
2	Purpose/Vision of Forum	TOR to be brought to next forum meeting To act as a forum that gives consideration to the opportunitie and threats of Brexit with particular consideration to optimising land and development opportunities with Business as a cross border location. Eg Manufacturing Job Loss to Dublin/Belfast/England The forum will link to the existing MOU Council between Louth and Newry, Mourne and Down	J McGilly	To be placed on next agenda	N
3	Connection with business in ROI	Visit to Dublin Business Forum to be arranged through Dublin Council/LEO	J McGilly	Subject to Approval at ERT Committee Meeting to be held on	N

		Initiate proactive engagement with Dublin City Council via Chamber linkages to lobby for support for our area ie Housing/location/business site opportunities		Monday 16th April 2018	
3	Brexit Forum	It was agreed to invite Mark Bleakney, Invest NI along with Brian Lavery, MD, CBRE, Commercial Property Consultants to the next Brexit Forum Meeting	M Ward/J McGilly	Subject to Approval at ERT Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 16 th April 2018	
4	Queens University	It was agreed to liaise with Queens University in relation to hosting a further Brexit "Town Hall" meeting similar to event held at the Canal Court Hotel 27 th March 2018	J McGilly	Subject to Approval at ERT Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 16 th April 2018	
5	Date of next Brexit Forum Meeting	To be set as soon as possible and subject to availability of external attendees	S Magee		

Signed: _____ Lead Officer

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Translink - Better Connecting Dublin & Belfast Enterprise Strategic Development Plan 2018
Date:	Monday 16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officers:	Martin Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer

Decisions Required

To note the request for Translink to undertake a detailed Technical & Feasibility study of all proposed options for the development of the Dublin & Belfast Enterprise service as detailed within this report.

1.0 Purpose and Background

Translink have written to the Council and other relevant stakeholders to engage and to seek approval for them to proceed with a detailed study to assist them in identifying development options for improving the Enterprise Dublin & Belfast service which includes Newry City.

Approximately 3.3 million people live within a 40 mile commute distance from the Dublin-Belfast corridor. This is projected to grow to 4 million by 2030 and represents half the islands population. Development of the Enterprise rail service is key to building competitiveness and in the creation of close communications between the people living in and between the three cities and the businesses on the corridor.

Both Governments support improving rail services and reducing journey times and the development plan outlines the strategic opportunities for further developing the Enterprise service through the following initiatives:

- Introduction of an hourly service frequency between the two cities
- Infrastructure enhancements to improve journey times and connections
- Electrification through investment in infrastructure and rolling stock

2.0 Key Issue

These opportunities align with both the Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland Programmes for Government, in addition to Newry, Mourne and Down District Councils Enterprise, Regeneration and Investment Strategy. This is achieved by further strengthening the economic links between north and south, supporting the common travel area, decongesting our roads, reducing carbon emissions and promoting all Ireland tourism. This will further support and promote the inherent economic potential of the corridor, building upon existing strengths. The delivery of infrastructure is a prerequisite for sustainable economic growth on the island of Ireland regardless of the implications of Brexit.

It is currently anticipated that an hourly Belfast-Newry-Dublin service could be achieved within 5 years with a journey time of less than 2 hours. Longer term, additional improvements could be achieved with investment in line electrification to

	<p>achieve further frequency improvements and a journey time of potentially 90mins or less.</p> <p>This paper requests that approval following this stakeholder engagement is granted for Translink to proceed and fund a project to undertake a detailed Technical & Feasibility study of all proposed options taking into consideration other competing initiatives and their strategic prioritisation.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council note the request by Translink for them to undertake a detailed Technical & Feasibility study of all proposed options for the development of the Dublin & Belfast Enterprise service.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>No Council resources required.</p>
5.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	NI Women's Enterprise Challenge (NWECC)
Date:	Monday 16 April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Martin Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer

Decisions Required

Approve the recommendation as at section 3 of this report.

Council approve participation in 'The NI Woman in Enterprise Challenge 2018-2021' at a cost of £6,162 in Year 1. Following an assessment of Year 1 outputs and impact a decision to progress in subsequent years will be brought to this Committee for further consideration.

1.0 Purpose and Background

The Northern Ireland Women's Enterprise Challenge (NIWEC) is a proposed collaboration between the 11 Councils, Invest NI and Women in Business NI. The aim of NIWEC is to promote female enterprise, increase the numbers of women considering starting a business and encourage existing female entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. This collaboration is an opportunity to work together, to pilot a range of projects and to impact on female enterprise throughout Northern Ireland.

11 Councils already collaborate in the NI Business Start Up Programme and have key responsibility for enterprise promotion, business start-up and the growth of locally focused small business. The new NIWEC factors in existing provision, so that any new female focused initiatives will add value or enhance participation in existing mainstream programmes, rather than compete with them.

2.0 Key Issues

Women in Business NI are a business network that specialises in female specific support through networks, events and programmes. It is social enterprise and a charity, originally founded by a group of female entrepreneurs and with the support of Invest NI, 15 years ago.

NIWEC is a collaboration that is the result of a unique situation. An American Entrepreneur originally from Northern Ireland, made a substantial financial commitment to WIB to enable them to develop business support initiatives specifically targeting female entrepreneurs.

Invest NI approached local Councils to consider whether they could consider a partnership approach to supporting female entrepreneurship, and contribute financially to extend the reach and duration of any female specific business support initiatives.

	<p>Proposed programme elements to be provided throughout the District will include business bootcamps, direct mentoring support, residential, conference, development of local female networks and dragons den pitching session to win funding.</p> <p>The total cost for the programme over a three year period is £600,000</p> <p>WIB have secured £200,000 and Invest NI have committed to contributing £200,000</p> <p>This leaves a balance of £200,000 to be split equally among the 11 councils resulting in the following proposed contributions:</p> <p>Year 1 individual council contribution - £6,162</p> <p>Year 2 individual council contribution - £6,122</p> <p>Year 3 individual council contribution - £5,895</p> <p>Summary of outputs per annum for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imagine It Boot Camp – 40 participants • Explore It programme – 6 to 10 participants • Sell It Today residential – 2 participants • Local networking events – 20 participants • Conference and Dragons Den event – 15 to 30 participants • On-going support for female entrepreneurship activity
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Council approve participation in 'The NI Woman in Enterprise Challenge 2018-2021' at a cost of £6,162 in Year 1. Following an assessment of Year 1 outputs and impact a decision to progress in subsequent years will be brought to this Committee for further consideration.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>£6,162 and is available in the Council transfer of function budget.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications</p> <p>All activity will be required to meet the policy.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>N/A</p>

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	European Social Fund (ESF) applications 2018/19
Date:	Monday 16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officers:	Martin Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer

Decisions Required

To consider and approve the list of European Social Fund (ESF) applications for 2018/19 as detailed within this report.

1.0 Purpose and Background

In line with the strategic focus Councils Economic, Regeneration and Investment Strategy, a number of European Social Fund (ESF) programme delivery organisations have submitted financial assistance applications for the Councils consideration. These organisations are seeking match funding contributions following already secured approval from the European Social Fund and will be implemented in the financial year 2018/19. The applications will assist in the delivery of key economic projects and programmes across the District.

2.0 Key Issue

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agreed at the January 2108 Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee that the Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration section implement a bespoke guidance note and application form to enable consideration of any future funding requests for initiatives that relate to the Economic, Regeneration and Investment Strategy.

4 applications for funding totalling have been received and have been assessed against agreed criteria and have an added benefit to our District. In addition they all lever in considerable amounts of match funding which our Council cannot avail of directly.

All applications are employment programmes delivered across the district and include; pre-enterprise, employment, youth, disability, education and mentoring accredited programmes. They also complement the Councils current delivery of the 'Go for It' business start-up programme and meet with the key objectives within our Councils Economic, Regeneration and Investment Strategy.

The recommendation is that each of the four programmes is awarded £10,000 (totalling £40,000) in year 1 2018/19 in line with our budget profiling for ESF projects.

If approved, the programme delivery organisations will be issued letters of offer for the implementation of the above programmes with clear and measureable outputs.

3.0 Recommendations

	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council approve the payment of £10,000 for each of the four European Social Fund projects assessed (total £40,000) in the financial year 2018/19. This to be reviewed after year 1.
4.0	Resource Implications Required budgets have been profiled within the 2018/2019 Departmental requirements.
5.0	Appendices N/A

Report to	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject	Feasibility and Needs Analysis Report for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Date	Monday 16 April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer:	Michael Forster - Enterprise Development Officer

Decisions Required

To note content of report and approve recommendation outlined at section 3

1. Recommendation that Council approves the report which highlights potential solutions for rural broadband;
2. Work with local communities and engage suppliers to ensure uptake of Gigabit Voucher Scheme regarding Community Owned Network models;
3. Continue to signpost businesses and residents to future broadband initiatives and explore future funding such as Local Full Fibre Network Wave 3 (Summer 2018) to implement potential service models;

1.0 Purpose and Background

This was an application submitted to the Rural Development Programme under the Rural Broadband scheme to research internet connectivity and determine if community based solutions may help overcome broadband in the Newry, Mourne and Down district area.

The first stage of this project was to analyse connectivity through a Broadband Survey, collecting real-time data on broadband not-spots and black-spots. The survey opened on 05 November 2017 and ran until 31 December 2017.

B4B worked with council officers to develop the survey which was available online for two months. A telephone number was also supplied for residents and businesses to complete over the phone. In addition to address and phone number data being captured a number of questions were asked to gather information on general connectivity across NMDDC.

In total, there were 976 results, although some of these had to be excluded from the bandwidth calculations as the respondent failed to provide a valid geographical address or a valid landline number. Once the data was collected the project team analysed each phone number to establish the maximum download and upload bandwidth achievable. This data was then used to create a map of broadband provision across the district. This will be overlaid with information from Ofcom and the Department of Media, Culture and Sport to put this information in context within Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom.

While the survey was being completed, the project team carried out the following secondary research:

- Analysis of village plans and DEA action plans to determine those areas that had raised broadband connectivity as an issue;
- Analysis of Ofcom, Invest NI and DfE data to identify broadband usage patterns as well as any planned improvements;
- Engagement with other tier 1 telecoms such as BT and Virgin providers to identify existing broadband infrastructure

The final report has provided commentary on the maps and more importantly set out

	the various potential solutions together with costs and operating models available for implementation.
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>The report has identified a number of options that could be implemented in rural areas in order to provide improved connectivity. Whilst Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) or Fibre to the Premises is preferred, it can be costly.</p> <p>B4B have recommend Fibre to the Mast (FTTM) using wireless technologies as "Last Mile" technologies particularly in the districts rural areas. This model would be attractive to both public and private funders. Given the scope of works involved, any potential pilot project would likely fall outside the budget of the RDP Broadband scheme, however the recently launched Gigabit Vouchers - Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) funding would be ideally suited for this project.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommendation that Council approves the report which highlights potential solutions for rural broadband; 2. Work with local communities and engage suppliers to ensure uptake of Gigabit Voucher Scheme regarding Community Owned Network models; 3. Continue to signpost businesses and residents to future broadband initiatives and explore future funding such as Local Full Fibre Network Wave 3 (Summer 2018) to implement potential service models;
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>Officer time with regards to assist with applications, host information seminars and engage with suppliers/communities to encourage uptake.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications</p> <p>This project meets all current policies</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>Final Report - Feasibility and Needs Analysis Report for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</p>

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Development of a Arts, Culture and Heritage Marketing Plan
Date:	16 April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Aisleain McGill, Head of Culture, Arts and Events

Decisions Required

Approval to tender for the services of a marketing agency to develop a marketing plan, and to implement specific campaigns to drive the growth of the Council's Arts, Culture and Heritage venues and programmes.

