



November 15th, 2017

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee Meeting to be held on **Thursday, 16th November 2017 at 5:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire.**

The Members of the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee are:-

Chair: Councillor T Hearty

Vice Chair: Councillor A McMurray

Members: Councillor P Byrne Councillor R Burgess

Councillor M Carr Councillor S Doran

Councillor C Enright Councillor D Hyland

Councillor O McMahon Councillor B Ó'Muirí

Councillor M Ruane Councillor M Savage

Councillor G Sharvin Councillor G Stokes

Councillor W Walker


Agenda

1.0 Apologies

A Wilkinson

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet of the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2017 (copy attached)

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Corporate Planning and Policy

4.0 Presentation of 2018 Annual Report/NMD Connect (copy attached)

 *2018 Annual Report NMD Connect.pdf*

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5.0 Moltaí le haghaidh bhunú Scéim Sparánachta na Gaeilge agus Scéim Chúnamh Airgeadais /Proposals for the establishment of an Irish Language Bursary Scheme and a Financial Scheme (copy attached)

 *Tuairisc an Ghrúpa Oibre do Choiste Straitéise, Polasaí agus Acmhainní 161117 GB.pdf*

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6.0 Report on response to consultation on Heritage Lottery Fund draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan (copy attached)

 *Response to consultation on Heritage Lottery Fund draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan (2017-2022).pdf*

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 *NMDDC draft response to HLF consultation on draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan.pdf*

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Corporate Services - Democratic Services

7.0 Operating Protocol for Audio Recording of Council and Committee Meetings (copy attached)

 *audio recording SPR nov 2017.pdf*





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 *Operating Protocol.pdf*

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Performance



8.0 Performance Improvement Plan - Mid-year Progress Report (copy attached)

 <i>Performance Report - Mid Year Progress Report.pdf</i>	<i>Page 27</i>
 <i>PIP Mid Year Progress Report April-September 2017.pdf</i>	<i>Page 29</i>
 <i>Performance Appx 1.pdf</i>	<i>Page 42</i>
 <i>Performance Appx 2.pdf</i>	<i>Page 43</i>


For Consideration and/or Decision

9.0 Local Development Plan Steering Group (copy attached)

For Noting.

 <i>SPR Report Nov'17 re LDP Steering Group Minutes.pdf</i>	<i>Page 47</i>
 <i>Minutes of LDP Steering Group meeting 26.10.17 Ver2 AH.pdf</i>	<i>Page 48</i>

10.0 Newry, Mourne and Down Council Seal (copy attached)

 <i>Report to SPR - Nov 2017 - Seal.pdf</i>	<i>Page 54</i>
 <i>Council Seal Appendix 1.pdf</i>	<i>Page 56</i>
 <i>Council Seal Appendix 2.pdf</i>	<i>Page 57</i>

11.0 The General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) (copy attached)

 <i>GDPR.pdf</i>	<i>Page 58</i>
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12.0 Estates Asset Management Policy Report (copy attached)

 <i>SP&R paper Estates Policy Nov 17.pdf</i>	<i>Page 61</i>
 <i>Estates Asset Management Policy.pdf</i>	<i>Page 63</i>

13.0 Murphy's Trust (copy attached)

 <i>Murphy's Trust Report - SPR..pdf</i>	<i>Page 75</i>
 <i>Appendix 1 - Murphy's Trust.pdf</i>	<i>Page 77</i>

14.0 Notice of Motion received from Councillors Brown, Stokes, Tinnelly and Taylor (referred from Strategic Projects Working Group with minute attached)

'This Council confirms its commitment to a full, 15-acre community park project on the Albert Basin site in Newry. The Council recognises that the Albert Basin site was given to the people of Newry in 1986 and that a commitment was given at that time to develop it as a recreation and amenity area for the generations of the future. It also recognises the work of community activists in presenting their plans for the park through a petition with over 10,000 signatures.

Council commits to delivering a park in parallel with other capital works projects in Newry within the next Council term. The Council shall within 3 months establish a task and finish group reporting to the Capital Projects Working Group, consisting of elected members, community representatives and a dedicated Council officer to establish plans to move the Albert Basin park project forward and investigate funding options'.

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Items Restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

15.0 Management Accounts (copy attached)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

 *Management Accounts summary and detailed.pdf*

Not included

 *Management Accounts Report SPR Nov 2017.pdf*

Not included

16.0 Half year Treasury Report (copy attached)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

 *Report re Treasury Mid-Year Update 2017-18.pdf*

Not included

 *2017-18 Treasury Update 6 Mths to 30.9.pdf*

Not included

17.0 Forkhill GAC - Waive of Deed of Charge (copy attached)

 *Report re Forkhill GAC.pdf*

Not included

 *Newry Map.pdf*

Not included

18.0 Land at Carnbane Road, Newry (copy attached)

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 *Report Land at Carnbane Road, Newry - SPR.pdf*

Not included

 *LRA Map.pdf*

Not included

19.0 Public Space and Facilities CCTV (copy attached)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

 *SP&R - CCTV Report - 16 11 17 v1.3 FINAL.pdf*

Not included

20.0 Note taking in Closed Session (copy attached)

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 *Note taking in closed session.pdf*


Not included

21.0 Proposed Lease - site at the former Old Gasworks site, Newry – to Trustees of Bunscoil an Iuir (copy attached)

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 *Proposed Lease - site at the former Old Gasworks site, Newry – to Trustees of Bunscoil an Iuir.pdf*

Not included

 *Lease 2012-2017Map.pdf*

Not included

22.0 LPS Asset Valuation (copy attached)


This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

 *Asset Revaluation Report.pdf*

Not included

23.0 Car Parking at the closed Newry Sports Centre (copy attached)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

 *Report on off road car parking in area of Council offices Monaghan Row Newry Final.pdf*

Not included

24.0 Down Leisure Centre Update

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

 *Down LC Update.pdf*

Not included

25.0 Strategic Projects Working Group Action Sheet & Minute

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of para.3 of part 1 of schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

 *spp action sheet.pdf*

Not included

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ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) – THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2016 –

ITEMS STILL IN PROGRESS OR ON-GOING.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2015					
SPR/210/2016	Derelict Site- Daisy Hill, Newry	<p>Agreed to:</p> <p>Declare the land as surplus.</p> <p>Request LPS to provide a current market valuation and a recommendation on the most appropriate way to dispose of the land.</p>	K Scullion	Matter with Estates Department And further instructions awaited.	

ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) – THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2016 – ITEMS STILL IN PROGRESS OR ON-GOING.

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2015					
SPR/236/2016	Right of Way Proposal at Ballyedmond, Killowen, Rostrevor	<p>It was agreed to accept the officer's recommendations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the details of the proposed Killowen Coastal Path around the Big Moat at Ballyedmond as per the presentation at the meeting, ie. the design drawings and technical specification. • A joint application for Planning Permission will be submitted by the Ballyedmond Estate and the Council for the creation of the proposed Coastal Path as per the approved details. 	C Mallon	<p>On-going.</p> <p><i>Ballyedmond Estates Consultants updating the Ecological Impact Assessments and collating additional information. This matter is on-going.</i></p>	

ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) – THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2016 – ITEMS STILL IN PROGRESS OR ON-GOING.

SPR/250/2016	Disposal of Land at Carnbane Road, Newry beside Carnbane Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to express an interest in the disposal of land at Carnbane Road, Newry as this land is important for the future management and development of Carnbane Playing Fields and the land is under Council control as present. The acquisition will also resolve any discrepancies in the Council boundary. • Council to seek a transfer at nominal value in the first instance. • If Council is successful in acquiring this land, the Council agree to re-imburse NIE for any costs incurred in the relocation of their equipment on this site in the event of development and also agree to enter into a Way leave Agreement with NIE for the equipment. • Easements may also be required for Transport NI, BT and NI Water. 	L Moore	Report being brought to SPR 16 11 2017	
SPR/251/2016	Disposal of Land at Sugar Island, Newry	<p>Council to express an interest in the disposal of land at Sugar Island, Newry.</p> <p>Council to seek a transfer at nominal value in the first instance.</p>	B Magill	Terms of Acquisition agreed at SPR October 2017. Currently subject to call-in period.	
SPR/257/2016	Peace IV	Application to be submitted to Shared Spaces and Services funding call for the John Doyle Peace Centre.	J McCabe	Economic Appraisal and assessment on-going.	
SPR/282/2016	Correspondence from the Department for Communities Regeneration Bill	Council to write to the Minister for Communities asking him to reconsider the decision not to progress the Regeneration Bill.	L Hannaway	To be completed once a Minister for Communities is in place.	

ACTION SHEET – STRATEGY, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING (SPR) – THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2017

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SPR/166/2017	Gifts & Hospitality Policy	Agreed approve the new policy on Gifts and Hospitality.	D Carville	Agreed.	Y
SPR/167/2017	Risk Management Policy	Agreed to approve the new Risk Management Policy.	D Carville	Agreed.	Y
SPR/168/2017	Safeguarding Policy	Agreed to approve the Safeguarding Policy.	C Miskelly	Agreed.	Y
SPR/171/2017	Acquisition of Land at Sugar Island, Newry	Agreed to proceed with the proposed acquisition of land at Sugar Island, Newry on the terms assessed by Land and Property Services.	A Robb.	Agreed.	Y
SPR/172/2017	Sub-Lease of Boat House, Marine Parade, Warrenpoint to Carlingford Lough Currach Club.	Agreed that an application be made to the Department for Communities to permit Council to sub-let the Boat House, Warrenpoint, to Carlingford Lough Currach Club at a peppercorn rent.	A Robb.	Agreed	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2015

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SPR/178/2017	Surveillance & Monitoring of Town Centre CCTV	Recommendations in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 and the decision listed in the first paragraph of the Officer's Report approved.	J McBride.	Approved.	Y
SPR/180/2017	Progress Report on Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2	Recommendations in Section 3.1 and 3.2 of the Officer's report relating to the expenditure on this project approved.	C Mallon.	Approved.	Y
SPR/181/2017	Recruitment of RTS Director	Approved - recommendations as outlined by the Chief Executive in his verbal report to Committee, having taken account of the views put forward by the Members. Further report to be presented to SPR Committee in December 2017.	L Hannaway. L Hannaway.	Approved.	Y On-going

SPR/182/2017	Action Sheet of the Strategic Projects Working Group held on 22 August 2017.	Full report on the Albert Basin Park Project to be presented in Minute format and presented as a separate report to SPR Committee and this to apply to any other project if requested by Members at the Working Group and taking account of the Council's obligations under Part 1 of Schedule 6 of Local Government Act (NI) 2014.	L Hannaway.		Y

Report to:	Strategy, Policy & Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2017
Subject:	Presentation of 2018 Annual Report/NMD Connect
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Regina Mackin Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Regina Mackin Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy

Matters for consideration:	
Members are asked to note the contents of the report and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree the presentation of the 2018 Annual Report/NMD Connect to be published in February 2018. 	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	To seek agreement for the presentation of the 2018 Annual Report/NMD Connect publication.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	In February 2017 Newry Mourne and Down District Council published its Annual Report which presented information on achievements of Council over the past year and outlined its plan for 2017/18. The document was posted on the corporate website. The Council also produced its Citizens Newsletter "NMD Connect" in April 2017 which was distributed to every household in the district.
2.2	The key issue is how Members want these 2 documents produced, presented and promoted in 2018. It is suggested both documents could be combined into one, primarily in Annual Report format with elements of "NMD Connect" contained within e.g. information on performance and achievements as well as plans for 2018/19. Information would be presented on events and specific functional areas such as waste management with generic contact details for the organisation and Councillors. The document would be produced in February 2018 and posted on the Council's website with a limited print run supported by dedicated marketing campaigns signposting citizens to the website. The limited print run would be distributed in Council buildings and areas of high footfall throughout the district. The document will also be available in Irish as a pdf on the website. Monies are allocated within the 2017/'18 budget to do so.
	Recommendations:
3.1	It is recommended that both the 2017 Annual Report and "NMD Connect" documents are combined into one, primarily in Annual Report format with elements of "NMD Connect" contained within. The document would be produced in February 2018 and posted on the Council's website with a limited print run supported by dedicated marketing campaigns signposting citizens to the website. The limited print run would be distributed in Council buildings and areas of high footfall throughout the district. The document will also be available in Irish as a pdf on the website.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Monies are contained within the 2017/'18 budget.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:

5.1	No equality and good relations implications are anticipated with regard to the proposed recommendations.
6.0	Appendices
	None

Tuairisc do:	Choiste Straitéise, Polasaí agus Acmhainní
Dáta an Chruinnithe:	16 Samhain 2017
Ábhar:	Moltaí le haghaidh bhunú Scéim Sparánachta na Gaeilge agus Scéim Chúnamh Airgeadais
Oifigeach Tuairiscthe (Teideal Poist san áireamh):	Regina Mackin, LeasStiúrthóir Pleanála Corparáidí agus Polasaí
Oifigeach Teagmhála (Teideal Poist san áireamh):	Colin Moffett, Ceannasaí Polasaí Corparáidigh Ursula Mhic An tSaoir, Oifigeach Forbartha na Gaeilge

Cinntí atá riachtanach:

Iarrtar ar bhaill notáil ábhar na tuairisce agus machnamh a dhéanamh ar bhunú na nithe seo a leanas sa bhliain airgeadais 2018/19:

- Scéim Sparánachtaí na Gaeilge
- Scéim Chúnamh Airgeadais le dhá théama faoi leith:
 - Athnuachan agus Forbairt Phobal na Gaeilge; agus
 - Rannpháirtíocht dearfach leis an Ghaeilge sa phobal.

