

INAUGURAL EFFICIENCY WORKING GROUP
COMMEDAGH ROOM, DOWNSHIRE CIVIC CENTRE
MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016

In attendance:(Councillors)

Councillor T Andrews	Councillor C Casey
Councillor W Clarke	Councillor G Craig
Councillor D Curran	Councillor C Enright
Councillor V Harte	Councillor H Harvey
Councillor T Hearty	Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor D Taylor	

In attendance

(Officials)

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive
 Mr E Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance
 Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
 Mr J McBride, Change Manager
 Mr K Montgomery, Finance
 Mrs C Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

1. Introduction and Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors R Burgess, H McKee, L Kimmins and C McGrath.

In the absence of the Chair of Strategic Policy & Resources Committee, Councillor R Burgess, Councillor Casey proposed Councillor W Clarke would Chair the meeting. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Harvey.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Harvey, that in the absence of the Chair, Councillor R Burgess, Councillor W Clarke would Chair the meeting.

In response to Members questions, Mr McBride explained that Council had previously agreed that the Chair of Strategy, Policy & Resources would Chair the Efficiency Working Group.

Councillors Casey and Mulgrew's expressed concerns that the Chair of Active and Healthy Communities, Councillor L Kimmins would be unable to attend the meeting due to the timings. Mr Hannaway advised that Parties could consider another nominee to achieve full representation on the Working Group.

Councillor W Clarke suggested the matter be discussed at Party Representatives Forum. He added that a 6pm start to the meetings may be more suitable for some Members.

Mr McBride advised the Chair of the Working Group would change after the AGM each year.

Mr Hannaway said the Efficiencies Working Group followed on from a session with a representative from Donegal County Council regarding efficiencies and this group had been set up to drive out efficiencies throughout the organisation and to achieve a more streamlined budget setting process. He said some projects would be long term and some short term with some quick wins.

Councillor Curran said in the past deadlines had been missed and budgets overspent and he wished to see this process run like a business which would meet quarterly and departments would be held to account.

2. Terms of Reference

Read: Efficiency Working Group - Draft Terms of Reference for Member Consideration

Mr McBride provided an overview of the Draft Terms of Reference. He said it was critical there was a single unified Council approach from Members and Senior Managers and although core membership reflected what had been previously agreed by the Council, the forum was open for all Members to attend.

Agreed: **It was agreed that the issue of who would chair the meeting in the absence of the Chair of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee, would be tabled at Party Representatives Forum on 22 March 2016.**

Agreed: **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Craig, that the Draft Terms of Reference for the Efficiency Working Group be agreed.**

Councillor Enright expressed reservations, stating the Working Group should operate on a task and finish basis.

3. Schedule of Meetings

Mr McBride advised that the Efficiency Working Group would meet bi-monthly until the end of 2016 on 23 May, 22 August, 24 October and 19 December 2016.

Councillor W Clarke expressed concerns over the time of the meeting being at 3pm which meant some Members may be excluded and it was essential no-one was excluded.

Agreed: It was agreed that the Schedule of Meetings would be re-examined after the AGM on 1 June 2016.

4. Report of Joint Senior Management Team/Corporate Management Team/Corporate Management Team Workshop – 7 March 2016 – Transforming Newry, Mourne and Down.

Mr McBride said a further workshop with Directors and Assistant Directors at the end of April would be arranged to prioritise a number of efficiency and transformational change projects, details of which would be brought back to the Efficiency Working Group at its next meeting.

Councillor Craig requested research be undertaken into the Council self-insuring.

Noted: The report of the Directors & Assistant Directors workshop was noted.

Agreed: It was agreed that the possibility of the Council self-insuring be included within the scope of these potential projects.

5. Transformation/Efficiency Foundations

Read: Report by Mr J McBride, Change Manager, dated 21 March 2016, regarding Transformation/Efficiency Foundations in Newry, Mourne and Down DC.

Mr McBride advised the report set out the foundations to be established by the Council to manage the programme of work going forward. He highlighted the key issues of guiding principles, possible work streams, the potential impacts for stakeholders, as well as the supporting frameworks and strategies that would need to be put in place.

Referring to the potential work streams, Mr McBride advised that proposals would be brought forward for Member consideration and agreement, in respect of:

- Budget Challenge
- Service Review
- Land & Assets
- ICT & Digital Transformation
- Procurement
- Income Generation

Councillor Enright advised that payroll was Council's largest area of expenditure and services had become duplicated arising from the merger of the two Councils.

Councillor Craig stated the rate should be looked at for the next few years so that a uniform rate could be achieved. Councillor Casey concurred with Councillor Craig's comments, but stated that it was important Members were fully engaged and not left behind.

Councillor Enright requested comparative information on the number of staff employed by the two predecessor Councils and the number now employed by Newry, Mourne & Down District Council.

Noted: The transformation/efficiency foundations were noted.

Agreed: It was agreed that comparative information on the number of staff employed be brought back for the consideration of the Working Group at its next meeting.

A discussion ensued with Members requesting the following areas be investigated by officers:

- Payroll – how to decrease
- Rates income – how to increase
- Centre of Excellence for IT on the Downshire site.
- Better value for the ratepayer
- More money coming into the District.
- Waste incineration
- Recreation income generation
- How Letters of Offer are maintained.
- Play parks
- Revenue streams from other public sector partners i.e. providing gully cleaning.
- Selling assets and land.
- Opportunities for the Council to take over monuments/castles with an SLA.

Councillor W Clarke stated the Parties should give their position on some of the areas of work, as there would be no point officers putting in wasted effort.

Councillor Mulgrew drew attention to the employees of Council, saying the past 12 months had been a difficult time for some of them and that the workforce should be protected.

Agreed: It was agreed that further information concerning the proposed areas for officers to investigate would be brought back to the Efficiencies Working Group meeting to be held on 23 May 2016:

6. Income from the District Rate

Mr Montgomery provided a detailed review of the income from the District Rate, how the rate was calculated and details of the rateable value of domestic and non-domestic properties.

Councillor Enright stated new ways of adding to the rates base needed to be investigated.

Noted: The income from the District Rate was noted.

7. Review of Rate Estimate Process for 2016/17

Noted: The Review of the Rate Estimate Process for 2016/17 was noted.

8. Draft Work Plan/Timetable of Activity

Mr McBride outlined the following work plan and timetable as follows:

May – agree the process for striking the 2017/18 rate, agreement of the guiding principles that could be used to support the development of the transformation/efficiency agenda (Party Groupings to feed back to Mr McBride), as well as agreeing priority projects for initiation in 2016/17..

July – agree indicative rate and efficiency targets for 2017/18.

September – agree the capital programme for 2017/18 and commence the detailed rates process.

December – finalise rate options for the consideration and agreement of Council.

Noted: The Draft Work Plan/Timetable of Activity was noted.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 5.00pm.