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>Following the development and approval of the Council's Tourism Marketing Plan in March 2018 it is proposed that a similar approach is adopted for the development of an Arts, Culture and Heritage Marketing Plan.</p> <p>This paper sets out the requirements to engage the services of a professional marketing agency to develop this marketing plan, and to implement specific campaigns and initiatives that will drive the growth of Arts, Culture and Heritage venues and programmes in the district.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>The Council has appointed a consultant to develop a new Integrated Culture, Arts & Heritage Strategy. This strategy will set out how we can drive the growth and sustained development of our culture, heritage and arts offering for the benefit of local communities and key stakeholders over the next five years.</p> <p>In conjunction with the development of the Integrated Culture, Arts & Heritage Strategy it is proposed that the Council engage the services of a professional marketing agency to develop a marketing plan, and to implement specific campaigns and initiatives, that will drive the growth of Arts, Culture and Heritage venues and programmes in the district.</p> <p>The Arts, Culture and Heritage Marketing Plan will deliver the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the participation of local residents and visitors from outside the district in culture, arts and heritage activity; • Identifying opportunities to develop marketing and sales activities to

	<p>achieve sustainable audience growth in our culture, arts and heritage venues and programmes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure we can develop our arts, cultural and heritage marketing through the innovative use of digital and social media and content creation and distribution. <p>Any key learning as identified in the development and delivery of the marketing plan will be explored and utilised in the creation of the overall Integrated Culture, Arts & Heritage Strategy. The marketing plan can be used to pilot to test key aspects of the overall Culture, Arts & Heritage Strategy and in that regard it is seen as a benefit to develop the marketing plan and overall strategy in parallel.</p> <p>In addition, it is proposed that the Arts, Culture and Heritage Marketing Plan will build on the work undertaken in the development of the Tourism Marketing Plan, in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing clear, compelling reasons for visitors to stay longer, and to base their visit to Ireland in this region; • Will help to differentiate this region from other areas of Ireland by promoting the key themes, stories and experiences that are unique to this district.
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Approval to tender for the services of a marketing agency to develop a marketing plan, and to implement specific campaigns to drive the growth of the Council's Arts, Culture and Heritage venues and programmes, for a period of 1 year with the option of renewal for a further two years on an annual basis subject to satisfactory performance.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>The cost associated with the development of a marketing plan will be covered by the resource allocation within the current 18/19 FY budget. (circa £8-10k)</p> <p>The marketing plan and associated costs with delivering the plan will be presented to the committee for approval, prior to campaign activity commencing.</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Equality Assessment</p> <p>All necessary consideration will be taken account of.</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Appendices N/A</p>

Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	DownTime Festival Delivery
Date:	16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events

Decisions Required

To consider and approve the recommendation to put a SLA in place with Down Community Arts to deliver key aspects of the DownTime Festival in Downpatrick (14th to 17th June 2018).

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>The inaugural DownTime festival will be held in Downpatrick over four days from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th June. The concept for the festival has been created and supported by a wide group of stakeholders in Downpatrick, and work has been ongoing with Council officers over the past three months to develop the event programme.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>Council officers have been working closely with a range of stakeholders to develop the festival programme to date. This has included working with the voluntary body Down Community Arts to develop proposals that focuses on musical, sporting and artistic events, along with securing a strong community engagement in the overall festival itself.</p> <p>In order to facilitate the effective delivery of these aspects of the festival it is proposed the Council put a SLA in place with Down Community Arts to become a delivery partner in the festival. By putting this agreement in place the festival can secure an allocation of Arts Council NI funding (as part of Down Community Arts core delivery budget).</p> <p>Down Community Arts is also uniquely placed to work with a wide range of stakeholders at a local level in Downpatrick and the surrounding area to build support on the ground for the festival and to ensure economies of scale can be achieved with the</p>

	<p>overall festival budget.</p> <p>Upon approval of this recommendation Council officers will develop a SLA with Down Community Arts to fully scope the delivery of musical, sporting and artistic elements, etc, as part of the overall DownTime festival.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>To consider and approve the recommendation to put a SLA in place with Down Community Arts to deliver key aspects of the DownTime Festival in Downpatrick (14th to 17th June 2018).</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>Council has agreed the overall budget of the Tourism Events Programme. The delivery of this SLA will be undertaken within the budget allocation for this event as agreed by Council in January 2018.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality Assessment</p> <p>All necessary consideration has been taken account of.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>N/a</p>

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Belfast Region City Deal: Update
Date:	16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive
Contact Officer:	Liam Hannaway, Chief Executive

Decisions Required

To note update on progress to date under the City Deal work streams, and the next steps in the development of a City Deal proposition.

1.0 Purpose and Background

Council have been participating in the Belfast Region City Deal initiative, which is inclusive of 6 NI Councils, with Belfast City Council as the lead partner

The Belfast Region City Deal is a composite programme of investment through the City Deal mechanism. The objective of the deal is to achieve more and better jobs, inclusive growth, improved skills and growth of the domestic business base and Foreign Direct Investment. The economic growth ambitions for the deal focus on the key themes of infrastructure, innovation and skills, and a programme of investment within these 3 key areas will be proposed as part of the Deal.

Chief Executives across the 6 participating Councils are continuing to work collectively to progress the City Deal proposal. This paper outlines an update on progress under the main work streams, and the next steps in the development of a City Deal proposition.

2.0 Key Issues

Development of the programme based on the agreed pillars of infrastructure, innovation and skills is overseen by a Board comprising the Chief Executives of the six Councils in the Belfast Region. The next key mile stone that the Council's are working towards is the production of a further proposition paper providing detailed analysis of the region, its economy, emerging growth sectors and the case for investment in emerging projects.

A number of work streams are underway in order to fulfil this requirement:

1. An Industrial Strategic Framework for the City Deal Region has been completed in draft form. This will be the overarching strategy that will underpin the City Deal proposition
2. A Digital Infrastructure Framework is underway with Future City Catapult. This Framework will develop a vision for digital infrastructure across the City Deal Region and propose a series of costed digital infrastructure proposals that complement the wider City Deal bid
3. A Business Case for Investment is underway, which will provide a holistic, prioritised, phased and costed investment plan for delivering the interventions needed to deliver the infrastructure required to support the growth requirements of the City Deal Region
4. A Tourism Product Framework for the Region will be completed
5. A Qualitative assessment on potential infrastructure projects will be undertaken

by KPMG;

6. City Deal Councils are working closely with Queen's University and Ulster University in the development of outline proposals for innovation projects for potential inclusion in Belfast Region City Deal;
7. City Deal Councils are working with FE Colleges in the development of an outline proposition on an integrated programme for employability and skills;

Council Chief Executives have continued to engage regularly with key partners, including officials from DCLG, the NIO, DfE, DoF and DfI to continue to build support for the Deal and to ensure that the proposition is developed in accordance with the requirements of financing partners. Representatives of the business sector and anchor institutions have also continued to be engaged both through direct consultation on the development of specific work streams.

The Joint Engagement Forum, comprising Councillors from each of the BRCD partners met on 12 February and were updated on progress in developing the City Deal proposition. Councillors also had the opportunity to discuss the lessons learned during the Glasgow City Deal with Gordon Matheson the leader of Glasgow City Council when their City Deal was agreed.

Emerging Infrastructure Proposals

In addition to the above work streams that are being developed at a City Deal Region level, under the infrastructure programme, it is likely to also include proposals at a District Council level, based on existing priorities identified within Community Plans, Investment Strategies, Tourism and Economic Development Strategies. There are a significant a number of steps, including discussions with DCLG and NI Government Departments on both financing and deliverability, still to be worked through in relation to the emerging infrastructure projects. KPMG have been working with Councils to assess potential projects to ensure that they are suitable for inclusion in a City Deal in that there is the potential to deliver measurable benefits in relation to productivity, employment or inclusion which represent value for money for the level of investment proposed. Below outlines potential projects currently under consideration:

- **Kilkeel Harbour Development:** The redevelopment of Kilkeel Harbour through the development of a dry dock, slips and external harbour
- **Newcastle Gateway to the Mournes:** Redefining our visitor destination experiences associated with the Mounre Mountains and the coastline, ultimately repositioning Newry, Mourne and Down into one of the premier year round destinations in Ireland.
- **Empowering Potential: Newry City Regeneration:** Driving regeneration and investment across the City of Newry through a new theatre and conference facility, hotel development and Grade A office accommodation with civic facilities.
- **Southern Relief Road:** A new strategic road, linking the A1 bypass of Newry City with the A2 Warrenpoint road dual-carriageway.
- **Marina Development at Warrenpoint Harbour:** Provision of a 200 berth marina, including 40 visitor berths, providing a sailing and boating node to facilitate development of sailing in the Lough and along the coast of the island of Ireland
- **Enhancing rural connectivity via a Digital Infrastructure programme of investment that will address inadequate broadband / connectivity infrastructure**

	<p>across the District</p> <p>Next Steps Councils will continue to consult with the NI Executive Departments to test the emerging project list and develop an updated proposition paper for discussion with DCLG at the end of April. It is anticipated that further prioritisation will form part of this process as well as the need for more information to take projects forward including detailed financial modelling with funding streams and development of individual business cases</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations To note update on progress to date under the City Deal work streams, and the next steps in the development of a City Deal proposition.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications Staff time Additional financial costs will be incurred as the City Deal progresses and this will be brought through the rates and committee structures as appropriate</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications All necessary considerations will be taken account of</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices N/A</p>

Category 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, proposing an extra day on the bank holiday Monday, finishing on Monday 19 th March. Vacating the site on Tuesday 20 th March 2018				
Albert Basin 29 th June – 1 st July 2018	27.11.17	Duffy's Circus	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
Albert Basin – 25 th January (tbc)	27.11.17	Circus Vegas	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested
Albert Basin July 2018 (preferably a Sat, 2/3 day event tbc) daily family activities and night time gigs	21.11.17	Nicola McEvoy	Approved	Insurance, risk assessments, health & safety, plan of area to be used etc requested. Subject to fees. 50% payable in advance.
Use of Event Space Hill Street, Newry for promotion & gazebo,	27.11.17	Independent Marketing Company on behalf of Pure Gym	Approved	Subject to Events plan - details of start/finish times, what exactly will be taking place on site, emergency contact details etc Risk Assessment Insurance cover.
BBC Filming from Flagstaff Viewpoint	14.12.17	Dragonfly Film & Television	Approved	Subject to insurance, event plan and risk assessment .
Use of Bessbrook Pond on 20 th January 2018 for sailing of model boats.	19.01.18	Michael Kernaghan, Seahorse Boat Club	Approved	Subject to Risk Assessment, Event Plan, Insurance, Site Plan
Use of Bessbrook Pond on 28 th April 2018 for sailing of model boats	14.02.18	Michael Kernaghan, Seahorse Boat Club	Approved	Subject to Risk Assessment, Event Plan, Insurance, Site Plan
Use of promenade at Newcastle for open air services.	20.02.18	George Conn, The Faith Mission	Approved	Subject to
Use of stretch of Newcastle Beach adjacent to Newcastle Centre for Donkey and	07.03.18	Martin McGreevy	Approved	Subject to Risk Assessment, Event Plan, Insurance, Veterinary Clearance regarding welfare

Shetland Pony Rides				of animals etc.
Use of Slieve Gullion Forest Park Drive for Mourne Mountain Motor Rally. Pre race access 8am – 11.30am 02/06 & 08/06. Race Day 09/06 all day.	23.03.18	Desmond O'Loan, Newry & District Motor club	Approved	Subject to Insurance, Risk Assesments, H&S Plan, Site Plan and associated costs.
Request to use Warden's Residence at Kilbroney Park to store dry food 30 th March – 15 th April 2018	29.03.18	Synge & Byrne	Approved	Subject to Insurance, associated costs. No liability to NMD. Storage area accepted as seen in current condition.

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Project Board
Date:	Monday 16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Marie Ward – Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.

