

December 13th, 2019

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 16th December 2019** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Civic Centre Downpatrick.**

**Chairperson Liz Kimmins**

**Vice Chairperson Mark Gibbons**

Cllr S Doran

Cllr H Gallagher

Cllr G Malone

Cllr L McEvoy

Cllr K McKevitt

Cllr A McMurray

Cllr G O'Hare

Cllr B Ó Muirí

Cllr M Ruane

Cllr M Savage

Cllr D Taylor

Cllr J Trainor

Cllr W Walker

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## **19.0 No 16 The Square, Rostrevor**

Copy of report to be circulated at meeting

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person. The public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

## **20.0 Mullaghbawn Community Centre**

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***Not included***



# Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Mr Kieran Gordon

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Terry Hearty

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Liz Kimmins

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Mr Roland Moore

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew

Cllr Barra Ó Muirí

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Cllr Michael Ruane  
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Cllr Michael Savage  
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin  
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Donna Starkey  
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Cllr Gary Stokes  
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Sarah Taggart  
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Paul Tamati  
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Cllr David Taylor  
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly  
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Cllr John Trainor  
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Central Support Unit  
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Cllr William Walker  
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Mrs Marie Ward  
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**ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/077/2019	Notice of Motion referred from Council meeting Monday 3 June 2019 – Suicide Down to Zero	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Bain that officers investigate the possibility of adopting a 'suicide down to zero' approach to combating the high prevalence of suicide across our district; exploring closer partnership working with local mental health and suicide prevention charities; investigate the establishment of a suicide prevention working group with a dedicated Council officer responsible; explore the possibility of establishing a new small grants scheme within the existing financial assistance programme to fund projects specifically dealing with mental health and suicide in the district; Council also to write to the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health lamenting the abject failure of the Department to implement the Protect Life 2 strategy, and that this strategy should have been signed off regardless of the absence of an Executive given its vital lifesaving and non-contentious nature.	M. Lipsett E Devlin	<b>Letter sent to the Permanent Secretary.</b>  <b>Report to December AHC Committee Meeting.</b>	Y
AHC/089/2019	Kilbroney Park Pitches	It was agreed to proceed with the appointment of a design team and business plan consultants for the upgrading of Kilbroney playing pitches.	P Tamati	It was agreed to consult with Shared Environmental Services as a result of SMT report presented on the 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 prior to proceeding with the appointment of a design team and business plan consultants for the upgrading of Kilbroney playing pitches.	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
				<p>Paul to work with the Capital Team to consult with Shared Environmental Services prior to commissioning – Work ongoing</p> <p>Referred to planning to consult with SES habitat regulations assessment has been commissioned and awaiting outcome.</p>	
AHC/092/2019	Leasing of Council land known as Rosconnor Playing Fields, Strangford Playing Fields and the back Pitch, Greenbank, Newry	<p>It was agreed subject to Departmental Consent that the following leases be agreed at a peppercorn rent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease of Rosconnor Playing Fields, Downpatrick to Teconnaught GAC for the term of 5 years.</li> <li>• Lease of Strangford Playing Fields, Strangford to Strangford FC for the term of 5 years.</li> <li>• Lease of the Back Pitch, Greenbank, Newry to Newry AFC for the term of 25 years.</li> </ul>	C Haughey	<p><b>Subject to Departmental Consent Ongoing</b></p> <p><b>Teconnaught and Newry have been approved by DfC and Julie is sending out the agreed lease docs to clubs</b></p>	N
AHC/120/2019	Application to DfC: New Model Farm Community Centre proposal, Downpatrick	<p>It was agreed to accept the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that the Committee agree to proceed with an application to DfC for a replacement facility for the Trojan Horse, Downpatrick. Including the development of a business case, design proposals and submission of a planning application.</li> </ul>	K Hynds	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Funding application to be completed by NHR Officer &amp; CDRCN for submission to DfC.</p>	N



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AHC/143/2019	Installation of RAPID bin at Newry Leisure Centre	It was agreed to proceed with the installation of a RAPID Bin at Newry Leisure Centre.	J Hillen	<b>Completed</b>	Y
AHC/144/2019	Castlewellan Lease & 3G Pitch Condition Survey	It was agreed to note and approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council to pay a contribution of 50% towards the replacement of the synthetic carpet in 5 years' time.</li> <li>• The Council to forward the fencing improvements for consideration in 20/21 rate estimates.</li> <li>• Improvement works to bring the 3G pitch up to necessary standards to be completed by Neighbourhood Services department using existing maintenance budgets.</li> <li>• Council to provide replacement goals from existing budgets.</li> </ul>	J Hillen	<b>Castlewellan CC Lease issued and signed</b> <b>3G Pitch FMA ongoing</b>  <b>Actioned</b>  <b>Ongoing</b>  <b>Ongoing</b>	N   Y  N  N
AHC/148/2019	Healthy Vending Machines in Leisure Centres	It was agreed to note that when clear guidance on minimum nutritional standards (MNS) for Council Catering Outlets and Vending is established, a future report will be brought back to Active and Healthy Communities Committee regarding the potential implementation of these standards.	P Tamati	<b>Report to future AHC Ongoing, MNS not established yet, anticipated April 2020.</b>	N
AHC/152/2019	Notice of Motion – Disability Access on to Newcastle Beach (Referred from Council Meeting 2 September 2019)	It was agreed that officers investigate the provision of disability access on to Newcastle beach to enable the facility to be inclusive, which will enhance the visitor experience for all.	M Lipsett  M Lipsett	<b>Meeting held with internal officers on 18 October 2019 and further meeting to be arranged.</b>  <b>Report to future AHC Meeting.</b>	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		An update report to be provided to the Active & Health Communities Committee following on from a meeting of Neighbourhood Services department, Enterprise, Regenerations & Tourism department and Corporate Services departments.			

<b>ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014</b>					
AHC/133/2019	Mullaghbane Community Centre Lease	It was agreed that the Committee agree to changes to the original terms of the Mullaghbane Community Centre lease as per recommendations as set out in para 3.1 of the officer's report and that a deadline of all lease negotiations to be finalised by 31 December 2019 and agreement that failure to do so will result in lease not being renewed.	J McCann	Site Works Ongoing Lease negotiations with Council's Legal Department	N
AHC/134/2019	Ballyholland Land Transfer	It was agreed that the Committee agree to proceed with the leasing of Councils play area in Ballyholland to BHGAC in exchange for the leasing of separate lands from BHGAC to Council for the establishment of play park facilities in line with the Councils Play strategy.	C Haughey	Ballyholland has transferred in full all legal docs signed etc	N
AHC/162/2019	Saintfield Community Centre	It was agreed to note and agree to approve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proceed to Expression of Interest Process in line with Councils Sporting and Community Facilities Leasing Policy for the rear of Unit C and the whole of Unit B.</li> <li>• Providing an additional area to the rear of Unit C to increase the amount of storage space within the Community Centre, approximate cost £15,000.</li> </ul>	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/164/2019	Carers Allowance	It was agreed for individuals receiving Carers Allowance to be eligible for concession prices as part of the 2020/21 scale of charges review which will be introduced on 1 April 2020.	P Tamati	Report taken to AHC Committee on 18 <sup>th</sup> November – committee recommended and approved carers allowance to be introduced from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 subject to ratification.	Y

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AHC/174/2019	Castlewellan 3G Pitch	It was agreed to remove the agreement to lease the 3G pitch to Castlewellan Community Partnership as per minute (AHC/071/2019) and replace this with a Facility Management Agreement for the 3G pitch.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/175/2019	Lands at Barcroft	It was agreed to the application being made for departmental approval to allow Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to lease the site identified at a peppercorn rent.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N



**ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM AHC MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2019**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/163/2019: <i>Financial Assistance Update</i>	<b>Action Sheet</b>	It was agreed to proceed with issuing decision letters to the three successful applicants under the Sports Capital theme.	<b>J Hillen</b>	<b>Actioned</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/180/2019	<b>District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Update Report</b>	It was agreed to note the report and agree to approve the actions from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings: - Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2019 - Special Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2019 - Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 - Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2019	<b>J Hillen</b>	<b>Actioned</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/181/2019	<b>ORNI Community Trails Legal Agreement and ongoing Maintenance Costs</b>	It was agreed to approve Council to enter into legal agreements for a period of 20 years (subject to a fee of 5 pence per annum) with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in respect of Forest/Community Trails and Car Parking (if relevant) at the following locations: - Drumkeeragh Forest - Tivenadarragh Forest - Corrywood Forest - Seaforde Forest	<b>P Tamati</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>N</b>

AHC/182/2019	<b>Kilclief Play Park</b>	It was agreed to proceed with the commencement of design consultation, capital works and spend for Kilclief Play Park of £119,995 as per the Councils Play Strategy.	P Tamati	Ongoing	N
AHC/183/2019	<b>Autism Friendly Sessions</b>	It was agreed to introduce Autism Friendly Swim Sessions at Newry and Kilkeel Leisure Centre and Tropicana (subject to closures and holiday arrangements) as a pilot with a 6-monthly review period from 1 April 2020. - Newry Leisure Centres: Saturdays from 4.00pm – 5.00pm - Kilkeel Leisure Centre: Mondays from 3.45pm to 4.30pm - Newcastle Tropicana: Fridays from 12noon to 1pm (July and August only)	P Tamati	Consultation with Autism groups and key stakeholders has been commissioned in relation to identified programme times at each individual centre with update report due back to AHC Committee Jan/Feb 2020 and implementation from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	N
AHC/184/2019	<b>Carers Allowance</b>	It was agreed for those individuals receiving Carers Allowance to be eligible for concession prices and for it to be implemented from 1 January 2020 and reviewed in April 2020.	P Tamati	Report taken to AHC Committee on 18 <sup>th</sup> November – committee recommended and approved carers allowance to be introduced from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 subject to ratification.	Y
AHC/185/2019	<b>Eco Schools Support Request</b>	It was agreed to approve the contribution of £1,700 for the period 2020-21 subject to the rates process.	E Devlin	Confirm after Rates Process	Y
AHC/186/2019	<b>Live Here Love Here – Funding Request</b>	It was agreed to support Live Here Love Here for the 2020-2021 period at a cost of £26,000 subject to approval within the estimates process.	E Devlin	Confirm after Rates Process	Y
AHC/187/2019	<b>Action Sheet for Sustainability and Climate Forum Meeting held on 10 October 2019</b>	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions. It was also agreed to approve the proposed change to the Terms of Reference.	E Devlin	Terms of Reference amended	Y

AHC/188/2019	<b>Mid Year Assessment of Directorate Business Plan 2019-20</b>	Approved	M Lipsett	Noted	Y
AHC/189/2019	<b>Peace IV Local Action Plan</b>	Noted	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/190/2019	<b>Social Inclusion Update</b>	Noted	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/191/2019	<b>Sport NI Multi Facility Fund Update</b>	It was noted that Councils Multi Sports Hub funding submissions at Newry Leisure Centre and Donard Park in Newcastle had been unsuccessful in progressing to stage 3 of the application process.	P Tamati	Complete	Y
AHC/192/2019	<b>Disability Sport NI Funding for Kilkeel Leisure Centre</b>	It was noted Kilkeel Leisure Centre had received funding for a pool pod and it was anticipated to be installed in February 2020.	P Tamati	Ongoing	Y



<b>ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014</b>					
AHC/193/2019	Ballyholland Community Centre Boiler	Update report was noted	J Hillen		
AHC/194/2019	Southern Regional College – 10 year lease	It was agreed to approve Newry Leisure Centre to enter into a 10-year licence agreement, as outlined in the officer's report at paragraph 2.1, with the Southern Regional College enabling continual hire of Newry Leisure Centre and storage provision.	P Tamati		
AHC/176/2019	16 The Square, Rostrevor	Members were updated with the current position with regard to dry rot and the potential subsequent impact on the budget and timescales at 16 The Square, Rostrevor.  It was agreed to investigate the possibility of further Rural Development Funding for this scheme given the issues outlined by the officer.	J Hillen		

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<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To note the report.</li></ul>				
1.2	<b>Background</b> <p>The information in Appendix 1 is provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of the DEA Forums. DEA Coordinators continue to implement actions detailed in their respective local action plans.</p>				
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	None.				
3.0	<b>Recommendations</b>				
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the report.</li></ul>				
4.0	<b>Resource implications</b>				
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.				
5.0	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>				
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.				
6.0	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>				
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.				
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>				
7.1	Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs.				
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>				
8.1	None.				

## **Appendix 1**

The following information is an update for the Committee on the ongoing work of the DEAs.

### **Level of Educational Wellbeing:**

- > As part of their Road Safety Programme, Downpatrick DEA organised for the local PSNI to attend St Nicholas' Primary School Ardglass to give advice to young people about road safety. Those children involved are taking part in the poster competition which will see some of their pictures displayed on a new school banner highlighting the dangers of speeding.
- > Slieve Croob DEA organised a Building Resilience programme in Sacred Heart Primary School Dundrum for children in Primary 6/7. The programme which commenced on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 will last for 6 weeks and will help young people develop coping mechanisms.
- > In Rowallane DEA St Joseph's PS Crossgar and Drumlins Integrated Primary School Ballynahinch have signed up for the YMCA Lisburn led programme 'Building Up' which is a schools-based programme for year 6/7 students designed to support the development of resilience in young people. The strategies pupils will learn and skills they will practice in Building Up will help prepare them for the challenges of adolescence.
- > Downpatrick DEA organised a Building Resilience programme to be rolled out in St Joseph's Primary School Killough and St Colmcille's Primary School Downpatrick. Both programmes commenced in mid-November and consist of 6 sessions per school.
- > Slieve Gullion and Newry DEAs brought students from St. Paul's Bessbrook, Newry High School, Newtownhamilton High School and St. Joseph's High School Crossmaglen together to take part in the ongoing Good Relations programme that brings schools from different community backgrounds together to explore issues of cultural identity, respect for differences, and to build better relations through the mediums of sport, music and dance.
- > Working with the Education Authority, Slieve Gullion DEA supported youth clubs from across the Slieve Gullion DEA to come together to take part in a Good Relations residential in Tullymore. The residential included a number workshops on Good Relations issues and looked at issues affecting young people in the area, as well as team building exercises between young people from different cultural backgrounds.

### **Level of Health Status:**

- > Slieve Croob DEA rolled out a Mini Medic's programme in Christ the King Primary School Drumaness. The young people were educated on basic first aid skills to help them if they are ever involved in an emergency situation.
- > Downpatrick, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs in partnership with the South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership brought together over 100 young people aged between 14 and 16 years old to Downpatrick Omniplex on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to create understanding of what is and what is not acceptable in a relationship. The young people participated in an interactive mentimeter quiz at the cinema which outlined which words and actions were acceptable in a relationship and emphasised which are not. The young people then watched a new movie.
- > In Rowallane DEA St Patrick's Primary School Ballynahinch is participating in the Action Mental Health initiative 'Healthy Me'. This is a vibrant and engaging mental health promotion programme aimed at children which explores emotional/mental health, healthy lifestyle choices and pathways to effective support through imaginative and interactive play and



song. Healthy Me promotes mental health and social and emotional wellbeing in children and has a strong focus on prevention and self-help.

> In partnership with Council's Age Friendly Coordinator, the Rowallane DEA Co-ordinator made a short presentation on a proposed pilot project for bed-bound residents in care homes at the CDRCN organised Care Homes Networking event.

> Slieve Gullion DEA worked in partnership with the Health and Wellbeing team to help deliver the World Mental Health Day event in Newry Leisure Centre. Three schools from the DEA attended the event - Newtownhamilton High School, St Joseph's High School Crossmaglen and St. Paul's High School Bessbrook. The event provided a range of interactive workshops and taster sessions including anti-bullying, healthy eating demo, mental health, and fitness.

> In partnership with Council's Age Friendly, Slieve Gullion DEA delivered its Age Friendly event in Bessbrook Community Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> October. The event was attended by several groups throughout the DEA. Activities on the day included, wellness taster sessions, cookery demos, healthy eating workshops, free health checks, and a range of information stalls.

> As part of a 6-week programme to address health and wellbeing issues in the Slieve Gullion area, the DEA are running a series of programmes with South Armagh Women's Network. The mental health awareness sessions for adults look at skills and techniques for managing low moods, coping skills, and sign-posting for supports.

> To support men's health in the Slieve Gullion area, the DEA are working with Surestart Armagh to bring men from different cultural backgrounds together to take part in a 4-week fitness and health information programme. The men will take part in taster exercise sessions once per week as well as an information workshop on supports for men.

> In Crotlieve DEA the final week of the Men's Health programme in Hilltown took place on 5<sup>th</sup> November. The men took part in a workshop with PIPs and availed of basic First Aid training. This was the final week of a six-week programme which involved cookery and a visit from the Cancer Focus Bus.

> Crotlieve DEA supported a Breast Cancer Awareness evening for ladies and a Bowel Cancer Awareness evening for men in Ballyholland Foresters. The sessions were well attended with life-saving information being shared with participants.

### **Level of Civic Participation:**

> Downpatrick DEA in partnership with the Council's Community Planning Section hosted the Communities Leading Change Programme in the Ballyhornan Community Centre. Thirteen groups from the area were successful in securing funding for community projects.

### **Level of Personal Safety and Crime:**

> Crotlieve DEA supported a Drugs and Alcohol workshop in Mayobridge GAA. Over 20 young people participated learning about the dangers posed by Drugs and Alcohol and the effect it can have on your body.



