

October 20th, 2017

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 24th October 2017 at 6:00 pm in Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Chair: Cllr W Walker

Vice: Cllr D Taylor

Members:

Cllr T Andrews Cllr P Brown

Cllr S Burns Cllr S Doran

Cllr C Enright Cllr G Fitzpatrick

Cllr V Harte Cllr L Kimmins

Cllr K Loughran Cllr A McMurray

Cllr B Ó'Muirí Cllr B Quinn

Cllr J Trainor

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16.0 Women's Aid Armagh/Down

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information)

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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/117/2016	Indoor Leisure Business Plan	<p>It was agreed to approve as follows as per Report dated 19 September 2016 regarding Indoor Leisure Business Plan Update: The Council to progress the recommendations set out in the Report, specifically Table 3 (as per Appendix A), and engage assistance where necessary, in order to achieve this plan by the end of 2020/21 financial year, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT – immediate review, enhancement and implementation of modern infrastructure by end of 2016/17 to support Business Plan objectives and reporting. • Marketing and Branding – immediate development and implementation of a strategy to include sub brand, transparent customer journey, staff training and recruitment of additional resource by end of 2016/17. • Pricing – review and simplification of structure with presentation of proposals for Committee decision by end of 2016/17. • Programme and Resource – develop clear linkages with other departments, specifically 	R Moore	<p>ICT – Phase 1 complete April 17, Phase 2 In progress</p> <p>Marketing and Branding – in progress</p> <p>Pricing – complete Feb 17</p> <p>Programme and resource – in progress</p> <p>Additional income opportunities – in progress</p>	N

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AHC/169/2016	Creche Space Operating Model for Newry Leisure Centre – Phase 2	Sports Development, to begin to increase participation and programmes on offer with additional 2 Officers resource as identified, recruited by end of 2016/17. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional income opportunities – develop proposals for consideration for facility enhancements for use of low occupancy space and specifically Kilkeel Leisure Centre Fitness Suite Space by end of 2017/18. 	R Moore	In progress	N
AHC/14/2017	Ballyhornan Coastal Improvement	It was agreed to accept the officer's recommendation not to proceed with making arrangements to operate a drop-in baby minding service and research alternate operating models and use for the space and bring a report back to Committee at a later date detailing proposed options for consideration. It was agreed that an interpretation panel be included explaining to the public why the fence had been erected.	D Begley	Creative Circle have completed the artwork for the sign and it will be printed and erected as soon as possible.	N
AHC/56/2017	Action Sheet of AHC Committee held on 20 March 2017	AHC/38/2017 - Presentation – ORNI It was agreed to proceed to develop an SLA with ORNI which would be brought back to the next Committee Meeting providing Members with more detail,	C Haughey	In progress	N

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AHC/57/2017	Community Trails SLA with Outdoor Recreation	including the level of cost required. As above, it was agreed to proceed to develop an SLA with ORNI which would be brought back to the next Committee Meeting providing Members with more detail, including the level of cost required.	C Haughey	In progress	N
AHC/63/2017	Expression of Interest Regards Leasing Council Land	It was agreed to approve the public adverts for the Expression of Interest in line with NMDDC lease/sale policy and to approve the officer's recommendation. It was agreed that any submissions would be evaluated by the Administration Department to ensure their business case sets out how sports clubs would deliver on the rights of all existing users.	C Haughey	In progress	N
AHC/104/217	Loose Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment needed for the new Downpatrick Leisure Centre	It was agreed to procure the loose fixtures, fittings and equipment that were not included within the tender contract award and that were needed for the new Downpatrick Leisure Centre.	K Gordon	In progress	N
AHC/106/2017	New Downpatrick Leisure Centre Operating Arrangements	It was agreed to approve the new Downpatrick Leisure Centre operating arrangements.	K Gordon	In progress	N
AHC/120/2017	South Armagh/South Down Peace Centre	Approval to submit an application for full planning permission to	J McCabe	Ongoing	N

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AHC/121/2017	Cullyhanna Community Centre	progress the application Approval for replacement flooring in the main hall of Cullyhanna Community Centre at a cost of approx. £11,000.	T McDonald/J McCann		

ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM AHC MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2017

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/135/2017	Apologies & Chairperson's Remarks	It was agreed that Councillor Enright attend the NFLA All- Ireland Forum Seminar	E Devlin	S Trainer advised of name – 21/09/17	Y
AHC/138/2017	Peace IV Local Action Plan	It was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> approve the recommendations of the Peace IV Partnership and proceed to go to tender; grant delegated authority to submit applications to SEUPB for underspend in line with the identified need and subject to Partnership approval; note the minutes of June 2017 Partnership Meeting. 	J McCabe	Actioned	Y
AHC/139/2017	Community Centre Effectiveness	It was agreed accept the findings of Stage III, Community Centre Effectiveness Review	J McCann	Actioned	Y

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		and proceed with implementation of Stage IV.			
AHC/140/2017	Financial Assistance – Call 2 Update and Call 3 Request for Approval	It was agreed to approve the proposed timeline and thresholds for Call 3 of the Financial Assistance process and approve budget of £250,000 for Sports Capital Call 2018/19.	J McCabe	Actioned	Y
AHC/141/2017	DEA Fora - Update	It was agreed to approve the actions outlined in the action sheets from the following DEA Forum meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting – 20th June 2017 • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting – 29th June 2017 • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting – 1st August 2017 • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting – 3rd August 2017 • Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting – 23rd August 2017 	D Brannigan/ S Rice	Actioned	Y
AHC/142/2017	Memorandum of Understanding between NMDDC & KYCA	It was agreed to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between Newry, Mourne & Down District Council and Killyleagh Youth & Community Association.	J McCann	Actioned	Y

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AHC/143/2017	Notice of Motion received from Councillor Brown	It was agreed that a report on the costs of opening all leisure facilities in the District on a Sunday and bank holidays be investigated and brought back to the Committee.	R Moore	Report to AHC October 2017	N
AHC/144/2017	Newry Leisure Centre Opening Sales Promotions	It was agreed to allow officers to proceed to refine and implement commercial sales options as above, with the offers being made available for a specific period of time to help maximise potential commercial income opportunities.	K Gordon	In progress	Y
AHC/145/2017	Newry Leisure Centre Soft Play Operating Arrangements	It was agreed to approve the operating arrangements and pricing strategy which will be monitored and reviewed by officers after 6 months to refine arrangements, if required. These refinements would be brought back to the Committee for agreement.	K Gordon	To be implemented	Y
AHC/146/2017	Newry Leisure Sport Visualisation	It was agreed to accept the proposed leisure look and feel and permit Officers to develop and implement targeted messages within the leisure and	K Gordon	To be implemented	Y