Decisions Required

To note the contents of the report and approve the attached Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Report 16.03.18

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>As part of the on-going Castlewellan Forest Park development discussions with Forestry Service, works have been underway in regards to four separate commissions regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings • Conservation • Traffic • Heritage <p>The Consultants carrying out the above pieces of work have now presented these to the public (20.03.18) before coming back to the committee one last time for sign off (20.04.18) and then writing up final report by the end of April 2018.</p> <p>Following completion of this report stage, efforts will then be made to move towards preparations for DAERA and HLF applications in the summer/autumn 2018. Part of this will involve the appointment of a multi-disciplinary Design Team.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>Subject to the public consultation on the 20th March 2018, it is vital that key information obtained from this process is fed in to the overall above commissions.</p> <p>The Task and Finish Committee will sign off on the commissions before the end of April 2018, before proceeding to the next phase of the project and preparation for the DEARA and HLF applications.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>-Approve the attached Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Action Sheet dated 16.03.18</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The full application to DAREA will be submitted in Summer/Autumn 2018. A commitment to match fund the project in the sum of £167,000 will be necessary if the application is to be successful. Expenditure of these figures will be budgeted over the next 2-3 financial years. 2) The application to HLF in Summer/Autumn 2018 will require match funding to be successful. The requested figure of £1,000,000 in respect of both the Development and Delivery project stages will be required given the significance of the site. The Development Stage match funding will be required in 2018/19 and it is estimated in the region of £30,000 which has been budgeted for in the Council's Capital Rates Programme. The remainder of the Council funding would be spread out over a 3-5 financial year period.
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations Implications In delivery of this project the Council are fully mindful of the EIA policy that must be followed.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices Action sheet of Task & Finish Steering Committee Meeting 16.03.18</p>

Title of Working Group/Forum: Castlewellan Forest Park, Task and Finish Steering Committee**Date/time/venue: Friday 16th March 2018 at 2pm in The Grange, Castlewellan FP****Cllrs present: Cllr G Craig, Cllr A McMurray, Cllr W Clarke, Cllr M Murnin / Others Attending: Mr M Donnelly, Mr G Ogle, Mr M Ridout, Mr A Sinnamon, Mr H McKibbin, Mr C Meillon, Mr G Casement, Mr M Parker, Mr D Jones, Mr P Mawhirt****Chaired by: Ms S Montgomery Officers present: Mr S Crossey, Mr S McGivern, Ms M Quinn****Apologies for non-attendance: Cllr Howell, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Devlin, Mr McGilly, Mr Watson, Mr Irwin, Mr Carey, Ms Donnelly, Mr Lear, Mr Patterson**

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	Update on Progress with Biodiversity Study	Continuing to work with Forestry Service on complying relevant environmental information.	S Crossey	Council Officers continuing to work with Consultant to ensure Presentation ready for consultation evening on 20.03.18	N
2	Update on Progress with Traffic Study	Discussions to continue with Forestry Service, Council and HED on the options being considered.	S Crossey	Council Officers working with Consultants to try and ensure Presentation ready for consultation evening on 20.03.18	N
3	Update on progress with Buildings Study	Before finalisation of various costed options, it is important to liaise with HED to confirm what will or won't be allowed.	S Crossey	Important that Consultants on the Traffic and Buildings Studies work closely together to be ready for Consultation Evening.	N
4	Public Consultation Evening	Consultants to ensure that all slides are made ready for the 2 hour presentation evening on 20.03.18 in Castlewellan Castle.	S Crossey	Council Officers to ensure that all available social media options are used to publicise the Consultation evening on 20/03/18 and follow-up PR is issued.	N

5	<p>Future Funding Applications</p>	<p>In order to be ready for HLF and DAERA applications in August and September 2018, important to now appoint an Integrated Design Team to assist in the process.</p>	S Crossey	<p>Council now proceed to go to Tender and Award if within Budget for an Integrated Design Team (IDT) to be appointed for the Castlewellan Forest Park Project.</p>	N
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Signed: _____ Seamus Crossey (Interim until New Park Project Officer Appointed) _____ Lead Officer

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 th April 2018
Subject:	Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership Update
Reporting Officer	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer	Caroline Nolan SLLP Manager

Decisions required:	
<p>To note the contents of the report and approve recommendations in 3.0 below:</p> <p>Continued support for the SLLP and its work to deliver the AONB Action Plan and Marine Site Scheme in support of the councils role in heritage based and activity tourism and the conserving landscape as a resource, rural economic development, outdoor recreation, biodiversity, environmental sustainability and the requirements of related legislation and healthy and active communities.</p> <p>Work in 2018/19 will include:</p> <p>Delivery of the European Year of Culture and Heritage Medieval themed initiative which will build capacity for on site improvements and the development of a related trail through community engagement and themed tours for visitors</p> <p>Engaging communities, clubs and others in improving biosecurity and tackling invasive species such as <i>Spartina</i> and meet legislative requirements</p> <p>Deliver of biodiversity projects relevant to red squirrels, swifts, butterflies and coastal flowers, involving local people</p> <p>Improving heritage interpretation and guidance for local people and visitors through Out and About Panels at Strangford Ferry, Kilclief and also Minerstown and Dundrum.</p>	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	The SLLP Partnership is delivering the Strangford and Lecale AONB Action Plan 2017-2022 and facilitating the delivery of the Strangford Lough Marine Site Scheme
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>1. The AONB Action Plan is being delivered in line with guidance from DAERA client officer - various projects in progress</p> <p>2. The Marine Protected Area Scheme Actions are being taken forward as per guidance from DAERA client officer.</p>

	<p>Key areas of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medieval Heritage community engagement and access to tower houses other sites. £42k secured through HLF European Year of Culture and Heritage fund. Project in two parts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Led by QUB developing the storyline and themes associated with key sites across NI "Beyond Westeros" but linking also to the GOT theme. b. Led by SLLP (£25k) focussed on community engagement and product development in County Down and in particular the AONB. Project programme attached. Will be delivered in close liaison with Tourism Section (Asst Director Tourism and provided letter of support). - Audit of Access to Strangford Lough completed. Report to follow for next ERT. - Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Plan for Strangford and Lecale completed subject to final amendments over the coming month. Final Report to follow. - Various Biodiversity Projects being developed for roll-out over the coming year - On-going Coastal Litter Clean-up work with communities. Funding was secured for a number of initiatives in 2017/18 and this will continue going forward. A major clean-up took place along the Lecale Way south of Ballyhornan with boats and canoes working with volunteers on land to access normally inaccessible beaches. - Review and replacement of Out and About panels was completed. All damaged signs are in the process of being replaced with funding from AANDBC and the Environment Fund. Some already on site - rest to follow - Final grant claims in progress for 2017/18. All work delivered on time and to budget.
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Recommendations:</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Continued support for the SLLP and its work to deliver the AONB Action Plan and Marine Site Scheme in support of the councils role in heritage based and activity tourism and the conserving landscape as a resource, rural economic development, outdoor recreation, biodiversity, environmental sustainability and the requirements of related legislation and healthy and active communities.</p>

	<p>Work in 2018/19 will include:</p> <p>Delivery of the European Year of Culture and Heritage Medieval themed initiative which will build capacity for on site improvements and the development of a related trail through community engagement and themed tours for visitors</p> <p>Engaging communities, clubs and others in improving biosecurity and tackling invasive species such as <i>Spartina</i> and meet legislative requirements</p> <p>Deliver of biodiversity projects relevant to red squirrels, swifts, butterflies and coastal flowers, involving local people</p> <p>Improving heritage interpretation and guidance for local people and visitors through Out and About Panels at Strangford Ferry, Kilclief and also Minerstown and Dundrum.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>NMDDC contributes £25,000 annually towards the SLLP. This funding is matched by DAERA (£84,922) and AANDBC (£24,500)</p> <p>The SLLP brings in additional funding and also a substantial contribution through the use of volunteers as required to deliver projects.</p>
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices
	None

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Gigabit Voucher Scheme Launch
Date:	Monday 16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Jonathan McGilly - Assistant Director - Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officers:	Michael Forster – Enterprise Development Officer Martin Patterson – Enterprise Development Officer

For noting – Gigabit Voucher Scheme Launch

Businesses and Residents in Newry, Mourne and Down District are being urged to apply now for grants of up to £3,000 to upgrade their current broadband service.

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>The aim of this scheme is to increase the speed of deployment of Full Fibre networks within the UK by providing micro-grants to support the cost of new connectivity. Vouchers are the mechanism the scheme uses to provide these grants. The scheme aims to encourage suppliers to invest in gigabit* capable services. The voucher is a benefit to eligible small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and some circumstances residents (together being 'beneficiaries') who must receive the full value of the voucher. (*1 Gigabit = 1000mb per second)</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses and residents can get vouchers from suppliers who are registered with the scheme. Vouchers may only be used to support the cost of eligible connections. Suppliers can offer vouchers to both new and existing customers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where suppliers are able to provide qualifying connections to single SMEs, vouchers will be made available to cover up to £3,000 of eligible costs. ○ The only way residents can benefit from the voucher scheme is as part of a local community group scheme, which must also include small businesses. Residents and businesses taking part in a group scheme are able to join together to pool the value of their vouchers. ○ In some areas the value of a single voucher will not fully meet the installation costs of a gigabit capable full fibre connection. Anyone in this position can also benefit from the group approach outlined above. ○ The scheme launched at the end of March 2018 and will run until March 2021 or until all available funding has been allocated.
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>1: That the Gigabit Voucher Scheme is promoted in areas of poor connectivity across NMD Council area as identified by the RDP Feasibility and Needs Analysis Report. Officers should engage with suppliers and rural communities to encourage multiple voucher applications to pool the value, which can then help meet the installation cost charged by the supplier.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: The following marketing campaign is recommended in order to promote the Gigabit</p>

	<p>Voucher Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting a series of community information seminars to encourage uptake; • District wide newspaper campaign consisting of advert and a press release inviting businesses & residents to explore and complete the application process; • Social Media campaign promoting scheme through NMDBusiness & NMDCouncil profiles aligning to hashtag: #GigabitVoucher; • Promotion through NMD Business e-zine; • Information to be placed on Council websites, : http://www.newrymournedown.org and DigitalNMD website: www.digitalnmd.org • Leaflet drop to local businesses and enterprise agencies, chambers, colleges, partner organisations etc; • Emails / Information packs sent to elected members regarding the scheme, that could be circulated to businesses.
4.0	<p>Resource Implications Officer time will be allocated to assist with application, host information seminars and engage with suppliers/communities to encourage uptake.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations Implications N/a</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices Please see enclosed Gigabit Voucher Scheme Leaflet. Further can be provided if required by emailing michael.forster@nmandd.org</p>

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme



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GIGABIT BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME

ACTIONS TRACKING UPDATE**ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE**

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
ERT/177/2016	Policy & Procedures Access to the Countryside in Newry Mourne & Down District Council	ERT - Monday 11 JANUARY 2016 To note a policy document was currently being prepared on Access to the Countryside in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area, as outlined in Report dated 21 December 2015 from Ms C Murphy and Ms Heather Wilson, Countryside/Rights of Way Officer The policy document will be a framework for merging the differing policies within the legacy Councils and ensuring the Council's compliance with the implementation of the Access to the Countryside (NI) Order 1983. When the policy document is completed it will be brought to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee for consideration in due course.	Work ongoing to complete the policy including seeking legal advice	Final draft to go to Committee Jan/Feb 2018	N
ERT/155/2016	Tender re: Arts	ERT - MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2016 The Council tender for the	In Progress	Tender concluded	Y

	Centre Heritage Strategy & Action Plan	Development of an Integrated Culture Arts & Heritage Strategy 2017 - 201 and Action Plan 2017-2019 for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, as per report dated 10 October 2016 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director ERT.		and award to be issued.	
ERT/176/2016	Sean Hollywood Arts Centre Café Franchise	ERT - MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016 (a) The Council to not proceed on the basis as outlined in Point 2.0 for the reasons as outlined in Point 3.0 in Report dated 14 November 2016 from Ms J Turley Facilities Administrator. (b) Council Officials to enter back into negotiations regarding the café franchise at Sean Hollywood Arts Centre	In progress		N
ERT/178/2016	Caravan and Campsite Management	(a) To agree a joint process between Council and Forest Service to appoint external expertise to prepare the Business Rationale and Specification to seek competent providers for the management of Tollymore, Castlewelling and Kilbroney Park Caravan/ Camping provision with the option to consider some additional tourism recreational services which would enhance the tourism offering. (b) To revert to Council with the completed Business Rationale and Specification prior to progressing to seek Expression of Interest.	In progress		N

ERT/006/2017	International Ice Swimming Association Bid	(a) ERT - JANUARY 2017 a) The Council to provide a letter of support to the Camlough Lake Water Festival (CLWF) to host the International Ice Swimming Association (IISA) World Championships 2019 in Newry Canal or Camlough lake. ERT and AHC Departments will work in partnership with CLWF Festival to facilitate this project.	M Boyle	Awaiting update from CLWF on plans to progress	N
ERT/101/2017	Cranfield Beach	12 JUNE 2017 Councillor Quinn asked for Officials to look at replacing the turning bay with a roundabout as during warmer water cars park in the turning bay resulting in residents being unable to get into their homes.		On-going	N
ERT/118/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lease - Tennis Pavilion - Rostrevor Tennis Club 	Hotel provision - Rostrevor It was agreed to agree to a proposed 20 year lease from 1 March 2017 of the pavilion building to Rostrevor Tennis Club at peppercorn rent, as per report dated 12 June 2017 from Ms B Magill, Administration Officer.	Ongoing	Tennis Club have not signed the Lease - consideration as to next steps and further paper will be brought back to Committee.	N
ERT/134/2017	Department for Communities Funding - Regeneration	AUGUST 2017 (a) Council write to the Permanent Secretary for the Department for Communities regarding the following:	J McGilly	Letter received from DfC	Y

	Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To express the Council's concern at the on-going delay in Department for Communities funding for regeneration projects. - To seek a meeting between Council Official and the Permanent Secretary to discuss the on-going delay in funding and the Urban Regeneration Forward Work Plan and to request that funding is agreed for the three schemes, that Letters of Offer should allow for an extension into the 2018/19 financial year for a scheme completion and spend. • Report back to Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting in due course. 		
ERT/140/2017	Clanbrassil Barns and Tea Rooms Tollymore Forest Park	(a) It was agreed the Council enter into a legal agreement with DAERA for a 20 year Lease for Clanbrassil Barns & Tea Rooms at Tollymore Forest Park, subject to valuation by DAERA and condition assessment by Council, as per Report dated 14 August 2017 from Ms M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer.	Ongoing	N
ERT/142/2017	Warrenpoint Baths	(a) It was agreed the Council proceed to appoint a suitably qualified multi-disciplinary team to design and manage a development brief process in line with existing planning approval.	Tender Awarded	Y
		ERT - MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER		