<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Community
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	AHC 2020 Summer Activity Programme
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Michael Lipsett, Director: Active Health and Communities
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport

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1.0	Purpose				
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To consider and agree an alternative and enhance Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2020.</li></ul>				
1.2	Background				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Currently Council operates summer schemes for 6 to 11-year olds in 5 locations for approximately 6 to 7 weeks, Monday to Friday from 9:30am – 3:30pm during July and August.</li><li>The cost of accessing these summer schemes varies per site however on average is approximately £50 per week.</li><li>Whilst usage numbers reflect on average 1000 participants per week across 5 sites, it is estimated that this only equates to approximately 33 children per day per site and many of these the same children and families accessing the schemes.</li><li>In addition to the Council led Summer Schemes currently Council supports community led summer schemes and programmes through financial assistance which is in the region of 30k per year.</li><li>There are currently a number of alternative community led Summer Schemes delivered via community groups, sports clubs, schools and social enterprises.</li></ul>				
.2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AHC Council Led Summer Schemes have historically operated as more a 'child minding' service for working parents as opposed to promoting sport, physical activity, health, wellbeing and social engagement.</li><li>It is estimated that a majority of the children accessing Council Led Summer Schemes and <b>not</b> from areas of high social need.</li><li>Affordability of Council Led Summer Schemes can be seen as a barrier for those in the community who are the most economically disadvantaged.</li><li>Council Led Summer Schemes are restricted to delivering to a specific age range (6 – 11 years) with 12 – 18 years and under 6 years excluded from accessing these types of programmes.</li><li>Council led summer schemes are limited in terms of catering to those living with a disability.</li><li>Best practice guidance on leader to child ratios for Summer Schemes has led to an increase requirement of staff resource to accommodate the same capacity and therefore increased budget costs.</li></ul>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An alternative and enhance Summer Activity Programme to replace Council Led summer schemes is proposed that includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning and Afternoon Summer Sports Camps delivered at historical Summer Scheme Locations and other designated facilities throughout the district.</li> <li>Morning and Afternoon Play Sessions delivered at historical Summer Scheme Locations and other designated facilities throughout the district.</li> <li>Introduction of Disable/Inclusive Summer Camps across the district.</li> <li>Introduction of additional Autism swim session across the district in July and August.</li> <li>Introduction of discounted access (£1.00/activity) to all leisure and sports facilities during designated times for under 18 years.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b> To consider and approve the implementation of an alternative and enhanced Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2020.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	There are no anticipated resources implications at this stage of the project.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	There are no anticipated equality and good relations arising from this specific report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
	There are no rural proofing implications arising from this specific report.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Community
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Castle Park Seasonal Operations
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Michael Lipsett, Director: Active Health and Communities
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport

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<b>For decision</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>For noting only</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose</b>		
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider and approve alternative and enhanced seasonal operations (Easter to September) at Castle Park in Newcastle.</li> </ul>		
1.2	<b>Background</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Castle Park currently operates seasonal family/children activity services including the swans, manual go-karts and mini golf as follows:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturdays, 11am – 5pm &amp; Sunday's 2pm – 5:30pm from Easter to 31<sup>st</sup> August.</li> <li>Monday – Friday, 11am – 8am 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Council also facilitates a request from a private company to operates a small merry-go-round at Castle Park, in line with the above operating days/hours.</li> <li>Council recruit seasonal staff to facilitate the above operations</li> </ul>		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>		
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A private operator has successfully secured planning permission for a large Ferris wheel at Castle Park.</li> <li>Subsequently a request to operate a Ferris Wheel at Castle Park has been received by a private operator.</li> <li>There are concerns in relation to impact on Councils income generation and capacity at Castle park to facilitate this request.</li> <li>Seasonal recruitment for staff has been challenging in recent years due to the amount of seasonal recruitment required across a number of facilities and services.</li> <li>Castle park operations are restricted under the current model and a different operating model is likely to bring enhanced services and attractions to Castle Park.</li> <li>Given the above constraints it is propose that an alternative operating model is consider for Castle Park Seasonal operations for a minimum of 5 years.</li> </ul>		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>		
	To consider and approve a public tender for a minimum of 5 years for the delivery of alternative and enhanced seasonal (Easter to September) operations and services at Castle Park in Newcastle.		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>		

4.1	There are no anticipated resources implications.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	There are no anticipated equality and good relations arising from this specific report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
	There are no rural proofing implications arising from this specific report.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Community
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Everybody Active (EBA) 2020 Delivery Contract – New Tender
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Michael Lipsett, Director: Active Health and Communities
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport

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1.0	Purpose				
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To consider and approve to the Tendering of the Everybody Active 2020 Delivery Contract for 12 months from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 with possible extension subject to funding.</li></ul>				
1.2	Background				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In April 2016 NMDDC received reoccurring funding of 144k per year until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to deliver targeted programmes aimed at the following underrepresented groups.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Women and girls (specifically aged 14-25)</li><li>People with a disability</li><li>Those living in areas of greatest social need (top 25% of wards designated Deprivation Measure Index 2010)</li><li>Target for NMDC: 8200 unique participants</li></ol></li><li>As a result of the above, in April 2016 NMDDC entered into delivery contracts with a number of partners to assist Council in achieving these targets and redistributed funding annually as per below:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>80k to Clanrye Group</li><li>28k to Athletics NI</li><li>10k to Tollymore FC</li><li>5k to Ulster Rugby</li><li>21k Travel and Equipment</li></ol></li><li>Council have received additional funding of 150k for this programme from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.</li></ul>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The above contracts finish on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.</li><li>This historical model has had a number of challenges including:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Current contracts do not allow Council to influence partners activity programmes.</li><li>Ensuring that funding is being utilised to directly deliver EBA 2020 programmes.</li><li>Appropriate and accurate recording of participation statistics.</li></ol></li></ul>				

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Lack of flexibility from partners when requesting alternative programme delivery.</li> <li>5. Duplication of programming between partners, SD programmes, leisure programmes and community programmes.</li> <li>6. Lack of control of delivery resources (coaches).</li> <li>7. A majority of delivery partners are restricted to delivering one specific sport or activity.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to the current contracts expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, a new Tender for this contract is proposed that will address the challenges currently identified including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working with a single delivery partner to deliver a wide range of multi activity disciplines.</li> <li>2. Council influence and control of what, when and how activity programmes are delivered.</li> <li>3. Flexibility for this programme to influence and support other identified programmes as agreed.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consider and approve Council to Tender the EBA 2020 Delivery Contract for 12 months from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 with possible extension subject to funding.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	There are no anticipated resources implications with this contract 100% funded
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	There are no anticipated equality and good relations arising from this specific report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
	There are no rural proofing implications arising from this specific report.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Community
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Sport NI Your School Your Club Funding
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

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1.0	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To consider and agree the update in appendix 1 of NMDDC projects that have applied for Your School Your Club Funding and approve the commissioning of the Tennis Bubble Project at Our Lady’s in Newry.</li></ul>				
1.2	<b>Background</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In May 2019, Sport NI recently requested EOI for projects to be consider for ‘Your School Your Club’ funding programme and Council submitted potential projects in line with its Sports Facility Strategy.</li><li>In June 2019, Sport NI requested further clarifications on selected projects.</li><li>In August 2019, Sport NI requested further information on selected projects.</li><li>The programme is aimed at Enhancing Club &amp; Community Use of School Sports Facilities.</li><li>Revised costs for projects have been submitted as a result of the above clarifications and after further consultation with capital teams.</li><li>A total of up to 125k of match funding from Councils programme was approved by Council in August for a Tennis Bubble at Our Lady’s Grammar in Newry.</li><li>A further request for a submission of a business case and proof of planning documentation was requested in October 2019 for the Tennis Bubble at Our Lady’s Grammar in Newry.</li></ul>				
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1g	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sport NI outlined that any match funding from YSYC will be subject to the following principals:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The aim of YSYC is to enhance community access to the school sporting estate.</li><li>While there is no minimum investment threshold, Value For Money and additionality will be taken into account in assessing projects;</li><li>For large scale projects, partnership funding will normally be required. YSYC will not be the majority funder in these projects;</li><li>For projects in, and/or benefitting rural areas, flexibility in funding will normally be provided.</li></ol></li></ul>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council is now in receipt of a letter of offer for up to £123,886 for 49.9% of project costs for the Tennis Bubble Project at Our Lady's Grammar in Newry.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider and agree the update in appendix 1 of NMDDC projects that have applied for Your School Your Club Funding and approve the commissioning of the Tennis Bubble Project at Our Lady's in Newry.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no anticipated resource implications.</li> <li>£125k for a Tennis Bubble Project has been identified in Councils Capital Budget.</li> <li>Council is now in receipt of a letter of offer of up to £123,886 for up to 49.9% for the Tennis Bubble Project in Newry.</li> <li>It is anticipated the above combined budget will accommodate the costs for this project.</li> </ul>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	There are no negative implications identified
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	Appendix 1: YSYC December 2019 Update Table
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	August 2019 - AHC YSYC Update Report



**Sport NI: Your School Your Club Submissions  
Updated Table (Dec 2019)**

Project Name	Project Type	Comments	Further Clarification Request	Further Information Requested	Further Information Request	Further Information Request/Letters of Offer Received.
Newry Mourne and Down District Council (Our Ladys High School)	Tennis Bubble and Courts Surface	Further clarification required on the project.	<p>Our Lady's High School (tennis surface and dome)</p> <p><b>Request:</b> Councils Capital team has confirmed a revised total project price of £248,886. £90K requested from YSYC last year and this has increased to £150K to improve accessibility. Is there potential for Council to increase funding to absorb this increase in costs?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Council has £100,000 of capital budget approved for improving the provision of tennis via the establishment of a Tennis Dome in the 2019/20 financial year. Any addition to this budget would have to be asked for and approved as part of the 2020/21 rates estimates process and therefore not delivered within this financial year.</p> <p>Given the current constraints on Councils capital budgets, there is a possibility that the current £100,000 identified for the Tennis Dome could be reallocated to other projects or withdrawn from the capital programme altogether if not committed in this financial year. A full breakdown of costs and rational for the revised project costs have been submitted as part of the previous clarification process.</p>	<p><b>Request:</b> In line with the principles of the YSYC initiative, YSYC will not be the majority funder. Based on project costs of £248,886, please provide confirmation that Council can provide a majority of the funding for the project?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Council confirm that they will be a majority funder up to £125k for 51% match funding of this project.</p>	The YSYC Joint Working Panel has agreed to proceed to the next stage with your proposed project. I would appreciate it if you could forward a copy of project business case for review.	<p><b>Request:</b> Letter of Offer Received for £123,886 for up to 49.9% of project costs. Council to complete and return Financial Declaration and Memorandum of understanding forms to Sport NI.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> Subject to Committee approval, Council will progress this project.</p>
St Louis Grammar School (Kilkeel) (EOI Submitted by School).	Project 1 - Synthetic pitch- Resurfacing of tennis courts and fencing	Further clarification required on the project.	<p>St Louis Grammar, Kilkeel (tennis surface and fencing)</p> <p><b>Request:</b> Update required on planning status and potential for floodlighting.</p> <p><b>Response:</b> The school have advised there is currently no planning in place but intend to submit drawings and an application for court resurfacing and flood lighting by end of august with a expectation the planning approvals may return in 3 month thereafter</p>	The project has been placed on a long list of projects. Should further funding be secured for future years, Sport NI will contact the Council to request an update.	No Further Information Requested	No Further Information Requested
Newry Mourne and Down District Council (St Marys High School)	Synthetic pitch	Further clarification required on the project.	No Further Information Requested.	The project has been placed on a long list of projects. Should further funding be secured for future years, Sport NI will contact the Council to request an update.	No Further Information Requested	No Further Information Requested
Newry Mourne and Down District Council (Newry High School)	Synthetic pitch; floodlighting; extension to changing or new changing; 6/8 lane running track around the upgraded 2G hockey hockey pitch and upgrading of tennis courts	Further clarification required on the project.	Further Clarification Requested through Education Authority	<p><b>Request:</b> Council to clarify the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project scope i.e. Is the project a floodlit full sized 3G with 4 room changing;</li> <li>2. Provide a breakdown of construction costs; and</li> <li>3. Clarify the partnership funding package from EA, DE and any other parties.</li> </ol> <p><b>Response:</b> (From Education Authority)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project is for a 3g pitch with floodlights and fencing.</li> <li>2. The total <b>estimated</b> construction cost of the project is attached. (£613,159.50) If additional changing facilities were to be added this would need to be added to the attached costs.</li> <li>3. EA is unable to confirm partnership funding at this stage.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Request:</b> In line with the principles of the YSYC initiative, YSYC will not be the majority funder. Based on project costs of £613,159.50 and the absence of funding from EA, please provide details of other partners that can provide a majority of the funding for the project?</p> <p><b>Response:</b> This is an Education Authority Led Project. EA is still unable to confirm partnership funding at this stage of the project (Nov 2019).</p>	No Further Information Requested

St Louis Grammar School (Kilkeel) (EOI Submitted by School).	Project 2 - New sports hall	The project has been placed on a long list of projects. Should further funding be secured for future years, Sport NI will contact the Council to request an update.	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested
St Louis Grammar School (Kilkeel) (EOI Submitted by School).	Project 3 - New full sized synthetic pitch with floodlighting	The project has been placed on a long list of projects. Should further funding be secured for future years, Sport NI will contact the Council to request an update.	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested
Newry Mourne and Down District Council (Kilkeel High School)	Ball Stop/perimeter fencing	The project has been placed on a long list of projects. Should further funding be secured for future years, Sport NI will contact the Council to request an update.	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested
Newry Mourne and Down District Council (Down High School)	Synthetic pitch; floodlighting to synthetic pitch, extension to existing changing or new changing, access infrastructure, 6/8 lane running track around the upgraded 2g hockey pitch, upgrading of tennis courts	The project has been placed on a long list of projects. Should further funding be secured for future years, Sport NI will contact the Council to request an update.	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested	No Further Information Requested.	No Further Information Requested

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Community
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Renewal of the LeisureWatch Scheme
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure

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<b>1.0</b>			<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1			<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The purpose of this report is to consider and agree to the renewal of the LeisureWatch Scheme for another 12 months .</li> </ul>
1.2			<b>Background</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previously in January 2017, Council agreed to extend the legacy Newry and Mourne Council arrangement for Leisurewatch into remaining leisure sites across the District (AHC/8/2017)</li> <li>Leisurewatch is an accredited annual membership scheme for organisations that have a responsibility for the public who are using their facilities and was created by police and public protection practitioners. It is particularly recommended for leisure facilities. Staff are trained by experts in the field to help protect vulnerable adults and children on our premises and by giving staff the confidence to recognise, assess and help manage the risk presented by concerning sexual behaviour on our premises.</li> </ul> <p>The key elements of Leisurewatch are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training for frontline staff, consisting of a three-hour workshop to help them identify, assess, and manage sex offender risk</li> <li>A site audit for each facility examining physical, design and security issues that enable potential offenders to operate more easily our premises</li> <li>The establishment of an official protocol with the Police whereby concerns recorded by staff will be reported to, and acted upon where appropriate by the Public Protection Unit of the local constabulary</li> <li>Training for site managers to co-ordinate contact with the Police, to manage the risk presented by sex offenders and create safer working environments</li> <li>Provision of on-site signage and other branding materials to demonstrate that your site is a member of the scheme, helping to deter potential offenders and reassure the public</li> <li>Regular mystery visits with follow-up advice and support to check implementation of the scheme and ensure that Leisurewatch protection is effective</li> <li>Newsletters and regular briefings on key issues and changes in legislation of which staff must be aware.</li> </ul>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>It is proposed that the Council agree to the renewal of the scheme and signing of the contract for another 12 months from 1st January 2020 with membership renewal on 1st January 2021. Member sites included in this agreement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ballymote Sports &amp; Well Being Centre, Derryleckagh Pavilion, Downpatrick Leisure Centre, Kilbroney Park, Kilkeel Leisure Centre, Newcastle Castle Park, Newcastle Centre, Newcastle Rock Pool, Newcastle Tropicana, Newry Leisure Centre, Slieve Gullion Forest Park, St Colman's Sports Complex, Warrenpoint Municipal Park</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>That the Committee agree to the renewal of the LeisureWatch scheme and signing of the contract for another 12 months from 1st January 2020 with membership renewal on 1st January 2021.</b></li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	There are not resources implications identified. The financial cost for this scheme is £2210 which has been accounted for in the estimates process.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	There are no anticipated rural proofing implications.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Consultation from DAERA on NI Environment Strategy
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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1.0	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To consider and agree to return the attached consultation response to DAERA.</li></ul>				
1.2	<b>Background</b> <p>The Department of Agriculture, Environment &amp; Rural Affairs (DAERA) is seeking views on the potential scope, scale and ambition of Northern Ireland’s first environment strategy.</p> <p>Northern Ireland’s environment is its most important asset and it is crucial to all of us. Clean air, good quality water and the green and blue spaces, to which we have access, are part of our ‘natural capital’ (i.e. our stock of natural resources, including geology, soils, air, water and all living organisms).</p> <p>Effective care of the environment provides very real benefits in terms of improving health and wellbeing, promoting economic development and addressing the social problems which result from a poor-quality environment. Northern Ireland has not had an overarching environment strategy to date however DAERA are now proposing to develop an effective and holistic approach that will deliver real improvements for many decades to come.</p> <p>DAERA has produced a public discussion document designed to give stakeholders the opportunity to express their opinions freely on a wide range of environmental issues facing Northern Ireland.</p>				
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The proposed Environment Strategy for NI will sit alongside existing high-level strategies endorsed by the NI Executive and will set the tone for environmental protection and improvement for decades to come.</li></ul>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As preparations continue to leave the EU, the development of this Strategy provides the opportunity to shape environmental engagement, prosperity, efficiency and quality for our future generations.</li> <li>• The Draft strategy covers all of the traditional environmental policy areas but DAERA are keen to present them through a number of themes that will properly highlight the importance of the environment, not just in terms of its intrinsic value but also to a wide range of social and economic issues to which it brings significant benefits.</li> <li>• At this stage the Department has developed 4 potential themes within the Strategy which overlap to some extent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Environmental Engagement;</li> <li>➢ Environmental Prosperity;</li> <li>➢ Environmental Efficiency; and</li> <li>➢ Environmental Quality.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The 6 suggested draft outcomes for the Strategy are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ We achieve zero waste and a well-developed circular economy;</li> <li>➢ Everyone can access and is connected to a healthy environment;</li> <li>➢ We have reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved climate resilience;</li> <li>➢ Biodiversity loss halted, ecosystems in a healthy state, and well managed landscapes;</li> <li>➢ We achieve sustainable consumption and production on land and sea;</li> <li>➢ We have excellent air, water, land and neighbourhood quality.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response. The response has been returned by the required date on the proviso that it will be subject to Council Approval.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	None.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	This report has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	Appendix I: NMDDC Consultation Response
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	<a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations</a>





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### Consultation NI Environment Strategy

**Q1: Do you agree that the Environment Strategy should sit alongside existing Executive-endorsd strategies, such as the Sustainable Development, Public Health and Economic Strategies?**

Yes ☒

No ☐

#### Comments

NMDDC believes that the importance of the Environment Strategy should be at the very least, on par with other Executive endorsed Strategies.