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		sport section using this approach with close engagement with Council's marketing department.			
AHC/147/2017	Request to match fund an invasive species eradication programme in Daisy Hill Wood using existing resources	It was agreed to agree to match fund an invasive species eradication programme at Daisy Hill wood using existing resources.	S McEldowney	To be progressed by the Biodiversity Officer Maternity Cover when appointed.	N
AHC/148/2017	Request from Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (FCFCG) to become Local Authority Members	It was agreed that officers prepare a report on the number of community gardens and allotments within the Council area.	S McEldowney	In progress.	N

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Peace IV Local Action Plan
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programmes Manager

Decisions required:	
<i>To consider and agree to:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership. 	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
	The Peace IV Partnership met on 27 September 2017 and agreed recommendations which require agreement.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The successful implementation of the programme relies on the on-going community engagement through Peace Officers and DEA Co-ordinators.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	<p>That the Committee agree to the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management Support: Approval to submit an application to SEUPB for the BMX project in Camlough Road, Newry Approval to tender for the Bank of Facilitator subject to SEUPB approval Shared Spaces and Services: Shared Spaces Engagement Programme: to procure and appoint a facilitator to carry out and audit and mapping of existing shared spaces and complete community dialogue – estimated cost £25,000 Building Positive Relations: Capacity Building & Engagement Programme for Groups across the District: Service Engagement events in Mournes DEA between local community organisations - £1,000 Public advertisement for Expressions of interest to recruit groups to this programme – £2,000 To procure and appoint a facilitator for the Newry, Mourne and Down Intercultural Forum - estimated cost £5,000
4.0	Resource implications:
4.1	Project 85% funded by the EU and 15% by the two Governments.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:

5.1	This was undertaken as part of the application process.
6.0	Appendices
	Minutes of PEACE IV Partnership (August 2017)

PEACE IV Partnership Meeting
Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
Thursday 24th August 2017

In attendance: Cllr Michael Ruane, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Declan Murphy, Social Partner
Helen Honeyman, Social Partner
Joe McMinn, PSNI
Cllr David Highland, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Cllr David Taylor, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Cllr Terry Andrews, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Cllr William Walker, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Officials in Attendance: Justyna McCabe, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Aisling Smith, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Claire Loughran, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Alison McConville, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Council
Catherine Dynes, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Michael Ruane welcomed members of the Peace IV Partnership at 6:05pm and apologies were noted from

Gordon McDade
Janine Hillen
Martin Fahy
Seamus Camplisson
Michael Lipsett
Siobhan Fearon

2. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

3. Minutes from previous meeting 28th June 2017

The minutes from the previous meeting with approved as proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Hyland.

4. Management Report

Justyna introduced the new Peace Officers to the members of the Partnership. The reporting format from each of the delivery partners was explained to the members. Justyna noted that the Peace Programme had now commenced delivery. It was explained that attached with the papers was a memorandum re monies for resubmission. This outlined the monies that each Council could now reapply for. It was noted that the spending of these monies was approved by this partnership in January 2017 and this will now be submitted to SEUPB. Justyna presented the Management Report for noting. The recommendations were agreed. This was proposed by Cllr Hyland and seconded by Declan Murphy.

5. Partner Delivery Agent Report

- **NMDDC**

Claire presented the NMDDC Report and Recommendations for approval. It was noted that the actions for approval were in bold on the report. Cllr Hyland sought clarification regarding the cost of the Faith-Based action. Claire explained that this was based on costs in the application and that this action will be district wide. Cllr Andrews commented that this was a good programme over and welcomes the actions on shared history and culture. The recommendations were agreed. This was proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Hyland.

- **PCSP**

Alison presented the PCSP report and Recommendations for approval. Helen Honeyman enquired how the tenders would be advertised. Justyna explained that these tenders would not be advertised yet as the terms had to go to SEUPB for approval. Justyna further explained that tenders over £30k would be advertised in the press and ehub and that under £30k would just be advertised on ehub. The recommendations were agreed. This was proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Declan Murphy.

- **Education Authority**

Catherine explained that there was no report yet from the Education Authority.

6. Date of the next meetings

Cllr Ruane explained that the programme had now commenced delivery and that the role of the partnership members would now become more important. Joe

McMinn highlighted the issues of drug abuse in the District and noted this should be addressed. Alison explained that the could be focused on under one of the PCSP actions and that conversations with groups in Kilkeel regarding this had already taken place.

The dates for the next meetings were agreed as follows:

27th September, Downpatrick Civic Centre, 6pm

19th October, Newry Monaghan Row, 6pm

23rd November, Downpatrick Civic Centre, 6pm

Councillor Ruane closed the meeting at 6:45pm.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	DEA Fora Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Suzanne Rice, DEA Coordinator (Crotlieve)

Decisions required:	
To consider and agree the actions outlined in the action sheets from the DEA Forum Private Meetings.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<p>DEA Coordinators and Forum Members continue to implement actions detailed in their respective local action plans. Recent programmes and activities delivered or facilitated include the following:</p> <p>Level of Civic Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Public Engagement events took place in a number of DEAs during September and October 2017. The events gave community representatives the opportunity to register their interest in the PEACE IV programme. The PEACE Officer in attendance outlined the different strands of the programme and provided examples of initiatives that could be undertaken. > DEA Coordinators assisted Council's ERT Department officials by promoting and attending the local Village Plan Consultations and providing guidance and support to Rural Development Programme applicants. > DEA Coordinators attended their first meeting of the Community Planning Thematic Working Groups. > A Traveller culture engagement event for local primary schools took place at Bagenal's Castle, Newry. Approximately 60 schoolchildren had the opportunity to hear stories, participate in workshops and view a traditional Traveller wagon. <p>Level of Personal Safety and Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 80 young people participated in a multi-sport midnight diversionary programme during the summer in the Slieve Croob DEA. <p>Level of Health Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator supported and assisted the new parkrun in Castlewellan Forest Park. > Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEA Coordinators hosted a seminar for local school principals on the 'Healthy Kidz' Programme. <p>Level of Tourism Revenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > DEA Coordinators have met with Council's Tourism officials to agree a link between the DEA Forums and the delivery of the Council's Tourism vision.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	None
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	<p>That the Committee consider and agree the action sheets from the following DEA Forum Private Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 5th September 2017