1.0 Aidhm agus Cúlra:

- 1.1 Ag cruinniú ar 3 Bealtaine 2017 d'ardaigh baill Ghrúpa Oibre Traspháirtí um Straitéis na Gaeilge an cheist maidir le scéim mhaoinithe (2018-19) chúnamh airgeadais a bhunú d'earnáil na Gaeilge.
- Cuireadh réamhthuirisc faoin bhráid Ghrúpa Oibre Traspháirtí um Straitéis na Gaeilge le haghaidh plé ar 5 Iúil 2017. Thug an réamhthuirisc seo sonraí faoi Glaoch 1 Chúnamh Airgeadais 2017 de chuid na Comhairle mar a leanas:
- Líon réimsí clár: 9
Iarratais faighte: 457
Iarratais atá molta do mhaoiniú : 299
- Maidir le grúpaí aitheanta Gaeilge, trí athbhreithniú ar thoradh Ghlaoch 1 na Comhairle do Chúnamh Airgeadais 2017 aithníodh mar a leanas:
- Cúig thograí déag iarrthacha rathúla thar 6 réimse clár.
 - D'aimsigh na hiarratasóirí rathúla £14685 maoiniú do thionscnaimh áirithe.
 - D'éirigh le ceithre ghrúpa in iliomad iarratas i.
 - Ní bhfuair an Chomhairle iarratas ar bith ó ghrúpaí Gaeilge aitheanta le haghaidh tionscnamh i dTC (Toghcheantar na Comhairle) Shliabh gCuillinn.
 - Fuarthas 6 iarratas thar 5 réimse clár ó ghrúpaí aitheanta Gaeilge nár éirigh leo.
- I ndiaidh machnaimh agus díospóireachta ar an réamhthuirisc maidir le cláreagrú Gaeilge agus cúnamh airgeadais ag cruinniú de chuid an Ghrúpa Oibre um Straitéis na Gaeilge ar 5 Iúil 2017, d'iarr Comhairleoirí ar Oifigigh moltaí a ullmhú fá choinne Scéim Chúnamh Airgeadais na Gaeilge agus Scéim Sparánachtaí na Gaeilge, le cur faoi bhráid an ghrúpa ag an chéad chruinniú eile de Ghrúpa Oibre um Straitéis na Gaeilge (ar 25 Deireadh Fómhair 2017.)
- I ndiaidh tuilleadh plé a rinneadh ag cruinniú Ghrúpa Oibre um Straitéis na Gaeilge ar 25

	<p>Deireadh Fómhair 2017 aontaíodh go ndéanfaidh an Chomhairle machnamh ar bhunú:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scéim Sparánachtaí na Gaeilge . • Scéim Chúnamh Airgeadais le dhá théamaí faoi leith: Financial Assistance Scheme with two specific themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Athnuachan agus Forbairt Phobal na Gaeilge; agus ◦ Rannpháirtíocht dearfach leis an Ghaeilge sa phobal.
1.2	<p><u>Scéim Sparánachtaí na Gaeilge</u></p> <p>Gníomhaí Soláthair: Aonad na Gaeilge</p> <p>Cuspóir na Scéime Sparántachta: Cuidiú a thabhairt do dhaoine a gcuid scileanna Gaeilge a fheabhsú trí scoláireachtaí nó sparántachtaí a chur ar fáil le haghaidh chúrsaí creidiúnaithe Gaeilge, na coláistí Gaeltachta, dianchúrsaí agus cúrsaí tríú leibhéal san áireamh.</p> <p>B'iad seo a leanas bunphrionsabail na scéime sparántachta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bheadh an scéim ar fáil do dhaoine a bhfuil cónaí orthu i gceantar Chomhairle an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin. • Beidh deimhniú de dhith ó na hiarratasóirí go raibh siad cláraithe ar chúrsa srl Ní bhronnfaí maoiniú ar bith go dtí go mbeidh an cúrsa déanta agus go gcuirfear na hiarratasóirí deimhniú cuí ar fáil i dtaca le freastal ar an chúrsa • Is féidir le tuismitheoirí nó caomhnóirí iarratas a chur isteach fá choinne scoláireachtaí nó sparántachtaí do dhaoine óga chun freastal ar chúrsaí Gaeltachta srl. • Thiocfadh le micléinn agus daoine óga 18-25 iarratas a chur isteach fá choinne sparántachtaí chun freastal ar chúrsaí Gaeltachta srl. • Sa chéad ghlaoch chuirfí fáilte roimh dhaoine ag lorg chúnamh airgeadais fá choinne chúrsaí a bheas ar siúl sa bhliain airgeadais 2018/19 • Scéim leanúnach a bheadh i gceist leis seo agus bheadh Aonad na Gaeilge ag bainistiú agus ag soláthar na scéime a dhruidfí i ndiaidh don airgead ar fad a bheith dáilte agus íoctha d'iarratasóirí ar éirigh leo agus a chur an deimhniú cuí ar fáil i dtaca le cáilitheacht agus freastal ar an chúrsa. • Bheadh iarratasóirí i dteideal iarratas a chur isteach fá choinne 50% de tháille iomlán an chúrsa, suas le £300 mar uasmhéid san iomlán.
1.3	<p><u>Scéim Chúnamh Airgeadais</u></p> <p>Gníomhaí Soláthair: Aonad na gClár CCIMD a riarfaidh an córas, agus Rannóg an Pholasaí Chorpáraidigh a chuirfidh an critéir ar fáil agus a bheas páirteach sa chóras measúnaithe.</p> <p>Beidh dhá théama ar leith sa scéim chúnamh airgeadais mar a leanas;</p> <p>Téama1: Athnuachan agus Forbairt Phobal na Gaeilge</p> <p>Ba ghlaoch oscailte an téama seo do thograí / thionscnaimh a spreagann forbairt acmhainní, meantóireacht agus obair dheonach i measc phobal na Gaeilge. Meastar go spreagfaidh an scéim seo pobail Ghaeilge atá níos forbartha comhpháirtíocht a dhéanamh le pobail atá níos úire nó atá go fóill ag forbairt, chun acmhainní a roinnt, gréasáin níos fearr a dhéanamh agus obair dheonach a chothú.</p> <p>Téama 2: Rannpháirtíocht dearfach leis an Ghaeilge sa phobal</p> <p>Téama oscailte a bheadh i gceist leis seo do thograí / thionscnaimh rannpháirtíochta sa phobal chun caidrimh dhearfacha a chothú, feasacht agus tuiscint a ardú, tuairimí a phlé agus meas a chothú don Ghaeilge.</p>

2.0	Buncheistean:
2.1	<p><u>Baint straitéiseach le Polasaí na Comhairle</u></p> <p>Is é Aonad na gClár a riarann próiseas chúnaimh airgeadais CCIMD, córas a dhéanann glaochanna oscailte ag mealladh iarratas go réimse áirithe clár. Léiríonn na torthaí ó Ghlaoh 1 & 2 do Chúnaimh Airgeadais 2017 go bhfuil grúpaí aitheanta Gaeilge ag déanamh iarrtas ar an phróiseas seo, agus gur éirigh leo maoiniú a aimsiú i dtreo tograí agus tionsnamh.</p> <p>D'aimneofaí moltaí na tuairisce mar ghníomhaíochtaí bhreise dhearfacha a bhfuil nascanna díreacha agus indíreacha idir iad agus na tiomantais, aschuir agus gníomhaíochtaí chorparáideacha i bPolasaí Dáttheangachais na Comhairle, in iniúchadh sholáthar na Gaeilge i gceantar an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin agus i Straitéis na Gaeilge 2017/19. Fosta, ní chruthaíonn na téamaí chúnaimh airgeadais atá molta dúbláil i sruthanna maoinithe atá ar fáil tríd an Chomhairle faoi láthair agus a bhfuil grúpaí aitheanta Gaeilge fud fad ceantar na Comhairle ag déanamh iarratas orthu cheana féin.</p> <p>Sa tuairisc seo déantar machnamh ar thosaíochtaí airgeadais i dtaca le cláreagrú Gaeilge agus dheiseanna chúnaimh airgeadais i dtaca le réimse feidhmeannach Aonad na Gaeilge.</p> <p>Cé gur aithníodh an nasc straitéiseach idir na moltaí agus tosaíochtaí na heagraíochta, is féidir le cur i gcrích na moltaí impleachtaí i dtaca le hacmhainní fisiciúla agus airgeadais a bheith aige ar an bhliain airgeadais 2018/19 a bheas le haontú ag an Chomhairle. Aithníodh fosta go mbeidh tionchar díreach ag Scéim Sparántachta Ghaeilge ar fheidhmiú Aonad na Gaeilge.</p> <p>Mar sin de, caithfidh an Chomhairle buiséid ar leith agus socruithe oibríochtúla a aontú leis na tiomantais nua airgeadais agus na himpleachtaí soláthair atá molta a bhaint amach.</p>
2.2	<p>Aithnítear gur féidir le líomhaintí a theacht ó phobail mhionlaigh (PAD, Mhionlach Eitneach, Éagumais, srl) mar gheall ar chur i bhfeidhm na moltaí atá leagtha amach sa tuairisc seo, agus go bhfuil an Chomhairle ag moladh chur chuige eisiach trí shruthanna maoinithe aoncheiste, in áit tairbhe a bhaint as scéim maoinithe atá níos ionchuimsithí.</p> <p>Rinneadh machnamh ar shruth chúnaimh airgeadais a bhunú a raibh baint dhíreach aige le cur chun cinn agus forbairt mhionteangacha ag cruinniú an Ghrúpa Oibre Traspháirtí um Straitéis na Gaeilge ar 25 Deireadh Fómhair 2017. Aontaíodh áfach, mar gheall nár luí sé seo le téarmaí tagartha an Ghrúpa Oibre go ngéillfí an cheist seo do Ghrúpa Tagartha Comhionannais agus Dea-chaidrimh de chuid na Comhairle le tuilleadh plé agus machnaimh a dhéanamh uirthi.</p>
3.0	Moltaí:
3.1	<p>Iarrtar ar na baill nóta a dhéanamh d'ábhar na tuairisce agus machnamh a dhéanamh ar bhunú na scéimeanna seo a leanas don bhliain airgeadais 2018/19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scéim Sparántachta Ghaeilge • Scéim Chúnaimh Airgeadais le dá théama ar leith: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Athnuachan agus Forbairt Phobal na Gaeilge; agus ○ Rannpháirtíocht dearfach leis an Ghaeilge sa phobal.
4.0	Impleachtaí Acmhainní
4.1	Mar atá luaite in alt 2.1, ag bráth ar céard a bheas aontaithe, is féidir le cur i gcrích na moltaí

	<p>impleachtaí i dtaca le hacmhainní fisiciúla agus airgeadais a bheith aige ar an bhliain airgeadais 2018/19 a bheas le haontú ag an Chomhairle.</p> <p>Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheist faoi leith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Má ainmneofar Aonad na Gaeilge mar ghníomhaí soláthair don Scéim Sparántachta Ghaeilge, beidh tionchar díreach ar fheidhmiú agus fhreagrachtaí Aonad na Gaeilge, a mbeidh tuilleadh sainmhínithe le tabhairt orthu agus a bheas le haontú.Níor aontaíodh buiséad ag cruinniú an Ghrúpa Oibre um Straitéis na Gaeilge ar an 25 Deireadh Fómhair 2017 le bheith chun tacú leis na moltaí.																																			
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6.0	Aguisíní
	N/B

Report to:	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2017
Subject:	Proposals for the establishment of an Irish language Bursary Scheme and a Financial Assistance Scheme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Regina Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy Ursula Mhic An tSaoir, Irish Language Development Officer

Decisions required:	
<p>Members are asked to note the contents of the report and to give consideration to establishing the following for the 2018/19 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Irish Language Bursary Scheme. • A Financial Assistance Scheme with two specific themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Irish language community renewal and development; and ◦ Positively engaging the Irish language. 	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<p>At a meeting on 3 May 2017 members of the Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group raised the matter of establishing a financial assistance funding stream (2018/2019) for the Irish Language Sector.</p> <p>A preliminary report was tabled for discussion at an Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group on 5 July 2017. The preliminary report provided detail on the Council's Call 1 for Financial Assistance 2017 as follows:</p> <p>Number of programme areas: 9 Applications received: 457 Applications recommended for funding: 299</p> <p>In terms of known Irish language groups, a further review of the outcome of the Council's Call 1 for Financial Assistance 2017 identified the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifteen successful applicant projects across six programme areas. • The successful applicants have secured £14685 of funding towards specific projects. • Four groups had multiple successful applications. • Council received no applications from known Irish language groups for projects within the Slieve Gullion DEA. • Six applications across five programme areas from known Irish Language groups were unsuccessful. <p>Following consideration and discussion of the preliminary report re Irish language programming and financial assistance at the Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group meeting on 5 July 2017, Councillors requested Officials prepare proposals for the establishment of an Irish language Financial Assistance scheme and an Irish language Bursary Scheme, for consideration at the next meeting of the Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group (on 25 October 2017.)</p>

	<p>Following further discussion at the Irish Language Strategy Working Group on 25 October 2017 it was agreed Council give consideration to establishing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Irish Language Bursary Scheme. • A Financial Assistance Scheme with two specific themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Irish language community renewal and development; and ◦ Positively engaging the Irish language.
1.2	<p><u>Irish Language Bursary Scheme</u></p> <p>Delivery agent: Irish Language Unit</p> <p>Purpose of the Bursary Scheme: To assist individuals to improve Irish Language skills through providing scholarships or bursaries for accredited Irish language courses, including Gaeltacht colleges, intensive courses and third level courses.</p> <p>Core principles of the proposed Irish language bursary scheme would be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scheme would be open to residents of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. • Applicants will be required to provide confirmation of enrolment on a course etc Funding would not be awarded until the course has been completed and applicants have supplied the required verification of attendance and completion of the course. • Parents or guardians could apply for scholarships or bursaries for young people to attend Gaeltacht courses etc • Students and young people 18 – 25 can apply for bursaries to attend Gaeltacht courses etc • The initial call would be for individuals seeking financial assistance towards courses taking place within the 2018/19 financial year. • This would be a rolling scheme managed and delivered by the Irish Language Unit which would close when all monies have been allocated and paid out to successful applicants who provide the necessary verification of eligibility and completion of course. • Applicants would be eligible to apply for up to 50% of total fees for the course up to a maximum of £300 in total.
1.3	<p><u>Financial Assistance Scheme</u></p> <p>Delivery agent: NMDDC Programmes Unit who will administer the process, in collaboration with the Corporate Policy Section who will provide the criteria and participate in the assessment process.</p> <p>The financial assistance scheme will have two specific themes, as follows:</p> <p>Theme 1: Irish language community renewal and development This theme would be an open call for projects / initiatives that encourage Irish language community capacity building, mentoring and volunteering. It is envisaged that this scheme will inspire better developed Irish language communities to partner with newer or developing language communities to share resources and build better networks and encourage volunteering.</p> <p>Theme 2: Positively engaging the Irish language This theme would be an open call for community engagement projects /initiatives to build positive relations, raise awareness and understanding, address perceptions and promote respect for the Irish language.</p>

2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p><u>Strategic fit with Council policy</u></p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's financial assistance process is delivered by the Programmes Unit which includes open calls for applications to various programme areas. The outcome from the Council's Call 1 & 2 for Financial Assistance 2017 demonstrates known Irish language groups are applying to this process, and have been successful in securing funding towards projects and initiatives.</p> <p>The report's recommendations would be designated as additional positive actions directly and indirectly related to the corporate commitments, actions and outputs within the Council's Bilingualism Policy, audit of Irish Language provision in the Newry, Mourne and Down District area, and the Irish Language Strategy 2017/19. In addition, the proposed financial assistance themes do not duplicate current Council funding streams to which known Irish language groups across the Council area are already applying to.</p> <p>This report gives consideration of financial priorities regarding Irish language programming and financial assistance funding opportunities related to the Irish Language Unit functionary area. While strategic fit with organisational priorities has been identified, the outworking of recommendations has potential to have physical and financial resource implications for the 2018/19 financial year which will be required to be agreed by Council. It is also acknowledged the establishment of an Irish Language Bursary Scheme will have direct impact upon the function of the Irish Language Unit.</p> <p>Therefore, Council will be required to agree specific budgets and operational arrangements to meet the proposed new financial commitments and delivery implications.</p>
2.2	<p>It is acknowledged that implementation of the proposals contained within this report has potential to lead to allegations from minority communities (PUL/BME/Disability etc) that Council is proposing an exclusive approach by establishing single issue funding streams as opposed to availing of an opportunity to establish a more inclusive funding scheme. This has potential to lead to requests for Council to also establish additional Ulster Scots, wider linguistic and/or specific cultural financial assistance calls.</p> <p>The establishment of a financial assistance theme directly related to the promotion and development of minority languages was considered at the Irish Language Strategy Cross Party Working Group meeting on 25 October 2017. However, it was agreed that as this was not within the scope of the terms of reference of the Working Group and that this matter be deferred to the Council's Equality and Good Relations Reference Group for further discussion and consideration.</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	<p>Members are asked to note the contents of the report and to give consideration to establishing the following for the 2018/19 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Irish Language Bursary Scheme. • A Financial Assistance Scheme with two specific themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Irish language community renewal and development; and ○ Positively engaging the Irish language.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>As noted in section 2.1, depending upon what may be agreed, the outworking of recommendations has potential to have direct physical and financial resource implications for the 2018/19 financial year which will be required to be agreed by Council.</p>