Report to:	Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	Draft NMD Response to Transfer of New Powers & Responsibilities in the new NI Executive Mandate
Date:	14 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Johnny McBride, Change Manager
Contact Officers:	Johnny McBride, Change Manager

<u>Decision(s) Required</u>	
Members are asked to note the contents of the report, consider and agree to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The issues raised in this report be submitted as the basis of a Council response to the NILGA “New Burdens Doctrine” report. 	
1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to set-out for Member consideration and agreement, the issues which will form the basis of a Council response to recent NILGA consultation on the transfer of new powers and responsibilities to Councils in the new NI Executive mandate.
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>
2.1	A copy of the New Burdens Doctrine is provided at Appendix I .
2.2	The key issues for consideration are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the NILGA consultation and notes that as part of the original NI Executive decision to transfer new powers and responsibilities to Local Government in 2015, the NI Executive also agreed to consider the scope for transferring further responsibilities and powers to the sector after this transfer was completed. ii. The Council supports the overall principles and the specific recommendations contained within the New Burdens paper. The Council would also wish to raise the following points. iii. The Council wishes to re-state its view, as expressed in a Council response to consultation on the Partnership Panel work plan, agreed at its meeting on the 1 June 2015, that there is a need to urgently review and address the outstanding issues which are attached to those functions which transferred to local government on the 1 April 2015, in particular Planning, and whether the previous principles of the NI Executive concerning their transfer remain true. iv. The Council would also contend that its ability to transform and regenerate the

	<p>District will only be fulfilled once a timetable for the transfer of regeneration powers from DSD is settled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v. The Council would seek further clarification on the collective impact for the Council arising from Departments transferring below a value of £100,000; and vi. The Council would contend that the early and accurate identification of the associated costs is essential and must be agreed as a core guiding principle of transfer.
3.0	<p><u>Resource Implications</u></p>
	<p>There are no resource implications contained within this report.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Appendices</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appendix I – New Burdens Doctrine.



New Burdens Doctrine – Supporting Practical Application in NI

“But what exactly is the new burdens doctrine? Nothing more complicated than this: if central government is going to insist on loading local councils with new duties, then it must pay them to do so or accept that council tax bills will rise.”

Richard Harries, New burdens: time for clarity on the Cinderella of local government finance, 15th June 2015
<http://www.publicfinance.co.uk/opinion/2015/06/new-burdens-time-clarity-cinderella-local-government-finance>

Introduction

April 2015 saw the completion of the Local Government Reform Programme and the transfer of some new powers from central government to local government. It is expected that **more powers and duties will follow** and it is important that a workable framework is put in place to ensure that local councils in Northern Ireland are adequately resourced to undertake these new functions. With that in mind, NILGA seeks to develop this matter so has looked at practice elsewhere that may be tailored to NI.

England

In England, a burden is defined as arising where new powers, duties or expectations could lead to authorities having to increase spending. It does not have to be a new duty - a new power also creates a new burden.

The new burdens procedure in England applies to all of the following initiatives whenever they affect local government:

New duties, or extension of existing duties	New powers, or extension of existing powers	Exhortation to local government to follow new policies	Transfer of function from central to local government	Reduction in existing levels or rates of government grant or subsidies
Review of, or change to, local authority procedures	Creation of new reporting requirements outside the local performance framework	Charging authorities for data or information currently provided without charge	Restraint on fee levels that are charged by local authorities	Any proposal which would result in reduced income to local authorities

It is also important to note that:

- The new burdens procedure applies to all burdens, regardless of cost.

- However, where the aggregate value of all a department's burdens (i.e. the total of all burdens in a particular financial year) is below £100,000, that department will not be required to make any transfer.
- Where it is agreed that a policy or programme is "entirely voluntary", this should carry a clear expectation that any publicity or promotion will be carefully tailored to avoid conveying the impression that authorities are expected or encouraged to take action.
- In the case of reduced departmental budgets leading to reductions in funding for local authority services; this situation need not lead to new burdens, as long as departments are willing to accept publicly that such reductions will lead to a reduction in current services levels.

Responsibility for New Burdens

For each initiative, there should be an identifiable department in the lead. Usually, where an initiative originates solely from one department, that will be the lead department or where there are several departments or bodies involved, the lead department should be agreed between them.

Process

The department leading on the policy is responsible for securing the resources needed to fund the net additional cost falling on local authorities from its policy, and for making any necessary resource transfer.

The lead department should inform DCLG (Department for Communities and Local Government) and HM Treasury of the potential new burden at the earliest possible stage, and will need to quantify the likely costs, and directly liaise with the councils and the LGA.

The assessment should include the overall costs to local government, any one-off implementation costs/ set-up/ transition costs and the **recurring costs for a minimum of the first three years**. Where possible, these costs can usefully be considered in terms of staff and non-staff costs, and revenue and capital costs. It is essential that the assessment of the costs should be as accurate as possible.

The relevant departmental finance director is required to take responsibility for signing off these assessments. Once the assessment of the new burden is complete, the relevant departmental finance director will need to sign the pro forma and return it to DCLG.

Providing the resources

Where a department considers that it requires additional resources to fund a new burden, it is responsible for securing those resources.

Review and evaluation

To help ensure that a complete picture is being maintained of the new burdens arising from departments' policies, departmental finance directors are due to meet with DCLG officials twice per year. The purpose of these meetings is as follows:

- To review departments' compliance with new burdens guidance;
- To agree the current list of 'live' new burdens; and
- To identify any potential new burdens that may emerge in the future.

These meetings should also be an opportunity to discuss post-implementation scrutiny of assessments and to learn from the approach each department has taken to scrutiny reviews.

Post-implementation scrutiny

The 'New Burdens Doctrine – Guidance for Government Departments' outlines that each year the assessments of a small number of new burdens from a range of departments should be independently evaluated after the event.

When reviewing their original estimate of costs, departments will usually need to liaise with local authorities and undertake other evidence and data collection.

Reviews may conclude that costs turned out to differ from the original new burdens estimate. This should not be surprising or a cause for criticism – or be an automatic assumption that departments must “make good” under-estimates (or recoup over-estimates). There should be recognition that funding decisions are inevitably based on best available information at the time and actual costs will depend on how local authorities choose to implement policies – something over which departments may not have control.

Departments are asked to generate a short report, addressing the following issues:

- Lessons learnt about how well the department's internal new burdens procedures work;
- Lessons learnt about their engagement with DCLG and HM Treasury (our DFP);
- A view of the robustness of the estimates made in the original new burdens assessment and reasons for divergence; and
- Information that could inform future policy and funding decisions.

Scotland

In Scotland, in setting the total level of local government support, Scottish Ministers must also consider local authorities' ongoing responsibilities and any new burdens or transfers of responsibility. These issues are discussed at the time of individual spending reviews but following the signing of a Concordat, they are also discussed on a regular ongoing basis between the Scottish Government and COSLA.

Although the local government finance settlement is set for 3 years, adjustments can be made for new burdens or transfers of responsibility during this period.

Where policy divisions within the Scottish Government consider that a policy initiative or legislative change might place a new burden on local authorities, it is directed that discussions take place with the Local Government Unit and with COSLA before any public announcement or transfer is made.

Wales

In Wales, a partnership agreement between the Welsh Government and the Welsh Local Government Association was struck in November 2009, which states that:

“As future initiatives and new responsibilities emerge, the Assembly Government recognises that before they are passed to local authorities, the financial implications should be worked through by both partners, understood and addressed.”

The Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) has advised that in reality, the issue of adequate funding for local government to cover new burdens or responsibilities has grown and **will feature as their number 1 priority in the WLGA manifesto** that they will shortly be publishing in advance of this year's Welsh Assembly elections.

Northern Ireland – getting it right here

There is much that can be learnt from the experience in other jurisdictions. NILGA would advocate for a formalised new burdens regime to be introduced into Northern Ireland to ensure that there is a collectively agreed principle that Government as a whole will ensure that new burdens falling on local councils in Northern Ireland lead to full funding and indemnification within all reasonable limits.