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 7th September 2017 >Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 12th September 2017 >Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 22nd September 2017
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to ensure delivery of actions detailed in the DEA action plans.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	The actions detailed have been developed to meet Council's statutory duty to promote Good Relations.
6.0	Appendices
	<p>Appendix I: DEA Forum Private Meeting action sheets for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> >Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 5th September 2017 >Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 7th September 2017 >Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 12th September 2017 >Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on the 22nd September 2017

ACTION SHEET - Slieve Croob District Electoral Area Meeting – 5th September 2017

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/3/2017	Minutes of meeting 08.05.17 and associated action sheet	Minutes and action sheet were proposed as a true record	Councillor Murnin and Felix Blaney
DEA/5/2017	Appointment of Chairperson & Vice Chairperson	Councillor Murnin was nominated to become the new Chairperson of the forum. Councillor Craig was nominated to become the new Vice Chairperson of the forum.	Councillors Craig and Cllr Burns Councillor Burns and Felix Blaney
DEA/6/2017	New Village Plans	Cllr Craig to contact Amanda Smyth regarding village classifications. Priscilla to liaise with Councillor O’Gribbin to get relevant contacts within Finnis to attend the next village consultation.	Cllr Craig to action Priscilla to action
DEA/8/2017	Public Meeting	Public Meeting to be scheduled and advertised as a PEACE IV funding workshop	Priscilla to action
DEA/9/2017	Housing Executive	Bronagh Magorrian to ascertain if it can be made public knowledge that any house getting heating upgraded will be gas instead of oil.	Bronagh Magorrian

DEA/10/2017	Update from Transport NI	<p>Priscilla to send proposal on behalf of Slieve Croob forum to the Divisional Manager of Transport NI on proposed grit supplies being held at Bann Road, Castlewellan so farmers can access supplies to grit roads in extreme weather conditions.</p> <p>Hugh Morgan to pass on contact details to Priscilla of person within Transport NI that deals with pedestrian crossings/speed ramps.</p> <p>Hugh Morgan to check if league table of areas confirmed for speed ramps/pedestrian crossings can be made available to the public and report information back to the forum through Priscilla.</p> <p>Priscilla to procure 450 pieces of fruit and 450 bottles of water for the post-race social for the first event.</p> <p>Conor Haughey/Roland Moore are to promote Park Run through the Council's Couch25K programme.</p> <p>Priscilla to organise photo opportunity for the forum with ParkRun volunteers on Saturday 23rd September</p> <p>Priscilla to inform Eileen Murphy of decision.</p>	<p>Priscilla to action</p> <p>Priscilla to follow up</p> <p>Priscilla to follow up</p> <p>Priscilla to action</p> <p>Conor/Roland to action</p> <p>Priscilla to action</p> <p>Priscilla to action</p>
DEA/11/2017	Parkrun/Parkwalk		
DEA/12/2017	Update on Nomination of New Forum Member		Priscilla to action
DEA/13/2017	Action Plan Update	Priscilla to contact Libraries NI to see what programmes they can offer residents in Slieve	Priscilla to action

DEA/14/2017	Good Relations Funding	<p>Croob to help tackle skills shortages and invite them to the next forum meeting.</p> <p>Forum members agreed to fund an event in St Malachy's High to address the issue of Skills Underachievement within the DEA.</p> <p>Members agreed that Priscilla can use Good Relations funding for capacity building in Ballykinlar, physical and healthy eating programmes in schools and programmes in schools to tackle the issue of domestic violence.</p>	Priscilla to organise
		Councillors Burns and Cllr Craig	

ACTION SHEET – DOWNPATRICK District Electoral Area Meeting – 7th September 2017

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION (including Actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed)
DEA/38/2017	Minutes of meeting held on 4 May 2017	Minutes were adopted as a true record	
DEA/39/2017	Action Sheet – 4 May 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downpatrick Masterplan – report to be presented by ERT Department bi-annually • PSNI Station Downpatrick – reiterate the Downpatrick Community Collective’s interest in site • Coney Island Village Plan – to be included in Ardglass Village Plan 	ERT Department Councillor Curran DEA Co-Ordinator
DEA/40/2017	Village Plans	Establish Council’s involvement in funding process for projects identified in Village Plans	DEA Co-Ordinator
DEA/41/2017	Down Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops for Councillors to take place in October – ensure Village Plans & Masterplan included in consultation • Identify dates/process of public consultation 	Downpatrick DEA Councillors DEA Co-Ordinator
DEA/42/2017	Nomination of New Members	Co-Ordinator to attend Down Sports Forum to seek nomination. Also contact regarding replacement of Eamonn MacCon Midhe	DEA Co-Ordinator
DEA/43/2017	Co-Ordinator’s Report	Report was noted.	DEA Co-Ordinator
DEA/44/2017	Funding Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 3 Financial Assistance being released on 18 October to be forwarded to groups on database 	DEA Co-Ordinator

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to Good Relations Funding, Co-Ordinator to roll out programmes identified in the Action Plan. Update to be provided to the Forum 	DEA Co-Ordinator
DEA/45/2017	DEA Governance Procedures	If Co-Ordinator sources additional funding to be spent in short timescale – members to be notified of proposal and agreement required	DEA Co-Ordinator & Forum Members
DEA/46/2017	Artisan Market, Downpatrick	Co-Ordinator to organise meeting between Downpatrick Community Collective and Council Officials to identify way forward	DEA Co-Ordinator