Our environment, which is essential to future prosperity and well-being, has never been under more pressure: biodiversity is in decline, air and water quality remains poor and there is a global climate emergency which is impacting upon all areas of life.

Effective delivery of an ambitious long-term Environment Strategy will help reverse the decline and then, critically, should set Northern Ireland on a new path of renewal and environmental regeneration.

In addition, we believe it is fundamental to the future of Northern Ireland that an Environment Bill for Northern Ireland is enacted to give the Environment Strategy a binding, legal footing. Failure to do so will mean the document will lack 'teeth' and remain largely ineffective along with a host of other strategies such as the NI Sustainable Development Strategy and the NI Biodiversity Strategy. It could be argued for example that if our Sustainable Development Strategy had been backed up by legislation, our environment would not be in as bad condition. Without legislation the state of our environment will continue to diminish. The strategy should have statutory targets that are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

**Q2: Do you agree that these broad environmental areas are appropriate for the Environment Strategy?**

Yes ☒

No ☐

**If "No", what alternatives would you like to see included?**

Review of Planning legislation and in particular 'Permitted Development Rights' and retrospective planning permission. Government needs to tackle the issue of unintentional or deliberate misuse of permitted development rights in the countryside. Clarification needs to be provided as to when the use of PDR is allowed and when a planning application is required. If the issue of PDR continues to be interpreted incorrectly, consideration should be given to changing what is currently allowed. Government also needs to tackle the issue of development without planning permission and the extremely high success level of retrospective permission.

Under Built Environment there is reference to 'heritage buildings and monuments'. Given the nature of the NI landscape and the historical intertwining of natural and historic environment, there should be more attention on the historic environment including archaeology. For this Strategy to succeed it requires a partnership approach across Government and is particularly relevant to the Historic Environment Division.

**Other Comments**

While we agree with the broad environmental areas listed, we would like to make the following additional comments:

- We agree with the assertion that environmental issues do not respect borders and believe that the island of Ireland and its surrounding seas represent a single biogeographic unit with shared land and sea borders. Therefore, to effectively address these issues we must do so on an all-island basis which will require on-going and close cross-border cooperation at a departmental, local authority and community level.
- We note that the sentence on P15 stating '*Linking the Environment Strategy to appropriate international standards, such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals, may also be desirable*'. The linking of the Strategy to the SDGs should be mandatory not optional. The UK government has signed up to delivering the SDGs and Northern Ireland is required to contribute to the UK reporting process. As we believe all future NI Departmental Strategies and Policies (including Programmes for Government) must help deliver on our commitment to implement the SDGs, a SDG Implementation plan for NI with specific indicators must be developed. By using the SDG model, it should be easier to progress/implement the Environment Strategy in the absence of a



NI Executive, as it does not require a new approach/departure from previously agreed Government policy. Also, if framed around the SDGs, the Environment strategy could be used as an SDG reporting mechanism.

- While agreeing with the statement that *'For a high-level environment strategy to be meaningful it is essential that it is ambitious in terms of its breadth and depth'* We would argue however that for the Strategy to be meaningful it must have:
  - **Legally-binding environmental objectives** for wildlife, water, air and natural assets, each with a delivery strategy, timeline and milestones;
  - **Green investment** ensuring public and private money supports greener towns, countryside and seas;
  - **Accountability across government and the private sector** applying the polluters pays principle and ensuring government and businesses are held to account for their environmental record.
- Similarly, we agree that the Strategy must contain ambitious goals/targets. To ensure this is the case and in order to make a real difference each objective must:
  - Have SMART goals and targets to ensure they are measurable and time bound with clear milestones;
  - New and avoid being merely repeats of existing commitments already made in other policy or agreements that we are currently failing on;
  - Be 'world leading' if we are to meet the ambition set out on P21 that, *Northern Ireland will also have a key leadership role in demonstrating to the rest of the world what is possible.*

If the Strategy is to 'make a difference to the lives and wellbeing of this and future generations' it will need to remain a 'living' document in that it must be able to respond to new and emerging environmental challenges.

As a high level starting point for development of a strategy the scope and content are broadly appropriate and comprehensive of the issues to be addressed to deliver a healthy environment and to underpin our society and economy. We particularly welcome the attention to landscapes alongside other facets of our environment.

This breadth is somewhat in contrast to the Programme for Government which does not have landscape or access to the outdoors targets and focusses on conservation, rather than landscape, designations (which are of course important but only an aspect of our landscape/ environmental resource). To a lesser extent a similar issue was evident in the DAERA Future Agri Strategy which, while comprehensively addressing air and water quality, soil health and biodiversity, was less focussed on landscape quality. Addressing this imbalance, we feel, will go a long way to ensuring that the scope of this Environment Strategy is sufficiently encompassing.

Despite relatively undeveloped arrangements for landscape management, certainly by comparison to other UK jurisdictions, Northern Ireland retains a wealth of quality landscapes and, thanks to the varied geology on which they are based, an exceptional diversity for such a small area. But such are the pressures - natural and man-made - we feel more robust arrangements need to be developed for management of our most prized landscapes to ensure landscape resilience and/or deliver to the fullest the eco-system goods and services that these areas have the potential to supply. We would welcome attention to this issue as the strategy is developed.



A strong sense of place is pervasive in Northern Ireland, with much of our culture and heritage inextricably bound up with our landscapes. This trait, as we will return to, is a feature of our society and people that we feel the strategy should take cognisance and which offers some opportunities. Partly for this reason we welcome that the definition of landscape on page 16 draws on the wording of the European Landscape Convention (i.e. 'Landscape is an area, perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors etc').

**Q3: Do you agree that these are appropriate strategic themes for the Environment Strategy?**

Yes ☒

No ☐

If "No", what alternative or additional themes/issues would you like to see in the strategy?

**Other Comments**

**Q4: Do you have any comments on what specific issues should be included under a proposed Environmental Engagement strategic theme?**

Changing the attitude of society to the environment is crucial to the long-term prosperity of Northern Ireland. Research has shown that outdoor and environmental education has multiple benefits for children. Schools be drivers of sustainability at the heart of their communities, promoting a culture of 'learning together'. Engaging adults in informal lifelong learning using the outdoors also brings a range of benefits. Environmental education has been shown to:

- Improve academic performance across the curriculum including numeracy, literacy and STEM activities
- Encourage children to transfer and apply skills learned in the classroom, and lets them gain skills to tackle future environmental issues facing Northern Ireland
- Increase equality of opportunity for children from all backgrounds
- Bring inherent health and wellbeing benefits to children and adults

It is crucial therefore that a joint Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, and Department of Education 'Environmental Education Strategy' is developed for Northern Ireland, which promotes an expectation of outdoor learning and fieldwork both within the curriculum and through lifelong learning.

We believe the issues, target groups and proposals listed under this theme can be categorised as achieving Behavioural Change in relation to our interaction with the environment. Behaviour change at all levels, in government, in business and in individual decisions and actions, is critical to the success of all the significant changes required to protect and, where needed, restore our environment for current and future generations.

As such this theme could include measures such as:

- Establishing a behaviour change knowledge resource in NI to:
  - Summarise/ disseminate research appropriate for use by government/ eNGOs
  - Support effective and consistent organisational communications with the public
  - Drive public behaviour change in line with necessary changes to business models.
- Carry out local research to ensure suitability of findings elsewhere for NI culture and norms.
- Engage the public, including young people, when deciding on the priorities for which behaviours need to change.
- Increase opportunities for councils to promote environmental behavioural change beyond traditional areas such as waste and recycling
- Encourage and support experimentation to test innovative behaviour change approaches.
- Grow opportunities for young people to take action on the environment and nurture and encourage the next generation of environmentally responsible citizens
- Engage in in-house behaviour change campaigns and support expansion across government departments where success is proven. Expect the same approach from recipients of departmental funding.
- Introduce an environmental 'engagement index' to act as a baseline measure to determine future progress.
- Consideration should be given to communication techniques, and particularly the usability of the DAERA website and/or exploration of alternative online channels
- Behavioural change for 'business' is crucial; DAERA should review current mechanisms for engaging with business, including Prosperity Agreements
- DAERA should adhere to best practice with regards to Open Government principles, including Open Data, when engaging with the public



Finally, it is worth noting that the key behavioural change that has helped fund many existing environmental initiatives has been the introduction of Plastic Bag Levy legislation.

Environment should be core to the educational curriculum - cutting across all other aspects - and not an 'add-on'. In this way the extent to which it is inherent to all aspects of our lives is demonstrated – i.e. it is not something we take 'time out' to think about and address, rather something we must consider in all our activity. We must also however ensure that opportunities are available for all of us to be lifelong learners in relation to the environment. Partly for this reason we would like to see more focus in this section on access to the environment to build understanding of both its inherent qualities and the economic and social activity that it supports. We think there is an opportunity for properly empowered and resourced locally based bodies to engage local communities with their landscapes and environment, 'drawing them in' through the sense of place and identity that is inherent in many in our society who may not necessarily currently have commensurately high levels of environmental awareness.

**Q5: Do you have any comments on what specific issues should be included under a proposed Environmental Prosperity strategic theme?**

We think area-based structures that can co-ordinate coherent local action are needed to deliver these mutually dependent benefits through landscape scale – as opposed to land ownership scale – approaches. Hence these should be addressed as the strategy is developed as a key element of delivering environmental prosperity.

**Q6: Do you have any comments on what specific issues should be included under a proposed Environmental Efficiency strategic theme?**

Climate Change

- Legislation for climate change in NI would allow specific policies to be developed to meet emissions targets and enable society to adapt our environment to the risks. NI Climate Change Legislation should include:
- If the Northern Ireland Climate Change adaption programme is to be successful we would suggest that local leadership and landscape scale coordination will be needed to harness and focus the action of individual landowners to result in landscape resilience. This is particularly in those landscapes that are a) most sensitive to and impacted by climate change; b) have most capacity to deliver eco-system goods and services to mitigate it and c) have the most marginal lands and most fragmented land ownership. We would suggest that features a) to c) are often co-terminus i.e. our most sensitive environments are our most 'valuable' e.g. AONBs.



### Resource Efficiency & Circular Economy

The Strategy needs to:

- Tackle the consumption issue (which is ethical as well as environmental) and works towards a circular economy for Northern Ireland;
- Ensure a holistic approach to the circular economy, including smart regulation, market-based instruments, research and innovation, incentives, measures of performance, and information exchange;
- Build Northern Ireland's clean green image as an attractor for inward investment, recognising the economic and tourism potential inherent in our natural and cultural heritage – which demonstrates that Northern Ireland remains committed to delivering our targets for emissions, waste, recycling, and energy efficiency.

Develop and implement policies that work across all government departments to promote the development of a circular economy and realise the economic benefits and opportunities this can provide.

### AONBs

The role of designated landscapes (AONBs and National Parks) in innovating and trialling environmental approaches – acting as 'hothouses' for innovation – has long been recognised in GB (less so in NI). This is reinforced in the recent Landscape Review commissioned by DEFRA

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-landscapes-national-parks-and-aonbs-2018-review/landscapes-review-summary-of-findings>. This far reaching work notes the government's 25 Year Environment Plan's ambition: 'we want to improve the UK's air and water quality and protect our many threatened plants, trees and wildlife species'. It goes on to say, 'Our national landscapes should lead the way'. And further says, 'They should be at the forefront of our national response to climate change'.

## **Q7: Do you have any comments on what specific issues should be included under a proposed Environmental Quality strategic theme?**

We would broadly agree with the issues proposed under the Environmental Quality strategic theme. However as previously stated, the Strategy must contain ambitious goals/ targets for these issues. To ensure this is the case and in order to make a real difference each issue (Air, Water Quality, Biodiversity etc.) must be:

- Accompanied by SMART goals and targets to ensure they were measurable and time bound with clear milestones.
- 'New' and avoid being merely repeats of existing commitments/targets already made in other policy or agreements that we are currently failing on. We have for example failed to meet our target of halting biodiversity by the previously agreed date of 2010, 2015 and we are well on our way to failing to meet our 2020 target. Therefore, merely identifying a further date without ambitious and enforceable compulsory targets is likely to achieve the same poor results.



- 'World leading' if we are to meet the ambition set out on P21 that, *Northern Ireland will also have a key leadership role in demonstrating to the rest of the world what is possible.*

Some additional specific comments on this section

- While P25/26 rightly states that '*designation and management of our protected sites is a key tool in our efforts to halt biodiversity loss on land and sea*' it needs to be acknowledged that to date resources/ effort have primarily been directed towards designation rather than management, as evidenced by the poor condition of our designated sites.
- Promoting and facilitating the transfer of unused public land for community and environmental benefit
- Forest coverage is around 40% lower in Northern Ireland than the UK. A Tree and Hedgerow Strategy should be developed to increase tree cover and hedgerows in a strategic manner, in such a way to alleviate flood risk, improve environmental quality and benefit wildlife by providing ecological corridors.
- Although the document rightly identifies agricultural run-off as the main cause of poor water quality, the issue of mis-connections and cumulative impact of pollution from defective septic tanks also need addressed within the strategy.
- While referencing the issue of dilapidated and unsightly buildings and structures, the strategy should also ensure we do more to protect and maximise the return from our architectural heritage.
- Given the level of the litter problem in our urban areas and wider countryside, it is inexplicable that 'we do not yet have a litter strategy'.
- An additional area worthy of inclusion in the Environment Strategy is light pollution. It is a growing problem, given the diminishing number of 'dark skies'. As well as the impact on nocturnal animals, there are other issues relating to the energy costs of lighting the countryside - roads, floodlit houses etc.

We note that while 'land' quality is referenced under this theme 'landscape' quality is not. This contrasts with the welcome references to landscape in the document, as noted previously. We suggest that under this theme attention ought to be given to development of a set of indicators of landscape quality in Northern Ireland. This could include, but not necessarily be confined to, something along the lines of the formerly produced Countryside Survey. It should also take account of the definition of landscape in the European Convention as quoted earlier in the consultation document, thus including the visual and cultural aspects alluded to in the words 'as perceived by people'.

This territory – landscape quality - is skirted under 'Neighbourhood Quality' when issues such as dilapidation of buildings and litter are touched on, but landscape quality is of course much broader.

In a similar vein, the document – on page 13 – states that 'Protected Areas represent the very best of our landscapes, biodiversity and geodiversity....'. From the context – including reference to designation of protected sites being 'largely complete' and the need to work towards 'favourable conservation status'\* we take it the protected areas being referred to here are the conservation designations (SACs, SPAs, ASSIs etc). We would suggest that while these do represent the best of our biodiversity and geodiversity, they do not necessarily encompass the best of our natural landscapes. That is more likely to be true of our AONBs, along even then partially so. Again, though the need for future strategy to articulate what we mean by our 'best' landscapes is, we feel, evident.



## Q8: What do you see as the main environmental governance priorities for Northern Ireland?

We note the statement on P30 that *'While there is support for an independent agency, responses to the most recent discussion document on environmental governance indicated a widely held view amongst stakeholders that the focus should be on environmental outcomes rather than simply changing delivery structures'*. We would however contend that multiple independent reviews of Environmental Governance in NI over the last twenty years concluded that an independent EPA should be introduced here as a matter of urgency. The most recent Report: Northern Ireland: Challenges and opportunities for post-Brexit environmental governance, concluded that the region is lagging behind the rest of the UK, experiencing 'the relegation of environmental concerns down the list of political imperatives'. The Report goes on *'Common issues include the lack of an independent environmental agency, the absence of an environmental audit committee in the NI Assembly, and the lack of a specific environmental tribunal or at least environmental experts within the judiciary and prosecution services.'* It also highlights the need for:

- A separate environment commissioner to be appointed who can participate in a UK-wide environmental watchdog.
- Common UK environmental frameworks to be created which must be sufficiently flexible to accommodate continued cooperation between Northern Ireland and Ireland on a North/South basis under the umbrella of the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council contains the Mourne and Ring of Gullion AONB and the greater part of a third AONB, Strangford Lough and Lecale. Accordingly, we are conscious of the limitations of the current and historic arrangements for protection and enhancement of these prized landscapes. These include the absence of a recent and comprehensive strategy for how we care for our landscapes in NI, a weak legislative base compared to GB and other jurisdictions across Europe, inconsistent arrangements for management bodies and insecurity of funding for the latter. We strongly welcome the references to landscape in the consultation document, notably the inclusion of 'well managed landscapes' in the draft outcomes. So, we would urge attention in the strategy development to a strategic consideration of the management needs of our AONBs and consistent and secure arrangements for delivery underpinned by up to date and sufficiently robust legislative provisions.