ERT/160/2017	Sport NI Outdoor Inclusive Beaches	2017 (a) To agree to a formal agreement between Newry, Mourne and Down DC and Mae Murray foundation to facilitate the preparation of a business case to Sport NI to provide an inclusive destination at Cranfield Beach subject to agreeing logistics of storage and letting of equipment. Subject to a successful bid to Sport NI provide partnership funding of 25% equating to £4675.60 and assistance with planning application by Mae Murray Foundation if required. ERT MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017	Andy Patterson	Work near completion.	Y
ERT/171/2017	GREENWAY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS	(a) Council approval to work up project bids and detailed designs for the Department of Infrastructure's Capital Grants Programme for Greenways should the Programme become available. (b) Council explores how the work relating to the negotiation with landowners can be progressed	Jonathan McGilly	Work will commence subject to necessary funds being secured in 18/19 Budgets.	N
ERT/172/2017	NORTHERN IRELAND EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND PROGRAMME 2014-2020	(a) Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (a) authorise Council officials to engage with relevant organisations to develop potential ESF applications and report back to Council in due course and (b) provide £50,000 per annum within the 2018/19, 2019/20 & 2020/21 financial years to match fund and lever in potential new economic and employment projects under the	Jonathan McGilly	Work ongoing subject to 18/19 Budgets	Y

ERT/175/2017	APPLICATION TO HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND FOR GREAT PLACE SCHEME	European Social Fund programme 2014 - 2020. This would be made available within the economic development budget.	Jonathan McGilly	Work Ongoing	Y
ERT/191/2017	CAMLOUGH LAKE – LAND RELATED MATTERS	<p>(a) To agree that the Council act as a lead partner for this application and submit the preliminary application.</p> <p>(b) To pursue all relevant funding opportunities to match fund the application, if it is successful to the final stage.</p> <p>(c) Recommend the on-going support from all relevant NMDDC departments for the applications.</p> <p>Closed Session Item</p> <p>(a) To enter into negotiations with Richardson Estate to settle any outstanding mortgage they hold pertaining to Camlough Lake</p> <p>To complete detail design and submit planning associated with multi purpose building at Camlough Lake to assist in informing land acquisition requirements</p> <p>ERT MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017</p> <p>1.The application to The Digital Catapult was successful; 2.Recommendation to allow officers</p>	Andy Patterson	Ongoing	N
ERT/195/2017	LOW POWERED WIDE AREA NETWORK (LPWAN)	1.The application to The Digital Catapult was successful; 2.Recommendation to allow officers	J McGilly	Ongoing	Y

ERT/196/2017	UPDATE CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK TASK & FINISH PROJECT BOARD	within ERT to work with University of Ulster and Invest NI to identify possible locations within the district to site the LPWAN base stations; To include budget in next financial year (subject to rates) in respect of additional work required and match funding to accompany application submission in 2018. £100,000 has been previously allocated in the current financial year Capital Budget. An uplift of £50,000 is now being sought.	J McGilly	Ongoing	N
ERT/202/2017	PURCHASE OF LAND AT SLIEVE GULLION FOREST PARK – ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING	EXEMPT INFORMATION Council to purchase lands 110m x 8m situated on an agricultural field at Slieve Gullion Forest Park, which fronts on to Wood Road, almost opposite the existing car park. The valuation agreed with LPS is £15,000, plus the landowners costs. To proceed to purchase subject to obtaining planning permission for car parking.	A Patterson	Nearing completion	Y
ERT/211/2017	ACTION SHEET MINUTES OF ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017	ERT MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017 ERT/199/2017 2018/19 Tourism Events Programme - Include an action to liaise with the groups currently running tourism related festivals.	Marie Ward	Progressed	Y

ERT/212/2017	PRESENTATION – FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN NMD	Presentation to be circulated to all Members of ERT Committee.	Marie Ward	Completed	Y
ERT/213/2017	RING OF GULLION SLLP NIEA FUNDING	Sign and return NIEA Acceptance Form and to approve the additional funding offer of £11,000.	Jonathan McGilly	Actioned	Y
ERT/214/2017	UNION PRIORITY 4 (SEAFLAG	(a) To note the Strategy Development process. (b) To approve the submission of the Development strategy to DAERA. (c) To approve the acceptance and sign off for the administration/running costs letter of offer.	Jonathan McGilly	Actioned	Y
ERT/215/2017	IRISH STREET, DOWNPATRICK – PUBLIC REALM SCHEME	(a) Approve the further expenditure of £6,000 to allow the scheme to secure the necessary planning approval. This will ensure that the project will be ready to proceed as soon as the DFC funding is released.	Jonathan McGilly	Actioned	Y
ERT/216/2017	ACCELERATE INNOVATION PROPOSAL	(a) Contribute £25,000 towards the Innovate Accelerate Pilot Programme in Year One, to be implemented by Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency and Down Business Centre in partnership with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Louth, Meath and Monaghan Local Enterprise Offices. Option for two additional years in 2018/19 and 2019/20 upon review for the pilot programme.	Jonathan McGilly	Actioned	Y

ERT/217/2017	AUDIT OF VACANT PROPERTIES	<p>(a) To approve the SLA with the 2 no. Enterprise Agencies to cover works agreed in advance up to a maximum cost of £20,000 per annum for 2017/18 and 2018/19.</p> <p>(b) To approve vacant property unit works be completed under this SLA at a cost of £10,000 within the current financial year.</p> <p>(c) To include any vacant land in Downpatrick and Newry</p>	Jonathan McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/218/2017	ARDGLASS HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT	<p>(a) To contribute £25k (25%) to Local Harbour Development Group to complete a business case for Harbour Development and wider regeneration projects.</p> <p>(b) That the Group contribute 10% overall costs.</p> <p>(c) That the Group secure remaining (65%) budget from external source i.e FLAG.</p> <p>(d) That a Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Officer support the Group in their work.</p>	Jonathan McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/219/2017	ACCESS AUDIT STRANGFORD LOUGH AND LECALE	<p>(a) Audit of Access to the Strangford Lough to include: Current Access, Potential Access and Recommendations, relevant to the potential to develop water based recreation and related activities while</p>	Jonathan McGilly	Work in progress	N

ERT/220/2017	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS REPORT	<p>conserving the area's conservation features and biosecurity.</p> <p>(a) Note the detail of the visit to Kirovsk and the signing of a Twinning Agreement from October 2017 to April 2019.</p> <p>(b) Approve the financial contribution of Council to the St Paul's Exchange visit in February 2018.</p> <p>(c) Approve the placement of a Russian Student for the period of April 2018 to March 2019.</p> <p>(d) Approve further consideration of development of a Friendship Agreement between the Changchun region and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council procedures.</p>	Marie Ward	Actioned	Y
ERT/221/2017	EVENTS OPEN CALL PROPOSAL	<p>(a) Approve Scenario 2: Remove c12% from Giant Adventures Events - to include the following:</p> <p>(b) Festival of Flight: £140k proposed budget cut to £122k.</p> <p>(c) Footsteps in the Forest: £85k proposed budget cut to £74k.</p> <p>(d) Wake the Giant: £100k proposed budget cut to £87k.</p> <p>(e) City of Merchants: £100k budget cut to £87k.</p> <p>(f) In addition to the above budget</p>	Andy Patterson	Actioned	Y

ERT/225/2017	UPDATE ON PROPOSED DOWNPATRICK HOTEL	adjustments, the overall budget proposed for the Guardians of the Mournes Festival would be cut from £128k to £112k. (a) "Note" this progress and await the outcome of the planning process	Jonathan McGilly	Actioned	Y
ERT/226/2017	DOWNPATRICK PSNI STATION	Closed Session Item Approve the recommendations as outlined in Section 3.0 of the Report dated 11 December 2017 from Marie Ward	Marie Ward		
ERT/004/2018	JOINT BREXIT CONFERENCE	JANUARY 2018 1. Approve cross border Brexit conference, to be hosted in the Carrickdale in association with NMD Council, InterTrade Ireland, Louth County Council, Local Enterprise Office (LEO), Dundalk Chamber and Newry Chamber. 2. Develop a similar Brexit event to be hosted in Downpatrick / Newcastle area early 2018. 3. Link to enable online registration to the Brexit Conference to be circulated to all Members	Jonathan McGilly	Completed	Y
ERT/005/2018	CREATIVE INDUSTRIES - EMERGING	Council approve programme of £17,000, working in collaboration with SRC/SERC to host "Emerging	Jonathan McGilly	Launch scheduled for March 2018	Y

ERT/006/2018	TECHNOLOGIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS UPDATE ON DERRYMORE REGENERATION PROJECT	technologies for business” events across the district. Council approve programme of £17,000, working in collaboration with SRC/SERC to host “Emerging technologies for business” events across the district. 1. Following the procurement and assessment of an Integrate Design Team for the regeneration of Derrymore Demesne and Moorehall Estate projects, to appoint the most economically advantageous tender, providing it is within budget 2. To put in place a Service Level Agreement between Council / MGL LAG and Mayo Co Council re the project management and financial delivery of the Co-operation Project 3. To engage with National Trust regarding necessary legal agreements regarding the completion of the works on their land. This will also outline the aspects of the project that National Trust will continue to maintain following completion of the project, and outline Council’s responsibility for future maintenance of the Play	Jonathan McGilly	Work in progress as per recommendation	Y
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			<p>Area</p> <p>4. To establish Permission Path Agreements in relation to the River Walk, subject to legal formalities and land valuation.</p> <p>5. To procure the appointment of a contractor(s) for both Derrymore Demense and Moorehall Estate projects. However official appointment of a contractor(s) will only be made once funding is in place for completion of the capital works.</p> <p>6. To submit a funding application to MGL LAG once the all pre application requisites have been completed. Engage with Sport NI to secure a Letter of Offer once all pre LoO requisites have been completed.</p>			
ERT/007/2018	CHINESE INVITATION		<p>1. To accept the invitation extended by Liu Changlong, Mayor of Changchun to visit in 2018</p> <p>2. To agree to the Chair of Council and Chief Executive representing the Council on the visit.</p> <p>3. To further consider the opportunities to include a wider delegation of business and educational partners in the visit.</p>	Marie Ward	In progress	N
ERT/008/2018	MIPIM CANNES		To approve the Chair of Council and	Marie Ward	Actioned	Y

ERT/010/2018	GEO TOURISM PROJECT UPDATE	One Council official attending MIPIM to represent the Newry, Mourne and Down Region development opportunities. To approve the recommendation that the UNESCO Geopark submission will include the Strangford Lough and Lecale AONB (if agreed by Ards & North Down BC) in addition to the Mournes and Ring of Gullion AONBs.	Andy Patterson	Project on-going	Y
ERT/013/2018	EXEMPT INFORMATION WARRENPOINT BATHS DEVELOPMENT BRIEF	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council agree the additional £13,500, as per current tender assessment, to appoint a multi-disciplinary team to manage the development brief process in relation to Warrenpoint Baths. The total contract cost is £23,500 and is available in the Council regeneration budget	Jonathan McGilly	Actioned	Y
ERT/014/2018	EXEMPT INFORMATION WARRENPOINT BATHS LEASE	Council enter into short term lease (1 year with option to renew) with East Coast Adventure subject to valuation from LPS and completion of all legal formalities	Andy Patterson	Actioned	Y
ERT/018/2018	UPDATE ON NEXT STEPS ON EXPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	1. Agreed that in order to determine impact of the programme, Council will 6 months following programme completion contact the 20 local companies to undertake monitoring against any new clients / contracts secured as a result of participation	Jonathan McGilly	Work in progress	N

			on the Overseas Results programme		
			2. Council will also review with the business any further additional support that may be required to fulfil the new contract to inform potential additional programmes under future LED activity		
			February 2018		

Report to	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject	Master Plans: Progress Update
Date	16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer	Marie Ward, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration

Decisions Required

To note the contents of the report

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background Council has previously agreed the priority actions to be delivered against each of the 4 main Master plans:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newry City Master Plan 2. Ballynahinch Master Plan 3. Downpatrick Master Plan 4. South East Coast Master Plan <p>Attached provides detail on the progress made to date against each of the listed priorities</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues Future actions and next steps have been noted against each of the priorities.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations With reference to the 4 Master plan updates, to note the comments provided in relation to progress to date and next steps</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications Each individual project will identify budget implications, and seek necessary approvals through Council.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality and Good Relations implications Each individual action will be assessed where appropriate / relevant against any Equality and Good relations implications</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices Updates against the below Masterplans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry City Masterplan • South East Coast • Downpatrick • Ballynahinch