ACTION SHEET - Crotlieve District Electoral Area Meeting 12 September 2017

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/26/2017	Terms of Reference Review	16) DEA Terms of Reference review	Members to review Terms of Reference document and report back to DEA Coordinator with any recommendations.
DEA/C/27/2017	Warrenpoint Public Realm Scheme	27) Time restrictions etc on parking in Warrenpoint Square	G McCurry agreed to explore the possibility of a survey to determine how many cars use the Square for long periods of time. Mr McCurry agreed to investigate the process to be undertaken to bring in 4 hour limited parking restriction. This information is to be brought back to Forum for further discussion.
DEA/C/28/2017	DEA Coordinators report	£1000 available for Halloween activities.	Members to forward recommendations for expenditure towards Halloween diversionary activities to DEA Coordinator. All proposals must be evidence based and need identified.
		Peace IV Information Seminar	Members to encourage representation from all community groups to attend Seminar in Warrenpoint Town Hall, 7.00pm 21 st September

DEA/29/2017	Tourism Information	Lack of tourism information covering Warrenpoint & Carlingford Lough area	Suzanne to forward a copy of tourist publication provided by Tom McCann to ERT requesting Carlingford Lough region be actively promoted in future council tourism literature.
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ACTION SHEET- NEWRY DEA MEETING –22 September 2017

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ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/NT/96/2017	Lyndsay Hill	<p>Request a land search of all surrounding green areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rubbish removal from green area surrounding St. Clare's Avenue • Rubble removal from bottom of St. Clare's Avenue • Fencing repair same site • Bulk lift from bottom of North St. steps • 6 lights out • Poor condition of steps • Broken railings • Enquire re potential gating of steps 	Co-ordinator to forward requests to relevant sections/agencies
DEA/NT/97/2017	High Street Steps	Support the garden project proposed for this site	Co-ordinator to contact Newry 2020 and relevant agencies to progress item
	Mourne View Park	Verge cutting issue. Request Transport NI to find a solution	Co-ordinator to liaise with Transport NI to agree way forward
	Glen Steps	To request tree trimming and rubbish removal at Glen Steps	Co-ordinator to contact NIHE and Council
	Doran's Hill / Watson's Road	Request community clean up event	Co-ordinator to Cllr Savage
DEA/NT/98/2017	Bike Marking Event	Request a bike marking event to be held in Newry in the evening	Siobhán Fearon to progress
DEA/NT/99/2017	Overflow Car park Clanrye Ave	Update of plans for overflow car park at Clanrye Avenue - NIHE	Patricia Byrne (NIHE) to provide an update

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<p>DEA/NT/100/201 7</p>	<p>Parking displacement Quays Shopping Centre</p>	<p>Request information regarding planning requirements for parking displacement at this site</p>	<p>Coordinator to contact Planning Section</p>
	<p>Felon's Association, Newry</p>	<p>Retrospective and future planning permission for 2 containers to be placed on site Pathway to be finalised as per map under lease agreement Assistance with designs</p>	<p>Co-ordinator to progress</p>

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Proposed legal Agreement between NM&DDC and Barnmeen Primary School in relation to use of Community Centre car park
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Julie Mc Cann Head of Community Services Facilities and Events

Decisions required:	
To consider and agree to proceed with a legal agreement between NM&DDC and Barnmeen Primary School.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	Barnmeen Primary school is located adjacent to the Councils Community Centre and Play Park in Barnmeen. All three sites are located on Longstone Hill which is a narrow country road.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>There is no designated car park at the school and teachers and parents park alongside the road which is leading to health and safety concerns for teachers, local residents and parents. The school have asked if it is possible to enter into an agreement with NM&DDC for use of the Community Centre car park during school times to park staff cars and also as a drop off for children.</p> <p>NM&DDC have no objection to this request as the main users of the hall are groups in the evening and therefore will not impact on the day to day running of the centre.</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That the Committee agreed to proceed with a legal agreement for five years with the option to extend between NM&DDC and Barnmeen Primary School, regarding permitted use of the Council's Community Centre Car Park during school operating hours.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>As this is a health and safety issue for residents of the District, no fee will be levied to the school for use of the car park (excluding Council's legal costs in drawing up the agreement).</p> <p>Officers time in relation to drawing up the legal agreement.</p>

5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	The introduction of this agreement should not impact negatively on Centre or School users.
6.0	Appendices
	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Warrenpoint Community Hub
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Lipsett, Director of Active and Healthy Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assitant Director of Community Engagement

Decisions required:	
To note the report.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<p>> May 2016, Crotlieve councillors and officials met with representatives from a number of agencies to discuss the Warrenpoint Community Hub proposal (see attached report dated 12 May 2016).</p> <p>>July 2016, Crotlieve DEA coordinator organised visits to Crossmaglen and Culloville community centres for members of the local community centre lobbying group to view best practise examples of community spaces.</p> <p>>August 2016, Council received confirmation by letter from the Practise Manager, Summerhill Surgery to advise that they were withdrawing their interest in the Warrenpoint Community Hub proposal.</p> <p>>Autumn 2016 Council expressed an interest in the PSNI site in Warrenpoint for a Community Hub. Council met with officials from the Department of Communities to investigate possibility of partnership working when the site is available.</p> <p>>January 2017, Council officials met with representatives of the Community Centre for Warrenpoint Group to advise on progress to date.</p> <p>>April 2017, Council officials contacted the Policing Board enquiring once again about timeframe for the disposal of the site.</p> <p>>June 2017, PSNI confirmed there was some delay in the disposal of the PSNI site due to the relocation of the Telecom mast. This update was provided at the Crotlieve DEA forum private meeting on the 20th June 2017.</p> <p>>September 2017 PSNI Estates Services confirmed that they have a requirement to relocate the radio mast within the town first before they can decommission and close the station for disposal. At present there is a live planning application in to site share at the Harbour. This will reduce the number of communication towers in the town centre by consolidating. The PSNI are hopeful that the application will be viewed favourably.</p> <p>Once the mast is transferred over to the new site the station can be decommissioned. At this stage the PSNI will be issuing the "D1 Notice" to Land &</p>

	<p>Property Services to trawl the public sector for expressions of interest. The PSNI has noted Newry, Mourne and Down District Councils interest in the site and have confirmed that this will be highlighted on the forms and covering letters to LPS.</p> <p>>October 2017 Council awaiting confirmation from Education Authority and Libraries NI that they are still interested in partnership working with Council on the Community hub proposal.</p>
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	Council is awaiting confirmation from PSNI re the disposal of site.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That the Committee agree to reconvening meetings with agencies to update on progress and reaffirm support for the initiative.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The Project is not currently included in the Council's Capital Programme.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	N/A
6.0	Appendices
	SPRC Report on Warrenpoint Community Hub – 12 May 2016