	<p>Two specific issues are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designating the Irish Language Unit as the delivery agent for the Irish Language Bursary Scheme, will have a direct impact upon the function and responsibilities of the Irish Language Unit, which will have to be further defined and agreed.• No budget to support the proposals was agreed at the Irish Language Strategy Working Group on 25 October 2017.																																			
4.2	<p>To assist Council decide upon the appropriate budget allocations for 2018/19, the following table provides an overview of the context of Irish language programming and financial assistance for the four Councils within Northern Ireland that have a defined approach to Irish language: Derry and Strabane, Fermanagh and Omagh, Mid Ulster, and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p> <table><tr><th></th><th>Policy context</th><th>Irish Language Strategy</th><th>Specific Irish Language Officers</th><th>Irish Language Bursary scheme</th><th>Irish language grant scheme</th><th>Irish language programming / events budget</th></tr><tr><td>Derry & Strabane</td><td>Irish Language Policy</td><td>No</td><td>1</td><td>No</td><td>No</td><td>No</td></tr><tr><td>Fermanagh & Omagh</td><td>Irish Language Policy</td><td>No</td><td>1.5</td><td>Yes (£8640)</td><td>No</td><td>Yes (£11000)</td></tr><tr><td>Mid Ulster</td><td>Irish Language Policy</td><td>No</td><td>2</td><td>Yes (£30000)</td><td>Yes (£50000)</td><td>Yes (£50000)</td></tr><tr><td>Newry, Mourne and Down</td><td>Bilingualism Policy</td><td>Yes</td><td>3</td><td>No</td><td>No</td><td>Yes (£15000)</td></tr></table>		Policy context	Irish Language Strategy	Specific Irish Language Officers	Irish Language Bursary scheme	Irish language grant scheme	Irish language programming / events budget	Derry & Strabane	Irish Language Policy	No	1	No	No	No	Fermanagh & Omagh	Irish Language Policy	No	1.5	Yes (£8640)	No	Yes (£11000)	Mid Ulster	Irish Language Policy	No	2	Yes (£30000)	Yes (£50000)	Yes (£50000)	Newry, Mourne and Down	Bilingualism Policy	Yes	3	No	No	Yes (£15000)
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5.1	<p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council’s Equality Scheme requires Council in carrying out its functions to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity, and regard towards the desirability of promoting good relations.</p> <p>In addition, Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (as amended by the) Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006 requires the Council, in carrying out its functions, to have due regard to the need, to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people; and to encourage participation by disabled people in public life.</p> <p>Therefore the suggested schemes, providing Irish Language bursaries and financial assistance, must be equality screened, developed and delivered taking cognisance of the Council’s Section 75 statutory duties and disability duties.</p> <p>The two proposals within the report i.e. establishing an Irish Language Bursary Scheme; and a Financial Assistance Scheme with two specific themes have been equality screened. Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of this report outline the outcome of said equality screenings.</p>																																			
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	<p>required).</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Equality Scheme requires Council in carrying out its functions to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity, and regard towards the desirability of promoting good relations.</p> <p>Therefore the suggested financial assistance scheme must be developed and delivered taking cognisance of the Council's Section 75 statutory duties. It is anticipated the suggested scheme, and the associated two themes, have potential have both a direct and indirect impact on actions to ensure public access to services we provide.</p> <p>While it should be noted language is not an equality category, It is acknowledged the themes are directly related to the Irish language. While it should be noted language is not an equality category, Irish language is predominantly spoken by people who are of a Catholic, Nationalist and Irish National identity. However, the themes would be designated as positive actions building upon the Council's Bilingualism Policy, audit of Irish Language provision in the Newry, Mourne and Down District area, and the Irish Language Strategy 2017/19.</p> <p>Therefore, in terms of equality and good relations implications, any asymmetrical equality impacts caused by the recommendations would be intentional because they are specifically designed to promote equality of opportunity and good relations.</p> <p>Theme 2 of the suggested financial assistance scheme, Positively engaging the Irish language, will directly contribute to good relations as it will be an open call for community engagement projects /initiatives that will build positive relations, raise awareness and understanding, address perceptions and promote respect for the Irish language.</p>
5.3	<p>The outcome of screening the proposed establishment of an Irish Language Bursary Scheme is that it not be subject to an EQIA (with mitigating measures / alternative policies).</p> <p>As outlined in section 5.1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Equality Scheme requires Council in carrying out its functions to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity, and regard towards the desirability of promoting good relations. • Section 49A of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (as amended by the) Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006 requires the Council, in carrying out its functions, to have due regard to the need, to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people; and to encourage participation by disabled people in public life. <p>While it should be noted language is not an equality category, it is acknowledged the Irish language is predominantly spoken by people who are Catholic, Nationalist and of Irish national identity i.e. people of different religion, political opinion and racial group will indirectly benefit from the establishment of an Irish Language Bursary Scheme.</p> <p>However, the decision to establish an Irish Language Bursary Scheme would be designated as a positive action building upon the Council's Bilingualism Policy, audit of Irish Language provision in the Newry, Mourne and Down District area, and the Irish Language Strategy 2017/19.</p> <p>Therefore, in terms of equality of opportunity and good relations, any asymmetrical impacts caused by the establishment of an Irish Language Bursary Scheme are intentional because</p>

	<p>they are specifically designed to promote equality of opportunity to assist individuals to improve Irish Language skills through providing scholarships or bursaries for accredited Irish language courses, including Gaeltacht colleges, intensive courses and third level courses.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, should Council be minded at this stage to mitigate potential adverse impacts and to improve equality of opportunity for individuals from different racial groups, people with communication disabilities, and people with caring responsibilities to access a language bursary, and to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion and racial group, Council may wish to consider widening the scope of the bursary scheme to include all minority languages, including disability languages.</p>
6.0	Appendices
	N/A

Report to:	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2017
Subject:	Response to consultation on Heritage Lottery Fund draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan (2017-2022)
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Regina Mackin, Assistant Director Corporate Planning and Policy
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Colin Moffett, Head of Corporate Policy Shirley Keenan, Project Development Officer Heritage Lottery Fund Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration

Decisions required:	
Members are asked to consider the draft consultation response prepared on the Heritage Lottery Fund draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan (2017-2022) for submission by 5 January 2018.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	The Heritage Lottery Fund is consulting on its draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan (2017-2022) from 09 October 2017 to 05 January 2018.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	Comments as outlined within the draft consultation response prepared for consideration.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	Members are asked to consider the draft consultation response prepared on the Heritage Lottery Fund draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan (2017-2022) for submission by 5 January 2018.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	No resource implications for Council.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	No equality and good relations implications for Council.
6.0	Appendices
	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council draft response to HLF consultation on its draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council draft response to HLF consultation on its draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the Heritage Lottery Fund's draft Audit of Inequalities and Action Plan.

As outlined, Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (the Act) requires public authorities, in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland (NI), to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and regard to the desirability of promoting good relations across a range of categories outlined in the Act, and it is acknowledged that the development of an action plan to promote equality of opportunity and good relations in Northern Ireland meets a commitment with HLF's revised equality scheme.

The Council notes the HLF, having undertaken an audit of inequalities, has identified inequalities for the following equality groups across its business functions: People of different race, nationality and ethnic background; People with disabilities; Young people; and LGBT people, and identified key actions primarily related to awareness raising, equality monitoring, staff training and sectoral engagement.

In general the action plan concurs with the key equality principles to ensure implementation of equality scheme commitments and compliance with the Section 75 statutory duties. This includes seeking to mainstream the Section 75 duties within corporate strategies, planning and decision-making, assessing the impact of policies, publishing the results of equality screening and equality impact assessments, appropriate consultation, data collection, awareness raising and training, and a commitment to ensuring improved public access to information and services.

In relation to the Action Plan 2017-2022, Council makes the following suggestions:

- Page 1:
 - While a commitment is made to publishing EQIAs online, HLF should also ensure equality screening documents are also made available online and forwarded to the relevant equality consultees.
 - Council was unable to download the HLF's Equality Scheme from the website, and concurs that all Northern Ireland equality information and information should be published and made easier to locate, and in addition be able to be downloaded.
- Page 2:
 - Equality Data – Developing effective equality data collection and monitoring arrangements has proved to be a challenge for all public authorities and the Council welcomes this action.

In addition, when developing systems to analyse grant funding data across projects and areas by equality categories, consideration should be given to monitoring this in relation to all applicants, both successful and unsuccessful.

- Page 3:
 - Council welcomes the proposed comprehensive approach to statutory duties compliance with the development of a screening template which integrates the Section 75 statutory duties, disability (DDO) duties, human rights and best practice standards.

However, in addition to screening assessments being made available on request, Council recommends these should be noted on quarterly reports on equality screening forwarded to equality consultees, and made available for download on the HLF's website.

- Pages 4 & 5:
 - In terms of awareness raising, Council welcomes these actions which have potential to positively address public access to information and services.

- Page 6:
 - In terms of accessible information, the main area for action states, *"Our information and forms, whether printed or web based should be suitable for the needs of most potential applicants, and meet Shaw Trust accreditation."*

As per equality scheme commitments, in terms of arrangements for ensuring public access to information and services, Council would urge HLF to take proactive measures to ensure information and forms meet the needs of all potential applicants.

- Page 7:
 - In terms of staff training, given HLF Northern Ireland is very small (10 staff) Council would recommend that all HLF staff, not just 'appropriate HLF staff' should receive mandatory Section 75 training.

Report to:	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2017
Subject:	Operating Protocol for audio recording of Council and Committee meetings
Reporting Officer:	Liam Hannaway Chief Executive
Contact Officer:	Eileen McParland Democratic Services Manager
Decisions required: Members are asked to consider the contents of the report and agree to the recommended operating protocol for audio recording of Council and Committee meetings.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	The purpose of this report is to present, for Members' consideration, an operating protocol for the audio recording of Council and Committee meetings to take account of the arrangements agreed by Council for such recordings.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	The Local Government Act (NI) 2014 Schedule 6 legislates for the audio recording of Council meetings. All Council meetings, with the exception of a meeting, or parts of a meeting, from which the public is excluded for discussion of exempt matters as defined in Schedule 6 of the Act, must be audio recorded. The Act also legislates for the storage time of recordings and for public rights of access to the recordings.
2.2	There is no legislative requirement for Councils to record any meetings, other than Council Meetings. However Newry, Mourne and Down DC has agreed to audio record the meetings of its Standing Committees. Recording of the Planning Committee will commence in January 2018.
2.3	Members are asked to note in particular para. 5 of the protocol in relation to Committee meetings, which includes the right of speakers to choose not to have their speech recorded. This provision has been included to take account of the General Data Protection (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) which will be enforceable from 25 May 2018, requiring that valid consent must be explicit for data collected and the purposes data is used for.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That approval be given to the attached Operating Protocol relating to the recording, storage and arrangements for making recordings available to the public.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Staff time
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None anticipated
6.0	Appendices – draft operating protocol

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Operating Protocol for Audio Recording - Council and Committee Meetings

Council Meetings

1. Audio recording of all Council Meetings will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014.
2. No recording will take place of a meeting, or those parts of a meeting, from which the public is excluded, where exempt matters, as defined in Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, are being discussed.
3. Audio recordings will be available to the public at the District Council Offices for six years from the date of the meeting.
4. Audio recordings will be published on the Council's web site for two years from the date of the meeting.
5. In any correspondence notifying potential public speakers of a forthcoming meeting the following advice will be included:

"Please note that an audio recording of the meeting will be made and the recording will be publicly available following the meeting and will be published on the Council's website. No recording will be made of those parts of the meeting, from which the public is excluded, where exempt matters, as defined in Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014, are being discussed."

6. Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chairperson will announce that the meeting will be recorded and that the recording will be publicly available following the meeting, including publication on the Council's website.
7. The Council aims to publish audio recordings by 5 pm on the fifth working day following the date on which the meeting takes place.
8. Members are individually responsible for what they say. Editorial control will only be exercised over the audio recordings to the extent that is necessary to avoid the publication of defamatory content or other material which it would be unlawful to publish. The Council's Legal Advisors will exercise this editorial control. Full records of the proceedings will be retained notwithstanding that an edited version has been made available to the public.

Committee Meetings

1. There is no requirement under the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 for audio recording of any Committee Meetings. However Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has agreed, in the interests of openness and transparency, to audio record the meetings of its Standing Committees, (recording of Planning Committee Meetings will commence with effect from January 2018).
2. No recording will take place of a meeting, or those parts of a meeting, from which the public is excluded, where exempt matters, as defined in Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, are being discussed.
3. Audio recordings will be available to the public at the District Council Offices for six years from the date of the meeting.
4. Audio recordings will be published on the Council's web site for a period of two years from the date of the meeting.
5. In any correspondence notifying potential public speakers of a forthcoming meeting the following advice will be included:

"Please note that an audio recording of the meeting will be made and the recording will be publicly available from the District Council Offices following the meeting. The audio recordings of all Committee Meetings, except the Planning Committee, will also be published on the Council's website.

If you do not wish your speech to be recorded, please contact democratic.services@nmandd.org to advise accordingly.

The Council will not record speakers if they do not wish to appear in the recording of the meeting."

6. Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chairperson will announce that the meeting will be recorded and that the recording will be publicly available following the meeting, including publication on the Council's website, if applicable to the particular Committee (publication on the website does not apply to the Planning Committee).
7. For those Committee Meetings which do not have decision making powers, the Council aims to publish audio recordings by 5 pm on the fifth working day following the date of the Council meeting at which Committee Minutes are tabled for consideration and approval.

8. In the case of Committee Meetings with decision making powers, the Council aims to publish audio recordings by 5 pm on the fifth working day following the date on which the meeting took place, (publication on the website does not apply to the Planning Committee).
9. Members are individually responsible for what they say. Editorial control will only be exercised over the audio recordings to the extent that is necessary to avoid the publication of defamatory content or other material which it would be unlawful to publish. The Council's Legal Advisors will exercise this editorial control. Full records of the proceedings will be retained notwithstanding that an edited version has been made available to the public.

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Report to:	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2017
Subject:	Mid Year Progress Report – Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18
Reporting Officer:	Johnny McBride - Assistant Director: Community Planning and Performance
Contact Officer:	Kate Bingham – Head of Performance and Improvement

Decisions Required:

Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and to give consideration and agreement to the:

- Mid Year Progress Report - Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18

1.0	Purpose & Background
1.1	Through the Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18, the Council makes a commitment to monitor and review performance on a regular basis, as outlined in Appendix 1. This report provides an overview of the Council's progress in implementing the performance improvement objectives between April-September 2017. Where possible, performance has been tracked against the targets set within the Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18.
1.2	Figures for the statutory waste management performance indicators have been updated following the publication of the 2016-17 Quarter 4 report by the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), as outlined in Appendix 2.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The majority of 'supporting actions' and 'measures of success' within the Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18 are on track to be achieved. However, progress has been limited against the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a delay in carrying out the review of outdoor leisure facilities, which is unlikely to take place until Tier 5 Officers are recruited. • There has been a delay in commencing the environmental improvement and revitalisation schemes in Downpatrick, Newry and Warrenpoint, as funding has not yet been released by the Department for Communities. • The completion of Downpatrick Leisure Centre and the Downpatrick Household Waste Recycling Centre has been delayed until Q3 2018-19. • The standards set for the statutory planning performance indicators were not achieved during Q1 2017-18 and performance remains below the regional averages. However, the processing time for local planning applications and the percentage of enforcement cases processed with 39 weeks continues to improve.
2.2	It should be noted that the information contained within this report may be subject

	to change when the results are verified, validated and reported through the annual Assessment of Performance which will be published by 30 September 2018.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To consider and approve the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Year Progress Report – Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18
4.0	Resource Implications
4.1	There are no resource implications contained within this report.
5.0	Equality and Good Relations Implications
5.1	There are no equality and good relations implications arising from this report.
6.0	Appendices
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Governance arrangements outlined in the Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18 • Appendix 2 – Statutory waste management performance indicators (Q4 2016-17 results)

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Mid Year Assessment



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Introduction

This report provides an overview of the Council's progress in implementing the performance improvement objectives between April-September 2017. Where possible, performance has been tracked against the targets set within the Performance Improvement Plan 2017-18.