NEWRY CITY MASTER PLAN – PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

Rank	Project	Rationale for Prioritisation	Level of Delivery by 2020	2016/17 Action Plan	Progress Up-to Apr 2018
1	Council Civic Centre Campus (Internal Capital Project)	Key Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Major infrastructure project. Availability of sites.	Council owned and led - stakeholder input - Feasibility study, site identified - planning permission sought/granted - funding secured	PM – M Ward -Civic Centre Requirements agreed -Site Identified	-Work on-going in finalising site options with consultants. -Looking at the Feasibility of adding a Theatre to the project. -Project Board established and reporting back to overseeing Capital Working Group. -Developer engagement being held week commencing 26 th March 18.
2	Albert Basin (Internal/External Project)	Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Creates a major multi-faceted infrastructure project in City Centre. Public perception is for the Council to deliver a successful project on this site. Giving due consideration to provision of a public park.	- Council owned and led - Financial and staff resources required - stakeholder engagement - develop & implement an Albert Basin Masterplan - delivered on a phased approach	PM – M Ward -Complete site appraisal via Investment Strategy -Secure funding for site masterplan (AHC now leading on project)	-Council have agreed development of a 15 acre park. Steering Group currently being established.
3	Southern Relief Road (External Project)	Major infrastructure development meeting with the Council's strategic priorities. Multiple impacts. Will add to the success of other initiatives; Newry City's general operation, job creation,	- Delivered by central Government /TNI - Lobbying role for the Council - Ensure all Government and stakeholder commitment via Council Committee Process	PM: M Ward -Completion of options appraisals (TNI) -Continued Lobbying	-TNI completed and published its report on the options for the SRR. Two preferred corridors have been identified. Some consultation was

		tourism, business development, health& well-being and inward investment. Cross border opportunities.			undertaken in late 2017 with a view to choosing a preferred route by the end of 2018. Detail Design would follow thereafter, through to statutory due process and a Public enquiry in 2019/2020. -With phase I completed. (Albert Basin to spillway) -Phase II (spill way to Victoria Lock) contractors have been onsite with works due to be complete in Apr/May 2018. - Phase III (Victoria Lock to Omeath) now being led by LCC.
4	Greenway Development (Internal Capital Project)	Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Phased project already commenced and a success. Connectivity to other greenways and projects. External funding opportunities. Cross border opportunities.	-Partnership with Louth County Council (LCC) -Complete Greenway project connecting Victoria Lough to Newry City Towpath	PM: M Ward Phase 1 completed Phase 2 Funding application submitted	
5	Place Marketing (Internal Revenue Project)	Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Immediate requirement to service the community and business sectors. Create a common Newry City identity/place.	-Council owned and led -Financial and staff resources required -Various stakeholder input -Implement comprehensive marketing plan with stakeholder buy in on an annual basis -Undertake review of signage across City	PM: Jonathan McGilly -Develop marketing plan -Secure funding for signage, audit & review in partnership with BID Team	- BID commissioned Newry "Perfectly Placed" as a brand for a range of activities and has undertaken an extensive integrated marketing strategy. -Many activities covered including cross border trade linkages / On line promotion / press / radio / bill boards / ad vans / ad

				<p>walkers and partnering (e.g. AA Road Watch and Translink)</p> <p>-3 bill board signs in use locally on regular basis.</p> <p>-About to provide additional Parking signage following feedback from surveys.</p> <p>-Working on a range of events to showcase the City.</p> <p>-Preferred Site identified and Developer still going through Planning.</p> <p>Anticipated Planning Decision May/June 2018.</p>
6	Community Care Hub (External Project)	Major infrastructure development meeting with the Council's strategic priorities.	<p>-Lobbying role for the Council</p> <p>-Delivered by other Government Departments & private sector</p> <p>-Business Case</p> <p>-Planning for site secured</p> <p>-Tender & develop scheme</p>	<p>PM: M Ward</p> <p>-Secure executive approval for project</p>
7	Waterfront Urban Design (Internal Revenue Project)	<p>Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Unique twin waterways running through Newry City centre and under utilised.</p> <p>Connectivity of the urban nature of Newry to the water to open up a number of projects. External funding opportunities.</p>	<p>-Council owned and led in partnership with DFC</p> <p>-Financial and staff resources required</p> <p>-stakeholder input</p> <p>-developed via BID Team & Chamber</p> <p>-Delivered on a phased approach</p> <p>-City Waterways Strategy/Masterplan which can</p>	<p>PM: Marie Ward</p> <p>-Source funding</p> <p>-Complete Merchants Quay Revitalisation Programme</p> <p>-Linkages Revitalisation Scheme completed in 2016.</p> <p>- Bus Station Canal-Side and Rear of Townhall River-side being investigated for works and funding. Possible linkage on this item in regards to in civic site investigations.</p>

	8	<p>Public Realm (Internal Project)</p>	<p>Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Newry City Centre Public Realm Strategy in place to guide and prioritise decisions and projects, e.g. Basin Quay, Hill Street, Abbey Way, Newry Variety Market, Town Hall/Arts Centre setting, North Street. External funding opportunities.</p>	<p>be delivered on a phased approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council owned and led in partnership with DSD -Financial and staff resources required -stakeholder input via project steering groups -Revitalisation scheme -Prioritise 1 no. future PR scheme for Newry -commence process, i.e. design, planning and implementation. 	<p>PM: Seamus Crossey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Complete Hill Street Public Realm Scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Phase II of Hill Street Public Realm completed in 2016 - Working with DFC to prioritise a 3rd Phase in Lower Hill Street. Design Team consultants to be in place for May 2018. - TNI completed Mary Street and Water Street resurfacing programme in mid-2017.
	9	<p>Car Parks/Park and Choose (Internal Project)</p>	<p>Element within the Transfer of Functions. Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Can connect other projects and provide and income stream for the Council. External funding opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council/Transport NI owned and led(RATS) -Financial and staff resources required -Action up to 2020 – Car park strategy with economic benefits to the fore. Car Parks formally transferred to Council. Innovative mechanism for transportation throughout the city centre to alleviate parking issues & linked to Council's Investment Strategy 	<p>PM: Colm Jackson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Complete appraisal/business case for car park to agree new charging structures etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council has agreed a 2 year extension to the Agency Agreement with Transport NI to carry out the enforcement for the pay car parks within the city. The Agreement is extended to Oct 2019. -Council agreed to take back responsibility of the Corry Square car park from NCCM. (Newry City Centre Management) and sub-leased this car park to Euro Car parks Ltd until Oct 2019. -Council inherited a mixture of free and pay car parks from TNI. We intend using the revenue generated from the pay car parks to pay for the upkeep of all our car parks. -Council has no desire to increase the tariffs of its car

					<p>park for the foreseeable future to encourage the public to visit the city centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council has appointed a car park duty manager to manage the inherited car parks. -Council commissioned an appraisal of its car parks by ARUP. The appraisal has identified an adequate capacity of parking spaces within the off street car parks in the city centre. -in June/July 2018 plan to obtain data on the nature of users of the car-parks (i.e. Long term Users)
10	Abbey Grounds (Internal Capital Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Land provided to the Council but must be retained as parkland -Potential for connectivity with the new CCTC Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Council owned and led -Action up to 2020 – Decision made on project and relevant permissions put in place. Funding secured -2016/17 – Land placed in Council ownership and consultation on potential project 	<p>PM: Marie Ward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explore funding options -Link to Investment Strategy for Newry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No further update on the Lands Transfer.
11	River Clean Up& Weir Project (External Project)	<p>River Agency responsibility however can be addressed moving forward in a short time frame. Add to the waterfront urban design priority if an action plan is agreed. Supports other projects, e.g. public realm.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lobbying role for the Council -ensure connectivity with waterfront urban design strategy -Lobby for River Weir -Explore funding Opps for Weir -Explore with DSD funding options for clean up 	<p>PM – J McGilly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Explore options with Rivers Agency & DFC for clean up -Lobby for Weir project & explore funding options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -DFC funded River Clean up took place in early 2017. - On Bigger issue of Weir, asking Newry DEA to refer this to 'Infrastructure Working Group' of the Community Plan.

12	<p>Corn Market (existing health village) (External Project)</p>	<p>Proposed CCTC will render this site vacant linked with Monaghan Street Car Park & Councils Sport Culture Site has significant development opportunities with potential to regenerate Corn Market/Monaghan Street area</p>	<p>-Explore options with DSD for comprehensive development scheme</p>	<p>PM: Marie Ward -Complete investment strategy for Newry City</p>	<p>-Discussions are still ongoing with DFC (Dept for Communities), in regards to how the site development is to be progressed.</p>
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BALLYNAHINCH MASTER PLAN – PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

Rank Order	Ref	Project	Rationale for Prioritisation	Level of Delivery by 2020	2016/17 Action Plan	2017/18 Action Plan (March 2018)
1	J	Development of River Pathways (Internal Capital Project)	Linking town with wider environs. Act as a catalyst for tourism development with reference to Montalto Estate. Wide community support for project. Contribute to health & wellbeing agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project being explored by AHC department Produce a design and development proposal Identify funding 	PM: M Lipsitt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure funds to develop proposals 	For Montalto Estate, Outdoor Recreation NI has been appointed to carry out scoping study. Marketing strategy completed. Trails and Play design complete and construction underway – completion Spring 2018.
2	e	Ballynahinch Bypass (External Project)	Reduce congestion in town centre allowing town to develop as a market town/food destination. Enhance the travel experience of visitors to the wider Mourne area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council adopt a lobbying role to influence the progression of the bypass (Public Inquiry underway) Regular liaison between Transport NI and DEA Forum 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish linkages with TNI to promote & lobby for scheme 	Public enquiry concluded, agreed to proceed and continued liaison taking place with Transport NI. No further action with Assembly suspended.
3	h	Market Square – steel structure (Internal Capital Project)	Economic/tourism potential would be enhanced by the removal of an eyesore in a prominent town centre historical setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project being progressed by AHC department. Continue negotiations with The Edge (Potential user of the site). Develop & implement an annual event programme in 	PM: Janine Hillen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore options for development of site 	Meeting held with The Edge representatives to progress project. ToR agreed and has now progressed to legal processes. Education Authority considering funding options with group.
4	m	Events Programme (Internal Revenue Project)	To animate town centre and to act as a draw for potential visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop & implement an annual event programme in 	PM: M Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events programme 	On-going engagement with Montalto Estate re potential events. Working with local communities in relation to the

			town	developed on an annual basis and dependant on budget.	delivery of events
5	l	Premier Food Destination (Internal Revenue Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to develop Local and Food circle projects to raise profile of town as a food/local produce destination - Dissemination of promotional materials. 	PM: M Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Run 2 no. make it local events - develop proposal around food circle project 	On-going food and drink events throughout the year open to all Ballynahinch businesses invited. Ballynahinch Harvest Fest date to be confirmed for 2018.
6	d	Place Marketing Strategy (Internal Revenue Project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marketing strategy completed 2015 - Implement recommendations in strategy 	PM: M Ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Align marketing strategy to overall tourism strategy - Seek funding for implementation 	To be linked to all masterplans. Wider tourism strategy for the district now completed. Specific actions relevant to the implementation of the strategy currently been worked up.
7	w	Windmill Street Car Park (Internal Capital Project/Council owned)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop design proposals for the enhancement of the car park - Liaise with 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Source funds for design of 	Multi-disciplinary team appointed and have reached a number of options for car parks. Clarification being sought from planning service to determine

				Transport NI re: progress of project and funding availability	scheme	which options can be considered in relation to planning requirements.
8	Laneways and Arches (External Project)	To preserve the historical aspects of the town centre and to complement the proposed upgrade to the Windmill Street car park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop design proposals - Approach DSD to see if capital funding could be secured to deliver 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secure funding for development of proposals 	Walk site and identify/map properties Identify appropriate funding mechanisms	
9	Temporary Interventions and Meanwhile uses (Internal Revenue Project)	Rehabilitate vacant/derelict buildings to stimulate economic activity and to enhance the aesthetics of the town centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify key derelict properties in partnership with owners - Draw up plans & submit bids for regeneration funding 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify properties & landowners who could avail of UDG & open negotiations with DSD - Develop a plan with local trades for RDP upshop concept. 	Map properties and identify appropriate funding mechanisms. Currently looking at district wide programme/project of mapping.	
10	Town Centre Living (Internal Revenue Project)	To contribute to the development of a vibrant night time economy and to create a safer feeling in the town centre at night.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby NI Housing Executive to revive the Living Over the Shop (LOTS) initiative (EER staff) - Liaison with NIHE and DEA forum. 	PM: J McGilly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish a Group with Chamber of Commerce - Identify scope for potential 	Walk site and identify/map properties Identify appropriate funding mechanisms	