To date, in NILGA's Programme for Local Government, a formal, binding regime to enable everyone to stick to the principle of 'Rates Neutrality' is contained in the consultation piece responded to by councils. There is strong support for this principle to be fleshed out in practice.

For a new burdens doctrine to operate successfully in Northern Ireland, it is **recommended** that the comprehensive list used to define new burdens in England (summarised on page 1 of this document) is adopted as a core template in Northern Ireland. It would be helpful if councils in Northern Ireland would communicate whether there should be any omissions from or additions to the list and NILGA could then communicate a final suite of burdens.

Lead Responsibility

In relation to who has responsibility for new burdens, it is **recommended** that there should be an identifiable department in the lead. This will be particularly important when Civil Service Reform/ Reform of the NI Assembly kicks in, as some outgoing and obvious lead departments will be lost in translation.

Process

It is **suggested** that officials within the forthcoming Department for Communities take on a role similar to their counterparts in DCLG in relation to reviewing and assessing new burdens, as part of a portfolio of work on local government finance. The Department of Communities should assume a support role for government departments undertaking a new burdens assessment, but should also be able to challenge other departments on their assessments. It will be imperative to the success of the new burdens regime that officials within the Department for Communities build strong working relationships with policy branches within NICS departments, local councils and with NILGA. Clearly again, views of councils would be important in realising same.

NILGA **recommends** that the Department for Communities holds a database outlining each new burden being transferred to provide a full picture of new burdens being transferred to local government. It will be important that the new burdens regime is embedded into the policy clearance processes of all government departments ensure that all new burdens are referred for assessment.

It is further **recommended** that the department leading on a given policy should be responsible for securing the resources needed to fund the net additional cost falling on local authorities from its policy, and for making any necessary resource transfer. Any resource transfer should include overall costs to local government, any off-off implementation costs, set up/ transition costs and the recurring costs for a minimum of the first three years.

Providing the resources

It is **recommended** a discussion takes place in relation to how resources are transferred to local government. In England, transfers are made via a General Grant. A similar arrangement in principle could be established in Northern Ireland, provided it is accompanied by full disclosure of payments made from each department, to ensure the necessary transparency. This transparency was identified by the Audit Office in England as crucial to this process.

It may also be beneficial to explore the possibility of transfers being made by each department to each local council directly to ensure that each funding transfer is separately identifiable and less likely to be subject to a wholesale cut.

Furthermore, it is **suggested** that it is essential that departments have full and formal confirmation of funding from the Department of Finance and Personnel, prior to making any public commitment. Departments should not make provision of a transfer conditional on their success in securing resources. If a new burden is imposed, a transfer must be made.

Review & Evaluation

It is **recommended** that review and evaluation takes place to ensure that a complete picture is being maintained arising from departments' policies.

In England, it was found that there was little evidence that departments had undertaken or planned reviews of their new burden assessments, although some departments had reviewed (or planned to review) the effectiveness of their policy changes. Without specifically reviewing their new burden assessments, departments cannot test whether their initial assessments of financial impact were accurate in the light of experience. They will also miss the opportunity to reflect on what went well and what did not go well with the process, to apply and share learning for future assessments. It is therefore recommended that a review and evaluation process is a compulsory feature of a new burdens regime in Northern Ireland.

Transparency

It is **recommended** that in the case of NI, the Department of Communities should publish details of potential new burdens it learns of, its decisions on whether departments do assessments, and completed new burden assessments. This does not routinely happen in other jurisdictions and it is asserted that this undermines efforts to consult with local government and creates uncertainty for local authorities over new burdens funding.

Data capture

It will be important that the review and evaluation process can capture data that can be shared across departments. It was the experience in England that some aspects of departments' assessments were hampered by a lack of data. Sometimes this was due to new requirements being something that authorities had no experience of doing or because authorities could take different approaches to meeting a new requirement. A sound evaluation process should be able to go some way to help with future assessments if learning is captured in a meaningful and useful way.

Furthermore, it is important that a database is maintained to ensure that the cumulative impact if many, even low value, new burdens is understood. This will be central to the understanding of local

government finance when placed alongside the annual local government finance settlements/ spending reviews.

It is recommended that Council considers:

- (i) the overall principles; and**
- (ii) specific recommendations in this New Burdens Paper, and responds in writing to NILGA initially, after which the Association will liaise with councils, SOLACE and relevant incoming departments to ensure that the local government sector has the necessary resource protection to support any new powers, burdens or responsibilities passes to them in a full, fair and sustainable manner.**

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1st April 2016

Dear Liam,

NILGA Annual Subscription 2016/17

I enclose our core subscription invoice for 2016/17, as per prior corporate agreement with your council.

The invoice is payable by 31st May 2016.

Please note that NILGA's new Corporate Plan, for June 2016 – May 2019, and work plan for the year 2016/17, will be provided and reported on throughout the year, by way of Performance Indicators and Quality Assurance.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Derek McCallan
Chief Executive

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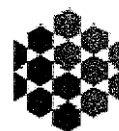
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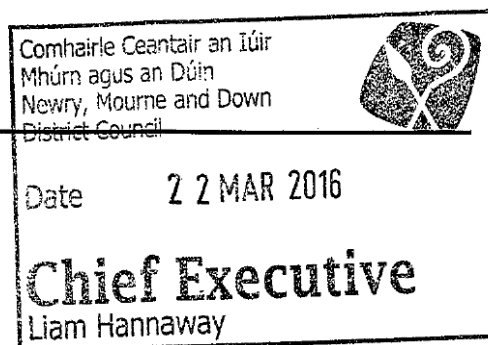
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14th March 2016

Dear Liam

Social Investment Fund – Community Operated Sports (SIF-C10-SE)

I enclosed a letter of offer for your consideration.

This letter brings to your attention the requirements that you must consider in your role as Lead Partner. It represents a contractual arrangement between your organisation and the Department and as such I would ask that you take the opportunity to consider it, and all associated appendices, and query or discuss any of the terms therein with the nominated OFMDFM official. Once you are content to give the commitment that you can deliver the project in line with the Letter of Offer please sign, date and return the acceptance before the stipulated return date.

All documentation and plans requested are a pre-condition of the funding allocated to this project and as such no project monies will be released until the department has received and agreed these.

In order to support you to meet the preconditions, we have arranged for our colleagues in NISRA to assist you in the development of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. The Statisticians will be available to meet with you on a one to one basis on receipt of a signed letter of offer. Similarly your nominated OFMDFM Official, as detailed in the Letter of Offer, will provide direct support to assist you in meeting the other preconditions.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Letter of Offer in advance of signing, please contact Deborah Murphy on 028 9052 8206. I look forward to receiving your signed letter and associated documentation.