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	<i>Warrenpoint Community Hub/Rostrevor Strategic Project</i>
Date:	12 May 2016
Reporting Officer:	Eddy Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance
Contact Officer:	Eddy Curtis, Director of Strategic Planning and Performance
<u>Decisions Required</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Council agreed to advertise for Expressions of Interest for the development of Warrenpoint Community Hub.</i> • <i>Council to publicly advertise Expressions of Interest for a Community Health Facility in Rostrevor in a Council owned premises.</i> 	
1.0	<u>Purpose & Background</u>
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The former Newry and Mourne legacy Council had completed an Economic Appraisal for the development of a Community hub in Warrenpoint. • The Community Hub to include a Community Centre, a Library, a Health Centre, a facility for the Police etc. • The Economic Appraisal identified that a number of suitable sites will be explored as part of the Expressions of Interest detailed above. • A strategic Council building in Rostrevor has also been identified as a possible location for Community Health/Private Sector Hub in Rostrevor.
2.0	<u>Key Issues</u>
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parties involved in the Economic Appraisal have confirmed their interest, in particular in the Community Hub Facility. • Identification of a suitable site. • Identification of required funding. • Community Consultation.
<u>Possible Future Issues for Consideration</u>	
2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A criteria matrix will have to be developed to assist in evaluating the Expressions of Interest to be advertised. • A Health Consultant will have to be appointed on a short term basis to assist with the development of the Expressions of Interest application form.

3.0	<u>Resource Implications</u>
3.1	Staff involvement from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and the temporary appointment of a Health Consultant to assist with the drawing up of Terms of Reference.
4.0	<u>Appendices</u>
4.1	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Options for Extended Opening Times within Indoor Leisure
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Roland Moore, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure

Decisions required:**To consider and agree to:-**

- to proceed with early Sunday opening DLC and NLC, as previously agreed
- to undertake further research through customer surveys and staff consultation at each of the facilities concerned
- to bring back a report to a future AHC meeting detailing costs and implications

1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<p>Previously, in September 2017, a notice of motion was passed that requested for options to be presented back to members depicting options for extended opening hours for Indoor Leisure facilities.</p> <p><i>'That this Council will make the necessary changes to enable leisure facilities in our main towns (Newcastle, Kilkeel, Downpatrick and Newry) to open from 10am on Sunday mornings as of the 2018/19 year of Council'.</i></p>
1.2	<p>Upon practical completion of Newry Leisure Centre Phase 1 in March 2015, legacy NMDC agreed to enhanced public opening arrangements and in September 2016 Officers were granted approval to enhance these hours further for the opening of Newry Leisure Centre Phase 2 later this year. In addition in June 2017, Officers were granted approval to enhance the public opening arrangements for the new Down Leisure Centre which is due to open during 2018.</p>
1.3	<p>In summary, in order to achieve the Indoor Leisure Business Plan 2016-2021 participation and income projections, it has been determined that customers within the new Newry and Downpatrick facilities should have similar public opening access arrangements:</p> <p><u>Public opening hours for the new NLC and DLC:</u> Mon, Wed, Fri: 6.30am-10pm Tue & Thur: 8am-10pm Saturday: 9am-5.30pm Sunday: 10am-5.30pm</p> <p>Therefore, options are now presented for Kilkeel Leisure Centre and the Newcastle Centre. Options are also presented for Tropicana, Rock Pool, Castle Park and Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre.</p>
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>Current Times: Kilkeel LC – Sunday 2pm – 5.30pm</p>

	<p>Newcastle LC – Sunday 2pm – 6pm Tropinca – Sunday 2pm – 6pm Rock pool – Sunday 2pm – 6pm Castle Park – Sunday 2pm – 6pm Ballymote – Sunday 1.30pm – 5.30pm</p>
2.2	<p><u>HR implications:</u> There will be significant contractual and HR issues with the associated changes to shift patterns. This will include hours of work, rates of pay, additional hours/posts required to be filled, additional Supervisor and Management cover required, etc.</p>
2.3	<p><u>Cost implications:</u> The cost implications on an annual basis are detailed in Appendix A.</p> <p>Income levels are as of yet unknown and further customer engagement would be required to determine level of interest in extending hours at other locations outside of NLC and DLC.</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	<p>That the Committee agree:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to continue to open DLC and NLC in line with previously approved opening hours • to undertake further research through customer surveys at each of the facilities concerned to determine the level of interest in opening from 10am on Sundays. In addition, staff surveys should be undertaken to determine level of interest in additional opening hours to help ascertain HR implications. • to bring back a report with all implications as detailed in the recommendations and to be reviewed as part of the 2018/19 rates estimates process.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Officer time – Additional time for management to plan and review options for consideration.</p> <p>Financial – costs and income to be considered as part of the forthcoming 2018/19 rates estimates process</p> <p>Other Impacts – Significant HR issues in relation to the staff cover required.</p>
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	<p>It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.</p>
6.0	Appendices
6.1	<p>Appendix A – Cost Implications on an Annual Basis</p>

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Indoor Leisure Facility Arrangements for 2018/19 Public Holidays
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Roland Moore, Assistant Director Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kieran Gordon, Head of Indoor Leisure