We feel there is merit in establishing an Office of Environmental Protection similar to that proposed in GB.

In relation to an independent Environmental Protection Agency, we note the quoting of *'a widely held view amongst stakeholders that the focus should be on environmental outcomes rather than simply changing delivery structures'*. We would emphasise that this is not an 'either / or' situation. In other words, an independent EPA could be part of the means to delivering better outcomes. Our feel is that this feedback from environmental stakeholders should be interpreted as cautioning against a change of structures that does not deliver better outcomes, but not as implying that a change of structures is necessarily undesirable. The development of



an environment strategy is, as stated, one way of delivering outcomes, but an EPA might also be an important part of the mix.

Otherwise we feel the key environmental governance priority to consider is to address the piecemeal, inconsistent and insecure arrangements for management of our most prized landscapes in relation to structures, resources and legislation. Area based approaches are important to delivery of many of the aspirations of the themes outlined in the discussion document, as well as protection and enhancement of landscapes. This we feel is particularly the case in a context where, as we will return to, the fragmented land ownership situation in NI can be seen to argue for a need for resources and empowerment to be directed to co-ordination of landscape management.

The Landscape Review in England which, along with identifying a leadership role for both National Parks and AONBs, recommends elevating the status and scope of the latter designation and resourcing management to a level commensurate with the former. (And this in the context that AONBs in England and Wales already have a higher status and more secure resourcing than the equivalent designation in NI).

In Northern Ireland, our coast is proportionately very important, with close to three quarters of it designated as AONB. Yet, initiatives to more consistently address the challenges and opportunities relating to it – for example Integrated Coastal Zone Management – have been short-lived.

#### Q9: Do you agree that these are appropriate draft outcomes for the Environment Strategy?

Yes ☒

No ☒

If "No", what alternative or additional outcomes would you like to see?

Additional outcomes could be:

- To significantly reduce/ halt wildlife and environmental crime.
- A minimum requirement set for outdoor education time for every child.

#### Other Comments

We are generally content with the 6 Draft Outcomes listed, however, the Strategy must set deadlines for these to be achieved otherwise they will remain an open-ended wish list. As previously stated objectives, targets and outcomes should be legally binding and underpinned by shorter-term targets, with appropriate resources and indicators to measure progress.

Again, we note the inclusion of 'well managed landscapes' in the outcomes and strongly welcome this. In recognising this aspiration, we cannot but again point up



the limitations of our current institutional set up for managing landscapes in relation to strategy, policy, legislation, management structures and resourcing. To add to the issues already highlighted the strategy framework still goes back to the 'Shared Horizons' Document produced in the early part of this century, the Landscape Charter issued by DoE in 2014 has not been built upon and our AONBs have a weak legislative standing in the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985. Attention will be needed to these and the other issues raised in relation to landscapes if this outcome is to be achieved.

# **Q10: What are your big ideas for the future protection and enhancement of the environment?**

Creation of a Citizens Assembly on Climate Change / NI Environmental Citizens Advisory panel to improve levels of citizen information, engagement and participation in the design of environmental policies and strategies that affect NI. There could also be the option of future development into a cross-border environmental citizens advisory panel tasked with exploring an island-wide environment response as the protection and management of the environment on the island of Ireland, from our rivers, seas, air, waste and wildlife, requires cross-border collaboration and affects all citizens.

Creation of a 'Nature Recovery Network' – A nationwide map for nature - a spatial plan that identifies and creates the corridors and areas of habitat wildlife needs to move to recover. It will connect wild places and provide space for wildlife to recover and thrive. To do so will mean putting space for nature at the heart of our farming and planning systems.

The need for secure and consistent arrangements for designated landscape management is the idea/change that would make most profound difference in our remit. And, for the reasons outlined, we feel that addressing the deficiencies in this area can contribute significantly to delivery of many of the aspirations expressed for the environment strategy.

The legacy of under investment in arrangements for landscape management in NI to some extent makes any progress in this regard a 'big idea', even if it is not a 'new idea' nationally and internationally. Indeed, we would suggest that, while it can be argued that levels of environmental awareness and responsibility tend to be quite low in Northern Irish society compared to other jurisdictions, that sense of place is proportionately very strong. This, we feel, offers potential to engage people with broader environmental themes and issues through the 'gateway' of tapping into their interest in their locality.

In turn we feel there is a case to be made that fulfilment of the aspirations of an environment strategy can best be achieved in Northern Ireland through a strong 'bottom up', area-based element in implementation structures. In other words that while we currently empower this approach less than other jurisdictions, some of the attributes of NI's environment and society can be seen to argue for a particularly local landscape-led approach as a tactic for success.

Recent separate reviews in each of England and Wales have evidenced the success of landscape-based approaches and recommended strengthening of these.

A review in Scotland as far back as 2008 came to similar conclusions. Such an approach has been seen very effectively to bring together the various streams proposed in the discussion document – engagement, environmental quality, resource efficiency at level to which people can relate and ‘make real’ the issues and appropriate responses.

England (2019): <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-landscapes-national-parks-and-aonbs-2018-review>

Wales (2017): <https://www.afwdl.cymru/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/170508-future-landscapes-delivering-for-wales-en.pdf>

Scotland (2008):

<https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20180516114531/http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2008/11/25131614/0>

**Q11: Do you have any other comments or contributions?**



<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Single Use Plastics Strategy
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing
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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	To consider and agree to adopting a Single Use Plastics Strategy for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. The strategy includes a SUPs Policy and Action Plan.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Health and Wellbeing Department were tasked with actioning the Notice of Motion 'Single Use Plastic Free Council' brought by Cllr Clarke to RTS Committee in August 2018.</li><li>• A Single Use Plastics working group has been established within the council with cross departmental representation.</li><li>• This is in response to the growing issues caused by single use plastics contributing to waste and litter and their impacts on wildlife and habitats both locally and globally.</li><li>• Plastic waste is one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the world today. The UK government estimates that there are currently more than 150m tonnes of plastic in the world's oceans, and that some 100,000 sea mammals and one million birds die from eating or becoming tangled in plastic waste each year.</li><li>• Single-use plastics can include any disposable plastic item which is designed to be used only once e.g. plastic bags, disposable utensils (forks, knives, spoons), beverage containers, coffee capsules, wet wipes, razor blades, plastic drinks bottles, food wrappers, bottle tops, straws, stirrers and plastic lids.</li></ul>				

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That SMT agree that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is committed to taking leadership on tackling the plastic waste problem by taking responsibility for its own impact on the environment and society, both within the local area and across the globe.</li> <li>• That SMT agree that the council will work towards minimising use of single-use plastics across its own operations and services and by all staff and pro-actively work with partners to find positive solutions for reducing unnecessary waste plastics across the district.</li> <li>• That SMT agree that in order to support Newry, Mourne and Down District Council becoming a single-use plastics free council, the council commits to implementing a Single Use Plastics Strategy for the council.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been some spend to date from existing budgets in relation to purchasing reusable cutlery and plates, cups etc. However once in place these items will offset long term costs of using disposable plates, cups and utensils.</li> <li>• Provision of water fountains in publicly accessible council owned buildings and in some public places to encourage use of reusable water bottles.</li> <li>• Provision of recycling facilities at events to encourage recycling and composting of alternatives to single use plastics as a result of this policy</li> </ul>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	<p>1. Equality &amp; GR implications</p> <p>The Single Use Plastics Policy has been equality screened and the decision is that it not be subject to an equality impact assessment (with no mitigating measures required).</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	<p><b>Insert one the following:</b></p> <p>Due regard to rural needs has been considered in relation to the development of the Single Use Plastics Policy and a rural needs impact assessment has been completed.</p> <p>There are no negative implications identified</p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Single Use Plastics Policy</li> <li>• Draft Single Use plastics Action Plan</li> </ul>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
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## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

### Single Use Plastic Strategy



### Draft Action Plan

Theme 1 – Audit and Baseline situation				
Objective 1 – Audit of current single use plastic throughout Council				
Output	Action	Responsible/Lead	Other Stakeholders	Target Date
Audit of current use of single use plastics across Council.	Carry out Audits of current use of single use plastics in different sites and services/depts.	Sustainability Team	Council Departments Responsible Officers	Sept 2019
Group SUP items into level of difficulty to eliminate e.g. easy, moderate, hard.	<b>EASY-</b> plastic drink bottles, plastic drink cups, plastic food takeaway boxes, plastic cutlery, plastic grocery bags, straws, stirrers, sauce sachets and tea bags with plastic wrappers. <b>MODERATE-</b> hot drink cups and lids, coffee capsules and stationery. <b>HARD-</b> bin bags, food wrappers, yogurt pots, milk bottles, composite food packaging (e.g: chocolate boxes, biscuit trays, crisp bags, soup containers), cleaning supplies (e.g: washing-up fluid, other cleaning fluids and wet wipes), food packaging film, protective packaging for fragile items etc.	Sustainability Team	Council Departments Responsible Officers	Oct 2019

Theme 2 – Getting our own house in order				
Objective 2 – Work with staff and departments to phase out use of single use plastic within Council				
Output	Action	Responsible/Lead	Other Stakeholders	Target Date
Establish SUP Working Group	Establish a SUP Working Group made up of key staff from across council	Sustainability Team	Key Staff	March 2019
Meet with key staff	Meet with key staff to identify current SUP use.	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Aug 2019
Chief Executive Notice	Chief Executive Notice to all staff on SUPs	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Aug 2019
Develop SUP Strategy	Develop SUP Strategy	Sustainability Team	SMT All Staff	Dec 2019
Awareness raising staff	Awareness raising among staff of the issue – posters, talks, newsletter	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Dec 2020
Competition for staff	Competition among staff for solutions to the issues	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Dec 2020
Action plan	Draw up action plan and implement measures to phase out use of SUPs.	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Dec 2019
Water Founts - Public	Install Water Founts at suitable locations in all public access council buildings, eg Leisure centres, community centres, townhall, museums, etc. for public to access water refills.	Sustainability Team Building Managers	All Staff	Dec 2020
Water Founts – Public Outdoors	Develop a Pilot project to install a small number of outdoor Water Founts at suitable locations in a number of towns to include Warrenpoint and Rostrevor - for public to access water refills.	Sustainability Team Estates	All Staff	Dec 2020
Water Founts – Staff	Install Water Founts at suitable locations for staff use	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Apr 2020
Reusable Water Bottles	Supply a Reusable Water Bottle to all Staff	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Aug 2019

Measure and report	Measure and report successes -Newsletter, posters, etc	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Dec 2020
Awareness of recycling	Improve knowledge of recycling facilities, where they are provided in-house, across the council and enable our employees to recycle better.	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Dec 2020
Caretakers and Cleaning Staff	Ongoing training support and communication for cleaning teams regarding recycling.	Sustainability Team	All Staff	Ongoing
<b>Theme 3 – Working with our suppliers</b>				
<b>Objective 3 – Work with suppliers and contractors and staff to phase out use of single use plastic within Council</b>				
<b>Output</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible/Lead</b>	<b>Other Stakeholders</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Revise existing procurement policy and procedures.	Revise existing procurement policy and procedures.	Procurement Department	Purchasing Officers Suppliers/Contractors	Dec 2020
	Instruct staff to purchase only recyclable or reusable containers for catering facilities if applicable.	Procurement Department	Purchasing Officers Suppliers/Contractors	Dec 2020
	Procurement of cleaning materials to include only recyclable or reusable containers	Procurement Department	Purchasing Officers Suppliers/Contractors	Dec 2020
	Bulk buy cleaning liquids and use refillable containers for cleaning – spray guns, bottles, etc.	Procurement Department	Facilities Management Purchasing Officers Suppliers/Contractors	Dec 2020
	Purchase additional steel cutlery and crockery - cups and plates	Procurement Department	Purchasing Officers Suppliers/Contractors Building Managers Facilities	Dec 2020
	Ensure where contractually possible that no SUP cups, bottles, straws, plates, cutlery etc.	Procurement Department	Purchasing Officers Suppliers/Contractors	Dec 2020



	When a SUP item cannot be eliminated or replaced by a reusable option, thoroughly assess any proposed alternatives to ensure that they have a lower environmental impact.	Sustainability Team	Purchasing Officers Suppliers/Contractors	Dec 2020
<b>Theme 4 – Events</b>				
<b>Objective 4 – Work with contractors and other stakeholders to avoid use of single use plastic at Council events and events on Council land/premises</b>				
<b>Output</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible/Lead</b>	<b>Other Stakeholders</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
Identify existing SUP items	Identify existing SUP items in use at events e.g. catering	Sustainability Team	Events Team Tourism Suppliers/Contractors	
Alternative options to SUPs	Work with events team and service providers to look at alternatives to SUPs	Sustainability Team	Events Team Tourism Contractors/Suppliers	
Provide recycling and composting receptacles	Provide recycling and composting receptacles at events and provide for collection service	Waste Team	Events Team Tourism Contractors/Suppliers Waste/Cleansing Team	
External organisers to use alternatives materials to replace SUP items	To encourage those external organisers (who apply for licensing for public events) to use alternatives materials to replace SUP items such as paper cups, plates and trays etc.	Sustainability Team	Events Team Tourism Contractors/Suppliers	

Theme 5 – Influencing others				
Objective 5 – Work with businesses, schools and communities to phase out use of single use plastic across the district				
Output	Action	Responsible/Lead	Other Stakeholders	Target Date
Deliver Refillution project	Deliver the Refillution Programme in partnership with NI Water	Sustainability Team	Local Businesses NI Water	Dec 2020
Deliver Refillution project	Identify 10 local businesses to sign up to Refillution Programme	Sustainability Team	Local Businesses NI Water	Dec 2020
Deliver Refillution project	Deliver reusable bottles and awareness information – visits to businesses	Sustainability Team	Local Businesses NI Water	Dec 2020
Deliver Refillution project	Celebrate achievements and PR/Media coverage on Refillution Programme	Sustainability Team	Local Businesses NI Water	Dec 2020
Awareness	Support greater awareness and action in finding sustainable SUP replacements wherever appropriate and encourage higher recycling rates across our estates.	Sustainability Team	Public Businesses Schools	Dec 2020
Awareness	Promote the use of eco-friendly and fit-for purpose alternatives.	Sustainability Team	Public Businesses Schools	Dec 2020
Awareness	Keep up with emerging trends and new alternatives as they become available.	Sustainability Team	Public Businesses Schools	Dec 2020
Awareness	Replace SUP items with reusable items in order to avoid any type of single-use waste at the first instance.	Sustainability Team	Public Businesses Schools	Dec 2020



## **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**

### **Single Use Plastics Policy**



**Effective Date: December 2019**

Version 1.0

## Policy Control

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## Statement

Plastic waste is one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the world today. The UK government estimates that there are currently more than 150m tonnes of plastic in the world's oceans, and that some 100,000 sea mammals and one million birds die from eating or becoming tangled in plastic waste each year.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is committed to taking leadership on tackling the plastic waste problem by taking responsibility for its own impact on the environment and society, both within the local area and across the globe. The council will work towards minimising use of single-use plastics across its own operations and services and by all staff and pro-actively work with partners to find positive solutions for reducing unnecessary waste plastics across the district.

What are single-use plastics?

Single-use plastics can include any disposable plastic item which is designed to be used only once e.g. plastic bags, disposable utensils, beverage containers, coffee capsules, wet wipes, razor blades, plastic drinks bottles, food wrappers, bottle tops, straws, stirrers and plastic lids.

## Aim

The aim of the Single Use plastics Policy is to support Newry, Mourne and Down District Council becoming a single-use plastics free council. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is committed to providing sufficient resources and appropriate training to ensure the Council achieves this objective.

Through the Single Use Plastics Policy and Action Plan Newry, Mourne and Down District Council commits to:

- Work with staff to ensure that single-use plastics are eliminated across our offices
- Support our schools and communities in their efforts to becoming plastic-free
- Communicate the importance of protecting our urban, rural and marine environments, and support and promote positive initiatives, campaigns and actions for reducing plastic waste



- Work with our event organisers to eliminate single-use plastics across all council events held on council land and share guidance for this more widely
- Support communities and litter-pick initiatives to ensure our parks, beaches and open spaces are free from plastic litter
- Use government legislation that regulates against the use of single-use plastics to support our efforts where we can
- Require all our suppliers to minimise the use of single-use plastics in their service provision and find sustainable alternatives (where appropriate)
- Where the use of plastics is unavoidable, the council will encourage the use of recycled plastics, where practicable, and support manufacturers that make products from locally sourced waste plastics
- Work with partners in joint ventures and innovative projects for reducing single-use plastic waste – e.g. The Refillution campaign with NI Water
- Share best practice and information about plastic free initiatives, to residents, businesses, visitors and beyond through the council's social media and communication channels.

The Council will work to embed these commitments into sustainable events guidance, sustainable procurement policy, and into other key council strategies, policies and plans.

### Scope

This Policy applies to all staff and Elected Members of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

The Policy applies to all those who work for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (including but not limited to employees, agency staff, elected members, other public representatives, contractors, agents, consultants, servants of the Council and all third party data processors). All parties referred to above are responsible for complying with the terms of the SUPs Policy.

### Related Policies / Legislation

Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006

Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

The Waste Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Litter (Northern Ireland) Order 1994

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Procurement Policy

### **Procedures**

The Single Use Plastics Strategy/Action Plan attached will be implemented to ensure the delivery of this Policy.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

This Policy has been assessed under Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Equality Impact Assessment process and has been screened out as having no impact on any of the groups designated in Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the decision of the Council is therefore that the policy is not to be subject to an EQIA and no mitigating measures are required.