Performance Improvement Objectives 2017-18






















- 1. Encourage healthy lifestyles through increased participation in leisure, sport and recreational activities**
- 2. 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**
- 3. Deliver urban and rural regeneration initiatives that will create a District where people want to live, work and invest in**
- 4. Create a cleaner, greener, more attractive District**
- 5. Encourage and empower local communities to participate in Council engagement structures**

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

It should be noted that the information contained within this report may be subject to change when the results are verified, validated and reported through the annual Assessment of Performance which will be published by 30 September 2018.

Progress at a glance

Performance Improvement Objective	Progress	Status
Encourage healthy lifestyles through increased participation in leisure, sport and recreational activities	Newry Leisure Centre completed in October 2017	
	Completion of Downpatrick Leisure Centre delayed until Q3 2018-19	
	Over 790,000 attendances at Council leisure facilities and 764 children took part in Community Play initiatives	
	Delay in carrying out the review of outdoor leisure facilities	
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	93 jobs promoted through business start-up activity	
	32 community groups and organisations provided with business support	
	£600k awarded to 19 projects through Call I of the Rural Business Investment Scheme	
	Four of our 'Giant Adventure' festivals attracted around 131,000 visitors and generated over £3.8m for the local economy	
Deliver urban and rural regeneration initiatives that will create a District where people want to live, work and invest in	Physical re-development of Warrenpoint Municipal Park on track to complete by Q1 2018-19	
	Delay in commencing the environmental improvement and revitalisation schemes	
	Forkhill Greenspace Project completed in May 2017 and 42 Village Plans being updated or created	
Create a cleaner, greener, more attractive District	Blue bin collections available to all commercial properties in the legacy Down District	
	Domestic food waste service in place and there has been a 29% increase in brown bin waste	
	Completion of the Downpatrick Household Waste Recycling Centre delayed until Q3 2018-19	
	£39,988 awarded through the 'Down Your Street' initiative	
	Improved processing time for local planning applications	
Encourage and empower local communities to participate in Council engagement structures	Corporate Consultation and Engagement Framework adopted	
	48% of places occupied on community engagement structures are taken by representatives from the voluntary, business and community sectors	
	Over £1.3m awarded to 380 projects through the Financial Assistance scheme	
	1,276 devices fitted in 151 homes through the 'Home Secure' scheme	
	12,030 calls made to the 299 registered service users on the 'Good Morning, Good Neighbour' scheme	




Performance Improvement Objective 1


Encourage healthy lifestyles through increased participation in leisure, sport and recreational activities

Senior Responsible Officer: Director of Active and Healthy Communities

Progress:

- Phase II of Newry Leisure Centre completed in October, with the official launch taking place on 3-4 November 2017.
- The completion of Downpatrick Leisure Centre has been delayed until Q3 2018-19, due to the re-design of the sub structure. The demolition of the existing leisure centre and construction of the new car park will complete during Q4 2018-2019 and Q1 2019-2020 respectively.
- There have been over 790,000 attendances at the Council's indoor leisure facilities.
- The Marketing Plan and new physical identity for the leisure service are in the process of being developed. The new leisure IT system will be launched in November, to improve customer accessibility to information and online booking.
- Targeted physical activity programmes continue to be delivered through the Everybody Active 2020 Programme.
- The review of outdoor leisure facilities has been delayed and will be progressed when Tier 5 Officers are recruited.
- The Council has issued the 'Request for Tender' to carry out the year one physical works outlined in the Play Strategy. DEA Fora have been consulted and the community consultation process will commence during Q4 2017-18.
- 764 children have participated in Community Play initiatives.
- The Activity, Promotion and Development Plan is being prepared and will be finalised when Tier 5 Officers are recruited.

Measure of Success	2017-18		Status	Explanatory note
	Target	YTD Actual		
4% increase in the number of participants using indoor leisure facilities	1,436,739 attendances	791,757 attendances		The Council has achieved 55.1% of the 2017-18 target.
5% increase in the number of participants using Newry Leisure Centre	586,316 attendances	307,973 attendances		The Council has achieved 52.5% of the 2017-18 target (attendance levels include Newry Sports Centre).
9% increase in the number of participants using Down Leisure Centre by 2018-19	192,515 attendances	184,411 attendances		The Council has achieved 95.8% of the 2017-18 target. Following the completion of Downpatrick Leisure Centre, it is anticipated that attendance levels will increase further.
Level of user satisfaction with selected indoor leisure facilities	Baseline to be established		-	The Council is considering carrying out customer satisfaction surveys at selected leisure centres, through APSE

				Performance Networks.
Increase in the number of children and young people engaged in Community Play initiatives	-	764		764 children and young people participated in Community Play initiatives at a number of locations including Martin's Lane, Drumaness, Kitty's Road and Jonesborough. Further Community Play initiatives are scheduled to take place during Q3/Q4 2017-18.


Performance Improvement Objective 2











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

Senior Responsible Officer: Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Progress:

- The NI 'Go for It' Business Start programme is in place and offers regional wide business start-up support and activity.
- 15 short term business development workshops have been delivered and an application has been submitted to fund the delivery of long term Business Growth mentoring programmes.
- The Social Economy Programme is in place and the Council is developing applications for Call 2 of the European Social Fund Programme 2014-20, which seeks to reduce economic inactivity and increase the skills base.
- The Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Partnership awarded over £600k to 19 projects through Call I of the Rural Business Investment Scheme. 100 expressions of interest have been submitted to Call 2 of the Scheme.
- In partnership with the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland, the Council is progressing Global Geopark status for the Mourne and Ring of Gullion, and has developed a Marketing and Engagement Plan which will be rolled out in Q3 2017/18.
- Current works on the Carlingford Lough Greenway between the Weir and Victoria Lough are scheduled to complete by January 2018.
- Consultation and engagement with key stakeholders has informed the development of the Destination Experience Development Plan for Mourne, Ring of Gullion and the Mourne Coast. This plan will be launched and rolled out during Q3/Q4 2017-18.
- The Council's Giant Adventures festivals took place between June-September 2017, including the inaugural City of Merchants festival which celebrated Newry's rich maritime and industrial heritage.

Measure of success	2017-18		Status	Explanatory note
	Target	YTD Actual		
Number of business plan applications approved	245	123		The Council has achieved 50% of the 2017-18 target.

Number of new business starts	167	84		The Council has achieved 50% of the 2017-18 target.
Number of jobs promoted through business start-up activity	155	93		The Council has achieved 60% of the 2017-18 target.
Number of new social enterprise start ups	8	4		The Council has achieved 50% of the target.
Number of new social enterprise jobs created	12	5		The Council has achieved 42% of the 2017-18 target.
Number of new volunteers recruited	30	12		The Council has achieved 40% of the 2017-18 target.
Number of community groups and organisations provided with business support	40	32		The Council has achieved 80% of the 2017-18 target.
Estimated number of visitors to flagship festivals (total)	-	131,000		Festival of Flight attracted the largest number of visitors (103,000) whilst the remaining festivals attracted between 9,000-10,000 visitors each.
Estimated direct spend at flagship festivals (total)	-	£3,832,036		Festival of Flight generated the largest proportion of direct spend across the four festivals (£3,175,974) whilst the remaining festivals generated between £170,342 and £263,457 each.
Level of visitor satisfaction with flagship festivals (average)	-	96%		Visitor satisfaction with all events was very high, ranging from 94% for Wake the Giant to 97% for Skiffie Strangford Lough.
Growth rate per annum in overnight expenditure in Newry, Mourne and Down	NI Target (Annual)	NMD 2016 (Actual)		The regional annual target for growth in overnight expenditure is 6%. In 2016, Newry, Mourne and Down experienced a 26.9% increase in growth in overnight expenditure since the previous year, exceeding the regional target.
	6%	26.9%		
	2020 target	YTD Actual		
Number of new micro and small rural businesses created in rural areas	55	-	-	Performance measures and targets will be monitored and reported throughout the lifetime of Rural Development Programme.
Number of micro and small businesses supported in rural areas	30	-	-	

Number of new jobs created in rural areas	147	-	-	
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*YTD actuals for business plan applications, new business starts and jobs promoted through business start-up activity relates to April-August 2017.

*Evaluation of the flagship festivals includes Festival of Flight, Footsteps in the Forest, Skiffie Strangford Lough and Wake the Giant. The evaluation for the City of Merchants festival is currently being finalised.

*Average spend per group at flagship festivals' has been substituted with 'estimated direct spend at flagship festivals', as a result of the amended methodology for evaluating events.

*The 'level of visitor satisfaction with flagship festivals' was calculated based on a score of 1-5 in 2016 (with scores 4-5 used to determine the level of satisfaction) and 1-10 in 2017 (with scores 7-10 used to determine the level of satisfaction).


Performance Improvement Objective 3

Deliver urban and rural regeneration initiatives that will create a District where people want to live, work and invest in

Senior Responsible Officer: Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Progress:

- The main contractor to carry out the physical re-development of Warrenpoint Municipal Park is in the process of being appointed and will start on site during Q3 2017-18.
- The implementation of the Ring of Gullion AONB Management Plan 2017-2022 is underway, with projects including the Upland Visitor Management project and community engagement and capacity building programmes.
- The implementation of the Strangford and Lecale AONB Management Plan 2017-2022 is underway, with projects including the submission of a £3m Landscape Partnership Scheme proposal 'Coast Connect' and a number of public biodiversity projects.
- Funding for the environmental improvement and revitalisation schemes in Downpatrick, Newry and Warrenpoint has not been released. The Council is working with the Department for Communities to ensure the schemes remain on the agenda, and are ready to progress when funding is secured.
- The Forkhill Greenspace Pathway Project completed in May 2017, providing an 800 metre circular pathway with seating, tree planting and artwork images designed by pupils from the local primary school.
- The Council secured £51,375 funding from the Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Partnership to update 24 existing Village Plans and create 18 new Village Plans. Community consultation on the Village Plans is now complete.
- Through the Rural Development Programme, a Broadband Feasibility Study is being conducted to identify three pilot projects in Mourne, Lecale and Slieve Gullion to redress the challenges of rural broadband connectivity. An application has also been submitted by Belfast City Council to LFFN (Local Full Fibre Networks) on behalf of NI Councils for the Gigabit Voucher Scheme, which seeks to support businesses in purchasing gigabit-capable connectivity.

Measure of success	2015-16 Actual	2018-19 Target	2020-21 Target	Status	Explanatory note
Increase in the number of visitors to Warrenpoint Municipal Park	20,865	27,900	35,000	-	The baseline data was collated in 2015-16 and the next survey will be carried out in Q3 2019.
Improved visitor satisfaction with Warrenpoint Municipal park	68%	74%	80%	-	The baseline data was collated in 2015-16 and the next survey will be carried out in Q3 2019.
Increase in the number of people who believe Warrenpoint Municipal park enhances their quality of life	31%	40.5%	50%	-	The baseline data was collated in 2015-16 and the next survey will be carried out in Q3 2019.
Increased footfall, improved business/visitor perception and reduced/sustained vacant properties by 2019-2020, following the completion of the Newry, Warrenpoint and Downpatrick environmental improvement and revitalisation schemes.	-				As a result of the political situation in Northern Ireland, funding for the environmental improvement and revitalisation schemes in Downpatrick, Newry and Warrenpoint has not been released. The Council is working with the Department for Communities to ensure the schemes remain on the agenda, and are ready to progress when funding is secured.

Performance Improvement Objective 4







Create a cleaner, greener, more attractive District




Senior Responsible Officer: Director of Regulatory and Technical Services

Progress:

- Blue bin collections are available to all commercial properties in the legacy Down area and the Council continues to circulate promotional material highlighting the cost and environmental benefits of recycling.
- Project teams have been established to explore options for harmonising glass collection and progressing the routes optimisation project.
- The completion of the Downpatrick Household Waste Recycling Centre has been delayed until Q3 2018-19 due to the requirement to carry out ecology surveys as part of the planning process. The project is currently being progressed to the design stage.

- The domestic food waste service is now in place across the District and the 'No Food in Black Bin' awareness campaign is underway.
- 34 schools currently hold the Green Flag award, 40 school visits were organised to discuss issues such as waste, litter and biodiversity and 60 schools took part in the annual calendar competition which promotes the benefits of recycling.
- The Litter Strategy has been drafted and an Anti-Litter Committee has been established.
- Enforcement Officers continued to promote responsible dog ownership by carrying out targeted leaflet drops and engaging with visitors at Council run festivals. Litter and dog fouling bins in Warrenpoint have also been rebranded.
- The two minute beach clean initiatives successfully engaged volunteers in removing litter in coastal areas and £39,988 was awarded to 18 environmental improvement projects through the 'Down Your Street' initiative.
- During Q1 2017-18, the Council received the second highest number of planning applications across NI (402), 400 of which were local planning applications.
- Since April 2015, the Council reduced the number of live legacy planning applications by 92.6%.

Measure of Success	2017-18		Status	Explanatory note
	Target	YTD Actual		
Percentage of household waste collected that is sent for recycling	44% in 2017-18 / 50% by 2020	-	-	Validated Q1 data to be released by DAERA in November 2017.
Amount of biodegradable municipal waste that is landfilled	<23,675	-	-	Validated Q1 data to be released by DAERA in November 2017.
Amount of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste arisings	85,500 tonnes	-	-	Validated Q1 data to be released by DAERA in November 2017.
Reduction in black bin waste collected	-	15,663 tonnes		There has been a 7% reduction in black bin waste when compared to April-August 2016.
Increase in mixed dry recyclables collected	-	4,544 tonnes		There has been a 2% increase in blue bin waste, when compared to April-August 2016.
Increase in brown bin waste collected	-	5,989 tonnes		There has been a 29% increase in brown bin waste, when compared to April-August 2016.
Reduction in general waste arisings at civic amenity sites	Baseline to be established			This information is being collated and will be reported through the annual Assessment of Performance 2017-18.
Percentage of bins collected on their scheduled day	Baseline to be established			This information is being collated and will be reported through the annual Assessment of Performance 2017-18.
Level of street cleanliness across	Baseline to be established			The street cleanliness system will be piloted across the District once the

the district				methodology has been developed and agreed.
Percentage of planning enforcement cases that are processed within 39 weeks	Standard	Q1 Actual		Whilst the Council has made progress in processing enforcement cases within the statutory timescale of 39 weeks, Q1 performance during 2017-18 remains below the regional average of 76.9%.
	70%	57%		
Average processing time of major planning applications	<30 weeks	92.6 weeks		The 2017-18 Q1 processing time of major planning applications is above the regional average of 55.5 weeks and represents a 6 week increase since Q1 2016-17. No major planning applications were processed within 30 weeks, compared to 11.1% during the same period last year.
Average processing time of local planning applications	<15 weeks	18.8 weeks		Whilst the 2017-18 Q1 processing time of local planning applications is above the regional average of 15.4 weeks, it has reduced from 26.2 weeks in Q1 2016-17, representing an improved processing time of 7.4 weeks. 41.8% of local planning applications were processed within 15 weeks which represents a 17.6% improvement from the same period last year.

*YTD actuals for black bin waste, mixed dry recyclables and brown bin waste relates to April-August 2017

*2017-18 Q1 planning statistics remain provisional and will be finalised when the Department for Infrastructure releases the 2017-18 Annual Report in June 2018.