DOWNPATRICK MASTER PLAN – PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

Rank Order	Ref	Project	Rationale for Prioritisation	Level of Delivery by 2020	Progress to Date: March 2018
1	E6	Transportation and Parking Study (External Project)	<p>Study completed but implementation required giving consideration and key functions development at Collins Corner, St. Patrick's Avenue, Market Street, Ardglass/Killough Junction. Development of link road through PSNI Station to create possible one-way system.</p>	Implementation of transportation plan as agreed in 2016/17	<p>Eastern Relief Road – Meetings held with Council Chief Executive and Simon Richardson, Department for Infrastructure. Further meetings held with DFI and MLAs. DFI has been requested to fund a further study. Link Road – CavanaghKelly study into future options for former PSNI Station has indicated minor benefits from suggested link road. CavanaghKelly Consultants have completed options study for PSNI site and report has been presented to Council. DFC is acquiring the site and, in partnership with Council, will prepare a development brief</p>

2	A2	Hotel Development (External Project)	Identified in accommodation needs analysis. Essential to develop tourism product and to attract visitors.	Secure Hotel Development in Downpatrick	Feasibility study completed. Work on hotel development is ongoing.	which will go out to market. Council will progress the acquisition of the adjacent site once DFC has completed the purchase of the PSNI site.
3	A5,C6	Public Realm Improvements -particularly in Irish Street. Rejuvenation of vacant/derelict buildings. (Internal Capital Project)	Following the relocation of the PSNI from Irish Street this area will require upgrading. No EI schemes have been carried out in this location for over 20 years, Adjacent streets have been upgraded. Project to include signage, interpretation, lighting etc. (Link to priority 9 & 10).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement public realm scheme 2017/18 - Develop and Submit THI proposals 2017/18 - Commence THI scheme 2019/20 	<p>Meeting held with Planning Service to progress the use of materials in Irish Street to meet with Historic Environment Department requirements.</p> <p>Amendment to planning application to be submitted following agreement on materials.</p> <p>THI application submitted to Heritage Lottery Fund to include buildings in Downpatrick Conservation Area.</p> <p>Site assessment meeting held in</p>	

4	D4	Linear park & linkages from town centre to Downshire site (Internal Project)	Need for increased connectivity. Bus linkages Quaille River project and Dunluce Park Project to be explored.	Further research required. To date Translink not engaged to provide bus service.	February. Decision from HLF expected May 2018.
5	C4	The Grove/St. Patrick's Quarter (External Project)	Development site for improved car parking and wider regeneration	<p>Council owned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish project working group involve key stakeholders - Develop project proposals for the site - Source development partners via development brief 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Meeting held with Strategic Investment Board to discuss possible options for development of the site. Discussions will be held with Department for Infrastructure, Planners and the Health Trust.</p> <p>Work in progress.</p>
6	D3	Downe Hospital site (External Project)	Redevelopment of prime site in town centre required.	<p>Site sold to developer. Plans for housing development in place.</p>	<p>Planning approval granted for development. Developer has indicated that work will commence on site this year.</p>
7*		Public Sector Campus / Decentralisation (External)	Continued lobby and development of Business Case for decentralisation of Public Section	-	<p>Department of Finance Properties division has awarded the contract</p>

			<p>Jobs to Downpatrick area. Immediate focus on redevelopment plans for Rathkeltair House and transport linkages from town centre to Downshire campus.</p>	<p>for the refurbishment of Rathkeltair House. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by mid 2018. Following the refurbishment numbers will increase at Rathkeltair House through the relocation of staff from 2 other buildings. Any further increase in the building beyond those currently known will be a decision made by the respective Government Departments.</p>
8*	Tourism Strategy (Internal)	<p>Development of key Tourism projects compliment district wide tourism strategy to explore viability of projects such as St. Patrick, Railway, Museum and Arts Centre. (Link to Priority 5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secure resources and develop projects. 	<p>Strategy completed and launched March 2017. Work initiated on implementation of the strategy.</p>
9	Living over the Shop (LOTS) and Urban Development Grants (UDG) (Internal Revenue Project)	<p>LOTS as a means of revitalising the night time economy and making better and safer usage of the town centre at night. UDG as a measure to tackle vacant/derelict buildings.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop proposals for LOTS - Secure a LOTS for Downpatrick Town Centre 	<p>HLF application includes vacant/derelict buildings. LOTS funding programme not</p>

10	E2	Frontage Improvement schemes (Internal Revenue Project)	To enhance shop frontages in the town centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby for DSD funding following public realm scheme in Irish Street. (EER staff) 2018/19. - Implement shop front scheme in Downpatrick 	currently available.
11		Eastern Link/Peripheral Road	To improve transport congestion in town centre, provide access to Downshire campus and Newly developed hotel and open up access to land for future housing development to provide for growth of town population.	Lobby Transport NI for inclusion in forward work plan	Following completion of public realm scheme. An application will be made to DFC for Revitalisation funding to deliver shop frontage scheme. Ongoing

SOUTH EAST COAST MASTERPLAN -- PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

Rank Order	MP Ref	Project	Rationale for Prioritisation	Level of Delivery by 2020	Action Plan	Progress to Date: March 2018
1	1	Mourne Gateway Project	Strategic priority for Tourism NI is a 'Gateway Site to the Mournes.' Considered an economic driver for the area creating a unique attraction in Northern Ireland. Relevant studies and approvals in place	<p>Newcastle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential funding for project implementation Develop Business Plan Make planning application Establish "Mourne Gateway" working group (with key personnel & external partners and agree timetable of meetings) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM M Ward Funding secured for Feasibility Study to be completed by Dec 2016 	<p>Completed: Mourne Gateway Study assessing the access options into and onto Donard Mountain Recommendations: provision of a world class international tourist attraction(s) which develops sustainable enhancement of access from the town of Newcastle to the Mourne Mountains. There are 4 Themes to this project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Necessary Infrastructure Green Travel Network Interpretation of Mountains Myths and Maritime Epic Moments <p>Completed: Visualisation of the concept for Mourne Gateway project and all Consultations</p> <p>Underway: TNI are completing market testing in line with national proposition of scale. Due to be completed Autumn 2018. Next Steps:</p>

						<p>Full design of project, business case and completion of required studies and statutory approvals</p> <p>Council working with TNI to secure financial package to progress next stage</p>
2	6	Castle Park and Islands Park: Leisure Development (Internal Project)	This priority links to No 1. Above and is being addressed in visioning document for the Mourne Gondola Development. This is a key site for development to attract more families and tourist into the heart of the town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop design proposals Carry out research and make funding application Submit planning application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM M Ward Secure funding to develop design proposals 	<p>The Study Area for the Mourne Gateway Project includes both Castle Park and Islands Park. Refer to above item for update.</p>
3	5	Newcastle Centre / Tropicana: Development of leisure provision, harbour and hotel	Provision of infrastructure to support tourism factor in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposals in partnership with potential providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM – M Ward Develop design proposals for hotel and harbour 	<p>Feasibility Study completed on provision of a hotel on Newcastle Centre Site</p> <p>Recommendation from study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel development inc a 2 or 3 story extension acceptable in principle Existing leisure facilities to be relocated <p>Next Steps: Progression of feasibility study recommendations which is linked to on-going discussions regarding leisure and</p>

		Kilkeel			community facility provision being led by AHC	
4	15	Moume Esplanade / Promenade Walkway (Internal Project)	Link promenade development with Newcastle and Warrenpoint promenades. This is keeping within the theme of developing leisure and recreation in three town centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint consultants to design scheme 2017/2018 Submit planning Secure funding for scheme development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Secure funding for design and business case development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2014/2015: Mourne Esplanade Recreational Improvements completed to pathways, lighting, seating areas, landscaping, car parking and 3nr art features (SEA FLAG funding) Next Steps: Provision included in regeneration forward work plan for EI touch up / enhancement works within town centre area
5	16	Kilkeel Beach Improvements (Internal Revenue Project)	Tidy up current beach as an asset for Kilkeel and overall area of South East Coast and explore access arrangements at Marine Road Explore opportunities to deal with coastal erosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop proposals for beach enhancements Influence EMFF Strategy to develop funding applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Work with Regularity & Technical Services Dept to investigate clean-up management programme Secure funding to explore further beach enhancements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to beach improvement works restricted under NI Coastal Erosion guidance

Warrenpoint					
6	32	<p>Warrenpoint Promenade upgrade and extension (Extension: From Baths to Dobbin Point on Rostrevor Rd (Internal Capital Project)</p>	<p>This will improve the aesthetics for the area, encouraging more people to walk the route. This would provide an enhancement of public space. This is keeping within the theme of developing leisure and recreation in three town centres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appoint consultant to design scheme • Identify funding sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM J McGilly • Source funding to design promenade upgrade and extension
		<p>Upgrade: Officials working with TNI regarding potential EIS to Warrenpoint Promenade / Front Shore scheme, from the Baths to Dock Street</p> <p>In council forward work plan outlines plans to undertake design work in 2019 / 2020 for a scheme that will upgrade pathways / lights / benches / bins etc. from Dock Street to the Baths. Council will engage with DfI to secure a finance package to implement scheme in 2020 / 21</p> <p>Extension: Council continuing with liaison with TNI regarding options for the completion of a Promenade Extension along Rostrevor road.</p> <p>EI Scheme: Church Street EIS now in 1 year defects period to expire end of March 18</p>			

7	31	Development of Warrenpoint Baths Site (Internal/External Project)	Continue to promote site as a leisure destination taking into consideration the listed building and potential uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure a development proposal from 3rd party for the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Secure planning for the site Prepare development brief on site and advertise 	<p>Revitalisation scheme delayed due to DfC budgets. Continue to engage with DfC in hope that this will be delivered in 2018/19</p> <p>Nov 2016: Planning Approval in place for redevelopment of site</p> <p>Feb 18: Milligan reside Larkin appointed to identify future development / regeneration opportunities for the site. Study due to be completed Summer 2018</p>
8	30	Former Osborne Hotel Development (External Project)	Enhancement of site with alternative uses considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress development plans for the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Engage with owner to explore development options Explore potential for UDG with DSD 	<p>Hotel Site remains in private ownership</p> <p>Council continue to engage with landowner to explore opportunity for development</p>

9	28 & 29	Marina Service Centre/New Marina (Internal Capital Project)	Encourage tourism and visitor spend Shore front development opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore funding options for project implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolve/conclude outstanding issues of displacement as highlighted in EA 	<p>Planning expired Sept 2017</p> <p>A new Planning Application will be submitted Spring 2018. As part of the Planning Application process a public consultation will be undertaken in line with new Planning Regulations. It is expected this will take place within 12 weeks of the Planning Application being submitted.</p>
10	35	One Way System (External Project)	Immediate impact on town space and traffic management plan. Reduce congestion in the Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree a final position on whether or not to have a one way system & what it would look like Agree timeframe for implementation Council to lobby Transport NI and support the campaign (ongoing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Work with Transport NI to complete necessary traffic studies/secure a consultant to do study 	<p>Transport NI have completed a study with recommendations for options that could be further investigated for implementation of a one a way system</p> <p>TNI have no current plans to progress with any of the study options. Council will continue to work with / lobby TNI on this matter</p>
11		Warrenpoint Park (Internal Capital & Revenue Project)	Development and regeneration of Warrenpoint Park (Heritage Lottery Funded Project). Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project completed by 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM J McGilly Planning approved HLF application 	<p>Letter of Offer in Place for £850,000 – from HLF</p> <p>Contractor and relevant play</p>