### **Rural Impact Assessment**

This Policy has been assessed under Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Rural Needs Impact Assessment process and no rural specific indicators have been set.

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Suicide Down to Zero
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing

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1.0	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<b>Purpose</b>  To consider and agree to:- The adoption of a Suicide Down to Zero approach for our District, the creation of a Financial assistance strand in relation to Mental Health and Suicide and the creation of a Council led forum in relation to this issue.				
1.2	<b>Background</b>  A Notice of Motion was referred from the full Council meeting of Monday 3 June 2019 in relation to 'Suicide Down to Zero'  It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Gibbons, seconded by Councillor Bain that officers investigate the possibility of adopting a 'suicide down to zero' approach to combating the high prevalence of suicide across our district; exploring closer partnership working with local mental health and suicide prevention charities; investigate the establishment of a suicide prevention working group with a dedicated Council officer responsible; explore the possibility of establishing a new small grants scheme within the existing financial assistance programme to fund projects specifically dealing with mental health and suicide in the district. It also asked that Council write to the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Health lamenting the abject failure of the Department to implement the Protect Life 2 strategy, and that this strategy should have been signed off regardless of the absence of an Executive given its vital lifesaving and non-contentious nature				
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is a serious and unfortunately very prevalent issue within our local communities.</li><li>• To date the Council has written to the Permanent Secretary as requested and since this correspondence the Protect Life 2 Strategy has been implemented by the Department for Health</li></ul>				



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary discussions have taken place with Community planning partners regarding the make-up of the Working group as outlined</li> <li>Provision has been made within estimates for the small grant scheme</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p>That the Committee agree;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council formally adopt the approach and aspiration of Suicide Down to Zero. A suitable launch and media statement to be prepared for Council Chairperson</li> <li>That an amount of £10000 is allocated to a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention small grants scheme administered through a Financial call subject to the estimates process</li> <li>A working group involving the Council, the Southern and South Eastern Health Trusts and local relevant voluntary organisations is created to examine ways of attaining the goal of zero suicides across the District</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	£10000 alongside officer time in facilitation of Working Group
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	There are no negative implications identified:
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Aughrim Hill - Letter of Support
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing

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1.1	<b>Purpose</b>  To consider and agree to:- Send a letter of support to IndiWoods in pursuit of their current funding application				
1.2	<b>Background</b>  ORNI are working in partnership with Woodland Trust who have provided access to Aughrim Hill (The Mournes DEA) to develop the community trail there. In addition to improving access through the community trails, there is another scheme proposed (through an organisation called IndiWoods, also in partnership with Woodland Trust) to plant 40 hectares of native broadleaf woodland across the hill. They are working closely with IndiWoods to ensure that both the trails and the planting can work together to the benefit of the environment and the local community.				
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At present, IndiWoods is applying for funding for this work through FSNI Forest Expansion Scheme.</li><li>• They have asked if Council could provide an e-mail outlining their broad support for the community trails and planting schemes to help with the application.</li><li>• This request is very much in keeping with Councils wish to progress Climate change adaptation actions</li></ul>				
3.0	<b>Recommendations</b>				
3.1	That the Committee agree to send a letter of Support to IndiWoods in relation to tree planting at Aughrim Hill				

<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	There are no negative implications identified
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Sustainability and Climate Change Forum
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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1.1	<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To note the report</li><li>• To consider and agree to approve the actions in the attached Action Sheet.</li></ul>			
1.2	<b>Background</b> <p>The Sustainability &amp; Climate Change Forum took place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.</p>			
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>			
2.1	The actions arising from the meeting are attached 'SCCF Action Sheet 21 November 2019' in Appendix 1.			
3.0	<b>Recommendations</b>			
3.1	Consider and agree to approve the actions in the attached Action Sheet.			
4.0	<b>Resource implications</b>			
4.1	None			
5.0	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>			
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.			
6.0	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>			
6.1	This report has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.			
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>			
	Appendix I: SCCF Action Sheet 21 November 2019			
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>			
	<i>None</i>			





**Sustainability and Climate Change Standing Forum****Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 Downshire Civic Centre 3 00pm****Councillors present:****Andrews, Enright, Clarke, Tinnelly, Hanna.****Chaired by Councillor Clarke****Officers present: M.Lipsett, E Devlin, S. McEldowney, R. Moore.****Mr Enda McAteer, DfI Roads****Apologies for non-attendance: Cllr D. Curran.**

<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Agreed way forward (if matter requires Committee/Council approval, a separate Report should be compiled and submitted to Committee)</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Actions taken/Progress to date</b>	<b>Remove from Action Sheet Y/N</b>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Appoint Chairperson</b>	<b>Sinn Fein/ SDLP to rotate Chair. Cllr Clarke to Chair Year 1. Remaining parties to rotate Vice Chair position.</b>	<b>M. Lipsett</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>DfI Roads Service Wildflower Planting</b>	<b>DfI agreed to support Council, where possible, in creating rewilding areas within each DEA.</b>	<b>E. Devlin</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Review Actions SCCF 10 Oct 2019</b>	<b>Actions noted.</b>	<b>M. Lipsett</b>	<b>Noted</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Sustainability Update</b>	<b>S. McEldowney delivered 'Sustainability Update'. Content noted.</b>	<b>S. McEldowney</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Y</b>

6.0	Climate Adaptation Planning	R. Moore discussed the content of the Climate Emergency NOM and it was agreed that the development of a Local Climate Change Adaptation plan would be an onerous task but would address the issues raised. S. McEldowney to keep members updated on progress with the Adaptation Plan.	S. McEldowney	In progress	Y
7.0	Climate Symposium	S. McEldowney presented a Climate Symposium Proposal with suggested speakers and case study examples. Councillors agreed to forward any relevant case studies prior to next meeting. Further Symposium update to be provided at December SCCF.	S. McEldowney	In progress	N
8.0	Update on NOMs				
	(a) Climate Emergency	Already addressed under item 6.0 & 7.0			
	(b) Rewilding across DEA's	Matter to be referred to DEA Forums. Biodiversity Officer / Grounds Maintenance to provide support.	S. McEldowney	In progress	N
	(c) Island's Park	Officers to liaise with Outdoor Leisure Staff / Rivers Agency and develop Action Plan for site	S. McEldowney	In progress	N
9.0	Dates of Future Meetings	Agreed to meet monthly until March 2020. Dates to be circulated.	S. McEldowney	Noted	Y
10.0	Agenda next meeting	Climate Symposium Update	S. McEldowney	In progress	Y

11.0	AOB	Cllr Enright raised query regarding Biodiversity Funding Programme to allow groups to apply for 3-year funding to ensure sustainability of project activity. M. Lipsett advised this would be a matter that could be considered by the Rates Working Group for future years funding.	E. Devlin	In progress	Y

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Lead Officer



<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Social Investment Fund - Update</b>
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Justyna McCabe, Head of Programmes

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1.0	<b>Purpose and Background</b>			
1.1	<b>Purpose</b>  To note the report.			
1.2	<b>Background</b>  The Council is covered by two Social Investment Zones – Southern (legacy Newry and Mourne) and South Eastern (legacy Down). The Council has completed the 'Work It' programme in the Southern Zone. The South Eastern Zone includes two programmes: Castlewellan Community Centre and Community Operated Sports Facilities (Ballyhornan and Kilkooley).			
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>			
2.1	<u>Castlewellan Community Centre</u> The final building certificate has been issued and the keys to the property have been handed over to the group. The group has signed the lease and will be moving into the property next week. The opening of the facility has been delayed to January 2020.  <u>Ballyhornan</u> The contractor has been on site for 10 weeks and the project should be completed early May.  <u>Kilcooley</u> Ards & North Down BC Planning have been informed that the Rivers Agency are currently not releasing any responses to planning application requests where there is a reservoir involved. Not obtaining planning permission in December/January places the funding in serious jeopardy.			
3.0	<b>Recommendations</b>			
3.1				

	That the Committee note the report and minutes.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Council contribution: Ballyhornan £125K
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>
5.1	The Council will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between the nine equality categories. Council will also seek to promote Good Relations between people of different Religious Belief, Political opinion and Ethnic Origin.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
	Minutes of SIF Board Meeting (October 2019).
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
	None

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF SIF CAPITAL PROJECT BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October @ 10am, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick**

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**CHAIRPERSON:** Janine Hillen

**Present:**

Anita Waite  
Francesca Dowler  
Justyna McCabe  
Sarah McClory  
Ciara Burns  
Paul Brannigan  
Kirk Marshall  
Stephen Courtney  
Tom McClean  
Raphael Crummy  
Fiona Hogan

**APOLOGIES:**

Kenny Knox  
Michael Lipsett

**1. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Janine Hillen welcomed all the members of the project board and thanked all those in attendance.

**2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

No conflicts of interest were raised.

**3. MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**4. ACTION SHEET:**

**Castlewellan** – Updated claim form to be issued to Programmes Unit

**Community Operated Sports facilities** – Risk register completed

**Community Operated Sports facilities** – Planning application completed  
ITT to CPD completed

## **5. Castlewellan: Community Centre**

Tom provided an update on Castlewellan. The project is now complete. Tom met Kenny on site and Kenny was asked to confirm the final accounts. On site, the practical work is done. There are 3 certificates pending: fire, commissioning and electrical. When these are received, the completion certificate will be issued. Additional works were identified by HSC Trust on site - the creche needs new sink, and a form of guarding (likely to be a rail). Kenny advised on this. Tom stated a letter is needed from the HSC if these works are required to be completed. These works however are not contractual. Therefore, these works being incomplete will not stop the building being occupied.

Janine noted that original launch date was 14<sup>th</sup> October, but this will not be going ahead because the group can't make it. The group stated that they can compromise to an extent on the launch date, but they are not happy for any of their volunteers to lose income so cannot take place during normal working hours. Launch is now aimed to be 4pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Tom noted that the nursery was hoping to use the Halloween break to move in to the new building. Janine noted that a discussion is still needed with the group about how the council is going to support them regarding the 3G pitch, and that this may require an FMA. This would allow group to focus fully on the new community centre and let the council handle the 3G pitch in terms of maintenance etc.

**Action:** Sarah to forward Alistair Walker from TEO email address to Tom McClean.

## **6. Community Operated Sports Facilities**

### **Ballyhornan:**

Paul provided an update. The first site meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September. The process will take approximately 47 weeks in total, with 32 weeks of that being build. Therefore 1<sup>st</sup> May set as a possible completion date.

Paul stated there was a few potential CE's. An issue was raised with the boundary fence however not major. Paul also stated that the storm drainage drawings don't match up with what's physically on site. The design team were on site 27<sup>th</sup> September and are working on a solution to this.



It was noted that according to land transfer agreement a fence should have been put in; but this was not in tender and may need amended.

Paul also noted an issue with a resident. The resident has made a complaint about the back lane of his house and that works are interfering with this and partially obstructing his access. Paul noted he keeps driving his car through the football pitch. Paul has asked the community centre to speak to their solicitor. The resident does not have right of way. Letter to be issued to resident to get any equipment removed from back lane.

**Action: Community Centre to issue letter to resident to request that they no long drive through the construction site.**

### **Kilcooley**

Paul provided an update. Rivers agency NI response raised some issues. Firstly, regarding draining on the pitch itself. The design team sent their consultation response back to planning last week around these issues.

Secondly an issue was raised with risk around the reservoir. Rivers agency have been referring to an alternative assessment criteria, which differs to the one that the works were originally assessed under. Under this alternative criteria, the main issues are the condition, management and maintenance regimes. Paul noted that the original flood report addressed this; but this report was written in accordance with the original policy. Under the new policy, the situation is unacceptable.

Rivers agency are stating however (in accordance with Rivers uncontrolled reservoir policy) that they may be able to mitigate the risk. It will take three weeks to remodel. Paul noted that possible mitigations may include flood alarms and the formulation of flood management plans. Although there is a possibility that they may recommend refusal under this alternative policy. Paul noted that the consultations are due back 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October for these issues, and that all consultation responses should be back by 25<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. Following this, PQQ will need to be reissued and then reapproved.

The noise impact risk assessment was completed and is satisfactory. A neighbour noise issue was also raised, and this went back on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September with a response due back 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **Action:**

#### **7. Update from Department for Communities**

Site management agreement to be drawn up and presented to Council.

Feedback to stakeholder group re update on planning application. Michael Lipsett to confirm who from council to attend this meeting.

Approval from TEO to reissue PQQ.

**Action:** Michael Lipsett to confirm whom from Council will attend feedback to stakeholders meeting.

## **8. Finance**

No Further update.

## **9. OBA NISRA report cards**

No update on the Report card.

Signed: Janine Hillen  
Chairperson

Signed: Justyna McCabe

## **Next Project Board Meeting:**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Location: Training Room, Monaghan Row, Newry  
Time: 10.00am

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.1	<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To note the report.</li><li>To note the attached Minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting listed in 3.1 below.</li><li>To note the attached Downpatrick NRP Action Plan 2019/2020.</li></ul>				
1.2	<b>Background</b> <p>The attached Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting listed in 3.1 below and the attached Downpatrick NRP Action Plan 2019/2020 (which were all adopted at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2019) are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of Downpatrick NRP.</p>				
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	None.				
3.0	<b>Recommendations</b>				
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the report.</li><li>Note the attached Minutes of Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2019.</li><li>Note the attached Downpatrick NRP Action Plan 2019/2020.</li></ul>				
4.0	<b>Resource implications</b>				
4.1	None.				
5.0	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>				
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.				
6.0	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>				
6.1	There are no negative implications identified. The work of Downpatrick NRP is statutorily restricted to the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal area.				
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>				
7.1	Appendix 1: Minutes of Downpatrick NRP Meeting Tuesday 17 September 2019. Appendix 2: Downpatrick NRP Action Plan 2019/2020.				
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>				
8.1	None.				

**Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (DNRP)**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 14:30 pm  
Murphy's Bar and Restaurant, Downpatrick**

**Present:****Members**

Macartán Digney	Marian Park Community Association– <i>Vice Chair</i>
Raphael Crummy	Department for Communities (DFC)
Alison McCarthy	Tosú Úr
Jeanette McCarthy	Tosú Úr
Doreen Brown	Tosú Úr
Anthony Trainor	Stream Street Residents Association (SSRA)
Dan McEvoy	Downpatrick Community Collective (DCC)
Mary McGrath	Education Authority Youth Division (EA)
Katrina Hynds	NMDDC - DEA/NR Co-ordinator
Laura Higgins	NMDDC – Clerical Officer

**Promoters**

Maria Kelly	SureStart, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (SEHSCT)
Tatiana Seed	South Eastern Regional College (SERC)
Jenny Lavery	CDRCN/ FHWCF (Flying Horse Ward Community Forum)
Anne McKeever	South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSST)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>In the absence of Nicholas McCrickard, Macartán Digney chaired today's meeting. He welcomed the partnership to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>Macartán Digney offered condolences to Anthony Trainor and his family on the recent death of Anthony's brother.</p> <p>Apologies were received from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicholas McCrickard – County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)</li> <li>• Owen McDonnell – Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)</li> <li>• Suzanne Cochrane – PSNI</li> <li>• Cadogan Enright – Stream Street Residents Association (SSRA)</li> <li>• Eamonn Mac Con Midhe - Tosú Úr / Fresh Start (TÚ)</li> <li>• Donna Weir – Education Authority (EA)</li> <li>• Judith Thompson – NMDDC PCSP</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lorraine Coulter - South Eastern Health &amp; Social Care Trust (SEHSCT)</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b><u>Action Plan Review</u></b></p> <p>Raphael Crummy advised the partnership that there has not yet been any decisions from the department regarding next year's funding nor any communication ref the new application process.</p> <p>A discussion followed, and the current action plan was reviewed, and some amendments made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Community Renewal</b> remains unchanged</li> <li><b>Economic Renewal</b> - removed project 2 '<i>support with added resources for NHR residents for schemes already running with partners and if possible provide workspace within NHR area</i>'.</li> <li><b>Social Renewal</b> – removed project 3 SALT Joint Project and project 4 Community Safety Warden Scheme (this is being reassessed by PCSP).</li> <li><b>Physical Renewal</b> – removed project 1 Downpatrick FC Pitch and project 2 Meadowlands as Meadowlands play park is now completed. It was also agreed to change, 'extension of allotments and upgrade/replace existing mobile, New Model Farm' from 1 project to 2 separate projects.</li> </ul> <p>Raphael Crummy added that all physical renewal projects need to be worked up and at a certain stage, land ownership, land transfers etc must all be progressing.</p> <p>All changes are now reflected in the current action plan.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Minutes of meeting held on 24th June 2019</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24th June 2019 were a true reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes from the meeting on 24th June 2019 were adopted.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Promoter's Reports (April-June 2019)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Driving to Success – Tatiana Seed (SERC)</u></b></li> </ul> <p><u>Tatiana Seed reported on project objectives/outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target set for year is 30 people receiving non-job specific training and 30 people attaining a formal qualification from participation in adult education.</li> <li>David Blair School of Motoring is tendered supplier under the 'Driving to Success' program at SERC.</li> <li>13 participants are currently engaged in the programme, 8 undertaking driving lessons, 3 have passed theory test, 6 have theory test booked, 6 have obtained provisional license on project</li> </ul>	

	<p>and 4 have applied for provisional or license renewal and are awaiting it to be issued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laptops and headphones provided to students with additional learning need to support preparation for theory test.</li> <li>• Driving to Success programme was advertised through social media, SERC website and leaflets and flyers. Word of mouth was particularly effective.</li> <li>• Recruitment process was conducted through individual interviews and shortlisting in April 2019. 15 participants (9 male and 6 female) were enrolled on the course for Semester 1.</li> <li>• 13 are currently studying to achieve 2 nationally recognised qualifications and to participate in the driving part of the programme. 2 participants left the programme due to 1 gaining full time employment and personal circumstances for the other.</li> <li>• Age range of participants is as follows: 17-24=7 25-34=4 35-44=3 45-55=1</li> <li>• Participants signed a 'student agreement' to show their Commitment to the programme.</li> <li>• Candidates for Semester 2 will be enrolled in August 2019, 15 places will be available.</li> <li>• Programme of study for semester 1 qualifications include, Personal development skills, Health and Social Care and Communication Technology.</li> </ul> <p>Tatiana added that some applications for provisional licenses can take some time, especially if the person has health issues and the theory test has been an obstacle for some people too.</p> <p>This year's tender has been awarded to David Blair and Graham Wonder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Family Health &amp; Wellbeing – Maria Kelly (SureStart)</u></b></li> </ul> <p><u>Maria Kelly reported on project objectives/outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Kelly advised that she would be reporting on three main elements, (1) New Parent Programmes, (2) Support Home Visiting Service and (3) Mobile Crèche Programme.</li> </ul> <p><u>New Parent Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Quarter 1 there were 15 families engaged in the New Parent Programme, 11 were carried over from Quarter 4 in 2018/19.</li> <li>• Four new referrals were made this Quarter, one has delivered her baby and the other 3 are still in the antenatal period.</li> <li>• Quarter 1 Healthy Lifestyle programmes included baby massage, baby yoga, breastfeeding support, weaning group, solid starts, antenatal yoga, postnatal pilates, fun in the park and first aid.</li> </ul>	
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- Quarter 1 Parenting programmes included drop in baby clinic, new mum's groups, incredible toddlers, incredible babies and managing children's behaviour.