Decisions required:													
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider and agree Public Holiday Operating Arrangements for Indoor Leisure Facilities for 2018/19– Ballymote Sports and Well Being, Castle Park, Down LC, Kilkeel LC, Newcastle LC, Newry LC, Newry SC, Rock Pool, Tropicana and St Colmans Sports Complex Newry 													
1.0	Purpose and Background:												
1.1	Previously, in February 2017, Council approved the 2017/18 schedule of facility arrangements for Leisure and Sports Facilities with the adoption of consistent operating arrangements and times. This was subject to the additional staffing costs having being approved as part of the rates process.												
2.0	Key issues:												
2.1	<p>During 2017/18, Indoor Leisure sites operated with the following arrangements:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Centre Arrangements</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>17th and 18th April 2017</td> <td>All centres open single shift*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st May and 29th May 2017</td> <td>All centres open single shift*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12th July and 13th July 2017</td> <td>All centres open single shift*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th August 2017</td> <td>Newry/Kilkeel single shift – all other centres open as normal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28th August 2017</td> <td>All centres open single shift*</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>*Newcastle facilities to remain on two shifts to cater for seasonal demand.</i></p>	Date	Centre Arrangements	17 th and 18 th April 2017	All centres open single shift*	1 st May and 29 th May 2017	All centres open single shift*	12 th July and 13 th July 2017	All centres open single shift*	15 th August 2017	Newry/Kilkeel single shift – all other centres open as normal	28 th August 2017	All centres open single shift*
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	Usage statistics and income levels were in line with expectations for these dates.												
2.3	<p>Arising out of this analysis, it is proposed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continue to adopt a staffing model which allows for the facilities to be open to the public from 9.30am-4.30pm, which is effectively a single staffing shift with the exception of Newcastle which will remain on 2 shifts to cater for seasonal demand Depending on contractual arrangements, staff may be entitled to double time and an additional day off in lieu for working on public holidays. This is an additional cost to Council and income generated in the centres on these days may not necessarily equate to the expenditure, but would be factored into the 2018/19 revenue budgets for each location. Where staff in facilities do not have 24th December listed as an entitlement (ie. Legacy DDC) propose that these specific facilities will be closed on this 												

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3.0	Recommendations:																		
3.1	That the Committee agree to continue to open specific facilities for specific public holidays for 2018/19 as per table set out in 2.3 subject to the forthcoming rates estimates process and subject to change with any future agreements through management and trade unions.																		
4.0	Resource implications																		
4.1	<p>Officer time – to make staff aware of opening arrangements, to co-ordinate staff rotas and to update and configure literature and computerised till systems</p> <p>Financial – costs and income to be considered as part of the forthcoming 2018/19 rates estimates process.</p> <p>Other Impacts – will continue to ensure a robust and standardised approach to public holiday opening arrangements across Indoor Leisure services and facilities</p>																		
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:																		
5.1	It is not anticipated the recommendation will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity and good relations.																		
6.0	Appendices																		
6.1	N/A																		

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	The Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations (NI) 2017 The Tobacco Retailer (Fixed Penalty) (Amount) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2017
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director of Health & Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Geraldine O Callaghan SEHO

Decisions required:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the report and agree to return the attached response to Department of Health. 	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	Consultation on Regulations restricting the sale for nicotine inhaling products to those over the age of eighteen.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<p>The use of nicotine inhaling devices, particularly e-cigarettes, has grown significantly in recent years. While e-cigarette use is regarded as safer than tobacco use, the long-term effects are still unknown. E-cigarettes do not contain many of the harmful components of tobacco, however they contain nicotine, which is highly addictive and according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), exposure to nicotine whilst in adolescence can lead to long term consequences for brain development. As a result, WHO recommends that the sale and/or distribution of e-cigarettes to minors is banned.</p> <p>In addition to the long-term health implications, there are also concerns that e-cigarettes may act as a gateway into smoking.</p> <p>The Department of Health is therefore proposing to introduce legislation in order to bring these products into line with other age-restricted products such as tobacco and alcohol and is undertaking a consultation exercise, to seek views from interested parties on draft legislation.</p> <p>The regulations propose two new offences: the sale of nicotine inhaling products to a person under the age of 18; and the offence of purchasing a nicotine inhaling product on behalf of a person under the age of 18 (i.e. proxy purchasing).</p> <p>The Council's Health and Wellbeing Department have prepared a proposed response to the Department's Consultation document, with particular reference to the exemptions, and this is attached.</p>
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That the Committee agree that Council responds to the consultation in accordance with the attached completed template.
4.0	Resource implications

4.1	None
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices
	Appendix I: Completed template

ANNEX C

Department of
Health

An Roinn Sláinte

Máinnystrie O Poustie

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REGULATIONS RESTRICTING THE AGE OF SALE FOR NICOTINE INHALING PRODUCTS TO OVER EIGHTEENS

Consultation Response Questionnaire

September 2017

CONSULTATION RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE

You can respond to the consultation document by e-mail or in writing.

Before you submit your response, please read **Appendix 1** at the end of this questionnaire, regarding the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the confidentiality of responses to public consultation exercises.

Responses should be sent to:

By e-mail: phdconsultation@health-ni.gov.uk

In writing: Population Health Directorate Administration Team
 Department of Health
 Room C4.22
 Castle Buildings
 Belfast
 BT4 3SQ

RESPONSES CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AFTER 5.00PM ON FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017

I am responding: as an individual on behalf of an organisation
 (please tick a box)

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organisation: Newry Mourne and Down District

Address: OHagan House
 Monaghan Row
 Newry BT35 8DJ

Tel: 0300 013 2233

E-mail: ehealth@nmandd.org

Q1. Do you have any comments regarding the definition of nicotine inhaling products proposed in the draft regulations?

Yes No

Q2. Do you agree that there should be an offence of proxy purchasing in relation to the underage sale of nicotine inhaling products?

Yes No

Newry Mourne and Down District Council agree that there should be an offence of proxy purchasing in relation to the underage sale of nicotine inhaling products (NIPs) as it will hopefully act as a deterrent, however it is anticipated that there may be practical difficulties for enforcement.

Q3. Do you agree that there should be exemptions for licensed nicotine inhaler products as set out in regulations 5 and 6 the Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations?

Yes No

Please outline the reasons for your answer.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council agree with the exemption for licenced NIPs set out in Regulation 5, however, whilst we recognise that Regulation 6 is intended to allow the sale of medicinal NIPs designed for under 18s in the same way as other nicotine replacement therapy e.g. gum and patches, we believe that NIPs may be more attractive to children and young people and should therefore remain under the strict control of pharmacists.

Q4. Do you have any comments on the level of fixed penalty notice fines applicable for the age of sale and proxy purchasing offences in relation to nicotine inhaling products?

Yes No

Newry Mourne and Down District Council supports the level of fixed penalty notice fines as this brings them in line with similar tobacco offences, which will hopefully act as a deterrent and encourage compliance.

Q5. Do you have any information or evidence which would inform the consultation-stage impact assessment? This may be in relation to the impact the proposed legislation would have on retailers, manufacturers or distributors.

Yes No

Please outline the reasons for your answer.