Regards

Mark Browne
 Deputy Secretary
 Finance, Strategic Planning & Social Change Directorate

Report to:	Strategy Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Town Centre CCTV System Upgrade
Date:	14 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Eddy Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance
Contact Officer:	Eddy Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance

- Decisions Required**
- Council to support the recommendation for Officers to explore options for renewal and upgrade of current town centre CCTV systems to Digital IP with full camera replacement.
 - Council to agree to extend the existing CCTV maintenance and warranty arrangements for a further period of 3 to 6 months to allow continuity of current service in order for legal framework or tendering process to be completed for Digital IP and camera replacement

1.0 **Purpose & Background**

- 1.1
- The Council oversee the operation and maintenance of the existing town centre CCTV system; located in Newry, Kilkeel, Warrenpoint, Downpatrick, Newcastle and Ballynahinch, a total of 41 static camera locations for public safety. These cameras are monitored in police stations in Gough Armagh and Lisburn.
 - This existing Analogue CCTV system was originally tendered and installed by the Northern Ireland Office in 2008/2009 and after this was handed over to the Council to manage. The system is now dated/aged, costly to maintain and replacement parts are now becoming obsolete or unavailable.
 - The existing budget to operate, maintain and monitor the CCTV system is £150k.

2.0 **Key Issues**

- 2.1
- The Council need to consider upgrading the existing Analogue system to a modern Digital IP system for continuity of service for another 5 year term.
 - The renewal or upgrade of the existing system requires a legal framework or tendering process to be followed with a timeframe of between 3 - 6 months.
 - We have received a quotation from our current CCTV providers BT Redcare and Vis Security for a Digital IP Camera renewal and upgrade by way of Rental Agreement for a 5 year term at a competitive price which we consider is worth pursuing.

Possible Future Issues for Consideration

- 2.2
- Digital IP CCTV camera upgrade includes free wifi by BT Broadband in the town centres that cameras are located.

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3.0	<u>Resource Implications</u>
3.1	Council Staff Time Possible legal expense for Rental Agreement or Framework if required
4.0	<u>Appendices</u>
4.1	

Report to:	<i>Strategy, Policy and Resources</i>
Subject:	Deed of Release of Covenant and Charge – Ardglass Golf Club
Date:	April 2016
Reporting Officer:	P Green, Legal Advisor
Contact Officer:	P Green, Legal Advisor
<u>Decisions Required</u>	
Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and consider and agree to: Council entering into a Deed of Release of a Deed of Covenant and Charge between Ardglass Golf Club and Legacy Down District Council dated 14 November 2000.	
1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
	<p>Ardglass Golf Club entered into a Deed of Covenant and Charge with Legacy Down District Council on 14 November 2000 in respect of a Council grant of £15,000 for the refurbishment of changing facilities. The Deed also included a condition that upon the expiration of ten years from the date of last payment of the grant by Council the covenants and conditions shall cease to have effect.</p> <p>As the period of ten years has now passed since date of last payment of grant, the Club's Solicitor has furnished Council with a draft Deed of Release of Covenant and Charge.</p> <p>Council's Active and Healthy Communities department has confirmed the provisions contained within the Deed of Charge have been adhered to for the duration of the Deed and that it would be in order to enter into the Deed of Release.</p>
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>
	N/A – AHC department has confirmed the grant monies were used for the purpose provided for in the agreement and that the conditions of the Deed of Covenant and Charge have been adhered to for the duration of the Deed.
3.0	<u>Possible Future Issues for Consideration</u>
	N/A
4.0	<u>Resource Implications</u>
	Staff resources and legal fees.
5.0	<u>Appendices</u>

Report to:	<i>Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee</i>
Subject:	Lease of Land at Barcroft Community Centre, Dorans Hill, Newry to Newry Felons Association and Barcroft Community Association
Date:	<i>14 April 2016</i>
Reporting Officer:	<i>Alison Robb, Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Administration)</i>
Contact Officer:	<i>Briege Magill, Administration Officer</i>

Decisions Required

Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and agree to the proposed 15 year lease of portion of land at Barcroft Community Centre to Newry Felons Association and Barcroft Community Association for a community allotment/garden at a peppercorn rent.

1.0 **Purpose & Background**

1.1 *Newry and Mourne Legacy Council approved initial request at District Development Committee Meeting in March 2015 but no details were agreed between both parties at that time.*

It is now proposed to offer 15 year lease, with DOE approval for peppercorn rent, of a small portion of land (0.21 acres) at Barcroft Community Centre to Newry Felons Association and Barcroft Community Association for use as a community allotment/garden.

2.0 **Key Issues**

2.1 *This matter has been on-going for some time and both parties are anxious to progress*

3.0 **Resource Implications**

3.1 *Small fence to be erected by Council to define boundary. (Approximate cost £1000)*

4.0 **Appendices**

- **Appendix I – map of area to be leased**



Community Garden Lease Area - 0.076 hectares (0.187 acres)




Right of Way for Community Garden



Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Ownership: 1.017 hectares (2.51 acres)



 <p>Cómhairle Coimhár an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dáin Newry, Mourne and Down District Council</p>	Building : Loanda House Barcroft CC	Council ref no. : CC06	Drawing Title : Community Garden - Lease Map	
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Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	<i>Scheme of Delegation</i>
Date:	14 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Eddy Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance
Contact Officer:	Eddy Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance
<u>Decisions Required</u>	
1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
1.1	Attached is Schedule of Decision and Authorisations delegated to Eddy Curtis Director of Strategic Planning and Performance Under Categories 1 and 6 of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Scheme of Delegation for period from October 2015 to April 2016.
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>
2.1	For noting
4.0	<u>Appendices</u>
4.1	Schedule

Category 6

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

1. Extension of current arrangements for the letting of lands at Derryleckagh Playing Fields and Carginagh Road, Kilkeel.
2. Permit Parker Green to use Area A of Albert Basin for Staff Car Parking for 3 weeks commencing 14/12/2015 at £1760.
3. Booking of Albert Basin by Fossetts Circus – 29/03/16 – 03/04/16
4. Application by Vincent McGlew to set up a stall by Loughinisland GAC to sell Boxing Night draw tickets – 12 & 19/12/15 at Downpatrick Market.
5. Agree recommendations in respect of Ballyedmond.
6. Enter into a new Licence Agreement for JC Decaux for advertising hoarding at Dublin Bridge/Newry Canal Bank – current licence expires 31/12/15 – new offering £3,000.
7. Use of Site No3 in the Square Warrenpoint for Action Cancer Big Bus.
8. Part of Newry Tow Path for a Charity Cycle to raise money for Head Injury Support.
9. Use of Donard Car Park, Trassey Car Park and Fofanny car park by NSPCC NI for Mournes Hack – 10/09/16.
10. Request by Camlough Lake Events to place a small buoy which will have temperature recorded to record daily average temperature and log for 60 days.
11. Licence Agreement – Tidal View – Rod & Gun Club for use of a portion of the Rampart Bank, Newry.
12. Request by NIE to lay approximately 2 meters of underground cable from the NIE Transformer which sits on the grounds of Cloughreagh CC.
13. Newry Market – Shop rental issue – Suspension of rent from 11/02/16 – June 2016.
14. Request to use O'Rourkes match section of Newry Canal to hold the National Junior Clubs Competition – 18/06/16.