#### Family Support Home Visiting

- 9 families have been referred to the service this quarter and 24 children have had access to the service.
- 3 families have requested support with managing their child/children's behaviour, 5 families have requested support for anxiety and self-esteem concerns for the child and 1 family has requested support with sleep routines.
- Behaviour management strategies including the importance of consistency for the adults in their parenting, 1-1 discussions around feelings, emotion and use of visual aids.
- 100% of families rated the service as 'excellent'.

#### Creche Services

- Maria explained that lack of creche facilities and/or cost of creches had been a barrier for some parents who had been unable to attend sessions in the past. 25 creche sessions have been attended this quarter.

#### • Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)– Anne McKeever

- Current active caseload in quarter 1 is 14 and children receiving Talk Boost programme is 0.
- In Quarter 1 there were 28 parent contacts.
- 1 new referral was made by a teacher. SLT team 9 weeks for return of consent form despite numerous telephone messages/letters. Once consent form was finally received the waiting time for assessment for the child was 5 days. Currently 0 children are waiting for assessments.
- 14 children were discharged this quarter (7 had speech and language skills within normal limits, 3 were transferred to the children's centre, 3 children were transferred to extended schools caseload in St Colmcille's PS and 1 child was transferred to learning Support Unit at St Colmcille's PS).
- There were 252 child contact sessions held in quarter 1 from Downpatrick PS, OLSP PS, St Brigid's PS and St Colmcille's PS.
- In May 2019 parental satisfaction surveys were distributed to parents and 21 were returned, 78% of parents felt that SLT service was 'more beneficial' than a clinic-based service.
- 100% of parents 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' that their child's speech and language skills had improved this year.

#### • NR Technical Assistance – Katrina Hynds (NMDDC)

- DEA Coordinator advised that an underspend had occurred due to local government elections and no meetings were being held due to Purdah.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of key projects have been prioritised and form the core Action Plan for 2019-2020</li> <li>• Quarterly reports from project managers are completed on time and presented at meetings.</li> <li>• DEA Coordinator worked with NMDDC Estates and Contracts departments regarding Meadowlands play park.</li> <li>• Work is ongoing to identify additional funding for additional action plan projects in context of significant restrictions on both revenue and capital funding, in DfC and almost all other statutory agencies.</li> <li>• DEA Coordinator and Jenny Lavery will meet to discuss Trojan Horse proposal.</li> <li>• Newsletter to be drafted for end of March 2020.</li> <li>• <b><u>Health and Community Engagement – Jenny Lavery (CDRCN)</u></b></li> </ul> <p><u>Jenny Lavery reported on the progress of project objectives/outputs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new volunteers were recruited during quarter 1 and 46 existing volunteers were supported.</li> <li>• Men's groups – 13 volunteering at bees, 12 volunteering at allotments and 4 volunteering at Artisan market.</li> <li>• Women's groups – 2 volunteers assisted with uniform recycle project.</li> <li>• Environmental projects – SSRA completed 1 clean-up and FHWCF completed 1 clean-up.</li> <li>• Allotments – 2 volunteers are supporting Syrian families, plots are also being looked after for holiday hunger project.</li> <li>• Improving skills/capacity – training in community development skills/capacity building identified, 2 members from each group attended basic accounts training, 30 members attended marshalling training and 10 members attended child protection training.</li> <li>• 6 funding applications were submitted to Financial Assistance for PCSP monies, 5 groups requesting £750 each and one group £1,500 (awaiting outcome). 1 Awards for All application submitted and secured for Meadowlands Community Association. £6,456.</li> <li>• 90 people attended Healthy Living initiatives.</li> <li>• There are 15 weekly participants attending Downpatrick women's group. 35 individual member's attend Downpatrick men's group and 20 weekly participants.</li> <li>• Senior women and men groups have 28 participants weekly.</li> <li>• Irish language classes have 20 weekly participants.</li> </ul>	<b>DEA Coordinator &amp; Jenny Lavery</b>
5.	<b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> <p>Tatiana advised members that there are 3 places still available on the Driving to Success programme and asked for it to be promoted. Applicants must be residents of NI, be able to apply for their provisional driving license and have the flexibility to attend 3 days a week for a 12-week period.</p>	



	<p>Macartán asked members to promote Downpatrick Culture night which takes place this Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, September and the Downpatrick Artisan Market which takes place this Saturday 21st September.</p> <p>Raphael thanked everyone for all their hard work to date and stated that there has been a huge amount of success across Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Date and venue of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Katrina Hynds to forward details of date of next Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership meeting.</p> <p>Meeting concluded 16:15</p>	

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# Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Action Plan 2019 – 2020

(Agreed 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - Updated October 2019)

Key to tables:

Green	Continuing 'core' DSD- funded or mainstreamed project, agreed or expected to go ahead
Red	NR Partnership priority project, subject to future funding
Pink	Possible priority project via NR funding or promoted through DEA Forum / Community Planning Framework
Yellow	Community Planning-related project – to be promoted through DEA Forum / Community Planning framework

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**Strategic Objective:**      **Community Renewal** - Community Involvement**Overview of Need:**

At the outset of the Neighbourhood Renewal programme, levels of community infrastructure and capacity in Downpatrick NRA were extremely variable. The Flying Horse Ward Community Forum, an active umbrella body for a range of community and sporting groups in the 3 main estates in the Ballymote Ward, contrasted with a low level or total lack of community activity in other estates. Levels of community activity have increased through support from the NR programme, particularly through the provision of a dedicated NR community development worker, also essential to co-ordinating access to the range of other social and economic programmes but this remains an ongoing need. Of particular importance is the need to support community- identified actions in the Meadowlands area where, after a huge amount of work to help individuals form a group that can speak out for their community and engage effectively with agencies with resources, continuing support for positive community action is essential.

**Key Priorities**

1. To increase the number of local people involved and the levels of involvement in activities and decisions contributing to improvements in the quality of life in the NR area.
2. To develop community infrastructure within the NR area and to support the delivery of community-based activities.
3. To promote youth engagement and seek opportunities for youth development.
4. To promote partnership working between local community and local statutory bodies.
5. To provide opportunities for increased use of shared community and recreational facilities.
6. To build stronger links between communities in the NR area, and create more opportunities for positive contact between residents.

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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored	DfC Indicators
<b>NMDDC Technical Assistance</b>	Community: all Economic: all Social: all Physical: all	NMDDC	Annual cost - £16,500	April 2020	Quarterly monitoring reports on agreed outputs and outcomes. Evaluation of programme upon delivery	All
<b>PHA Health &amp; Community Engagement Programme</b>	Community: 1, 2, 4, 6 Economic: 7 Social: 1, 3, 5 Physical: 2, 3	CRDRN	Annual Cost £25,000	7 groups involved throughout the year	Quarterly monitoring by NRP/DDC Annual review by NRP Number of men & women in health programmes Participants in youth activity Effective interagency meetings	CR3 CR4 SR(H)1 SR(H)4
<b>Community Training &amp; Support Fund</b>	Community: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Economic: 7 Social: 2, 5, 9, 12 Physical:	NMDDC NRP	£10,000 p.a. for three years to March 2019	50 community participants p.a.	Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Annual review by NRP Number of participants Increased lobbying/community statutory interface	CR3 CR5 CR7



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**Strategic Objective:**      **Economic Renewal** - Work and Worklessness, Qualifications, Skills and Training

**Overview of Need:**

The most recent update of NISRA statistics for the Downpatrick NRA show some improvements in the economic position from the 2001 baseline. The proportion of economically active people has also risen from 50.8% in 2001 to 60.6%, although again well below NI at 66.2%. After a fall in 2006 – 2008, unemployment has resumed 2001 levels and is at 7.6%. This is reflected in the proportion of residents on Job Seekers Allowance at 9.7%, up sharply from 2001 (5.8%) and three times the lowest level in 2008 (3.1%)

**Key Issues:**

1. To support local people with few or no qualifications to access vocational and personal development training.
2. To help local people, in particular those unemployed and dependent on state welfare benefits, to access suitable employment and training opportunities
3. To source and develop opportunities to provide training relevant to local business needs and local residents.
4. To support and help local people avail of money management advice.
5. To encourage new businesses to locate in the area, and to support expansion of existing businesses in the NR area.
6. To source and develop opportunities for community/socio-economic projects that will provide long term sustainability for local communities
7. To widen economic activity and to source and develop opportunities to increase household incomes and improve prosperity within the NR area.

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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored	DfC Indicators
<b>SERC Driving to Success</b>	Community: Economic: 1, 2, 3 Social: 6 Physical:	SERC	£60,000 p.a. April 2019-March 2020	Adequate funding in place Criteria Review (20 NRA participants)	Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Annual review by NRP Number trained Driving test passes Qualifications gained Employment gained	ER2 ER4 ER5 ER6 ER7 ER10, ER14
<b>Business Plan for Town Centre Social Enterprise Development</b>	Community: 1, 4, 5 Economic: 2, 5, 6 Social: 3, 4 Physical: 2	Downpatrick Community Collective NMDDC Appointed consultant	Professional fees - £15,000 in 2018/19	Completion of study during 2020	Production of report Identification of preferred option(s)	CR9 PR8 PR10

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**Strategic Objective: Social Renewal** - Health & Social Wellbeing, Educational Attainment, Attitudes to Education, Crime & Safety, Income & Benefit Dependency

### Overview of Need:

The most recent update of NISRA statistics for the Downpatrick NRA shows some improvements in the educational position from the 2001 baseline. The proportion of the population with no qualifications has fallen from 50.8% to 34.1% and the number of 16 – 74 year olds with a higher level qualification has doubled to 17.5, although this remains well below the NI average of 23.65%. Health has also seen some improvements although we should be wary of small area statistics which give widely varying results for individual health outcomes. However, those who claim that their general health is good rose from 61.8% (2001) to 73.9% in 2011. And is reinforced by the small reduction in those who have a long term limiting illness (26.7%, down from 28.2% in 2001). The latter remains much higher than the NI average at 20.69% and more people across NI claim to have good health (79.51%). In common with most parts of Northern Ireland, crime statistics have shown a major improvement. Recorded crime is down from 1,962/10,000 population to 1,305 in 2011. Rates of burglary, criminal damage and theft have fallen by more than half; although violent crime, which rose sharply until 2006, is now back to 2001 levels.

### Key Priorities:

1. To empower and support local people to live healthy lifestyles to help reduce long-term illness within the NR area.
2. To ensure local residents have access to the best possible range of health and social care services.
3. To engage with the young people to promote healthy life style choices, in particular dealing with preventative measures.
4. To provide opportunities and support for the delivery of positive and stimulating health, sports and play activities for children and young people.
5. To influence the delivery of community-based health & well-being support services, particularly for the elderly and infirm.
6. To ensure local people have access to educational provision at all stages of their lives.
7. To improve the educational attainment for school leavers.



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8. To seek and support the delivery of a variety of new and innovative pathways to education.
9. To develop programmes to engage young people and specifically age groups 8 - 12 & 13 - 25 and to provide positive alternatives for physical education, volunteering and personal development.
10. To develop joint programmes for children and parents, in particular, to address ICT skills, development and employability skills.
11. To provide support and seek opportunities to develop the extending school's programme that will include improved usage of public buildings for community development.
12. To support new and migrant workers families to participate within the community including the development of English language and other skills.



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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored	DfC Indicators
<b>SEH&amp;SCT Family Health and Wellbeing</b>	Community: 1, 2, 4 Economic: Social: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Physical:	SEH&SCT Downpatrick SureStart	£62,000 p.a. 2018 – March 2020		Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Annual review by NRP Number of families helped Level of support for new parents Crèche sessions Home visits	ER13 SR(Ed)1 SR(H)1
<b>Speech and Language Therapy</b>	Community: 1, 4 Economic: 1 Social: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Physical:	SEH&SCT Downpatrick Schools	£48,000 p.a. 2016 – March 2020		Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Annual review by NRP Improvements in children's reading ages/ class/ school reading scores Integration of Talk Boost programme into curriculum	SR(Ed)6 SR(Ed)7

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**Strategic Objective: Physical Renewal** – attractive, safe, sustainable environment

**Overview of Need:**

The most recent update of NISRA statistics for the Downpatrick NRA shows some improvements which suggest a growing confidence in the Downpatrick NRA. The proportion of owner occupied homes in the area has risen from 45.7% (2001) to 50.3% in 2011 (still far behind NI average levels at 66.9%). However, the proportion of residents claiming Housing Benefit has also risen over this period from 20.9% to 29.7% in 2011.

**Key Priorities:**

1. Higher availability of affordable housing stock.
2. Improved quality of environment for social, economic, cultural and leisure activities including enhancement of community facilities.
3. Improved infrastructure and access to services within housing estates, including car parking, traffic calming, road improvements and better street signage.
4. Safer physical quality of environment where people live.
5. Safer areas for children and young people to play

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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored	DfC Indicators
<b>Marian Park Playground - additional equipment</b>	Community: 2, 5 Economic: Social: 3, 4 Physical: 2, 3, 4, 5	NMDDC NRP Local community	Capital cost - £7,500	Completion of activity if capital funding becomes available	Quarterly monitoring by NRP/NMDDC Completion on cost and to specification Number of users from NRA User feedback	CR10 PR5
<b>Meadowlands Play Park – fully accessible disabled swing &amp; additional trees</b>	Community: 2, 5 Economic: Social: 3, 4 Physical: 2, 3, 4, 5	NMDDC NRP Local community	Capital Cost - £40,000	Completion by end of March 2020	Quarterly monitoring by NHR Officer	CR10
<b>Kennedy Square/ Lynn Doyle Activity Area</b>	Community: Economic: Social: 1, 4 Physical: 2, 3, 4, 5	NRP NMDDC NIHE	Capital cost - £30,000	Completion of activity area and play/seating – small environmental improvement scheme	Six monthly review of progress Review on completion by NRP User feedback	PR5
<b>Saul St./Meadowlands Environmental Improvement</b>	Community: 4 Economic: Social: Physical: 2, 3, 4, 5	NRP NMDDC DSD NIHE DRD Roads Service	Capital cost £50,000	Environmental improvement scheme, better lighting by March 2020	Six monthly review of progress NRP Review on completion User feedback	PR3 SR(C)4
<b>Extension of Allotments</b>	Community: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Economic: 2, 4, 6 Social: 1, 5, 6, 8 Physical: 2, 4	Local Community/ NMDDC/ NIHE/ DFC	Capital Cost £10,000	Extension of existing allotments	Six month review of progress	
<b>Upgrade Replace Existing Mobile – New Model Farm</b>	Community: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Economic: 2, 4, 6 Social: 1, 5, 6, 8	Local Community/ NMDDC/ NIHE/ DFC	Capital Cost £300,000	Replace existing mobile for use by community &	Six month review of progress	

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	Physical: 2, 4			educational purposes by March 2020		
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<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To note the report.</li><li>To note the attached Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meetings listed in 3.1 below.</li><li>To note the attached Newry NRP 3 Year Action Plan 2019 – 2022.</li></ul>				
1.2	<b>Background</b> <p>The attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meetings listed in 3.1 below and the Newry NRP 3 Year Action Plan 2019 – 2022 (which were all adopted at the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 November 2019) are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of Newry NRP.</p>				
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	None.				
3.0	<b>Recommendations</b>				
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Note the report.</li><li>Note the attached Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 11 September 2019.</li><li>Note the attached Minutes of Newry NRP Action Plan Review Meeting held on 26 September 2019.</li><li>Note the attached Newry NRP 3 Year Action Plan 2019 – 2022.</li></ul>				
4.0	<b>Resource implications</b>				
4.1	None.				
5.0	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>				
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.				
6.0	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>				
6.1	There are no negative implications identified. The work of Newry NRP is statutorily restricted to the nine Neighbourhood Renewal areas of Newry City.				
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>				
7.1	Appendix 1: Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting Wednesday 11 September 2019. Appendix 2: Minutes of Newry NRP Action Plan Review Meeting 26 September 2019. Appendix 3: Newry NRP 3 Year Action Plan 2019 – 2022				
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>				
8.1	None.				