Q6. Do you wish to make any other comments or provide other evidence about possible health, economic or social impacts of the regulations, whether adverse or beneficial?

Yes No

Comments

Newry Mourne and Down District Council fully supports the introduction of this legislation and every effort made to effectively reduce the access of NIPs to children and young people.

Appendix 1

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONSULTATIONS

The Department will publish a summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be disclosed on request. The Department can only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances. **Before** you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations and they will give you guidance on the legal position about any information given by you in response to this consultation.

The Freedom of Information Act gives the public a right of access to any information held by a public authority, namely, the Department in this case. This right of access to information includes information provided in response to a consultation. The Department cannot automatically consider as confidential information supplied to it in response to a consultation. However, it does have the responsibility to decide whether any information provided by you in response to this consultation, including information about your identity should be made public or be treated as confidential.

This means that information provided by you in response to the consultation is unlikely to be treated as confidential, except in very particular circumstances. The Lord Chancellor's Code of Practice on the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

- the Department should only accept information from third parties in confidence if it is necessary to obtain that information in connection with the exercise of any of the Department's functions and it would not otherwise be provided;
- the Department should not agree to hold information received from third parties "in confidence" which is not confidential in nature; and
- acceptance by the Department of confidentiality provisions must be for good reasons, capable of being justified to the Information Commissioner.

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the Information Commissioner's Office (or see website at:

<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>).

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Senior Environmental Health Officer

Decisions required:	
To consider the report and agree to the adoption of Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	<p>In 2011, the Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern-Ireland) 2011 (WANE)¹ came into force, replacing the Wildlife Order (NI) 1985. This legislation is the primary tool for the conservation and protection of Northern Ireland's threatened or endangered wildlife. Whilst the WANE Act has introduced new species to protected lists, tightened controls on invasive species and increased penalties for wildlife crime, a significant change for Council was the introduction of a new Biodiversity Duty for all public bodies.</p> <p><i>"It is the duty of every public body, in exercising any functions, to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions."</i> Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern-Ireland) 2011</p> <p>In essence, the aim of the duty is to raise the profile and visibility of biodiversity and to make it an integral part of policy and decision making.</p> <p>In 1995, the UK Biodiversity Strategy was developed, followed by the Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy in 2002. The NI Biodiversity Strategy was reviewed in in 2015 'Valuing Nature' - A Biodiversity Strategy for Northern Ireland to 2020. The new Strategy sets out how Northern Ireland plans to meet its international obligations and identifies local targets to protect biodiversity, ensuring that the environment can continue to support our people and economy into the future.</p> <p>To achieve the recommendations of these strategies, local biodiversity action must be taken. Local Biodiversity Action Plans do just that, developing local action for local wildlife. They also link in with and help</p>

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/15/contents>

	deliver other plans within an area such as, Council Corporate Plans, Tourism Area Plans and AONB Management and Action Plans.
2.0	Key issues:
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3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That the Committee agree to the adoption of Draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Using Existing Resources.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	Equality screening has been completed and recommended the LBAP does not require an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).
6.0	Appendices
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Newry, Mourne and Down Local Biodiversity Action Plan

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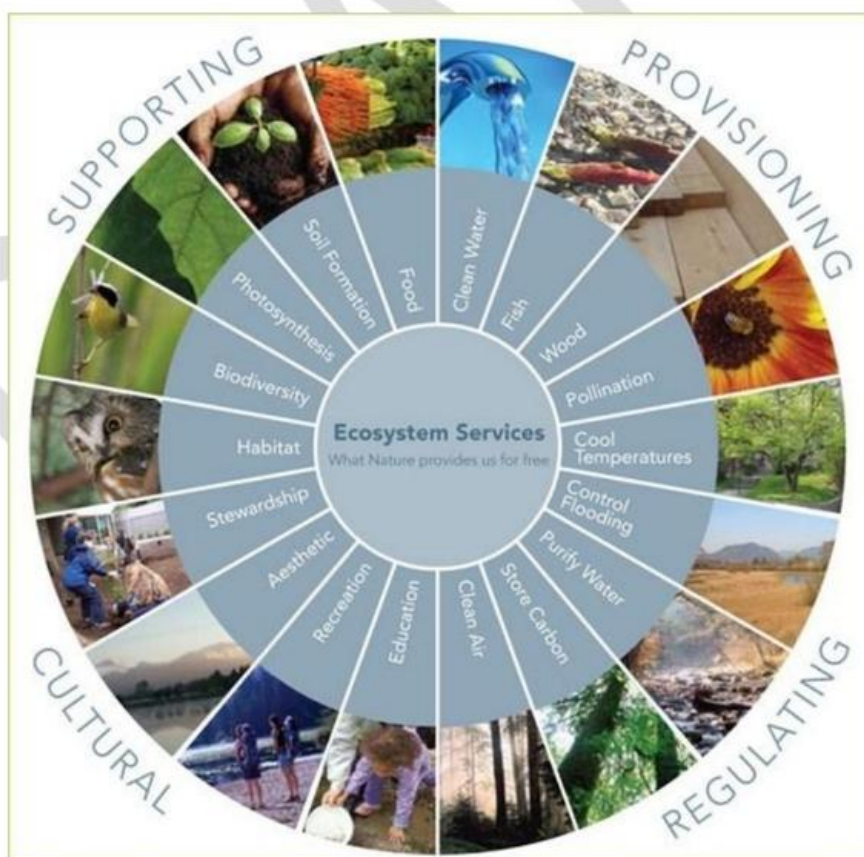
Introduction

What is biodiversity?

Biodiversity is the short term used for 'biological diversity', which is 'the total variety of all living plants and animals, and the habitats in which they live'. The biodiversity we see today is the result of millions of years of evolution, shaped by natural processes and, increasingly, by the influence of humans. It is found all around us, in our gardens, parks, woodlands, fields, mountains, lakes and rivers. Biodiversity adds character and distinctiveness to an area. The Newry, Mourne and Down District is truly distinctive and varied from the Mountains of Mourne and Murlough, to the fens of Lecale and the Ring of Gullion. Indeed, this natural beauty has helped to shape our culture and inspire our artists, writers and composers.

Why is it important?