Performance Improvement Objective 5





Encourage and empower local communities to participate in Council engagement structures




Senior Responsible Officer: Director of Active and Healthy Communities

Progress:

- The Corporate Consultation and Engagement Framework has been adopted and provides a robust and meaningful foundation to encourage and enable citizens to have a voice on local issues.
- Of the 185 places currently occupied through the Council's engagement structures, 32% are taken by Elected Members, 20% by statutory organisations and 48% by representatives from the voluntary, business and community sectors.
- The DEA Fora, PCSP, Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships and PEACE IV Partnership organised or supported around 150 meetings, public events and capacity building programmes, demonstrating the Council's commitment to strengthening the level of community participation in Council run engagement structures.
- In September, over 60 internal and external stakeholders participated in a workshop to

<p>discuss the community planning operating structure and identify future ways to develop the level of engagement through the DEA operating model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council received 552 applications to the Financial Assistance Scheme, 69% of which were awarded a total of £1,313,410.50 to deliver community based projects. In 2016, the Council commissioned an Audit of Effectiveness to review existing operating and funding models for community centres. To date, 43 community centres have been involved and a further 7 will be engaged in the final stage of the review during Q3 2017-18.

Measure of Success	2017-18		Status	Explanatory note
	Target	YTD actual		
PCSP: Number of meetings	-	7		The PCSP is made up of 10 Elected Members, 9 Independent Members and 7 statutory organisations. The PCSP has hosted a range of events including the Mourne Mountain Adventure, 'Coffee with Cops' and Crime Prevention Seminars. The PCSP also runs the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and facilitates meetings of the Neighbourhood Watch Network.
PCSP: Number of events and capacity building programmes	-	23		
NRP: Number of meetings	-	19		The Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships are made up of 53 members, including 21 statutory organisations and 32 representatives from the voluntary and community sectors. Both partnerships meet approximately every 6 weeks, with Newry NRP having regular thematic meetings.
NRP: Number of events and capacity building programmes	-	1		
DEA: Number of meetings, including public engagement events	-	28		The seven DEA Fora are currently made up of 83 members, including 41 Elected Members and 42 Independent Members, which represent networks across the voluntary, community and business sectors. DEA Fora held 28 private meetings and public engagement events covering a range of themes including youth education and employment, and PEACE IV. DEA Fora have also organised or supported a further 75 events and capacity building programmes across the District.
DEA: Number of events and capacity building programmes	-	75		
PEACE: Number of meetings	-	4		The PEACE IV Partnership is made up of 9 Elected Members, 9 social partners and 5 statutory organisations, including the PSNI, PCSP and Education Authority. The partnership meets on a monthly basis.
PEACE: Number of events and capacity building programmes	-	1		

The effectiveness of Council run community engagement structures in facilitating stakeholder participation	-	-		48% of the 185 places currently occupied through the Council's engagement structures are taken by representatives from the voluntary, business and community sectors. This demonstrates the Council's commitment to working alongside key stakeholders, enabling them to inform the local decision-making process and have their say in shaping the future of the district. Regular meetings and public events continue to strengthen the level of participation and collaboration within the community engagement structures, enabling stakeholders to make a positive contribution across key themes including community safety, good relations, community development and health and wellbeing.
Number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	-	180		The number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes increased from 150 in 2016-17 to 180 at present, with over 5,000 registered homes. Through the 'Home Secure' scheme, 151 homes were fitted with 1,267 devices, the most popular being window alarms, door wedge alarms and dawn to dusk light. Through 'Good Morning, Good Neighbour', 12,030 calls were made to the 299 users of the scheme.
Number of beneficiaries of the 'Home Secure' scheme	-	151 homes secured 1,276 devices fitted		
Number of beneficiaries of the 'Good Morning, Good Neighbour' scheme	-	299 users 12,030 calls made		
Number and percentage of financial assistance projects funded and successfully delivered	-	552 applications 69% success rate		The Council received 552 applications, 69% of which were awarded a total of £1,313,410.50 to deliver projects across a range of themes including summer schemes, Christmas illuminations, good relations, community development and community safety.

*Some meetings, events and capacity building programmes may have been held or supported by one or more of the listed community engagement structures as a joint initiative

*YTD actuals for the Neighbourhood Watch, 'Home Secure' and 'Good Morning Good Neighbour' schemes relate to Q1 2017-18

Appendix 1

Overview

Part 12 of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014 sets out a General Duty of Improvement for local government, whereby all District Councils must put in place arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of their functions. As part of the Act, District Councils must:

- Produce and publish an annual Performance Improvement Plan, setting out the performance improvement objectives, which should be aligned to the Community Plan
- Produce and publish an annual Assessment of Performance, demonstrating whether planned improvements have been achieved

The Council has put in place the following governance arrangements to monitor, report and review progress in implementing the annual Performance Improvement Plan to Elected Members and other key stakeholders in an open and transparent way.

Governance Arrangements

Full Council

- Approval of the annual Performance Improvement Plan
- Mid year progress report
- Annual performance assessment

Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee

- Scrutiny, challenge and approval of the annual Performance Improvement Plan
- Mid year progress report
- Annual performance assessment

Audit Committee

- Provide assurance that performance management arrangements are robust and effective
- Mid year progress report
- Annual performance assessment








Senior Management Team

- Lead the development of the annual Performance Improvement Plan
- Quarterly progress reports
- Annual performance assessment

Appendix 2

Waste Management

The waste management information which was included in the annual Assessment of Performance 2016-17 has been updated following the publication of the 2016-17 Quarter 4 report by Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). This information remains provisional until DAERA completes the data validation process and publishes the 2016-17 annual report.

Ref	Performance Indicator	2015-16				2016-17			
		Standard	Actual	NI Average	Status	Standard	Actual	Status	Trend
W1	The percentage of household waste collected by District Councils that is sent for recycling	50% by 2020 / 45% in 2015-16	38.9%	42.2%		50% by 2020 / 40% in 2016-17	40%		
W2	The amount (tonnage) of biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste that is landfilled	<25,629 tonnes	16,265 tonnes	19,900 tonnes		<25,036 tonnes	5,389 tonnes		
W3	The amount (tonnage) of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste Arisings (LACMW)	85,500 tonnes	84,459 tonnes	88,105 tonnes	n/a	85,500 tonnes	82,591 tonnes	n/a	

*NILAS: Northern Ireland Landfill Allowance Scheme

*The 2015-16 'actual' figures, which were reported in September 2016, have been updated following validation by DAERA in Autumn 2016

* The 2016-17 figures have been extracted from the Q4 Report published by DAERA and will be updated when the annual report is published

*Comparisons with other Councils will be carried out when the 2016-17 Annual Report is published by DAERA

Comments

Between 2015-16 and 2016-17, the Council improved performance against the three waste management statutory performance indicators and standards, and met or exceeded its targets for 2016-17. The percentage of waste that is recycled improved by 1.1% to 40% and the amount of waste that is sent to landfill reduced by 66.9% to 5,389 tonnes.

Waste that is recycled

During 2015-16, the Council recycled 38.9% of household waste which falls below the regional average of 42.2%. However, improvements were made during 2016-17, when the Council achieved its target and recycled 40% of household waste. This represents an improvement of 1.1% since the previous year. The Council has made significant progress in rolling out a domestic food waste service across the District by delivering a further 27,500 brown bins to local households. The domestic food waste service will support the Council in achieving its recycling targets of 44% in 2017-18 and 50% by 2020.

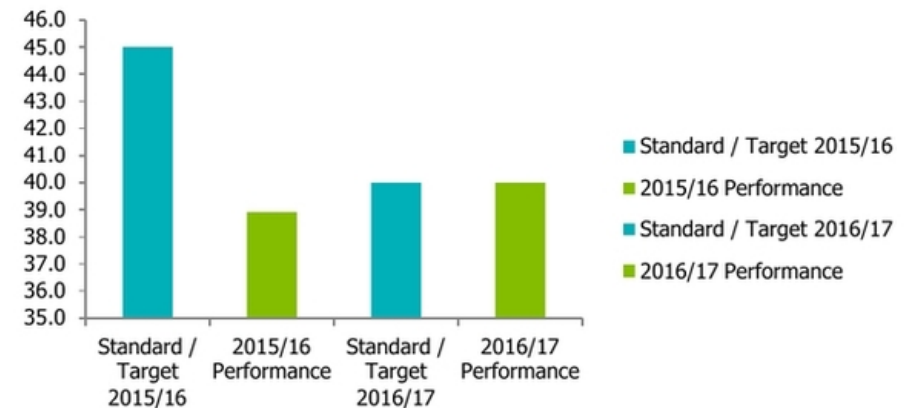
Waste that is sent to landfill

During 2015-16, the Council sent 16,265 tonnes of biodegradable municipal waste to landfill. Significant improvements were made during 2016-17, when the Council sent 5,389 tonnes of biodegradable municipal waste to landfill which represents a reduction of 66.9% and exceeds the Council's target of <25,036. Of the 11 Councils, Newry, Mourne and Down sent the lowest amount of waste to landfill during 2016-17.

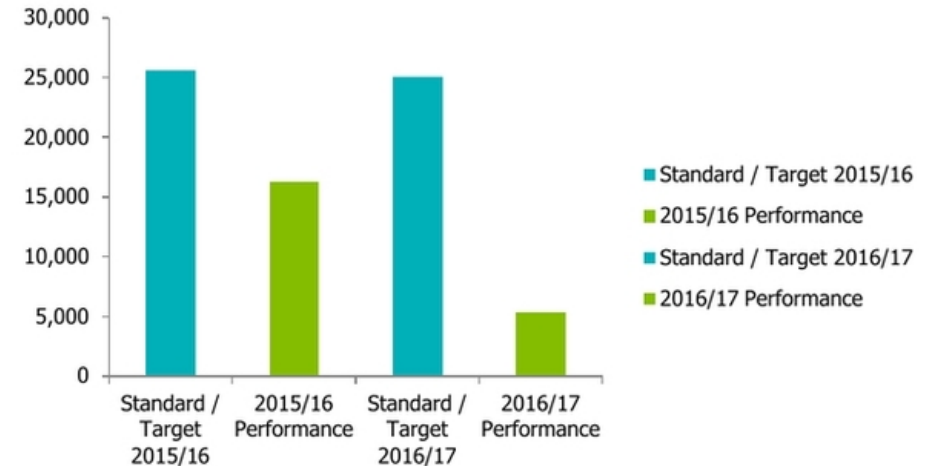
Waste arisings

Between 2015-16 and 2016-17, the amount of local authority

The percentage of household waste collected by District Councils that is sent for recycling



The amount (tonnage) of biodegradable Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste that is landfilled



waste arisings (household and non household waste arisings) reduced from 84,459 tonnes to 82,591 tonnes, which represents an improvement of 2.2%.	
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Report to:	Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan: Steering Group
Date:	16 November 2017
Reporting Officer:	Anthony McKay, Chief Planning Officer
Contact Officer:	Andrew Hay, Principal Planning Officer

Decisions Required

Members are asked note the contents of this report and the minutes of the Local Development Plan Steering Group meeting.

1.0 Purpose & Background

1.1 The purpose of this report is for Members to note minutes of the Local Development Plan Steering Group meeting of 26/10/17.

2.0 Key Issues

2.1 The first meeting of the LDP Steering Group was held on 26/10/17. The purpose of the LDP Steering Group is to oversee and co-ordinate the delivery of the Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan.

2.2 As per the Terms of Reference, a Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were elected. A number of items were discussed and actions agreed. The LDP Steering Group will normally meet on a quarterly basis.

2.3 The minutes of the first meeting are attached for noting.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to note this report and the minutes of the Local Development Plan Steering Group meeting of 26/10/17 (Appendix 1)

4.0 Resource Implications

4.1 N/A

5.0 Equality Assessment

5.1 N/A

6.0 Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Minutes of the Local Development Plan: Steering Group meeting of 26/10/17

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Local Development Plan Steering Group Meeting

26 October 2017 at 10.30am

Commedagh Room, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

Attendees:

Members: Cllr R Burgess
Cllr W Clarke
Cllr C Enright
Cllr M Larkin
Cllr D McAteer
Cllr M Ruane
Cllr M Savage

Officials:	Mr L Hannaway	Chief Executive
	Mr A Wilkinson	Director of Regulatory and Technical Services (Interim)
	Mr A McKay	Chief Planning Officer
	Mr A Hay	Principal Planning Officer
	Mrs M McIlhone	Business Support Manager (Secretariat)

Apologies: Cllr G Craig
Cllr J Macauley
Cllr M Murnin

1. Appointment of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

Mr Hannaway opened the meeting and in reference to the Terms of Reference invited Members to elect a Chair and Deputy Chair.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Larkin and seconded by Cllr Enright that Cllr Craig be elected as Chair.

Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Ruane and seconded by Cllr McAteer that Cllr Larkin be elected as Deputy Chair.

2. Apologies and Chairpersons Remarks

Cllr Larkin as Deputy Chair assumed the role as Chair in Cllr Craig's absence. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Local Development Plan Steering Group and noted apologies from Cllrs Macauley, Craig and Murnin. He then invited Mr Hay to deliver a presentation on the Local Development Plan: Introduction.

3. Local Development Plan: Introduction

Before making his presentation Mr Hay, in reference to the Terms of Reference, explained that the purpose of the Steering Group was to oversee and co-ordinate the delivery of the Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan (LDP).

In making his presentation, Mr Hay provided Members with an insight into the background and what's involved in the preparation of a LDP; an understanding of what the LDP is all about, and the context in which the Council has to prepare it; and in reference to the key

stages, provided some update in terms of where we are in the process. He emphasised that the LPD will be subject to independent examination and that the LDP will have to take account of the Regional Development Strategy and Strategic Planning Policy Statement, and must be evidence based.

The Chair thanked Mr Hay for the presentation which he considered informative. He then invited any questions from Members. In the general discussion that followed the following questions and issues were raised and responded to as follows:

- Cllr Enright raised some concerns about the timescale for delivery of the new LDP and the gap in time between the current Area Plans and when the new LDP would come in to force. In doing so he made specific reference to the need for revised settlement limits to address the communities of Ballyhornan and Ballykinler, which he considered had not been sufficiently catered for in the current Area Plan and enquired if something could be brought forward now ahead of the new LDP to address the needs of these areas.

In response Mr Hay accepted that the timescale to delivery of the LDP posed some challenges but explained that the existing Area Plans will remain in force as the statutory development plans for the District until such time as they are replaced by the new LDP. He added that this Council was in a better position than others, with more up to date legacy plans.

He further advised that as part of the plan preparation process a review had already commenced on the existing designation of settlement limits and associated issues as part of a settlement appraisal exercise and that this would be further informed through the revision of the settlement hierarchy and associated growth strategy.

Mr McKay added that the LDP was the appropriate vehicle to deal with the specific issues raised. He further advised that the current situation did not prevent any development proposal coming forward that was not in accordance with the current Area Plans, including any development proposal not within a current settlement limit. While the existing Area Plan is a material consideration, each case is considered on its own merits and should the Council as Planning Authority, in assessing the need for the development, be minded to approve something contrary to the development plan, then the Council would be required to justify its decision and the weight attached to other considerations.

- Cllr Enright asked about the level of experience of staff working on the LDP bearing in mind this is the first time that Councils have had this responsibility.

Mr Hay advised that the staff within the Development Plan Team (the Team) had transferred over from the DOE within the overall complement of staff. Unfortunately, unlike other Councils, this Council had not inherited any existing 'Development Plan' staff. While no specific 'Development Plan' staff had come over, there are some staff within the Team who have experience of previous Development Plan work.