15. Request by NIE to carry out works at Irish Street Car Park, Downpatrick.

16. Annual Rent Reviews

17. Permission to use the domain strand.ie

Report to:	Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	European Rural Network for Job Mobility – ERN4mob Project
Date:	14 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Justyna McCabe, Diversity & Inclusion Projects Co-Ordinator
Contact Officer:	Eddie Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning & Performance
<u>Decisions Required</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Report is to inform members about project activities to-date and to seek approval for the planned activities as outlined below.</i> 	
1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
1.1	<p>PROJECT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:</p> <p>The project aims to connect rural municipalities from 6 different EU countries (Spain, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, Italy and Slovakia) in order to lay down the foundations for the European Rural Network for Job Mobility particularly in the field of social inclusion with reference to ethnic minorities.</p>
1.2	<p>Project activities to-date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick-off meeting in March 2016 – the meeting was attended by all partners. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council was presented as model of best practice in the area of migrant integration and social inclusion in Europe. Our involvement and experience in previous European projects in the area of social inclusion was highlighted as being of particular benefit to the partnership.
1.3	<p>Planned activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To establish project stakeholder group comprising council, local organisations in the area of immigration/emigration, employment and social inclusion and target group representatives). Next project meeting in May 2016 in Poland. Recommended to attend: Chair of SPR Committee, Director of SPP, Project Co-ordinator and Ethnic Minority Support Officer. (N.B. all costs covered by the project).
2.0	<u>Possible Future Issues for Consideration</u>
	N/A
3.0	<u>Resource Implications</u>
	Project 100% funded by the EU.

Report to:	Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	<i>Sister Cities/Twinning</i>
Date:	14 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Sonya Burns, Programmes Manager
Contact Officer:	Sonya Burns, Programmes Manager Colin Moffett, Equality Officer
<u>Decisions Required</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost incurred as a result of the programme of activity in Section 1. 	
1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
1.1	<p>Council will be hosting Sister City delegates who are visiting the area from Pinehurst, Aberdeen and Southern Pines over the period 18 – 24 April 2016.</p> <p>The following has been arranged during this period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sister Cities Summit in Dublin during the period 21 – 24 April as per previous report. ▪ A planning morning has been arranged with Officials on 19 April to include discussion on the future structure of the Sister Cities programme, the vision of the Sister Cities project and the Action Plan. ▪ There will be a tour of the District 20 to 21 April. This tour will include a visit to Council facilities, local areas of interest and local businesses.
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a revised series of activities within the Sister Cities/Twinning projects in the near future. • To look at long-term strategy with the development of Sister City Projects.
3.0	<u>Resource Implications</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs incurred as a result of the programme outlined in Section 1. • Officer time involved in the programme of activity.
4.0	<u>Appendices</u>
	None.

Report to:	Strategy, Policy and Resources
Subject:	Financial Assistance
Date:	14 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Sonya Burns, Programmes Manager
Contact Officer(s):	Sonya Burns, Programmes Manager

Decisions Required

The following recommendations are made for approval:

1. Approval to fund applications in call one for the 2016-2017 period as per the appendix.
2. Advances – provision of up to 50% advances on a needs led basis.

1.0 **Purpose & Background**

- 1.1 1. The first call for Financial Assistance opened on Monday 22 February and closed on Friday 11 March with a total of 316 applications being received under the following themes:
- Events including Community Festivals – 91 applications received
 - Community Engagement – 50 applications received
 - Sports Development – 64 applications received
 - Arts and Culture – 36 applications received
 - Capital schemes for community and sports infrastructure – 29 applications received

The level of applications passing stage one was greatly improved in this call and a good standard at stage two also. In addition to the 28 capacity building sessions from October – December 2015 there were additional 7 sessions across the District to assist applicants during this call.

Attached is a report which provides a breakdown of the number of applications, pass and fail at each stage of the process, geographical spread of the applications received and successful and a breakdown of the final allocations to successful applicants.

2.0 **Key Issues**

- 2.1
- Managing the unsuccessful outcomes through the Review process.

3.0 **Financial & Resource Implications**

- 3.1
- The total amount awarded for each theme as per the Appendix.

4.0 **Equality & Good Relations Implications**

- 4.1 There is an inclusion of equality and good relations within the applications and the process is underpinned by Equality and Good Relations principles.

5.0 **Appendices**

- Call analysis.

**Call 1 for Financial Assistance 2016
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**

Applications received 316

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Applications recommended for funding 172
Total applications awarded 54%

Total amount requested £1,403,896.96
Total amount awarded £539,067.01

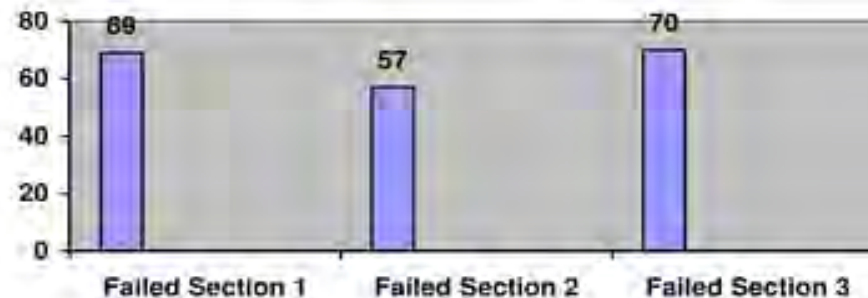
Of the 316 applications:
172 were awarded
55 failed BE = 18%
89 failed stage 2 = 28%



Applications failed Stage 2 = 89

Of the 89 that failed Stage 2:

69 failed meet threshold on section 1 = 78%
57 failed to meet threshold on section 2 = 64%
70 failed to meet threshold on section 3 = 79%



Area Breakdown

**Applications Received by Project
Delivery Area - 316**



- Crotlieve
- Downpatrick
- Newry
- Mournes
- Slieve Croob
- Slieve Gullion
- Rowallane

**Applications Awarded by Project
Delivery Area - 172**



- Crotlieve
- Downpatrick
- Newry
- Mournes
- Slieve Croob
- Slieve Gullion
- Rowallane

**Breakdown of Applications per stage &
Final Amount Recommended for Award**

Arts and Culture

36 applications

198

Stage 1 ~ 3 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility
AC/6/2016	No
AC/9/2016	No
AC/15/2016	No

Stage 2 ~ 12 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
AC/3/2016	yes	No
AC/7/2016	yes	No
AC/8/2016	yes	No
AC/10/2016	yes	No
AC/13/2016	yes	No
AC/23/2016	yes	No
AC/24/2016	yes	No
AC/26/2016	yes	No
AC/28/2016	yes	No
AC/30/2016	yes	No
AC/32/2016	yes	No
AC/33/2016	yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 ~21 Pass & Amount Recommended for Awarded

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
AC/1/2016	yes	yes	£650.00
AC/2/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/4/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/5/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/11/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/12/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/14/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/16/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/17/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/18/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/19/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/20/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/21/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/22/2016	yes	yes	£550.00
AC/25/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/27/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/29/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/31/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/34/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/35/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
AC/36/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
Total Awarded			£15,450.00

**Breakdown of Applications per stage &
Final Amount Recommended for Award
Summer Scheme**

46 applications

199

Stage 1 ~ 6 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility
SS/8/2016	No
SS/13/2016	No
SS/18/2016	No
SS/29/2016	No
SS/30/2016	No
SS/46/2016	No

Stage 2 ~ 12 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
SS/1/2016	yes	No
SS/3/2016	yes	No
SS/5/2016	yes	No
SS/6/2016	yes	No
SS/9/2016	yes	No
SS/16/2016	yes	No
SS/22/2016	yes	No
SS/26/2016	yes	No
SS/33/2016	yes	No
SS/34/2016	yes	No
SS/35/2016	yes	No
SS/43/2016	yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 ~ 28 Pass & Amount Recommended for Awarded