**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
At 7.00pm  
WIN Business Park, Newry**

***In Attendance:***

Mrs Geraldine Merendino	Ballybot CA (Chairperson)
Ms Karen Gracey	Development manager DfC
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt	NM&DDC
Mr Raymond Jackson	CCG
Ms Ruth Allen	SHSCT Promoting Well being team
Ms Linda Devlin	Barcroft CA
Ms Sarah Jane McAllister	Barcroft CA
Mrs Paula Mc Guigan	Carnagat CA
Ms Kathleen Lowry	Greater Linenhall Area CA
Ms Aisling Rennick	NM&DDC
Mr David Vint	SRC
Ms Bernie Mooney	EANI
Ms Maeve Mc Parland	E2E project
Mr Owen McDonnell	NIHE
Mrs Patricia O'Gorman	Threeways CA
Mr Colin Morley	Carnagat CA
Mr James Treanor	Carnagat CA
Mrs Maureen Ruddy	Martins lane CA
Ms Francine Ruddy	Martins Lane CA
Ms Bernie Mooney	Education Authority N.I.
Mr Collie Hanna	Barcroft CA
Ms Noreen Rice	MARCA

Mr Gerry Coyle	Drumalane Quayside Close CA
Mr Gary Mc Keown	Drumalane Quayside Close CA
Mrs Madaleine Mc Crink	SHSCT Promoting Well being team

***Apologies:***

Mr Brendan Cranney	MARCA
Mrs Sinead Jennings	Ballybot CA
Mr Malachy Maguire	Ballybot CA
Dr Conor Patterson	NMEA
Ms Marian O'Reilly	Derrybeg CA

***Matters Discussed***

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes and matters arising
4. Conflict of Interest
5. Programme updates
6. Roles and Responsibilities
7. AOB
8. Date and time of next meeting

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome	<p>Mrs Geraldine Merendino welcomed everyone to the meeting</p> <p>Congratulate all the community groups on their hard work and the success of their respective summer programmes</p>		

2.	<b>Apologies</b>	Recorded as above.		
3.	<b>Minutes and matters arising</b>	<p>Minutes agreed as accurate and proposed by Mr David Vint Seconded by Mr Colin Morley</p> <p><b>Item 6. – Under Community Renewal</b> Sean has met with all the groups All SLA's returned – issue off non-attendance discussed. All CA's will try their best to comply and attend all relevant NRP meetings</p> <p><b>Item 6 – Under Education</b> Sean has with the permission of the groups sent their contact information and banking details to Mr Declan Murray principal of St Joseph's Boys High School who is responsible for the extended schools programme. Mrs Margot Cosgrove has retired, and he has taken over her role in administering the funding and dealing with returns.</p>		
5.	<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	No Conflicts of Interest declared		
6.	<b>Project updates</b>	<p><b>Health programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 programmes planned and delivered from 01 July – 30 September.</li> <li>• Range of activity programmes</li> <li>• Action cancer big bus – 2 visits</li> <li>• Dementia awareness training</li> <li>• 2 Dementia Bus visits Derrybeg and threeways-</li> </ul>		



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11 programmes planned for Qtr 3:</li><li>• Green Grow wellbeing training</li><li>• Tea dance in Threeways</li><li>• Cook it programme</li><li>• 2 Further Dementia bus tours – Drumalane and Greater Linenhall</li></ul> <p><b>E2E project:</b></p> <p>Evaluation in July - a number of recommendations received – amendments to be made A number of seminars timetabled for delivery. Contact made with primary school principals Careers event planned. Schools have only just returned.</p> <p><b>SRC employability programmes</b> <b>TOPPS-</b> 24 residents enrolled 12 on C at C driving - 1 has received a license 10 on Door security – 8 have completed ! completed Forklift truck Training</p> <p><b>OCEANS</b> <b>Public services and safety programme</b> Flyer re-circulated target 18+ 5 from Craigavon and 3 from Armagh. Budget will spend and targets will be achieved</p> <p><b>Education Programme</b> Update on youth engagement programme First call – 6 applications –</p>		
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		<p>Assessment panel approved.5 with 1 deferred - await more information. / answer queries – Bosco Extended programme.</p> <p>Second call October Schools have only returned– currently no updates.</p> <p>Sean McKevitt gave an overview – NM&amp;DDC programmes</p> <p><b>Outdoor activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All community groups have availed of the programme.</li> <li>• Support also given to 4 Youth projects, 3 nursery units and the Polish school based in St Joseph's high school</li> <li>• To date 1425 children, young people and adults have availed of the programme.</li> <li>• 138 people volunteered to date of which 78 were community volunteers. 60 additional people (parents and young people) supported the programme generating approximately 900 hours of voluntary support.</li> <li>• The overall programme is on course to spend the budget and meet all key objectives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Renewal</b> All 9 groups receive support – range of support: Governance, charity commission registration and reports, vetting procedures, training. Some changes in both Derrybeg and Drumalane Quayside post AGM and EGM – new volunteers. All SLA's returned.</p> <p><b><u>Capital projects</u></b></p> <p><b>NIHE projects</b> <b>Carnagat extension –</b> Contract for revenue programme has been issued.</p>		
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		<p>To be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March – this will get project to design and planning stage.  Consultant will speak to Community group when appointed – design of building – what are their thoughts?  This is positive news –  Gerry Coyle added that Carnagat deserve this as they are doing great work – all members agreed</p> <p><b>Council Capital projects</b>  The proposal for the two storage sheds is now on the list of projects to be delivered – subject to available funding.</p> <p>No further progress on Whitegates upgrade.</p> <p><b>WIN THINC lab</b>  Contract for funding issued – to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.</p> <p>The members added their sincere thanks to DfC for getting these projects over the line.</p> <p>Thank Karen and DfC for all their hard work and the continued support they give to the Newry Partnership</p>		
7.	<b>Roles and responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen asked members to consider the MOU between the Department and the Newry partnership board.</li> <li>• This dictates roles and responsibilities of all members to include the Department.</li> <li>• Ask that representatives attend the meetings.</li> <li>• Ensure all returns are sent in.</li> </ul> <p>On behalf of the Department Karen thanked all the communities for their unselfish and tireless work. She also thanked all the delivery partners.</p>		

8.	A.O. B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminder – Action plan review meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> September – Kearney suite Canal Court Hotel</li> <li>• Commences at 6.30pm with some refreshments</li> </ul> <p>Ask that everyone attends – or a representative from their agency /Community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCG in partnership with the Credit Union. Money Advice and Citizens advice, to roll out a pilot project.</li> <li>• Targeting the working population. In Newry - 31% of working population are squeezed financially.</li> <li>• Offer one to one sessions. Looking at poor debt control and pay day loans – 6 months programme.</li> </ul> <p>Noreen asked if there were any concerns that needed to be raised at the next DEA meeting. Please contact her.</p> <p>No more business Thank everyone for attending Thank NMEA and Sean for the hospitality</p>		
9.	Date and time of next meeting	<p>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in WIN Business Centre Commences at 7.00pm</p>	Circulate details	Sean





**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
At 6.30pm  
Kearney Suite, Canal Court Hotel**

***In Attendance:***

Mrs Geraldine Merendino	Chairperson
Ms Karen Gracey	Area Manager DfC
Mr David Vint	Southern Regional College
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt	Newry Mourne and Down District Council
Mrs Sinead Jennings	Ballybot CA
Mr Padraig Harte	Threeways CA
Mr Raymond Jackson	Confederation of Community Groups
Mr James Treanor	Carnagat CA
Mrs Paula Mc Guigan	Carnagat CA
Dr Conor Patterson	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Mr Collie Hanna	Barcroft CA
Mrs Madaleine Mc Crink	SHSCT Promoting Well being team
Ms Noreen Rice	Meadow Armagh road CA

***Apologies:***

Ms Aisling Rennick	Community Engagement manager NM&DDC
Ms Ruth Allen	SHSCT Promoting Well being manager
Mr Brendan Cranney	Meadow Armagh road CA
Mrs Patricia O'Gorman	Threeways CA
Mrs Maureen Ruddy	Martins lane CA
Ms Kathleen Lowry	GLACA
Ms Francine Ruddy	Martins Lane CA.
Ms Bernie Mooney	Education Authority NI.(EANI)
Mr Gary Mc Keown	Drumalane Quayside close CA
Mr Gerry Coyle	Drumalane Quayside Close CA

### ***Matters Discussed***

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Review of Action plan

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	<b>Welcome / Introductions</b>	Everyone welcomed to the meeting		
2.	<b>Apologies</b>	<p>Recorded as above.</p> <p>On behalf of the members attending – The Chairperson expressed her disappointment at the number of members who failed to attend. This meeting is of vital importance to maintain delivery of the NR programme.</p> <p>She thanked all the members who attended this evening.</p>		
4.	<b>Review and update Action plan</b>	<p>The meeting has been called for the annual review and update of the NR Action plan for 2019/2022.</p> <p>No decisions made yet on NR going forward. Until otherwise instructed – business as usual and we must plan on a 3 year cycle.</p> <p>2 parts of the action plan – Revenue and capital programmes Members to approve all projects or recommend removal from the action plan.</p> <p>Commence with Revenue programmes.</p>		

		<p>Members asked to declare any conflicts of interest if applicable</p> <p><b>Community Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raymond Jackson declared his interest in this project</li><li>• (Running costs/ minor works and Community development support)– again a vital programme in the support of the CA's –</li><li>• Members agreed that this project offers great support to all the communities</li></ul> <p><b>Approved going forward</b></p> <p><b>Outdoor activity Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• very popular project among CA's – achieves very positive outputs</li></ul> <p><b>Approved going forward.</b></p> <p><b>Technical Assistance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As Sean is a recipient of this project and in NM&amp;DDC's absence, Karen introduced this element</li><li>• All members agree that this is a vital component to the delivery of the NR programme – Without technical support the programme would not function.</li></ul> <p><b>Approved going forward</b></p> <p><b>CRJ – Safer Stronger Communities project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members agreed that this project offers a lot of support within the communities –</li></ul> <p><b>Approved going forward</b></p> <p><b>Education 2 employment (E2E)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conor declared his interest in this project</li></ul>		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Again very positive outputs in this programme – supports local children and young people – Connects young people to other pathways of employment</li><li>• <b>Approved going forward</b></li></ul> <p><b>SRC Employability programmes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David declared his interest in both the TOPS and OCEANS programmes</li><li>• <b>TOPS</b> – very flexible programme – meets a lot of localised need.- Has created a high number of job opportunities over the years</li><li>• <b>OCEANS</b> –very successful meets all targets – 3 people from Newry have now signed up to this programme – programme offers a range of training elements that can be utilised in a number of different careers.</li><li>• The communities offered their sincere thanks to David and his team adding that David and the SRC meet regularly with the groups and really listen to them. This shows their respect for the communities</li></ul> <p><b>both approved going forward</b></p> <p><b>Health programme</b> Madaleine on behalf of the trust declared her interest</p> <p><b>4 elements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interventions - action cancer big bus/Dementia bus (new pilot project) /healthy eating in partnership with local schools</li><li>• Mental health initiatives</li><li>• Capacity building - training</li><li>• Physical activity</li></ul> <p>Very positive programme which meets all targets</p> <p><b>Approved going forward</b></p>		
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		<p><b>Education programmes</b>  No representative from EA – Sean introduced the programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Count read succeed plus</li> <li>• Numeracy and literacy/mentoring</li> <li>• Out of hours learning</li> <li>• Youth engagement</li> </ul> <p><b>Approved going forward.</b></p> <p>Discussion on the new Neighbourhood Renewal Measurement of Outcomes report 2018. – Some gaps starting to appear in terms of Education, crime etc.</p> <p>Members also agreed to convene an Economic meeting in early December with a view to explore possibility of proposal for funding. – look at the strength and possibilities for young people within apprenticeships</p> <p><b>NIHE Design costs and planning</b>  No representative from NIHE – Karen updated members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract for funding issued – to be delivered by March 2020</li> <li>• <b>To be removed from the action plan</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Capital Projects</b></p> <p><b>NMEA THINC Lab –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract for Funding issued – to be completed by March 2020.  <b>This will now be removed from the action plan</b></li> </ul> <p><b>NIHE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carnagat extension –</b></li> <li>• No 1 priority for partnership –</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Drumalane EI scheme –</b></li> <li>• remains on action plan</li> </ul>	<p>Circulate copy of the link to access report</p> <p>Arrange a meeting for Economic group</p>	<p>David</p> <p>Sean</p>
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		<p><b>NM&amp;DDC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raymond McCreesh Park</b> –</li> <li>• remains on action plan</li> <li>• CA to meet with council – what is the future of the park</li> </ul> <p><b>Whitegates toilets improvement scheme</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• requires council to deliver –await response from Council estates team –</li> <li>• remains on Action plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Storage Units.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Await decision on available funding – small capital budget –</li> <li>• remains on action plan</li> </ul> <p><b>EANI</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St Patrick's primary school pitch upgrade</b>–</li> <li>• unlikely to progress – we can offer support to other possible funders</li> <li>• <b>St Mary's Youth club</b> unlikely to progress due to increased cost</li> <li>• <b>St John Bosco/Our Lady's</b> -</li> <li>• Access steps to leisure centre and community access to tennis courts project as below remains on action plan</li> <li>• <b>St John bosco YC</b> – fence repair and grass area upgrade -</li> <li>• possible joint application with Our ladys/bosco access steps – await outcome of EA maintenance report – remains on action plan</li> <li>• <b>St Joseph's high school Excess road and rain shelter</b> – await technical support - we can offer support to other possible funders</li> </ul>		
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		<p>unlikely to progress under NR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St Malachy's primary school – upgrade to small play area – not a priority</b> - unlikely to progress under NR</li> <li>• <b>St John Bosco Boxing club development of space for new training area –</b> – not achievable unlikely to progress under NR</li> </ul> <p>Discussion on EANI capital proposals. Issue over ability and appetite to deliver. Members agree to add an appendix with EANI capital projects subject to EANI agreement and position. Seek meeting with Bernie Mooney to discuss</p> <p><b>Any priority projects will be subject to available funding</b></p> <p><b><u>Members approve the Action plan – 2019/ 2022</u></b></p>	<p>Arrange meeting with EA</p>	<p>Sean</p>
		<p>Action plan to be updated and forwarded to DfC and then circulated to all members</p> <p>No More Business – everyone thanked for coming Thank Sean and Canal Court for the hospitality.</p>	<p>Update Action Plan and circulate</p>	<p>Sean</p>



## **Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership**

### **Action Plan 2019 – 2022**



## Strategic Objective: Community Renewal - Community Involvement

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**Overview Of Need:** Community and Statutory consultation - need for local people to participate in delivery of NR, need to build the capacity of local people to become involved in community led activity, to participate in decisions about their area, need to provide access to a range of training and resources at a local level to support community based activity and youth engagement. NINIS Area Profile – highlights significant social issues around health and wellbeing, education, and employability. Continued investment in community capacity and infrastructure is essential to maintain partnership working with statutory agencies.

### Key Priorities

1. To increase the number of local people involved and the levels of involvement in activities and decisions contributing to improvements in the quality of life in the NR area.
2. To develop community infrastructure within the NR area and to support the delivery of community based activities.
3. To promote youth engagement and participation and seek opportunities for youth development.
4. To promote partnership working between local community and local statutory bodies.
5. To provide opportunities for increased use of shared community and recreational facilities.
6. To build stronger links within and between communities in the NR area, and create more opportunities for positive contact between residents.

Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
<b>1. Community renewal</b> A) To sustain and develop community facilities in Newry NR area and the provision of running costs/minor works support for community associations  B) To deliver a community development and support programme in the 9 identified communities within the NR area of Newry	<b>Community:</b> CR1, CR3, CR4, CR5 CR7, <b>Social:</b> SR(Ed)14 SR 9H)1	NM&DDC DfC CCG	long term Cost: £91,005.73  NR Funding	New one year programme from April 2019 – March 2020  <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available funding</b>	Quarterly monitoring reports on agreed outputs and outcomes to DfC and NRP Evaluation of programme upon delivery Annual report

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Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
<b>2. To develop and deliver a community outdoor activity and educational programme</b> Project to provide resources to allow communities to access outdoor and sporting facilities/activities. Develop intercommunity working.	SR(H)1 CR 1 CR 3 CR 7 SR (Ed) 17	NM&DDC DfC	Medium term. £34,850.00 NR funding	New one year programme – April 2019 – March 2020 ongoing  <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available funding</b>	Quarterly monitoring progress reports on activities completed, forwarded to DfC, NM&DDC and NRP Activities delivered. Numbers attending. Completion of any training Annual report PPE
<b>3. Technical Assistance</b> To provide secretariat support to the NRP and ongoing support to the NR groups.	Technical support for NRP	NM&DDC DfC	Long term £ 38,789.35 NR funding	New programme approved - April 2019 – March 2020 ongoing <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available funding</b>	Quarterly monitoring progress reports on all key objectives sent to DfC Monitoring report. Feedback to NRP and AHC in NM&DDC PPE Annual report
<b>4. Community Restorative Justice</b> Building stronger safer communities through the development of restorative practices	SR (C) ,3,4,5,7	CRJ DfC	medium– term £46,370.80 NR funding	New one year programme approved from April 2019 – March 2020  <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available funding</b>	Quarterly monitoring progress reports to DfC Reports to NRP PPE Annual report



**Strategic Objective: Economic Renewal - Work and Worklessness, Qualifications, Skills and Training**

**Overview Of Need:** NINIS NR Area Profile of Newry – lower proportion of economically active people, low household income and high levels of benefit dependence, less people owning their own home and high number of rented properties, very high levels of children leaving school with no qualifications, low numbers of young people advancing to 3<sup>rd</sup> level education. Consultation - Poor skills base within the NR area, poor capacity to avail of job opportunities, increasing migrant worker population filling middle tier jobs, poor educational attainment and success at transfer exam despite Newry having four of the top grammar school facilities within NI.