Mr McKay added that as professional planning officers the staff were suitably trained and that through various planning officer forums experiences and best practice was being shared between the Councils. He added that we also have the experience of Shared Environmental Services (SES), with which the Team is engaged with, and will be enlisting the support of consultants on specialist areas as and when required.

- Cllr Clarke raised concerns about the lack of available housing land in Newcastle. A similar issue was raised by Cllr Savage concerning the need for more social housing in Newry, and the lack of suitable sites.

In response Mr Hay advised that housing land availability and remaining capacity had been considered as part of the recent Member Workshop 1. He advised that current 'Housing Monitor' information for Newcastle indicated that there was current available capacity for over 600 units. He clarified that the Housing Monitor data was updated to March'16. He added that a number of allocated sites had not yet been progressed to development, and advised that the housing land allocation for Newcastle would be reviewed as part of the plan process, this would include an assessment of the current land allocation and reasons why some land identified for housing had not been progressed, which may be down to factors such as development constraints or owner intentions.

Cllr Clarke queried the 'Housing Monitor' information which he considered out of date and did not give an accurate portrayal of the current housing situation in Newcastle and the need for more land.

In reference to house completion information from Building Control, Mr Hannaway queried if the data could not be updated. Mr Hay briefly explained how the 'Housing Monitor' information was collated and advised that the 2016 information was the latest data they had. He further advised that in response to the issues being raised that they would aim to update the information and would further liaise with Building Control in this respect.

In response to Cllr Savage's query re social housing in Newry, Mr McKay advised that there had been a number of recent approvals for social housing development in Newry.

Cllr McAteer raised an issue concerning the difficulty people had in obtaining mortgages for some housing units e.g. housing units above shops.

Mr McKay advised that this was an issue that was beyond the LDP.

Members then discussed the need for a forum to address housing issues of lack of social housing across the District. They considered that the forum should include all key stakeholders such as NIHE; Housing Associations; Banks and Building Societies etc.

Mr Hannaway advised that this was an issue for consideration by the Council as part of a wider housing agenda, and that this Steering Group was not the appropriate forum

to address this. He suggested that it was something that could be considered through the Community Planning Partnership.

In response to issues raised between Members and officers, the following was agreed:

Agreed: Officers to provide Cllr Clarke with details of zoned housing land within Newcastle including data on sites approved for housing and not yet developed.

Agreed: Officers to provide Cllr Savage with a breakdown of the approved social housing developments in Newry.

Agreed: Officers to provide the Steering Group with updated Housing Monitor information for the District.

Agreed: Mr Hannaway to raise the issue of hosting a 'Housing' event with Community Planning.

- Cllr Burgess raised a concern about speed limits on our roads, and the danger posed because of the speed of traffic. He asked what the LDP would be doing to impose speed limits on our roads.

Mr Hay advised that while we would be liaising with Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Roads on a number of matters in relation to the LDP, this primarily concerned roads infrastructure and the ability of the existing network and need for new roads to best serve existing and proposed development. He further advised that the operation of the roads including speed limits was a matter for DfI Roads as the Roads Authority.

Mr Hannaway agreed and advised that should any Member have an issue regarding a roads related matter including speed limits then there was the facility to raise them through the meetings held between the Council and DfI Roads.

4. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and Timetable

Mr Hay referred to both the SCI and Timetable. Following a brief reference to their content he updated Members as to their status and advised that in accordance with statutory requirements both documents had been approved by the Council and had now been agreed by DfI, with the Timetable only agreed on 20 October 2017. In accordance with the regulations, both documents would now be made available and published. The aim is to deliver this over the next few weeks.

Cllr Enright commended the Team on the comprehensive Risk Management Log within the Timetable.

5. Preferred Options Paper (POP)

Mr Hay introduced the POP as the first major piece of work in the plan preparation process, and advised that it is the preparation of this paper that the Team is now principally engaged in. He advised that the POP will contain a series of options for dealing with key issues in the District, as well as the Council's justification for its preferred approach. The preparation of the POP will be informed by feedback from the recent Member Workshops, engagement with statutory bodies and appraisal by SES. The POP will

be subject to public consultation and once all representations are taken into account, work will then move forward to produce the Plan Strategy.

6. LDP Member Workshops

Mr Hay gave an update on the 4 Thematic Member Workshops that had been held during October to inform the preparation of the LDP. All workshops were well attended by Members and Senior Officers. Mr Hay thanked attendees for their constructive comments and feedback.

Mr Hay advised that as part of the Workshops, Members were introduced to the Policy Review exercise being undertaken by the Team.

The Team were now reviewing how best to take this Policy Review exercise forward. One issue that did emerge was the need to have a specific workshop to review PPS21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside (PPS21).

Members indicated that they found the Workshops very beneficial and informative. It was suggested that a full day workshop was required to consider PPS21 and that this workshop should be held in Newry. Mr Hay further advised that given the subject matter Development Management colleagues would also be involved in the workshop.

Agreed: Officers to arrange a full day workshop to review PPS21.

7. Representations Database

Mr Hay advised that it is expected that a large number of representations will be received on the various documents produced during the development of the Plan Strategy and the Local Policies Plan. It is recommended that a database is set up to manage these representations and provide reports in various formats. An accurate and comprehensive database will help facilitate the Council's consideration of issues raised and help meet statutory LDP regulations in relation to the submission of the Development Plan Documents for Independent Examination.

Two potential systems have been identified and are being considered. Following appraisal of these systems, along with any other suitable systems that are identified, and discussion with other Council officers, a report will be provided to Members on the preferred database and associated cost implications.

8. Security

Mr Hay reminded Members of the security markings on the recent LDP background papers for the Member Workshops, which were classified as restricted/confidential and not for disclosure. These security markings will apply for all data and information held in hard copy and electronic format.

He advised Members that some of the information handled as part of the LDP preparation process will be of a confidential and/or sensitive nature, and that leakage of such information would compromise the integrity of the plan making process.

The Team will continually review the accommodation and storage of information to ensure the required level security is maintained.

9. Future Meetings

Members agreed that the Steering Group would meet on a quarterly basis as per the Terms of Reference and meetings would alternate between Downpatrick and Newry, with the next meeting to be held in Newry in January 2018.

Agreed: Officers to arrange for next meeting of Steering Group to be held in Newry in January 2018.

10. AOB

- Mr McKay informed the meeting of a Development Plan Steering Group collaborative meeting set up between NMD, Lisburn and Castlereagh City (LCC), and Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon (ABC) Councils. The purpose of the group is to coordinate issues which cross boundaries and consider areas of common interest. Member representation is welcome. Members agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair of the NMD Local Development Plan Steering Group would represent NMD on this collaborative group.

Agreed: It was agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair of the NMD Local Development Plan Steering Group be represented on the joint NMD/LCC/ABC Development Plan Steering Group.

Mr Hay advised of the need for NMD to collaborate similarly with Ards and North Down Council (ANDC), and that officers had already met informally in this respect. He further advised that there will also be a need to maintain effective working relationships with our cross border neighbours Louth County Council and Monaghan County Council to discuss areas of mutual interest. He added that officer contact had already been made with both Councils. As things progress, further information on the establishment of other Joint Council Steering Groups and need for Member representation will be brought back to the Steering Group for consideration and agreement.

Mr Hannaway added that through the MOU we already have a good platform for discussion with Louth County Council.

- Mr McKay referred to a request from Cllr Enright asking for a meeting with the Team along with other Downpatrick DEA Councillors to discuss issues considered in Member Workshop 3. Cllr Enright explained that unfortunately due to Storm Ophelia, the Downpatrick Councillors were not able to attend the workshop. Following some further consideration it was agreed that, while it was not proposed to reopen the workshop, given the circumstances, a meeting should be facilitated.
- Agreed:** Officers to set up a meeting with Downpatrick DEA Councillors to discuss the issues considered at Member Workshop 3.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.

<u>Decisions Required</u>	
Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	<i>Council Seals</i>
Date:	8th November 2017
Reporting Officer:	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Corporate Services
Contact Officer:	Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration
<p>Members are asked to note the contents of the report, and agree to the Council purchasing two new seals in the name of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p>	
1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
1.1	Both legacy Newry and Mourne District Council and Down District Council had a Council Seal which is used in the execution of official Council documents. Copies of both legacy Council Seals can be found in the appendices of this report.
1.2	As an interim measure the Council has continued to use the legacy Down District Council seal.
1.3	There is now a need to purchase two new Council seals in the name of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council so that one may be placed in both Newry and Downpatrick for official use.
1.4	The most affordable method of purchase is to keep the seal format similar to legacy Down District Council which is a plain round seal with the Council name, no graphics. The cost to purchase two seals like this would be less than £70 each.
1.5	Alternatively members could decide to have a more elaborate seal designed, to include the Council logo. This would be designed by Council's marketing partner and would incur a design fee and custom production cost. The total cost for this approach is anticipated to be £850.
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>
	None

3.0	<p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>That members agree to the Council purchasing two simple text-only seals at a cost of approximately £70 per seal.</p>
3.1	<p><u>Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Purchase costs</p>
4.0	<p><u>Appendices</u></p> <p>Appendix 1 – Copy of Down District Council Seal</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Copy of Newry and Mourne District Council Seal</p>





Report to:	<i>Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee</i>
Subject:	The General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)
Date:	16 November 2017
Reporting Officer:	Dorinnia Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Contact Officer:	Patrick Green, Head of Compliance

For Noting

The purpose of this report is to make the Committee and Council aware of the incoming changes to data protection law and of the key issues to be addressed by Council to ensure it will be compliant with the new General Data Protection Regulation.

1.0 Purpose & Background

The Data Protection Act 1998 is in place to protect an individual's data rights and places obligations on organisations which process personal data. Personal data is defined as information which relates to an individual who can be identified from that data or is identifiable from other information held by an organisation.

The General Data Protection Regulation ('the GDPR') sets out to harmonise data protection laws across the European Union and comes into effect on 25 May 2018. The United Kingdom Government has confirmed that, even with the UK exiting the EU, the GDPR will replace the Data Protection Act 1998 and apply in the UK from 25 May 2018. A Data Protection Bill is currently proceeding through Parliament.

The overriding themes of GDPR are transparency and accountability; ensuring an individual is aware of how their personal data is being processed and ensuring an organisation can evidence how personal data has been and/or will be processed.

While the main concepts and principles of the GDPR are similar to the Data Protection Act 1998 there are new elements and significant enhancements. Council will have to do some things differently and some things for the first time.

2.0 Key Issues

The GDPR extends greater rights to data subjects; including the right to erasure, the right to data portability, the right to object and the right not to be subject to automated decision-making, including profiling. The right to erasure means that Council will have to be able to delete an individual's personal data from its systems as if that data had never been there in the first instance. The right to data portability

will require Council to be able to provide an individual's personal data electronically and in a commonly used and machine readable format. The right to data portability will only apply to personal data an individual has provided to Council where the processing is based on the individual's consent or for the performance of a contract and when the processing is carried out by automated means. Where personal data is being processed on the basis of consent, an individual will have stronger rights, including the right to deletion.

The Information Commissioner's Office ('ICO') will have greater powers to investigate an organisation's data processing activities and, while there no longer will be a requirement to notify the ICO that Council is a Data Controller, Council will have to produce documentary evidence of its GDPR compliance in the event of an ICO investigation/audit. Council will have to introduce a data protection audit process in order to demonstrate its GDPR compliance.

GDPR extends the circumstances in which the ICO must be notified of a data protection breach.

The ICO's power to fine organisations has been enhanced and it will be able to levy fines up to €20,000,000 or 4% of an organisation's turnover, whichever is greater.

GDPR requires a public authority to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO).

There is a need to review Council's data processing activities and compliance with the Data Protection Act in order to understand what is required to be implemented to comply with the GDPR. Council will be reviewing the personal data it holds; where it is held, where it came from, why it was collected, who it is being shared with and when it will be disposed.

The Information Governance framework (including Council's Data Protection Policy and Procedures) will require to be reviewed to ensure it is adequate to comply with the GDPR.

Council's Privacy Notices for each data intake will require to be amended to comply with GDPR. New requirements include the need to explain Council's lawful basis for processing an individual's personal data, its data retention periods and that individuals have a right to object to the processing and right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Data protection provisions in existing Contracts and existing Data Sharing Agreements and Data Processing Agreements will have to be reviewed to ensure compliance with GDPR.

Where Council processes the personal data of children, the GDPR accords special protection for children's personal data and parental consent may be required in order to process personal data lawfully.

The GDPR makes privacy by design and default an express legal requirement and

	<p>makes Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) mandatory in certain circumstances. It would be good practice, going forward, to carry out DPIAs in all circumstances when a new project is being commenced to ensure a 'privacy by design and default' approach is being followed.</p> <p>The statutory time frame for responding to an individual who has requested their personal data held by Council will reduce from 40 calendar days to one month. Organisations will not be able to charge a fee to make such a request, but may refuse or charge for requests that are manifestly unfounded or excessive.</p> <p>A GDPR training programme will have to be prepared and delivered to all Councillors and Council staff in advance of 25 May 2018.</p>
3.0	<p><u>For Noting</u></p> <p>Resources within Corporate Services' consultancy budget will be reallocated to procure a third party to conduct a high level Data Audit to identify Council's current data protection compliance, highlight GDPR gaps and prepare an Action Plan to be GDPR-ready.</p>
4.0	<p><u>Resource Implications</u></p> <p>The cost of the Data Audit will be met from within Corporate Services' current budget underspend.</p>
5.0	<p><u>Appendices</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

Report to:	SP&R Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2017
Subject:	Estates Asset Management Policy for Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon, Assistant Director of Estates and Project Management

Decisions required:	
Members are asked to consider the attached Draft Estates Asset Management Policy and approve the recommendations in Section 3.1 and 3.2	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<p>NMDDC engaged with the Strategic Investment Board to assist with the development and scoping of an "Asset Management Framework and Strategy for Newry Mourne and Down District Council".</p> <p>The scoping study now completed, focused on providing the Estates Team guidance on the best practice approach to be adopted by the council to develop an Estates Asset Management Policy where the council estate portfolio can be optimised to deliver the needs identified within each directorate.</p> <p>The Estates Asset Management Policy will facilitate rational decision making based on identified corporate priorities and objectives and thereafter act as a tool for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making investment decisions • Maintaining and improving the assets • Increasing the cost effectiveness and value of the portfolio • Promoting innovation and development in asset management • Understanding and reacting to customer and property needs <p>The scoping study identified the main stages in the development of the Estates Asset Management Policy for Newry Mourne & Down District Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Estate Planning Policy 2. Estates Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset information gathering • Estate needs assessment / Asset challenge 3. Asset Management Plan
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	Significant work has already been completed to gather a comprehensive asset list

	<p>and measured and condition surveys are underway.</p> <p>Once this information is available the Estates and Property Assets Team will carry out the estates needs analysis and the asset challenge process in accordance with the policy.</p> <p>This will amalgamate the needs of the estate against the existing estate provision and will give the basis to develop an asset management plan for each asset to inform how the council should best use it land and buildings in the future.</p> <p>The next step is to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the asset register and condition surveys for Newry DEA • set up a series of engagements with key stakeholders to look at the utilisation of the council estate against the main functions identified in the Policy. <p>It is the intention of the Estates and Property Assets Team to complete the Estates needs assessment in a phased manner, it is proposed this will be done by District Electoral Area.</p> <p>Due to the ongoing work to progress the new Newry Civic Centre and City Regeneration Project it is proposed that the Newry DEA will be completed first.</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That members approve the attached Estates Asset Management Policy for the management of Property Assets under the Council ownership
3.2	That members approve the phasing of the information gathering and estates needs assessment by District Electoral Area, with the Newry DEA being completed first.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The Establishment of the Estates and Property Assets Team structure needs to be in place to deliver within the proposed timeframes.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Estates Asset Management Policy for Newry Mourne & Down District Council



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Estates Asset Management Policy for Newry Mourne & Down District Council

October 2017

1. Introduction

Strategic Investment Board were commissioned by Newry Mourne and Down District Council to scope a framework document to inform the Estates & Project Management Department on the best practice approach to developing an Estates Asset Management Policy for the Council. This would in turn provide guidance to the Estates and Property Assets team to enable them to engage, in a structured manner, with internal and external stakeholders in order to determine the property and asset needs of each Council Department and deliver best value to the Council through the efficient utilisation of the Council Estate.