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
SS/2/2016	yes	yes	£999.00
SS/4/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/7/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/10/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/11/2016	yes	yes	£500.00
SS/12/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/14/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/15/2016	yes	yes	£500.00
SS/17/2016	yes	yes	£800.00
SS/19/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/20/2016	yes	yes	£900.00
SS/21/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/23/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/24/2016	yes	yes	£720.00
SS/25/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/27/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
SS/28/2016	yes	yes	£999.00
SS/31/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00
SS/32/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00
SS/36/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00

SS/37/2016	yes	yes	£969.00
SS/38/2016	yes	yes	£900.00
SS/39/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00
SS/40/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00
SS/41/2016	yes	yes	£979.00
SS/42/2016	yes	yes	£810.00
SS/44/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00
SS/45/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00
Total Awarded			£26,076.00

**Breakdown of Applications per stage &
Final Amount Recommended for Award**

Capital

29 applications

Stage 1 ~16 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility
C/1/2016	No
C/3/2016	No
C/6/2016	No
C/8/2016	No
C/9/2016	No
C/10/2016	No
C/14/2016	No
C/15/2016	No
C/16/2016	No
C/17/2016	No
C/19/2016	No
C/20/2016	No
C/21/2016	No
C/23/2016	No
C/26/2016	No
C/28/2016	No

Stage 2 ~ 5 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
C/7/2016	yes	No
C/12/2016	yes	No
C/13/2016	yes	No
C/25/2016	yes	No
C/27/2016	yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 ~ 8 Pass & Amount Recommended for Awarded

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
C/2/2016	yes	yes	£28,416.83
C/4/2016	yes	yes	£50,000.00
C/5/2016	yes	yes	£22,409.00
C/11/2016	yes	yes	£48,500.00
C/18/2016	yes	yes	£50,000.00

C/22/2016	yes	yes	£17,412.00
C/24/2016	yes	yes	£50,000.00
C/29/2016	yes	yes	£49,400.00
Total Awarded			£316,137.83

**Breakdown of Applications per stage &
Final Amount Recommended for Award
Community Engagement**

50 applications

Stage 1 ~ 7 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility
CE/02/2016	No
CE/18/2016	No
CE/25/2016	No
CE/33/2016	No
CE/35/2016	No
CE/40/2016	No
CE/45/2016	No

Stage 2 ~17 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
CE/06/2016	yes	No
CE/08/2016	yes	No
CE/09/2016	yes	No
CE/13/2016	yes	No
CE/23/2016	yes	No
CE/28/2016	yes	No
CE/30/2016	yes	No
CE/32/2016	yes	No
CE/36/2016	yes	No
CE/37/2016	yes	No
CE/42/2016	yes	No
CE/43/2016	yes	No
CE/44/2016	yes	No
CE/47/2016	yes	No
CE/49/2016	yes	No
CE/50/2016	yes	No
CE/51/2016	yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 ~ 26 Pass & Amount Recommended for Awarded

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
CE/01/2016	yes	yes	£1,400.00
CE/03/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
CE/04/2016	yes	yes	£1,300.00
CE/05/2016	yes	yes	£1,400.00
CE/07/2016	yes	yes	£1,300.00
CE/10/2016	yes	yes	£1,400.00
CE/11/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
CE/12/2016	yes	yes	£1,300.00

CE/1/2016	yes	yes	£1,200.00
CE/15/2016	yes	yes	£1,500.00
CE16/2016	yes	yes	£1,499.68
CE/17/2016	yes	yes	£750.00
CE/19/2016	yes	yes	£1,350.00
CE/20/2016	yes	yes	£1,500.00
CE/21/2016	yes	yes	£1,500.00
CE/24/2016	yes	yes	£1,324.00
CE/26/2016	yes	yes	£900.00
CE/27/2016	yes	yes	£1,500.00
CE/29/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00
CE/31/2016	yes	yes	£1050.00
CE/34/2016	yes	yes	£1480.00
CE/38/2016	yes	yes	£1500.00
CE/39/2016	yes	yes	£1500.00
CE/41/2016	yes	yes	£1500.00
CE/46/2016	yes	yes	£1000.00
CE-48-2016	yes	yes	£1500.00
Total Awarded			£33,653.68

**Breakdown of Applications per stage &
Final Amount Recommended for Award**

Sports Development

64 applications

Stage 1 ~ 11 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility
SD/16/2016	No
SD/19/2016	No
SD/31/2016	No
SD/32/2016	No
SD/40/2016	No
SD/47/2016	No
SD/50/2016	No
SD/57/2016	No
SD/59/2016	No
SD/68/2016	No
SD/69/2016	No

Stage 2 ~23 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
SD/5/2016	yes	No
SD/15/2016	yes	No
SD/18/2016	yes	No
SD/29/2016	yes	No
SD/30/2016	yes	No
SD/33/2016	yes	No
SD/34/2016	yes	No
SD/35/2016	yes	No
SD/39/2016	yes	No
SD/42/2016	yes	No
SD/44/2016	yes	No
SD/48/2016	yes	No

SD/49/2016	yes	No
SD/55/2016	yes	No
SD/56/2016	yes	No
SD/60/2016	yes	No
SD/61/2016	yes	No
SD/62/2016	yes	No
SD/64/2016	yes	No
SD/65/2016	yes	No
SD/66/2016	yes	No
SD/67/2016	yes	No
SD/70/2016	yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 ~ 30 Pass & Amount Recommended for Awarded

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
SD/1/2016	yes	yes	£1,525.00
SD/2/2016	yes	yes	£1,500.00
SD/3/2016	yes	yes	£2,100.00
SD/4/2016	yes	yes	£1,405.00
SD/8/2016	yes	yes	£2,000.00
SD/9/2016	yes	yes	£2,500.00
SD/10/2016	yes	yes	£2,090.00
SD/11/2016	yes	yes	£2,000.00
SD/12/2016	yes	yes	£2,020.00
SD/13/2016	yes	yes	£1,500.00
SD/14/2016	yes	yes	£1,750.00
SD/17/2016	yes	yes	£1,215.00
SD/20/2016	yes	yes	£1,975.00
SD/21/2016	yes	yes	£2,000.00
SD/24/2016	yes	yes	£2,491.00
SD/25/2016	yes	yes	£1,330.00
SD/26/2016	yes	yes	£1,830.00
SD/28/2016	yes	yes	£2,050.00
SD/36/2016	yes	yes	£2380.00
SD/37/2016	yes	yes	£2580.00
SD/38/2016	yes	yes	£1800.00
SD/41/2016	yes	yes	£1524.50
SD/43/2016	yes	yes	£1650.00
SD/45/2016	yes	yes	£2020.00
SD/51/2016	yes	yes	£800.00
SD/52/2016	yes	yes	£1680.00
SD/53/2016	yes	yes	£1480.00
SD/54/2016	yes	yes	£2400.00
SD/58/2016	yes	yes	£1840.00
SD/63/2016	yes	yes	£2500.00
Total Awarded			£55,935.50

Breakdown of Applications per stage &
Final Amount Recommended for Award

Community Events

91 applications

204

Stage 1 ~ 12 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility
MM/4/2016	No
MM/6/2016	No
MM/18/2016	No
MM/19/2016	No
MM/22/2016	No
MM/24/2016	No
MM/29/2016	No
MM/35/2016	No
MM/41/2016	No
MM/50/2016	No
MM/78/2016	No
MM/85/2016	No