<p>12</p>	<p>Narrow Water Bridge (External Project)</p>	<p>submitted to HLF. Planning application submitted</p>	<p>There is currently a strong private sector lobby from Warrenpoint, Burren and Rostrevor Chamber. Taskforce group meeting Louth County Council regularly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular liaison with the taskforce group • Lobbying role from Council required to support the project • Research/update potential funding opportunities (ongoing) 	<p>completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match funding secured • Commence capital works • PM M Ward • Continue to work with Central Government and Louth Local Authorities to establish commitment for the project 	<p>and surface suppliers appointed. Works underway with expected completion in summer 2018.</p> <p>Council continuing to engage with the Narrow Water Stakeholder Group. Narrow Water Bridge also support within NMD Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>4 July 2016: Paper presented to the North South Ministerial Council Plenary re: options for the Narrow Water Bridge</p> <p>Key objectives agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project should link the two communities north and south 2. Encourage and enhance overall tourism in the cross border region 3. Protect the natural environment north and south <p>The Department of Infrastructure will take a paper to the North South Ministerial Council when the political structure is in place</p>
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		South East Coast Area			for doing so
13	37	<p>Overall Marketing Campaign for the South East Coast (Internal Revenue Project)</p> <p>Develop greater awareness of the area as a destination which visitors can identify. This would benefit in terms of packaging and promoting overnight stays in particular</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement a coherent and coordinated marketing and promotion strategy (2017/18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PM M Ward Complete Tourism Strategy with agreed Marketing Strategy 	<p>Tourism Strategy for District Completed in Feb 2017</p> <p>Tourism experiential plans and associated marketing initiatives currently being develop in line with the themes of the strategy, i.e. maritime and coastal.</p>
14	39	<p>Southern Relief Road (External Project)</p> <p>Impact on wider area. This priority is duplicated in Newry City Masterplan as this is a priority identified within the Action Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobbying role from Council. Regular liaison and meetings with relevant agencies (ongoing) 	<p>PM: M Ward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of options appraisals (TNI) Continued Lobbying 	<p>Feasibility Study Report (August 2009) concluded that the provision of a new road link between the A1 Belfast / Dublin (Eastern Seaboard) Key Transport Corridor and A2 Warrenpoint Road is feasible.</p> <p>The Newry Southern Relief Road proposal was progressed into DfI Roads Forward Planning Schedule and work has been completed on the Stage 1 Preliminary Options Scheme Assessment. Five corridor options were considered for the proposed scheme, with two corridors prioritised and taken forward for further development.</p>

						<p>Work has commenced on the Stage 2 Preferred Option Report which will identify a Preferred Route Alignment Option. Public consultation took place in Autumn to inform the Stage 2 scheme development process. It is expected that stage 2 development process will be completed by Autumn 2019.</p>
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Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Tourism Events Programme - 2018/19
Date:	16 th April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events

Decisions Required To note the contents of this paper.	
1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>Following council agreement of the overall budget for the delivery of the Tourism Events Programme in the 2018/19 Financial Year, this paper confirms the dates and final Council budget allocation for each event within the overall programme.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>In addition to the Council budget allocation for each event (as set out in appendix 1 attached), the following events have secured a grant offer of funding support from Tourism NI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footsteps in the Forest (Slieve Gullion) – £20,000 TNI Grant Offer • Festival of Flight (Newcastle) – £10,000 • City of Merchants (Newry) - £4,000 • RedBull Fox Hunt (Rostrevor) - £4,000 • St Patrick’s Day (Newry and Downpatrick) - £4,000 <p>Total Tourism NI Grant Offer - £42,000</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>To note the contents of this paper.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications N/a</p>
5.0	<p>Equality Assessment</p> <p>All necessary consideration has been taken account of.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Tourism Events Programme - 2018/19</p>

Tourism Event	Council Led / Support in kind / Council Funded	Event Date 2018
Activity Tourism - Adventure Capital of		
Newry Mourne and Down Golf Summer Trophy - St Patricks GC - Spa GC - RCD GC	Council Delivers	Wed 15 - Fri 17 August 2018
Newry Mourne and Down Golf Junior Trophy - Kilkee I GC - Warrenpoint GC - RCD GC (x20)	Council Delivers	Wed 15 - Fri 17 August 2018
Newry City Triathlon and Festival of Water (in partnership with Newry BID)	Tender to deliver in partnership with Council	Sunday 25 August 2018 - TBC
Mourne International Walking Festival	Tender to deliver in partnership with Council	Fri 22 - Sun 24 June 2018
Cycle Sportive	Tender to deliver in partnership with Council	August/September - dates TBC
Camlough Water Festival & Triathlon	Council Funded	Sat 2 - Sun 3 June 2018 - TBC

Giant Adventures		
Skiffies Strangford Lough (Delamont County Park)	Council Delivers	Fri 27 - Sun 29 July 2018
Footsteps in the Forest (Slieve Gullion)	Council Delivers Tender for aspects of delivery	Sat 4 - Sun 5 August 2018
Festival of Flight (Newcastle)	Council Delivers Tender for aspects of delivery	Sat 11 August 2018
Wake the Giant (Warrenpoint):	Council Delivers Tender for aspects of delivery	Sat 18 - Sun 19 August 2018
City of Merchants (Newry)	Council Delivers Tender for aspects of delivery	Fri 21 & Sat 22 September 2018

Music & Cultural festivals	
Summer Music Festivals - includes funded events - TBC	
Pipe Band Championship - Newcastle Kind	Sat 21st July 2018
Ulster Fleadh - Castlewelling (Hosted by County Down and Kind Castlewelling CCE)	Sun 22 - Sun 29 July 2017

Economic Support of Local Businesses		
DownTime Festival	Council Delivers	Thurs 14 - Sun 17 June 2018
Ballynahinch Harvest & Country Living Festival - To run consecutively with Game and Market Fayre if event going ahead	Council Delivers	September 2018 - TBC
Ballynahinch Game & Market Fayre	Council Funded	September 2018 - TBC
Halloween Events Newcastle and Newry	Council Delivers	Fri 26 October 2018 - Newry Wed 31 October 2018 - Newcastle
Halloween events Crossmaglen, Warrenpoint, Killeel, Ballynahinch, Downpatrick	Council Funded & Support in kind	Sat 27 - Wed 31 October 2018
Christmas Switch on Events Newry and Downpatrick	Council Delivers	Thurs 29-Nov 2018 - Downpatrick Fri 30-Nov 2018 - Newry
Christmas switch on events Crossmaglen, Warrenpoint, Killeel, Ballynahinch, Newcastle	Council Funded & Support in kind	Thurs 29 Nov - Sat 8 Dec 2018
Food Festival Support & promotion across the district	Council Delivers	

Forest Park Promotional Events		
Narnia Festival	Council Delivers	Fri 16 - Sun 18 November 2018
Forest Park Activities (Winter Solstice and Lunasa - Slieve Gullion)	Council Delivers	TBC
St Patrick's Day		
St Patricks Festival Downpatrick/Newry (March 2019)	Council Delivers	Fri 15 - Sun 17 March 2019

Agenda Item:	Tourism Partnership Marketing – Financial Assistance Call
Report to:	Economic Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Subject:	Tourism Partnership Marketing – Financial Assistance Call
Date:	16 March 2018
Reporting Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer:	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Decisions Required

Paper for noting

1.0	<p>Purpose and Background</p> <p>Following the approval of the Tourism Marketing Plan by the ERT Committee and Council, this paper provides some further detail of the first Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund, which will open as part of the second funding round of the Financial Assistance Programme in April.</p>
2.0	<p>Key Issues</p> <p>The ERT Committee and Council has approved the Tourism Marketing Plan which sets out how we propose to market and promote our district and tourism events in the following year.</p> <p>The Marketing Plan included proposals to launch a Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund, that would support local tourism and hospitality businesses in the region to promote their offering to attract more visitors to stay overnight in the district. Approval for the next Financial Assistance Funding Call has been granted by Council in April, and the next funding round is due to open later this month.</p> <p>The Partnership Marketing Fund will aim to support local tourism and hospitality businesses that want to promote their offering and the overall Newry, Mourne and Down District as a premier tourism destination. The fund will aim to encourage businesses to target key target segments, such as increasing visitors from the Republic of Ireland. Applicants to the fund will also be encouraged to work in partnership with other tourism businesses to promote visitor experiences and packages that will fit with the vision of the Council's Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan of becoming one of the premier tourism destinations on the Island of Ireland.</p>

	<p>In order to attract more visitors from key target markets such as ROI, to encourage them to visit here in the first place and to stay longer in Newry, Mourne and Down, it is essential that we develop a coordinated approach to marketing the district in partnership with local tourism businesses. By developing a Partnership Marketing Fund we can ensure that our marketing message is consistent, coordinated and that we can gain a wider 'share-of-voice' and make a greater marketing impact with our key target audiences.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p> <p>Paper for noting.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource Implications</p> <p>The cost associated with the Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund will be covered by the resource allocation within the current 18/19 FY budget.</p>
5.0	<p>Equality Assessment</p> <p>All necessary consideration will be taken account of.</p>
6.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>N/A</p>

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Joint Committee of Elected Members

between

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, and Louth County Council

**Report of Meeting held Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Council Chamber, Louth County Council Offices, Dundalk**

In the Chair: Councillor E Corrigan, Louth County Council (Joint Chair)

Present: Councillor D McAteer, Newry, Mourne and Down DC (Joint Chair)
Councillor T Hearty, Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor D Curran, Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor M Ruane, Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor J Tinnelly, Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor W Walker, Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor C Enright, Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor P McGeough, Louth County Council
Councillor A Watters, Louth County Council
Councillor C Markey, Louth County Council

Ms J Martin, Chief Executive LCC
Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive NMDDC
Ms E O'Gorman, Director LCC
Mr J McGuinness, Director LCC
Mr F Pentony, Director LCC
Ms M Ward, Director NMDDC
Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director NMDDC
Ms P Arthurs, CEO, East Border Region
Ms A Powell, NMDDC (Notes)
Mr P O'Rourke, Greenway Project, Louth CC
Ms L Lynch, Greenway Project, Louth CC
Ms C Murphy, Greenway Project, NMDDC

Invited Guests (Cycling Interest Groups):

Gordon Clarke, National Director for NI and ROI, Sustrans
Pat Mullholland, Dundalk Cycling Alliance
Ollam Herr, Dundalk Cycling Alliance

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1. Welcome and Apologies:**Apologies received from:**

Councillor P Byrne,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor M Larkin,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor R Mulgrew,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC (Chairperson, NMDDC)
Councillor D Minogue,	Louth County Council
Councillor T Byrne,	Louth County Council
Councillor R Culhane,	Louth County Council
Councillor E Coffey,	Louth County Council
Councillor D Saurin,	Louth County Council
Mr P Donnelly,	Director LCC
Ms B Woods,	Director LCC
Mr M Lipsett,	Director NMDDC
Ms D Carville,	Director NMDDC
Mr A Wilkinson,	Director NMDDC

2. Presentation – “Greenway Project Update”

A presentation was provided from Pat O'Rourke on the Greenway Project.

Dundalk Cycling Alliance enquired regarding the expected width of the pathway and were informed that the aim is 3m with a minimum of 2m in some places due to environmental restrictions.

Joan Martin informed members that capital funding is being set aside for a Greenway from Greenore to Carlingford. Louth County Council are currently progressing a feasibility study on this project.

Pamela Arthurs added that there are Interreg funding opportunities for additional Greenway Projects.

3. Report of Louth/Newry, Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2017

On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor McAteer, report of meeting held on the 20 September 2017 was approved as a true and accurate record, same having been circulated.

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4. Matters Arising

Concessionary Access to Swimming Pools

Councillor Watters enquired regarding the period of contract of supplier at Dundalk Swimming Pool.

AGREED: It was agreed to provide information to Councillor Watters on the supplier contract period at Dundalk Swimming Pool.

5. MOU Action & Communication Plan Update

The updated MOU Action and Communication Plan was discussed.

Brexit

Pamela Arthurs gave the following update on progress with Brexit plans

- Good level of publicity received with report launched in Brussels
- First report that has been endorsed by Government.
- Possible meeting with the Taoiseach planned for 25 January 2018.
- Possible meeting being planned with Westminster to discuss findings of report.
- May link with SEUPB on Westminster publicity for EU Funded programmes e.g. Greenway Project.

Councillor Hearty voiced concern regarding a need to emphasise the impact of Brexit on Emergency arrangements

Liam Hannaway informed members that a Day 1 Preparedness Plan is being collated and likely to include the following issues -

- Waste movement crossing border on collection routes
- Building Regulations
- Use of Daisy Hill Hospital / Health Service on a daily basis
- Energy Market /National Grid

Councillor Enright informed that a rural energy station is being developed in Ireland which will increase capacity for energy storage. This Irish grid is the first of its kind in Ireland and Europe.

6. Update on "Ireland 2040 Our Plan"

Louth CC and NMDDC responses to draft plan circulated with the Agenda were noted.

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7. Any Other Business

Advisory Forum

A second meeting of the Forum was held on 28 November.

Councillor Corrigan informed that there was good attendance at the meeting however, emphasised a need to gain buy in from members and provide understanding of the purpose of the MOU. Therefore the MOU Action plan will need to tie in closely with the Advisory Forum Action Plan.

Councillor Corrigan also informed members that a presentation from the Youth Council Network was provided at the meeting and that the group are organising a series of events regarding young people's issues.

AGREED: It was agreed to circulate details of events organised by the Youth Council network to members for information.