2. Estates Asset Management Policy - Purpose / Objectives

Why is an Estates Asset Management Policy necessary?

The key benefit for any organisation with a complex estate is setting a broad direction for its estate and property asset management over the medium to long term. This enables the property portfolio to be optimised to meet identified needs. The policy is intended to facilitate rational decision-making based on identified corporate priorities and to act as a practical tool for a number of key factors such as:-

- Making its investment decisions
- Maintaining and improves its assets
- Increasing the cost effectiveness and value of its portfolio
- Promoting innovation and development in asset management
- Listening and responds to customers and property users

For Newry Mourne and Down District Council, with its wider remit and responsibilities to the community, exemplified through its leading role in the Community Planning process , there are a number of additional significant benefits in having a Estates Asset Management Policy in place. These are

- It provides a relationship between the key Council strategic priorities , including the Corporate plan and the Community Plan , and the estate and allows an 'Estates Strategy' to sit as a significant (working) strategy alongside the other key strategies
- It provides key details of the Council's estate , its condition , performance and opportunities for change for the better
- It will allow the Council to act as a facilitator on the development and rationalisation of the whole public sector estate to the maximum benefit of the community
- It will allow flexibility and adaptability going forward to react to changing demand and requirements of the community over the course of time eg as the Community Planning process develops

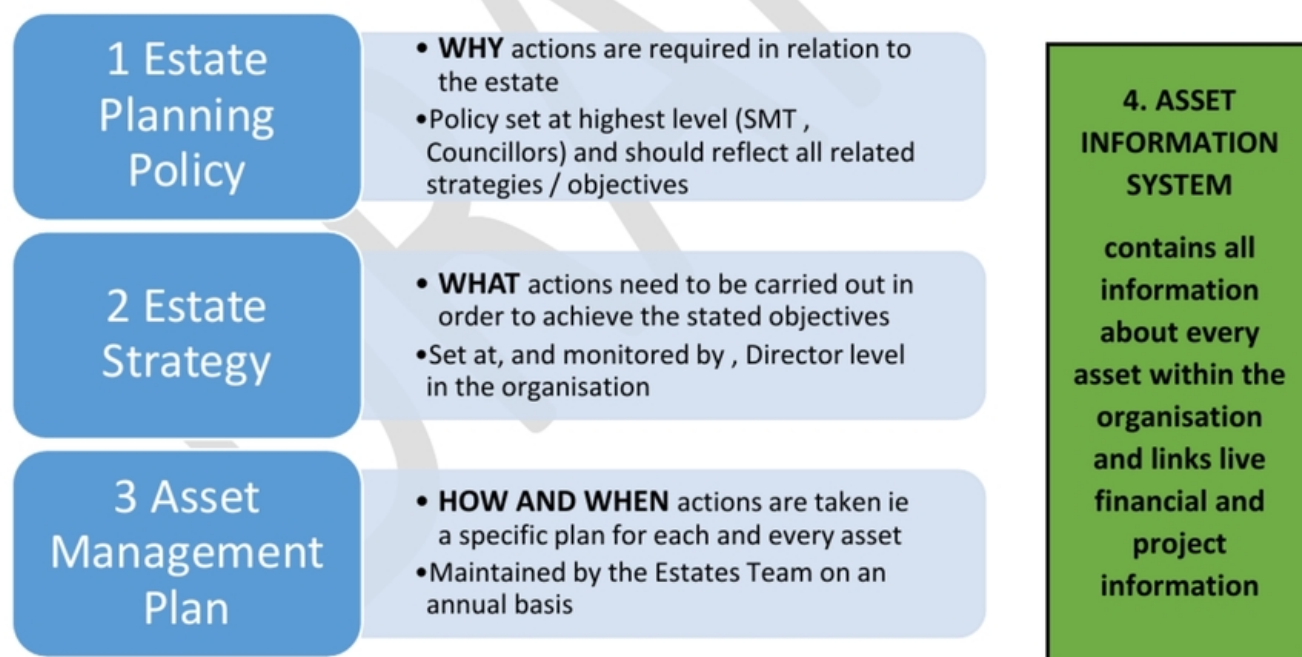
- Provides an intelligent database on which to make key decisions eg private sector opportunities / sharing opportunities eg allowing surplus assets to be identified with confidence, and projects to be taken forward on a firm foundation
- Facilitates the **tracking** of the targets from the **Community Planning (and other relevant)** Action Plans (eg measuring Social Returns on Investment)

Additional to these benefits, there are certain corporate obligations on the Council that relate back to the NI Executive's approved Asset Management Strategy 2013. For example ;

- *"Councils ...are obliged to limit their land and property holdings to the minimum required for the performance of their present and clearly foreseen responsibilities."*
- *"There should be ...periodic pruning of operational holdings, pruning being defined as the economic disposal of land and buildings, or part thereof, achievable without prejudice to operational business objectives."*

The key Components of the Proposed Newry Mourne and Down District Council 'Asset Management Policy' are shown in Figure 1 below;

Figure 1



Whilst these are clear and distinct components, it should be noted that the central and fundamental component within this framework is the Estate Strategy, as without this, it is not possible to develop a meaningful medium to long term plan for each asset owned by the Council, and therefore the Asset Management Plan

The Estate Strategy is therefore the core element to this policy as this will determine the plan for all aspects of the estate going forward.

3. Developing an Estates Strategy

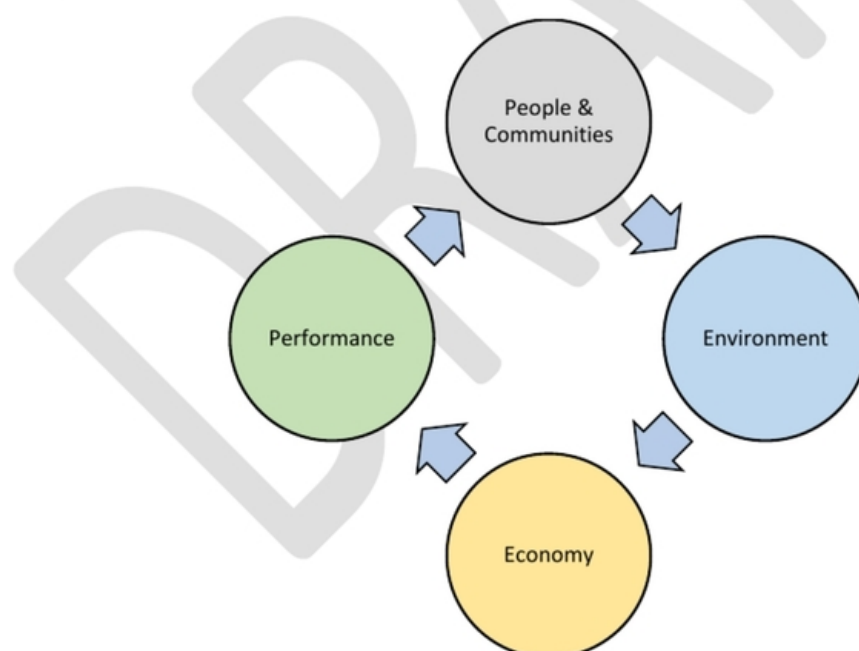
Councils Strategic Priorities and goals – and how these are integrated in to the organisational structure are a key starting point in defining a strategy that will define how the Council will use maximise the utilisation of the estate.

Core to this, is this Policy under and through which an Estates Strategy can be developed. This policy will, by necessity, articulate that the Council wishes to use the underlying strategic objectives within the Corporate and Strategic objectives as the basis for all changes to the structure and composition of its estate.

The corporate and strategic objectives for the Council are those that are contained within two main documents, The Corporate Plan and the Community Plan, with further detail being articulated in a number of supporting strategies relating to key functional areas.

From robust analysis of these two strategic documents, and discussions with the SMT the strategic areas within the Council's remit can be divided in to four inter-related functions , namely ; 1 People / Communities ; 2 Economy / Regeneration ; 3 Environment and 4 Performance / Service provision as shown in Figure 2 below

Figure 2

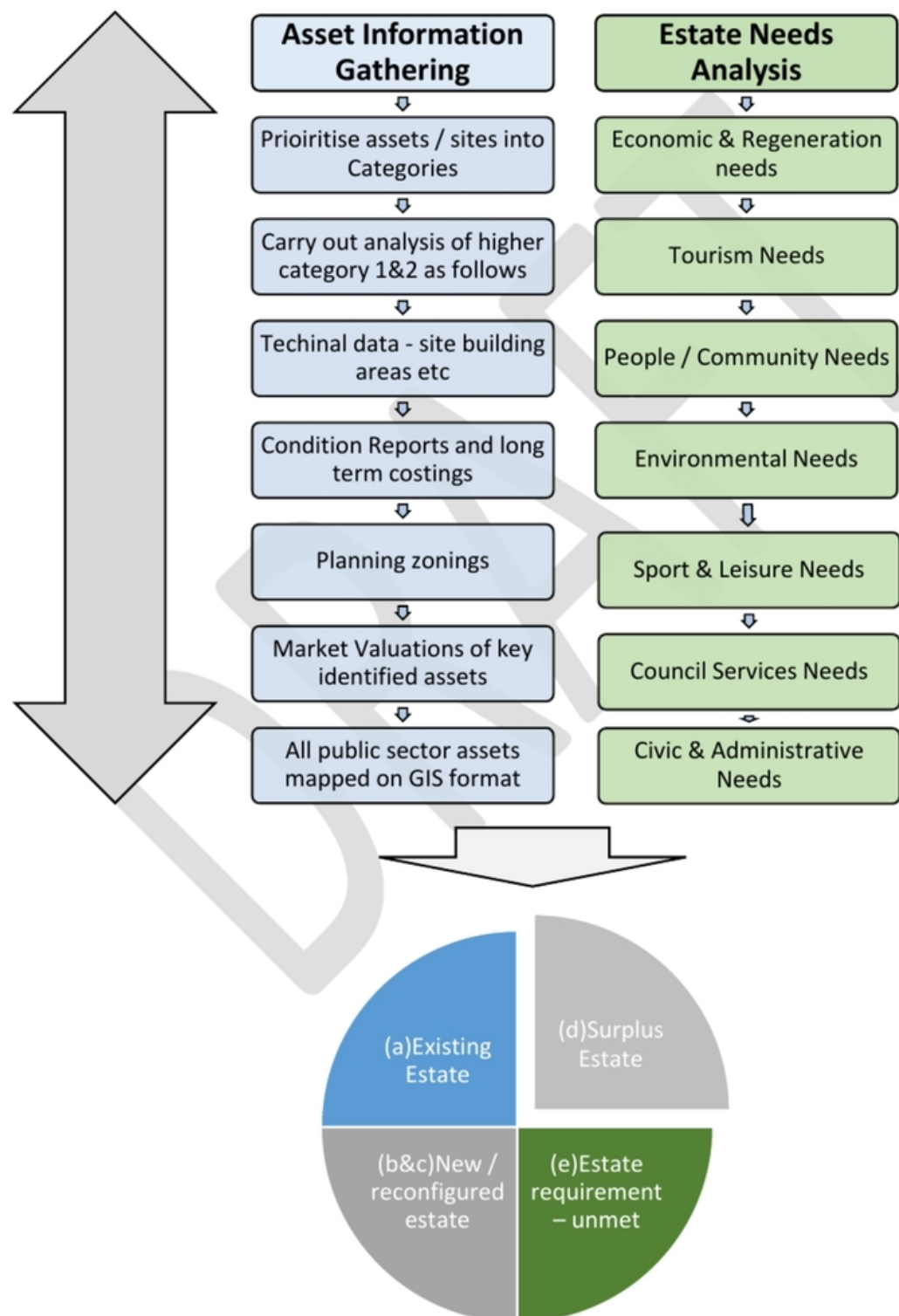


The relationship between these four functions and the existing organisational structure is demonstrated in Figure 3 below. This is important for the Estates Strategy as this table should therefore identify how the outputs from the Estate strategy can be identified, monitored, tracked and measured through the natural flow of Council business.

4. Actions to develop Estates Strategy

The 2 key components of developing an Estate Strategy therefore are a) Asset Information Gathering and b) Estates Needs Analysis. These will both be mapped against each other and start to inform the Council future Strategy for managing the Estate, based on need and supply. This is demonstrated in Figure 3 below;

Figure 3



Through the process of amalgamating the needs of the estate against the existing estate provision (or 'supply') it will provide the basis of a strategy to inform how the Council should develop its lands and buildings in the future.

a) Asset information Gathering

To fully understand the property asset portfolio held by the council and to better inform the needs analysis stage it will be necessary to gather all the Estates related information currently available on all Council owned Property Assets.

The following process will be followed to inform a consistent approach to information gathering

- Assets will be filtered into manageable portions; it is proposed that this will be done by District Electoral Areas with each DEA placed on a prioritised list.
(See Section 9 for suggested prioritisation).
- The Categorisation and Classification of Assets

The basis of valuation to be applied to a particular asset is strictly governed by the RICS Valuation Standards; this is determined by the categorisation and classification into which each asset falls.