**Key Issues:**

1. To support local people with few or no qualifications to access vocational and personal development training.
2. To help local people, in particular those unemployed and dependent on state welfare benefits, to access suitable employment and training opportunities
3. To source and develop opportunities to provide training relevant to local business needs and local residents.
4. To support and help local people avail of money management advice.
5. To encourage new businesses to locate in the area, and to support expansion of existing businesses in the NR area.
6. To source and develop opportunities for community/socio-economic projects that will provide long term sustainability for local communities
7. To widen economic activity and to source and develop opportunities to increase household incomes and improve prosperity within the NR area.

Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Resource Timescale Implication	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
<b>5. Education to employment</b> To develop and deliver an employability programme and to work with community, schools and further education providers, RTOs and the private sector to increase the	SR(Ed)6 SR(Ed)10 ER3	NMEA DfC	Medium-term NR funding – £38,737.95	New one year programme from April 2019 – March 2020 <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available</b>	Review progress at monthly and post project evaluation meetings. Numbers attending Reports to sub group and NRP/DfC

employability of people living within the NR area.				<b>funding</b>	PPE Annual report
<b>6. TOPS</b> SRC will continue to work with local community, voluntary groups to provide the opportunity for people from NR areas to participate in key accredited training –training for adults and young people to develop key employability skills.	SR(Ed)2, 6 SR(Ed)10 ER3,6	SRC DfC	Long term NR funding £45,779.50	New one year programme approved fro April 2019 – March 2020  <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available funding</b>	Numbers attending each event, number of enquiries and numbers enrolling and gaining qualifications. Reports to NRP/DfC and economic sub group PPE Annual report
<b>8.The OCEANS Project (offshore Career Employment and New skills Project)</b> <b>Training for people in Public services and Safety training</b> – fire-fighting, sea survival, working at heights, First Aid Helicopter Safety & Escape, Safety Induction, Introduction to the Hazardous Environment Rope, Pulley & Slinger training Risk Assessment, Manual Handling, COSHH	SR(Ed)10 ER3,6	SRC DfC	Medium Term /NR funding £34,819.59	New one year programme 2019/20 Rolled out across Armagh Craigavon and Newry. <b>Members approved continuation of programme 20202/1 subject to available funding</b>	Report to NRP /DfC and economic sub group Numbers attending and completing PPE Annual report



**Strategic Objective: Social Renewal** - Health & Social Wellbeing, Educational Attainment, Attitudes to Education, Crime & Safety, Income & Benefit Dependency

Overview Of Need: (Source – NINIS) Long term illness, dependence on Incapacity. Disability and housing benefits, low educational attainment, lack of 3<sup>rd</sup> level qualifications and job skills and lower proportions of economically active people, are the key social issues for Newry NR area. Building the capacity, For the delivery of health priorities for the NR area, the SHSCT N&M Promoting Wellbeing Team works in partnership with local communities through the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Health Subgroup to tackle inequalities in health and wellbeing in Newry City estates. Approx ¼ of the population are children and significant numbers live within lone parent households. (Source EA) – school attendance is consistently far below the standards expected, qualification levels drop below the board average for children leaving school with one or more Grade A-C at GCSE, suspensions, expulsions and referrals to support services are higher in these areas. For the communities, some areas have significant issues around child and youth engagement with children as young as 8 years being involved in anti-social behaviour. There are issues around the capacity of many of the parents to support their children's educational development, and with low levels of household income there is little scope for parents to engage educational support/ tutoring resources.

**Key Priorities:**

1. To empower and support local people to live healthy lifestyles to help reduce long-term illness within the NR area.
2. To ensure local residents have access to the best possible range of health and social care services.
3. To engage with the young people to promote healthy life style choices, in particular dealing with preventative measures.
4. To provide opportunities and support for the delivery of positive and stimulating health, sports and play activities for children and young people.
5. To influence the delivery of community based health & well being support services, particularly for the elderly and infirm.
6. To ensure local people have access to educational provision at all stages of their lives.
7. To improve the educational attainment for school leavers.
8. To seek and support the delivery of a variety of new and innovative pathways to education.
9. To develop programmes to engage young people and specifically age groups 8 - 12 & 13 - 25 and to provide positive alternatives for physical education, volunteering and personal development.
10. To develop joint programmes for children and parents, in particular to address ICT skills, development and employability skills.
11. To provide support and seek opportunities to develop the extending school's programme that will include improved usage of public buildings for community development.

To support new and migrant workers families to participate within the community including the development of English language and other skills.

Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Timescales & Resources	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
<b>8. To develop a range of educational programmes across NR areas</b> To establish ongoing links with Newry extended schools cluster in order to promote and build the extended schools programme. To support out of schools hours programmes. To support youth provision in NR through engagement programme and on-going support for youth centres delivering personal development programmes.	SR (Ed) 2, 3,4,6,8,10, 12, 13, 14,18,19,20,21,26	EANI DfC	Long term £95,425.74 NR funding	New programme to be delivered over 1 year period April 2019 to March 2020-ongoing <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available funding</b>	Feedback to NRP and Education sub group and new projects generated. Reports to DfC Annual report PPE
<b>9. Newry Count Read Succeed plus</b> Training for staff to engage with parents. Educational tools: resources etc – aimed at lowest 20% achieving pupils.	SR (Ed) 2, 3,5, 6,7,8, 10,12,13,20,21,	EANI DfC	Medium term funding DfC/NR £ 66,380.60	New one year programme approved for April 2019 to March 2020 <b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available funding</b>	Number of participants in each programme. Development of participants. Demand for follow-up programmes Reports to NRP/DfC and education sub group. Annual report PPE

<p><b>10. To provide a wide range of health promotion programmes in each NR area</b></p> <p>To include physical activity programmes, healthy eating programmes, Health promotion programmes, mental health programmes. Health intervention and education, training and key programmes for all age groups.</p>	SR (H)1, 2,3,4,6	SHSCT DfC	Long term DfC/NR funding £63,735.01	<p>New programme approved for April 2019 - March 2020 Ongoing</p> <p><b>Members approved continuation of programme 2020/21 subject to available funding</b></p>	<p>Number of participants in each programme. Change in lifestyles of participants. Demand for follow-up programmes. Report to Health sub group, NRP/DfC PPE Annual report</p>
<p><b>11. Technical support/design and planning for Carnagat Community house extension</b></p> <p>To complete design plans and full costs along with approved planning permission to support capital build.</p>	CR 6 PR 4, 9	NIHE DfC	Short term DfC/NR £30,000	<p>Approved at NRP Contract issued</p> <p><b>To be delivered by 31 March 2020.</b></p>	<p>Completion of technical report Report to DfC/NRP PPE Annual report</p>



Strategic Objective: **Physical Renewal** – attractive, safe, sustainable environment

**Overview Of Need:** Through consultation with Community and Voluntary sector, there is a need to protect open spaces within housing estates, create and enhance play and leisure provision and provide affordable housing. Lack of affordable housing is a major issue within Newry city and house purchase prices are now well beyond the financial capability of most of the people living in these areas. Most of the estates were built in the 1960s and have inadequate parking and road infrastructure. The communities living within these areas have already done much to enhance the physical appearance of their areas, but statutory investment is also required. In some instances, NIHE have made available houses to provide the community with a base for community activity. Many of these are structurally unsuitable and enhancement is required to improve usage and accessibility.

Key Priorities:

1. Higher availability of affordable housing stock.
2. Improved quality of environment for social, economic, cultural and leisure activities including enhancement of community facilities.
3. Improved infrastructure and access to services within housing estates, including car parking, traffic calming, road improvements and better street signage.
4. Safer physical quality of environment where people live.
5. Safer areas for children and young people to play

Project / Actions	Key Priorities / Outcomes	Method Of Delivery	Timescales & Resources	Milestones	How Success Will Be Monitored
<b>11.Carnagat Community House Extension</b> To build an extension to existing community facility and small play area to engage more people providing more programmes <b>Action:</b> <b>Priority 1</b>	CR 1 3, 4, 7, ER 6, SR (Ed) 3 SR (H)1 SR(C),5, PR 4, 8	NIHE, DfC	Long term £190,000 DfC/NR funding	Moved to 2020/21 application submitted Requires full breakdown of costs design and planning NIHE . Subject to available funding could be delivered in 2020/21	Monthly project meetings Reports to NRP /DfC Completion of works Numbers using facility PPE Annual report



<b>12.Bosco Youth club</b>  Refurbishment of fencing and Repair playing area <b>Action:</b> <b>Priority 2</b>  <b>no application</b>	SR (H) 1 PR 4, 8 SR (Ed) 33 CR 1, 4, 5	EANI DfC	Short term £50,000 NR funding	No Application Move to 2020/21  <b>EA maintenance to look at area and report.</b>  <b>Contact EANI to get an update</b>	Reports to NRP, DfC and educational sub group Completion of works PPE
<b>13. Raymond Mc Creesh park</b> Refurbishment of local playpark  <b>Priority 1</b> <b>remains on the action plan</b> <b>Raymond mc Creesh will be part of consolidation process within NM&amp;DDC play strategy</b>	PR 1, 5 SR (H)1, 3 CR 1, 3	NM&DDC DfC	Long term £122,000 DSD/NR NM&DDC	Application with DfC Move to 2020/21 Play strategy completed – <b>Council decision is to no longer invest in Raymond Mc Creesh / Barcroft play parks.</b>  <b>Require an update from NM&amp;DDC</b>	Monthly project reports Report to DfC/NR To NM&DDC Completion of works Numbers using facility PPE
<b>14. Drumalane EI scheme</b> Environmental scheme to rear of houses in Drumalane <b>Action:</b> <b>priority 1</b>	PR 1, 11	NIHE DfC	Medium term £47,323.82 DfC/NR NIHE	Application with DfC  NIHE unable to deliver move to 2020/21  NIHE will deliver if funding is confirmed.	Monthly project reports Reports to DSD/NR NIHE Completion of works PPE
<b>15. Whitegates extension</b>  Building of additional toilet block  <b>Priority 4</b>	SR (Ed) 33 SR (H) 1 2 CR 1, 2, 4, 6 PR 4, 8	DfC NM&DDC	Long term DfC/NR funding £50,000	No application Move to 2020/21  Put request to Council to submit application	Monthly project reports Report to DfC/NR To NM&DDC Completion of works PPE

<b>No application</b>				<b>Await update from NM&amp;DDC</b>	
<b>16. NMEA Test House for Innovation and creativity Lab (THINC lab)</b> To redesign a vacant space to develop an innovative and creative community innovation hub in Newry west	SR ( C ) 1,2, 5 SR (Ed) 3 SR (Ec) 1,3 5 CR 6 PR 9	NMEA DfC	Long term DfC /NR £246,,000	<b>Contract for funding issued – to be delivered by 31 March 2020</b>	Monthly project reports Report to DfC/NR To economic sub group Completion of works PPE
<b>17. St John Bosco/Our Lady's community access path</b>  To provide a right of way access for students/members of youth club/community to gain access to and from the new leisure facility. <b>Feasibility study took place – findings for original site not favourable</b> <b>Priority 2 – no application</b>	PR 1,5 SR (H)1, 2 SR(C)1,2	EA DfC	Long term DfC/NR £60,000	No application move to 2020/21  <b>Require an update from EANI</b>	Monthly project reports Report to DfC/NR To Education sub group Completion of works PPE Usage recorded.
<b>18. External storage sheds</b>  Two storage sheds for Carnagat and Derrybeg CA's to provide storage space for community equipment	CR, 6 PR 4, 9	NM&DDC DfC	Short term DfC/NR  £3,800.00	Approved at NRP Application with DfC Deliverable in 2019/20  <b>Will complete if capital funding found</b>	Completion of works Report to DfC/NRP and community sub group. PPE Annual report

## Appendix:

A number of Capital projects to be delivered under EANI - They remain on the Action plan as the partnership now requires information from EANI in regards to both their ability and priority to deliver.

The members see these as projects they would like to deliver and offer their full support if other possible funding bodies/opportunities can be found.

<b>1. St Patrick's Primary school pitch development</b> Development of 3G pitch <b>priority 4</b> <b>Require an update from EANI</b>	CR 2, 3, 4, SR (Ed) 33 SR (H) 1 PR 4, 8	EANI and others DfC	Long term £280,000	No application Not deliverable	Completion of works Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group. PPE Annual report
<b>2. St Mary's Youth club refurbishment</b> Upgrade the youth club to include new heating system and ease of access for all users  <b>priority 5</b> <b>Require update from EANI</b>	<b>Physical:</b> CR 2, 3, 4, SR (Ed) 33 SR (H) 1 PR 4,	EANI and others DfC	Long term Would require significant funding - £350k	No application Not deliverable – costs have greatly increased	Completion of works Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group. PPE Annual report
<b>3. St Malachy's Primary school play area upgrade</b>  <b>Priority 4</b> <b>No application</b> <b>Require an update from EANI</b>	SR(C)1,2 SR (H)1 PR 1,5	EANI DfC	Short term £50,000	No application	Completion of works Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group. PPE Annual report
<b>4. St Marys girls high school project</b>  Development of MUGA – 3g	PR 1,4,5 SR (H) 1, 7,8,9 SR (Ed) 33 CR 1	St Mary's high school EANI and others DfC	Long term £250,000	No application  Requires technical support and or other funders	Completion of works Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group. PPE Annual report



<b>Priority 5</b> <b>no application</b> <b>Require an update from EANI</b>				Not deliverable	
<b>5. St Joseph's boys school</b> <b>Road development and shelter</b> Road improvement for ease of access to new playing facility and provision of rain shelter for spectators/local community <b>Priority 4</b> <b>No application</b> <b>Require an update from EANI</b>	PR 1,5 SR (H)1, 2 SR(C)1,2	EANI St Joseph's High school DfC	Long term £195,000	No application Not deliverable	Completion of works Report to DfC/NRP and Education sub group. PPE Annual report

**Action plan approved by NRP board at meeting held on the 26 September 2019.**



<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	Play Park Strategy Update
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

For decision	For noting only	X
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>	
1.1	<p>In August 2019 a report was present detailing the progress of the Play Strategy and the next batch of Play Parks for transformations and upgrades.</p> <p>Two new play parks in Carlingford Park Newry &amp; Newtownhamilton has just been opened in October with the next two play parks Backfield and Mourne Gardens in Castlewellan have also been opened in November 2019. Drumilly in Belleek and Carnbane Gardens Newry have been completed with transformations, and the remainder of the parks Newtowncloughe, Carrievemaclone, Spelga Park and Lisnalee in Whitecross have all commenced works.</p> <p>The remaining projects Ballymartin, Martins Lane, and Daraghcross are in the process of applying for planning approval as these parks are in new locations. The process usually takes three months for planning approval, ten weeks for ordering new equipment and a further 10 weeks for installation pending weather conditions.</p> <p>At present Playboard NI is carryout the three-stage process in Station avenue Castlewellan, Drumaroad in Newcastle, Latt Crescent Newry and Pious Hill in Ballymartin. The process consists of meeting with local schools, an online survey, public consultation and final Council approval. This process is expected to continue into January 2020 for the final stages of this year's projects.</p>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timeframe following 2019 – 2022</li> <li>• Planning applications for 3 play parks</li> <li>• Completion of this year's projects</li> </ul>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	
3.1	That the Committee note the report.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>	
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council capital budget</li> <li>• Planning applications.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and good relations implications</b>	
5.1	No equality or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>	
6.1	The Play Strategy itself was subject to rural proofing.	

7.0	<b>Appendices</b>
	Appendix 1: Programme of Works for Play Parks 2019 - 2022
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b> None

Appendix 1:

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	Name	Year
Upgrade Approved	Backfield	2019/2020
New Park	Kilclief	2019/2020
Upgrade Approved	Mourne Gardens	2019/2020
Upgrade Approved	Newtowncloughe	2019/2020
Upgrade Approved	Carrievemaclone	2019/2020
Transformations	Drumilly	2019/2020
Transformations	Lisnalee	2019/2020
Transformations	Carnbane Gardens	2019/2020
New park	Loanda/martins lane	2020/2021
New Park	Ballymartin	2020/2021
Review/upgrade	Spelga Park Hilltown	2019/2020
Transformations	Latt Cresent	2020/2021
Transformations	Pious Hill	2020/2021
Transformations	Drumaroad	2020/2021
Transformations	Station Avenue	2020/2021
Transformations	Clonallon Park	2020/2021
Review/upgrade 4 into 2	Charlemount square/Pond Field/Fr Cullen/College Square	2020/2021
Review/upgrade 2 into 1	Windmill Road/Heather Park/Kilmorey Park	2020/2021
Review/upgrade 2 into 1	Springhill Drive/Shandon Park	2019/2020
Transformations	Tullydonnell	2020/2021

Review/upgrade 2 into 1	Hillfoot toddler/junior	2020/2021
Review/upgrade 2 into 1	Emmett st/Mourneview	2020/2021
Radial Duplication	Bridge St/ardmore Avenue/Marian Park	2020/2021
New Park	Kilmore	2020/2021
Upgrade Approved	Kittys Road	2021/2022
Upgrade Approved	Newcastle Centre	2021/2022
Review/upgrade 2 into 1	Monaview/Annalong	2021/2022
Review/upgrade 2 into 1	Model Farm/St Dymnas	2021/2022
New Park	Barnamaghery Villas	2021/2022