Stage 2 ~ 20 Fail

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2
MM/2/2016	yes	No
MM/16/2016	yes	No
MM/20/2016	yes	No
MM/21/2016	yes	No
MM/25/2016	yes	No
MM/27/2016	yes	No
MM/31/2016	yes	No
MM/32/2016	yes	No
MM/39/2016	yes	No
MM/42/2016	yes	No
MM/49/2016	yes	No
MM/54/2016	yes	No
MM/64/2016	yes	No
MM/69/2016	yes	No
MM/70/2016	yes	No
MM/74/2016	yes	No
MM/76/2016	yes	No
MM/81/2016	yes	No
MM/83/2016	yes	No
MM/87/2016	yes	No

Stage 1 & 2 ~ 59 Pass & Amount Recommended for Awarded

Ref	Passed basic eligibility	Stage 2	Recommended Amount Awarded
MM/1/2016	yes	yes	£2,000.00
MM/3/2016	yes	yes	£1,650.00
MM/5/2016	yes	yes	£1,600.00
MM/7/2016	yes	yes	£1,350.00
MM/8/2016	yes	yes	£1,830.00
MM/9/2016	yes	yes	£1,790.00

MM/20/2016	yes	yes	£1,400.00
MM/11/2016	yes	yes	£1,550.00
MM/12/2016	yes	yes	£1,719.00
MM/13/2016	yes	yes	£1,550.00
MM/14/2016	yes	yes	£2,000.00
MM/15/2016	yes	yes	£2,000.00
MM/17/2016	yes	yes	£1,600.00
MM/23/2016	yes	yes	£2,000.00
MM/26/2016	yes	yes	£1,500.00
MM/28/2016	yes	yes	£1,000.00
MM/30/2016	yes	yes	£1200.00
MM/33/2016	yes	yes	£1600.00
MM/34/2016	yes	yes	£1500.00
MM/36/2016	yes	Yes	£1400.00
MM/37/2016	yes	yes	£2000.00
MM/38/2016	yes	yes	£1400.00
MM/40/2016	yes	yes	£1500.00
MM/43/2016	yes	yes	£1400.00
MM/44/2016	yes	yes	£1300.00
MM/45/2016	yes	yes	£1100.00
MM/46/2016	yes	yes	£1200.00
MM/47/2016	yes	yes	£1350.00
MM/48/2016	yes	yes	£1400.00
MM/51/2016	Yes	yes	£1955.00
MM/52/2016	Yes	yes	£1295.00
MM/53/2016	Yes	yes	£2000.00
MM/55/2016	Yes	yes	£1585.00
MM/56/2016	Yes	yes	£1600.00
MM/57/2016	Yes	yes	£1750.00
MM/58/2016	Yes	yes	£1700.00
MM/59/2016	Yes	yes	£1500.00
MM/60/2016	Yes	yes	£1700.00
MM/61/2016	Yes	yes	£1500.00
MM/62/2016	Yes	yes	£1500.00
MM/63/2016	Yes	yes	£1800.00
MM/65/2016	Yes	yes	£1450.00
MM/66/2016	Yes	yes	£1350.00
MM/67/2016	Yes	yes	£1700.00
MM/68/2016	Yes	yes	£1620.00
MM/71/2016	Yes	yes	£1800.00
MM/72/2016	Yes	yes	£1300.00
MM/73/2016	Yes	yes	£1400.00
MM/75/2016	Yes	yes	£1175.00
MM/77/2016	Yes	yes	£1550.00
MM/79/2016	Yes	yes	£1500.00
MM/80/2016	Yes	yes	£1300.00
MM/82/2016	Yes	yes	£1650.00
MM/84/2016	Yes	yes	£1320.00
MM/86/2016	Yes	yes	£1800.00
MM/88/2016	Yes	yes	£1600.00
MM/89/2016	Yes	yes	£1275.00
MM/90/2016	Yes	yes	£1250.00
MM/91/2016	Yes	yes	£2000.00
Total Awarded			£91,814.00

Report to:	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	PEACE IV
Date:	14 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Sonya Burns, Programmes Manager
Contact Officer(s):	Sonya Burns, Programmes Manager Justyna McCabe, Social Inclusion & Diversity Projects Coordinator

Decisions Required

The following recommendations are for approval:

- The interim Partnership arrangements with representation from the Equality and Good Relations Reference group and Independent members from the PCSP along with the Statutory representatives.
- Final Partnership structure as a working group of the SPR Committee.
- The draft action plan for the PEACE IV programme as per the Appendix.
- Permission to proceed with the appointment of the Partner Delivery Agents in line with action plan requirements.

1.0 **Purpose & Background**

1.1 **Interim Partnership arrangements:**

We are required to have a Partnership in place for the Stage 1 submission which is 17 May 2016. Given the timeframe presented to us we will not have sufficient time to complete a full recruitment exercise and therefore we would propose to put an interim Partnership arrangement in place as follows:

- Elected members from the Equality and Good Relations working group
- Social Partners from the PCSP Independent members
- Statutory representatives who will be self nominated.

SEUPB have confirmed that they are content with this interim arrangement. It is envisaged that there will be one or two meetings of this group.

Final Partnership arrangement:

The proposal for the final partnership will be a working group of the SPR Committee and will link into the Safety and Good Relations Thematic Group of Community Planning. The composition of the Partnership will reflect the Safety and Good Relations Thematic Group. It will include Elected Members, Social Partners, Statutory Agencies and Partner Delivery Agents.

Draft Action Plan:

During January to April 2016 we have completed consultations through the DEA Public Forum meetings, statutory agencies and thematic groupings. SEUPB have provided the breakdown under each theme which is highlighted in the appendix attached. The action plan will be submitted with the stage one action plan and upon approval there will be a further application for stage two in August.

	<p>Partner Delivery Agents:</p> <p>For the stage one action plan we are required to identify any partners who will be assisting the Council in the delivery of the plan. There are two areas identified where the Council need to seek assistance outside of the organisation which are youth and rural. We are requesting approval to proceed with the process to appoint Partner Delivery Agents to fill these gaps.</p>
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>
2.1	<p>There are potentially a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The management cost is has been allocated at 12% which we have calculated to be less than what is required from the Council to enable us to complete the management of the programme. We are entering discussions with SEUPB on this.
3.0	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.1	Ongoing Officer time.
4.0	<u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u>
4.1	This will be included as part of the Stage 1 and 2 applications.
5.0	<u>Appendices</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft Action plan.

PEACE IV Programme

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council 2017 – 2021

Overall allocation: €5,610,615

Objective 1: Children & Young People

Enhancing the capacity of children and young people to form positive and effective relationships with others of a different background and make a positive contribution to building a cohesive society.