Councillor Corrigan asked members if representatives from agricultural / fishing community could be included in Advisory Forum. This proposal was agreed by members.

AGREED: It was agreed to include representation from agricultural / fishing community in Advisory Forum membership

Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES)

Frank Pentony informed that an issues paper is out for consultation until 26 January 2018 and encouraged those in attendance to view on the following web link -

<http://emra.ie/regional-strategies/rses/>

East Border Region

Pamela Arthurs informed members that the date for their AGM is 15 December 2017.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

It was agreed to accept the dates presented for 2018 meetings on the proposal of Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor McAteer.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31 January 2018, 10am in Newry Leisure Centre.

Signed: M Ward
Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

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ACTIONS

	ACTION	Referred to
1.	It was agreed to provide information to Councillor Watters on the supplier contract period at Dundalk Swimming Pool.	E O’Gorman
2.	It was agreed to circulate details of events organised by the Youth Council network to members for information.	M Ward
3.	It was agreed to include representation from agricultural / fishing community in Advisory Forum membership.	M Ward / F Pentony

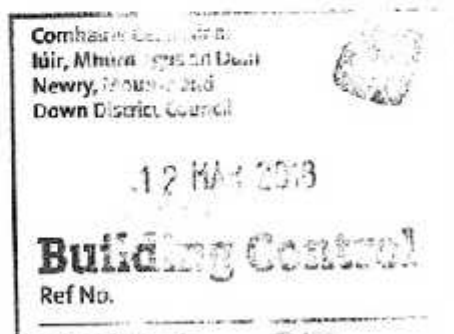


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Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Down District Council
Downshire Civic Centre
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Downpatrick
BT30 6RA

Historic Environment Division
Heritage Buildings Designation
Branch
Klondyke Building
Cromac Avenue
Gasworks Business Park
Malone Lower
Belfast
BT7 2JA



Tel: (028) 9056 9216

Our Ref: HB18/14/035

Date: 07 MAR 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF LISTING OF BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

INSTRUMENT SIGHTING TOWER, DONARD FOREST, DRINNAHILLY, NEWCASTLE, CO DOWN

I refer to previous correspondence regarding the above property.

Following consultation with Historic Buildings Council and your local district council it has been decided to list the above property under section 80 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 which states that *'the Department shall compile lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest'*. Your building has been listed at grade B1 and the extent of the listed structure is outlined in red on the map attached to the enclosed formal Notice of Listing. Where this letter refers to building(s), this term includes all types of structures.

I would draw your attention to the explanatory notes on the reverse of the Notice which places certain responsibility on the owner, for example, a listed building has to be maintained in a way appropriate to its character and can not be altered or demolished without prior approval. It also explains that certain controls also apply to structures which are within the curtilage of a listed building.

I attach a copy of the report previously sent to you which explains our understanding of the current heritage value of the building in more detail. This report, which may have been amended to reflect comments received during the consultation period, will be published (with the exclusion of internal information) on our website in due course. If you have details of the history of the property additional to that contained in the report, I should be most grateful if you would make this information available to me and I will ensure that it is considered by the appropriate architect.



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Buildings such as yours make a particular contribution to Northern Ireland's heritage and to the character of our communities. One of the main purposes of placing them on the List is to ensure that they receive special consideration.

The Department provides advice on maintenance in the form of technical notes which can be accessed from our website (www.communities-ni.gov.uk) or forwarded to you upon request. Our network of area conservation architects would also be happy to discuss proposals for repair or change with you at an early stage.

If you would like to find out more about Northern Ireland's historic buildings in general and the work of this Department to protect and promote this legacy in particular, this information is also available on our website.

Yours faithfully



G BROWN

Enc Listing Notice
 Map
 Second Survey Report (HBC)

LB4 Cover Letter
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NOTICE THAT A BUILDING HAS BECOME LISTED**IMPORTANT --- This communication affects YOUR PROPERTY**

Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Buildings of special architectural or historic interest

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Downshire Civic Centre
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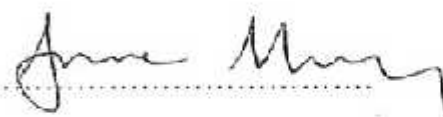
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the building known as Instrument Sighting Tower

situate in Donard Forest, Drinnahilly, Newcastle, Co Down

has been included in the list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest in that area, compiled by the Department for Communities under section 80 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

on 07 MAR 2018

Dated 07 MAR 2018



Authorised Officer

For Explanatory Note see Page 2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Listing of buildings of special architectural or historic interest

This notice is addressed to you as owner or occupier of the building named, which has been included in one of the lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest prepared under section 80 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (the "Act") by the Department for Communities ("the Department"). The lists are compiled by the Department as a statutory duty, on the advice of a committee of people including architects and historians interested in historic buildings --- the Historic Buildings Council.

This notice does not call for any action on your part unless you propose at any time to demolish the building or to do any works (either to the exterior or to the interior) which would affect its character. In that event you will need to seek "listed building consent", that is to say, the consent of the council to the work you wish to do. Certain buildings are exempt from this requirement, notably ecclesiastical buildings in use for the time being for ecclesiastical purposes.

You should however note that it is an offence under section 85(1) of the Act to carry out any of those works without obtaining listed building consent. It is also an offence under section 85(5) to fail to comply with any condition attached to a listed building consent. A conviction for an offence could result in a fine, imprisonment or both.

Where works which are urgently necessary in the interests of safety or of health or for the preservation of the buildings are carried out without consent it is a defence to prove that ---

- (a) it was not practicable to secure safety or health or the preservation of the building by works of repair or works for affording temporary support or shelter;
- (b) the works carried out were limited to the minimum measures immediately necessary; and
- (c) notice in writing justifying in detail the carrying out of the works was given to the council as soon as reasonably practicable. (section 85(7) of the Act).

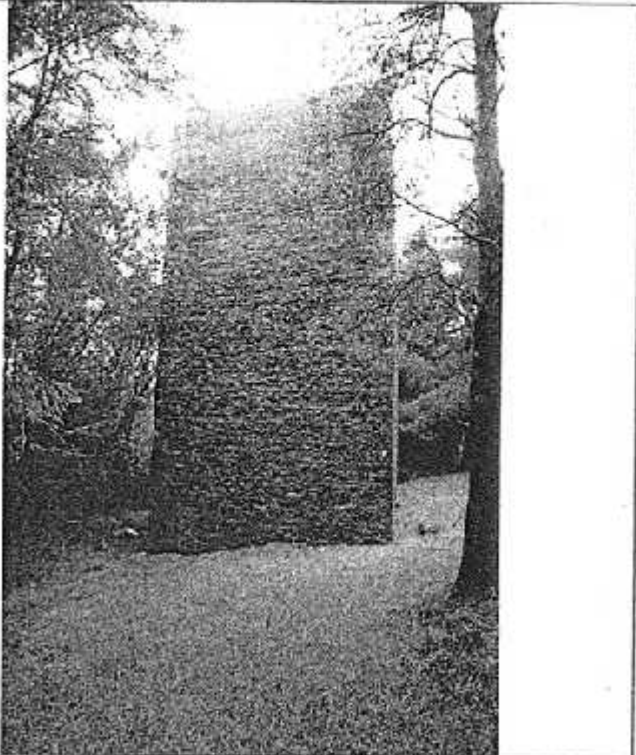
Your attention is drawn to section 80(7) of the Act which provides that objects or structures described in that section within the curtilage of a listed building are entitled to the same protection as the building.

There is no right of appeal as such against the listing of a building but if the council should refuse consent for the carrying out of any proposed works, or grant it subject to condition, section 96 of the Act provides a right of appeal to the Planning Appeals Commission. You are not precluded at any time from writing to the Department claiming that the building should cease to be listed on the ground that it is not in fact of special architectural or historic interest; and any such claim, with the evidence supporting it, will be carefully considered.

If at any time you propose to take any action which may affect the character of your building, you should refer to the provisions of Chapter 1 Part 4 of the Act and the Planning (Listed Buildings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Further details can be obtained from your council.

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Address Instrument Sighting Tower Donard Forest Drinnahilly Newcastle Co Down	HB Ref No HB18/14/035
Extent of Listing Tower	
Date of Construction 1880 - 1899	
Townland Donard	
Current Building Use Water Works Structures	
Principal Former Use Water Works Structures	

Conservation Area	No	Survey 1	Not_Listed	OS Map No	255/14NE
Industrial Archaeology	Yes	HED Evaluation	B1	IG Ref	J3616 3018
Vernacular	No	Date of Listing		IHR No	
Thatched	No	Date of Delisting		HGI Ref	
Monument	No			SMR No	
Area of Townscape Character	No				
Local Landscape Policy Area	Yes				
Historic Gardens Inventory	No				
Vacant	N/A				
Derelict	No				

Owner Category Local Govt

Building Information

Exterior Description and Setting

Situated just inside the tree line a short distance south-west of Drinnahilly summit and on line of the Mourne conduit which is here tunneled under the mountainside. A tower 4.95m square at base and c10m high comprising four slightly tapering walls of random Silurian rubble, with squared granite rubble quoins and concrete coping at top, all now heavily repointed in cement. Entrance at west end of south wall, now infilled with concrete blocks. Single opening on left side of west wall towards top, and another higher up on north wall. Both have single granite heads, no cills, and retain wooden frames; may have

originally been shuttered rather than glazed.

Although no access was gained, inspection through upper window indicated a square tapering random rubble pillar at centre (the drawing - referred to in the history - shows that it rises from the ground) surmounted by a concrete pillar which projects c.1m above the wall line of the building. This would probably have supported a telescope mounted on a horizontal axis and capable of being turned in a vertical plane. A hemispherical metal frame with eight curved legs rises over this pillar from the wall head; this may have been for protecting the sighting instrument, but there is no indication of how it was covered. The legs of the frame meet at the top in a circular ring which formerly stabilised a projecting semaphore pole.

Interior Description

No access gained. Drawing shows that tower had wooden ladders to intermediate landings.

Architects

Not Known

Historical Information

The construction of this section of the Mourne Conduit, which brought water to Belfast from the Annalong and Kilkeel rivers, was advertised by the Belfast City & District Water Commissioners in March 1896. The contract (no.6) was awarded to H & J Martin, Belfast, and involved the construction of a 3445m long concrete-lined tunnel under Millstone and Thomas Mountains, on the north-eastern slopes of Slieve Donard. The aligning of the tunnel necessitated the erection of an instrument sighting tower at each end of its intended route - one here at the Tullybranigan end (at the highest point on the surface and 178m over the tunnel), and another on Millstone Mountain (of which no trace survives). There was also a third near the main road at the Ballagh end, from which sightings were taken into the tunnel as it was being constructed. A contractor's drawing shows a sighting instrument mounted on a metal plate on top of the concrete pillar, all of which was protected by a glazed wooden frame. The tunnel was completed during the summer of 1901 and water flowed to the service reservoir at Knockbracken in October of the same year.

Sources :

(Advertisement regarding construction of tunnel in PRONI - WAT1/3F/1/1 (March Evening Telegraph, 20 Jan 1900 (shows cross section of tunnel and location of sighting towers; copy of cutting held in PRONI - WAT1/3F/3/2, p.89).

Macassey (1901), 'Mourne scheme and sundry works progress report, 15 1901' (PRONI - WAT1/3CG/6).

DDOE Water Service, Westland House: drawing 3B41.

LJNew Civil Engineering, 7 April 1988 (article on a similar tower built in connection with Edinburgh water supply).

Criteria for Listing

NB: In March 2011, revised criteria were published as Annex C of Planning Policy Statement 6. These added extra criteria with the aim of improving clarity in regard to the Department's explanation of historic interest. For records evaluated in advance of this, therefore, not all of these criteria would have been considered. The criteria used prior to 2011 are published on the Department's website under 'listing criteria'.

Architectural Interest

J. Setting
K. Group value
D. Plan Form
E. Spatial Organisation
F. Structural System

Historical Interest

Y. Social, Cultural or Economic Importance
R. Age
S. Authenticity
T. Historic Importance
U. Historic Associations
W. Northern Ireland/International Interest
Z. Rarity

Evaluation

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This structure was surveyed as part of the Mourne Water Scheme Thematic Survey 1997-2005.

There were a number of small concrete object sighting pillars erected in connection with this section of the Mourne Conduit and the Brackenagh Tunnel (eg. HB 16/2/041). This is slightly different in that it is an observatory tower and is much more substantial in terms of its size and design - a tall pillar surrounded by curtain wall. It has an attested historical association with the Mourne Scheme and is probably a unique survival in N. Ireland.

Replacements and Alterations

Inappropriate

If inappropriate, Why?

Door crudely sealed with concrete block

General Comments

Monitoring Notes – since Date of Survey

Date of Survey 16/11/1999