In order to introduce consistency within the Council with respect to Estates Asset Management and Financial valuations for accounting purposes it is proposed that Estates Assets will also be categorised consistent with the RICS Valuations standards as follows

PROPERTY TYPE	ASSET CATEGORY	BASIS/METHOD OF VALUATION
Offices & Stores that are non-specialised or of a bespoke nature	Land & Buildings owner occupied for the purposes of the undertaking. Non Specialised Operational	Current Value in Existing Use Existing Use Value (EUV as defined in UK VS 1.3)
Specialised Buildings for which no market exists (e.g. Civic Centres, Leisure Centres, Visitor Centres, Public Conveniences, Car Parks etc.)	Land & Buildings owner occupied for the purposes of the undertaking. Specialised Operational	Current Value in Existing Use Depreciated Replacement Cost
Leased Properties & Investment Assets	Land & buildings held as Investment (i.e. earning income) Non-operational	Market Value/Fair Value
Surplus Assets (1)	Non-Operational properties, subject to restrictions	Current Value in Existing Use

	preventing access to the market.	Existing Use Value (EUV as defined in UK VS 1.3)
Surplus Assets (2)	Non-Operational properties, held for sale or otherwise surplus, with no restrictions preventing access to the market.	Market Value/Fair Value

- Technical data will be developed / prepared for each building / site to include
 - Measured Surveys
 - Site Plans / Location Plans
 - Land Registry Maps / Registry of Deeds
 - Utilities maps
 - Local Area Plan zoning maps
- Condition Reports for each asset will be prepared / developed to include
 - Asbestos Surveys
 - Land Contamination surveys
 - Structural Surveys / Fabric Conditions
 - Drainage assessments
 - Building usage
- Valuations of key identified assets
 - Insurance Value
 - Current Value
 - Market Value
 - Rental income
- Expenditure
 - Asset Purchase Costs
 - Maintenance costs
 - Capital costs
 - Energy costs
- All public sector assets mapped and available in GIS format

b) Estate Needs Analysis –and Asset Challenge

Table 2 provides guidance and direction on how the needs of the estate should be established according to each functional area


 **Note - shaded areas are to define those that envisage the input of Community Planning Working Groups**

Table 2

Functional Area	Specific Area	Specific Strategy	Forum for establishing Needs
People & Communities	1 <u>Sport & Leisure provision</u> – demand vs supply – using benchmarks & standards	Sports Facilities Strategy	Active & Healthy Communities Directorate
	2 <u>Active & Healthy Living</u> Support improved health & wellbeing outcomes All people enjoy good health & wellbeing	Community Plan	Health & Wellbeing Working Group Active & Healthy Communities Directorate
	3 <u>Health Equality for all</u>	Community Plan	Health & Wellbeing Working Group (Health Trust lead- creation of health centred hubs?)
	4 <u>Empower and improve the capacity of the community</u>	Community Plan Community Provision Report	Health & Wellbeing Working Group Active & Healthy Communities Directorate
	5 <u>Advocate issues that matter to the community</u> All people live in a respectful/ vibrant safe community People at risk are protected	Community Plan	Safety & Good Relations Working Group PCSP Active & Healthy Communities Directorate
Economy & Regeneration & Tourism	6 <u>Supporting business growth</u> Entrepreneurship , development & support new jobs Place to do business , develop transport & energy	Community Plan Economic Development Strategy	Working Group – Economy Regeneration & Tourism Economic Growth , Regen & Tourism Directorate

	7 <u>Creating 'places':</u> Lead the Regeneration of urban & rural areas	Community Plan Masterplans for towns & specific regeneration sites Car Park Strategy Town Centre promotion groups?	In House Regeneration Team (jointly <i>Leisure & Culture Team?</i>) <i>Comm Planning Working Group- Environmental & Spatial Development</i> <i>DfI Strategic Design Group</i> SIB / NMDDC Team taking forward initial study at Newry
	8 <u>Housing provision</u>	Community Plan Local Development Plan – housing provision	Working Group- Economy Regen & Tourism IN House Planning Team
	9 <u>Tourism Development</u> One of premier tourist destinations in Ireland	Community Plan Tourism Strategy	Working Group – Econ Regen & Tourism ERT Directorate Tourism Section
Environment	10 <u>Sustainable Environment</u>	Community Plan Parks & Open Spaces strategy? Car Park Strategy Waste Strategy (CRC rationalisation)	Working Group - <i>Environmental & Spatial Development</i> Waste (in house)
	11 <u>Natural & built environment</u> protect the natural & built environment	Community Plan List of built environment assets	Working Group- <i>Environmental & Spatial Development</i> In House Team – <i>Estates?</i>
	12 <u>Governance</u> Embed effective governance.	Corporate Plan Asset Management framework – define Process of prioritisation of outputs from Estates Strategy	In House – Corporate Services Directorate In House Estates Team
	13 <u>KPIs and standards</u>	Corporate Plan	Estates Team in

	<p>Establish measurable standards / KPIs for the estate.</p> <p>Performance management systems tracking performance</p> <p>Undertake baseline studies that will inform future target measures</p>	Establishment of an Asset Information System	conjunction with SIB support
	<u>14 Finance</u>	Corporate Plan – Reinforce / introduce a Funding Investment Team. establish exact budgets / funding opportunities	<p>In House Finance & Estates Teams</p> <p>SIB support team</p>
	<p><u>15 Service Delivery to citizens</u></p> <p>Develop a joined up approach to service delivery across the Council area ...</p> <p>Transform & modernise the Council providing accessible Services</p>	<p>Corporate Plan</p> <p>Communication Strategy</p> <p>Transformation Strategy</p> <p>Community Plan</p>	In House – Community Planning Team
	<p><u>16 Council staff</u></p> <p>Transform & modernise the Council providing accessible Services</p>	<p>Corporate Plan</p> <p>Estates Strategy</p>	<p>SMT initial engagement to define parameters for rationalisation approach</p> <p>In House Estates Team in conjunction with SIB</p> <p>Combined with ERGT Team in specific areas</p>

5 **Asset Management Plan**

The Asset Management Plan will be developed from the out workings of the Asset Strategy as outlined in Section 4. This will result in the development of a specific plan for each asset.

The plan will provide

- Details of the proposed future use of each asset based on the needs analysis,

- Guidance on how the actions identified within the plan will be implemented
- A timeline for the completion of the actions based on priorities of the Council
- The date for the next review of each Asset Management Plan

6 Asset Information System.

NMDDC currently use Asset Manager as their Asset / Facilities Management software to manage both the estates information and to deliver routine and reactive maintenance to existing assets. It is considered that with additional training and regular use of the software can continue to deliver the Estate and Property Assets Team requirements.

It is proposed that a Local Government collaborative procurement exercise is undertaken to develop a specification for, and deliver a new bespoke Asset information System.

NMDDC have agreed to be considered as a potential user of this software package when it has been delivered if deemed beneficial to the efficient management of the estate.

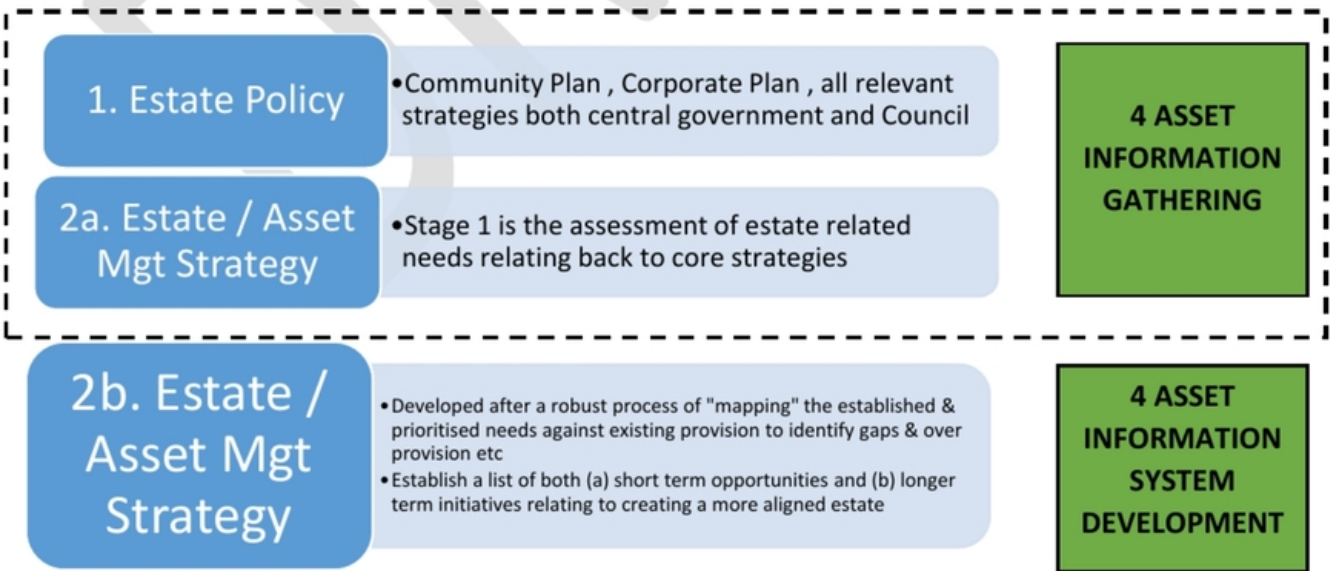
In the meantime we will continue to use Estates Manager

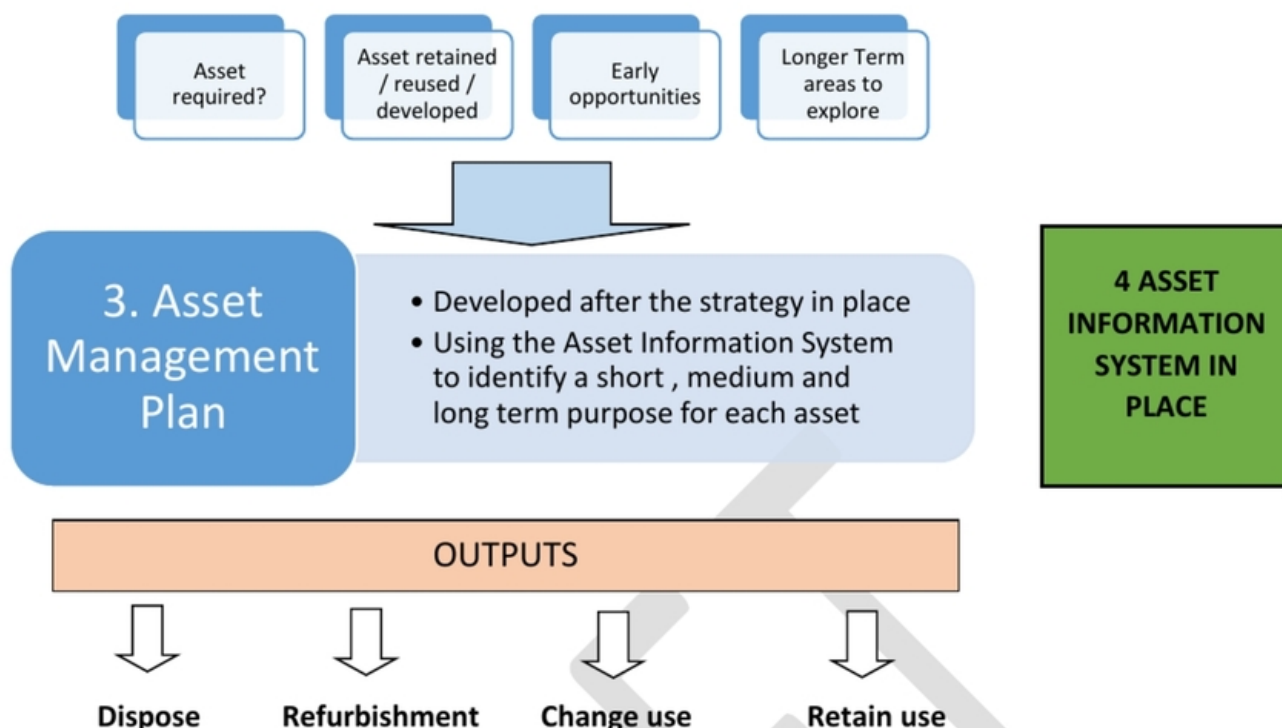
7 Current progress.

The current progress is demonstrated in Figure 4 below. As can be seen, the Estate Policy has been completed and is proposed as the Council Estates Asset Management Policy.

Within this policy the Estate Strategy requirements and process have been set out, as has the development of an Asset Management Plan and an Asset Information System, however these need to be developed further before they can be of real benefit to the Council in this regard.

Figure 4





8 Programme for delivery

It is proposed that the Estates Asset management Policy is implemented based on the current NMDDC priorities. Assets will be filtered into manageable portions; it is proposed that this will be done by District Electoral Areas with each DEA placed on a prioritised list

The recommended priority list for the delivery of the Estates Asset Management Policy is outlined below.

1. Newry DEA (Nov 17 – Mar 18)#
2. Downpatrick DEA (April 18- Oct 18)
3. Slieve Gullion DEA (Oct 18-Feb 19)*
4. Rowallane DEA (Feb-June 19) *
5. Mourne , Slieve Croob & Crotleive DEAs (June - Dec19)*

Newry DEA has been selected as the highest priority due to the requirement to identify surplus assets in the Newry Area as part of the Newry Civic Centre project.

The asset list for Newry DEA is included in appendix A

A Map indicating the location of all Assets in the Newry DEA is included in Appendix B

*This is an approximate timescale and will be reviewed after the 2nd stage (Downpatrick) – if the remaining DEAs can be taken forward as one further stage, rather than in separate stages as shown this will be considered.

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	<i>Properties of Murphy's Trust, Hill Street, Newry</i>
Date:	8th November 2017
Reporting Officer:	Dorinnia Carville, Director Corporate Services
Contact Officer:	Lyndsey Moore, Head of Legal Administration

Decisions Required

Members are asked to note the contents of the report and agree to the Council completing a condition survey of the subject properties.

1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
1.1	The Murphy's Trust is a charitable trust based in Newry, established by the Will of the late Patrick Murphy.
1.2	The Trust holds property and is empowered to apply any income from their endeavours to fund cultural events at the Arts Centre and to acquire either permanently or by way of loan, approved items for display in the Arts Centre.
1.3	The Trust has approached the Council to offer the gift of Three properties at Hill Street Newry, namely, numbers 39, 41 and 43. Two of the properties are currently vacant and one has a commercial tenant in situ. The Trust has advised the Council that the properties are in a poor state of repair.
1.4	In order to consider this offer the Council must obtain further information on the current condition of the properties and any liabilities or encumbrances the Council would be undertaking in accepting the gift.
1.5	Only once further information is obtained will Council Officers be able to present a further report to the Council, providing all necessary information, for discussion on whether or not to accept the offered gift.
1.6	A full Condition Report is expected to cost in the region of £5000 and if approved, an Invitation to Tender would be issued in order to procure the service in line with Council's Procurement Policy.
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>

	None
3.0	<u>Recommendation</u> That members agree to the Council proceeding to obtain a full condition survey of the offered properties and incurring the costs of same.
3.1	<u>Resource Implications</u> Costs of a full condition survey.
4.0	<u>Appendices</u> Appendix 1 – Overview of the Patrick Murphy Trust

Charity no. 100192
Date registered. 27/08/2014

Patrick Murphy Trust

Charitable purposes

From and after the operative date the Trustees shall out of the income of the Trust Fund discharge all legal, administrative and other expenses properly incurred in relation to the charity and shall apply the balance of the income, or such part thereof as they consider fit, in : -

1) Funding in whole or in part the provision of cultural events at the Arts Centre (Newry) open to the public; and

(2) the acquisition permanently or by way of loan of approved items for use by members of the public in the Arts Centre or for display therein to members of the public

Trustee board

Mr David Gray
 Mr Gerry Murphy
 Mr Edwin Curtis
 Mr David Hanna
 Dr Conor Patterson
 Mr Jackie Patterson

Item 6 – Notice of Motion received from Councillors Brown, Stokes, Tinnelly and Taylor

The Chairperson invited Councillor Brown and the other proposers of the motion to speak to the motion.

Councillor Brown stated the motion should have been debated at full Council and he could not remember a time when a motion would have been sent to a working group. He presented the merits as he saw them, of the park project stating the public want a full 15 acre park on the Albert Basin site and with the majority of Councillors supporting this proposal, the motion should be referred to the SP&R Committee for a full debate on the issues.

Councillor Stokes stated that Members had an obligation and duty to the ratepayers of the District and a direction of travel needs agreed. He stated once that had been established, then the motion could have been directed to the working group for further detail and consultation however the process seems to have been back to front.

Councillor Tinnelly stated Members had a moral obligation to respect the decision taken to gift the site at Albert Basin to the public of Newry. He agreed that the concept of the park in its entirety needed to be agreed and then the issues arising out of it could be dealt with.

Councillor Savage stated that Council needed to do the scoping work and set strategic direction however this could only be done when dealt with at the proper Committee. He stated he understood there were sensitive issues when dealing with the park however these could be discussed 'in closed session' as required.

Mrs Ward provided information on previous studies, the background history of the park and how it came to be in the ownership of the Council and the current planning status of the park.

Councillor Craig stated he did not want this issue to become a political football and was of the view that Newry needed a park, however due process and protocol needed to be followed and proposed that further work be commissioned on the site to investigate what technical issues may exist on the site in relation to its future use. This was accepted by all Members present.

Mr Hannaway advised the recommendation from the Working Group was to present a full report in minute format on the Albert Basin project to the SPR Committee to be considered and this would then be ratified at Council in December.