Allocation: €1,179,060

Result indicators:

1. An increase in the percentage of 16 year olds who socialize or play sport with people from a different religious community "very often" from 43% to 50%, "sometimes" 24% to 28%
2. An increase in the percentage of 16 year olds who think relations between Protestants and Catholics are better than they were 5 years ago from 45% to 50%
3. An increase in the percentage of 16 year olds who think relations between Protestants and Catholics will be better in 5 years' time from 38% to 45%

Focus area	Indicative Actions	Description
Skills Development	Personal Development Programme for Children (0 – 12)	Interventions to develop social, emotional and 'soft skills' of children through age-appropriate activities. Developing capabilities for positive family and community relationships.
	Youth-led Citizenship Programme	Accredited citizenship/leadership courses. Mentoring/shadowing with elected members. Support for Youth Council, faith-based youth groups, bands. Developing capabilities for positive participation in community structures, democratic processes and volunteering to support community.
	Capacity Building for Hard-to-Reach Young People	Projects for disengaged/hard-to-reach young people. Preparatory projects leading to citizenship interventions.
	Youth Leadership Seasonal Schools	Cross-community programmes for young leaders, development of a knowledge and understanding of their own role in community. Soft skills. International exchanges.
Relationship Building	Youth Engagement Cross-Community Programme	Relationship building between young people of different backgrounds (incl. BME) and between young people and services (e.g. PSNI) through thematic activities: e.g. driving/motoring/road safety, outdoor pursuits. Schools and faith-based groups.
	Engagement Through Sport	Bringing together sports clubs of different traditions in order to facilitate interaction and build sustained relationships. Engaging with hard-to-reach young people through sport.
Cohesion, Sharing &	Youth-led Cultural Diversity Programme	Youth-led projects promoting cultural diversity: 'Around the World through Sport', visits to cultural centres, media campaign designed by young people, summer language school - peer teaching (languages & culture).

	<p>Shared History and Culture Programme for Young People</p>	<p>Exploration of local areas/sites, shared Christian heritage, shared maritime heritage, different faiths and cultural roots, hate crime and exclusion, exploration of museum and other cultural/heritage collections to explore the shared and diverse history of the district and the cross-border areas. Intergenerational element.</p>
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Objective 2: Shared Spaces & Services

Creation of a more cohesive society through an increased provision of shared spaces and services.

Allocation: €1,992,185

Result indicators:

1. The percentage of people who would define the neighbourhood where they live as neutral; from 64% "always" or "most of the time" to 68% and from 22% "sometimes" to 26%
2. The percentage of people who would prefer to live in a neighbourhood with people of only their own religion from 20% to 16%
3. The percentage of people who prefer to live in a mixed religion environment from 71% to 75%

Focus area	Indicative Actions	Description
Skills Development	<p>Preparatory Programme For Disengaged Communities & Local Leaders</p>	<p>Building capacity within interface communities and local leaders leading to the creation of shared vision, removal of psychological and physical barriers in local neighbourhoods.</p>
	<p>Capacity Building Programme for Public, Community/Voluntary, Business Services Staff</p>	<p>Building skills within staff to ensure services are provided equally to all sections of the community and existing civic spaces are managed in a manner that respects the rights, equality and diversity of all.</p>

Relationship Building	Shared Services Engagement Programme	Building relationships and positive engagement between disengaged communities (incl. BME) and services/agencies (PSNI/Gardai, NIHE, Council).
	Re-imaging & Regeneration Programme	Community-led arts projects in local areas (Carnaget, Annalog and Latt). Regeneration activities & removal/replacement of sectarian graffiti, murals, curb painting, etc.
	Spaces, Places & Services Dialogue Programme	Facilitating dialogue around shared spaces & services. Reactionary Fund.
Cohesion, Sharing & Integration	Flags, Emblems & Bonfires Protocol Programme	Development of flags, emblems & bonfires protocol for the district in partnership with local communities.
	Ex-military Sites Legacy Programme	Cross-community projects providing opportunities for dialogue and collaboration around spaces which continue to generate dispute and mistrust. Reconstruction of Ballkinler Hut at Down County Museum, community dialogue projects in Forkill, Ballyhornan and Bessbrook.
	Shared Public Spaces & Buildings	Changing perceptions around public spaces and buildings. Cross-community events in shared spaces.

Objective 3: Building Positive Relations at Local Level

Promotion of positive relations characterised by respect, and where cultural identity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together free from prejudice, hate and intolerance.

Allocation: €2,439,371

Result indicators:

1. An increase in the % of people who think relations between Protestants and Catholics are better than they were five years ago, from 45% to 52%

2. The % of people who think relations between Protestants and Catholics will be better in 5 years from 40% to 48%

3. The % of people who know about the culture of minority ethnic communities from 30% to 38%

Focus area	Indicative Actions	Description
Skills Development	Capacity Building & Engagement Programme for Groups Across the District	Increase the capacity of groups to participate in peace & reconciliation activities. Creating opportunities for sustained and meaningful contact between groups of different backgrounds. Match-making activities. Animation fund.
	Capacity Building Programme for DEA Fora	Increase the capacity of DEA fora to address good relation issues, sectarianism & racism in their areas. Elected members dialogue programme - development of protocol for dealing with sensitive issues.
	Capacity Building & Integration Programme for BME Groups and Individuals	Increase the capacity of minority ethnic groups and individuals (migrant & Irish Travellers) to participate in civic, community and political life of the district.
	Civic Leadership Programme	Identify 'tomorrow's' community leaders and build their capacity today, development of strong & inclusive leadership. Supporting women in leadership.
Relationship Building	Addressing Community Tensions Through Dialogue, Mediation & Conflict Resolution	Building relationships and increasing interaction between residents from divided communities. Reactionary Fund. Building positive relations through Irish/ Ulster Scots language and culture

		awareness programmes.
	Faith-Based and Church Programme	Building positive relations through Interfaith groups and church fora. Local engagement through churches.
	Older People Good Relations Programme	Targeting older people 'at risk' of social exclusion due to division, isolation and prejudice as a result of growing up during the Troubles. Open the minds of people to other cultures and to break down stereotypes and prejudice while improving the quality of older people's lives.
Cohesion, Sharing & Integration	Shared History And Culture Programme	Cultural programme based on in-depth exploration of a number of local culture and heritage themes to develop opportunities for groups to access and celebrate our diverse cultural landscape: celebrating cultural achievements (writers, artists inc. BME), exploration of local areas/sites (shared Christian heritage, shared maritime heritage Ardglass/Strangford/Kilkeel/Warrenpoint), discussion and examination of how everyday life was changed/affected by conflict (oral history, story, testimony). Decades of commemorations.
	Ethnic Minority Cultural Programme	Promotion of minority ethnic cultures (migrant and Travellers). Cultural awareness projects with groups.
	Cross-Community & Intercultural Events	Cultural, music and sporting events across the district creating opportunities for people from different cultural backgrounds to socialise together.

Report to:	Strategy, Policy and Resources
Subject:	Social Investment Fund
Date:	14 April 2016
Reporting Officer:	Sonya Burns, Programmes Manager
Contact Officer(s):	Sonya Burns, Programmes Manager
<u>Decisions Required</u>	
<p>Recommendation: Approval for the Letter of Offer received from OFMDFM for the Community Operated Sports Facilities.</p>	
1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
1.1	<p>The Council are in receipt of a letter of offer from OFMDFM for the South Eastern Zone which the legacy Down District Council would have been within. The value of the offer is £1,681,218 which includes a management fee of £257,353. The letter of offer will cover the following:</p> <p>Downpatrick Football Club - £408,783 Ballyhornan Family Centre - £467,582 Kilcooley Community Forum - £547,500</p> <p>There will be match funding across these projects from DSD, Council and the Ulster Wildlife Trust.</p>
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>
2.1	<p>There are potentially a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revenue projects – due to the delay in recruitment of participants we will have to negotiate the transfer of under spend from the first year into the second year.
3.0	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.1	Match funding for Downpatrick Football Club and Ballyhornan Family Centre.
4.0	<u>Equality & Good Relations Implications</u>
4.1	There is an inclusion of equality and good relations within the submission and Economic Appraisals.
5.0	<u>Appendices</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ None.