Biodiversity is a key measure of the health of our planet and therefore vital for our survival. It provides us with essential goods and services (ecosystem services) that we could not live without, such as the oxygen we breathe, water we drink, and food that we eat, as well as adding beauty and variety to our surroundings.



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Threats to Biodiversity

Many habitats and species across Northern Ireland are in decline. Some of these declines can be attributed to global causes while others have more local origins. Legislation and policy guidance is attempting to close the gap on these but of course, implementation, monitoring and enforcement are key.

Habitat loss and fragmentation

Habitat loss is the greatest threat to biodiversity worldwide either from damage, drainage, development, inappropriate management or fragmentation. For example over 90% of species rich grasslands or meadows were lost over a 50 year period in the UK as farming intensified post war and hay production changed to silage. This has resulted in the decline of many species dependant on meadows such as the Irish hare, specialised butterflies and moths and the complete loss of the corncrake.

Non-native invasive species, pests and diseases

Non-native invasive species are the second biggest threat to biodiversity after habitat loss. Human activities are the main cause of the introduction and spread of invasive species through accidental and deliberate releases, stowaways in imported goods or escapees from gardens and large estates. As invasive species tend to be highly adaptable and strong competitors, they can out-compete native species for food and space. Key invasive species already affecting our area include Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam, giant hogweed and grey squirrel, with potentially many more on the horizon.

Pollution

Pollution is the introduction of contaminants into the natural environment that cause adverse change. It can take the form of chemicals into water, litter, or sewage into our seas. Pollution still remains a serious problem for our environment and directly for biodiversity as it can kill species (fish kills in rivers and lakes, wildflowers and hedges sprayed with weed killer) and destroy habitat over time.

Climate change

Climate change will have significant impacts on both the distribution of species and habitats in our area and their ability to function as ecosystems. For example, species that exist only within certain ranges or temperatures could be pushed northwards and to higher altitudes, restricting their natural range and compromising their future. Healthy ecosystems will become more important to maintain and protect as we rely on efficient water regulating by bog lands and woodlands in our river catchments to reduce flooding.

Biodiversity: It's Our Duty

In 2011, the Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern-Ireland) 2011 (WANE)¹ came into force, replacing the Wildlife Order (NI) 1985. This legislation is the primary tool for the conservation and protection of Northern Ireland's threatened or endangered wildlife. Whilst the WANE Act has introduced new species to protected lists, tightened controls on invasive species and increased penalties for wildlife crime, a significant change for Council was the introduction of a new Biodiversity Duty for all public bodies.

"It is the duty of every public body, in exercising any functions, to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions." Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern-Ireland) 2011

Why is the Duty required?

To halt the loss of biodiversity European, National and Regional targets have been set. The EU vision is for better protection of biodiversity by 2050. The target set by Northern Ireland, in the NI Biodiversity Strategy, is to significantly reduce overall biodiversity loss. The biodiversity duty is considered a key measure to contribute to these targets and at a Council level, adopting Biodiversity Implementation Plans (BIPs) that focus on internal Council actions and coordinating Local Biodiversity Action Plans, is agreed as an appropriate way to help meet this duty.

What's involved?

In essence, the aim of the duty is to raise the profile and visibility of biodiversity and to make it an integral part of policy and decision making. Public bodies when undertaking their functions, have to take into account the following five areas:

- The protection of biodiversity
- The maintenance of biodiversity
- Enhancing biodiversity
- Restoring biodiversity
- Promoting the understanding of biodiversity both within and outside the organisation

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/15/contents>

Newry, Mourne and Down Council Local Biodiversity Action Plan

The publication of a Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) is the result of a number of international, national and local processes. It all began in 1992, which saw the gathering of world leaders from over 150 countries at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit. This agreement led to the UK committing to produce an Action Plan to sustain and conserve biodiversity. In 1995, the UK Biodiversity Strategy was developed, followed by the Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy in 2002. The NI Biodiversity Strategy has since been reviewed in 2015. Valuing Nature - A Biodiversity Strategy for Northern Ireland to 2020 sets out how Northern Ireland plans to meet its international obligations and identifies local targets to protect biodiversity, ensuring that the environment can continue to support our people and economy into the future.

To achieve the recommendations of these strategies, local biodiversity action must be taken. Local Biodiversity Action Plans do just that, developing local action for local wildlife. They also link in with and help deliver other plans within an area such as, Council Corporate Plans, Tourism Area Plans and AONB Management and Action Plans. The Local Biodiversity Action Plan, or LBAP process as it has become known, is a fantastic way to promote biodiversity throughout NI.

This new LBAP for Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area has been developed using the legacy Newry and Mourne and Down Council plans. Protecting the environment has remained high on the Council's agenda and this is reflected in our mission in the corporate plan 2015-2019, "Our mission as a council is to lead and serve a district that is prosperous, healthy and sustainable". This will be achieved through the Council's strategic objectives, which include protecting our natural and built environment.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Area

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is located in the south east of Northern Ireland, covering parts of County Down and Armagh. It is the third largest Council area within Northern Ireland comprising approximately 11% of the total land area and over 100 miles of coastline. The area is renowned for its scenic beauty, bounded on the east by Strangford Lough and Carlingford Lough and on the west by Slieve Gullion and Slieve Croob, with the picturesque Mountains of Mourne in the centre.



Of the eight Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) designated in Northern Ireland, three of them lie within our District; Mourne AONB, Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB. The districts varied landscape combines to provide an important and unique biodiversity resource. A large number of sites in the district have been designated through legislation to protect key areas or habitats for nature conservation. The area has 62 Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI), 11 Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), 3 Special Protection Areas, (SPA), 4 Ramsar sites, 7 Nature Reserves and 187 Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCI). This reflects the importance of the area for biodiversity. Beyond these protected sites, in the wider countryside, land is managed for agriculture some of which will be

under agri-environment scheme agreements. These are designed to encourage the adoption of environmentally friendly management practices which can have great benefits for our biodiversity

The Newry, Mourne and Down Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) outlines a plan of action to:

- Conserve and enhance the rich biodiversity of the District for both current and future generations;
- Educate and raise awareness of the importance and variety of biodiversity found within the Newry, Mourne and Down District, and;
- Encourage local ownership of Newry, Mourne and Down District's biodiversity.

The project strives to ensure that the biodiversity of Newry, Mourne and Down is maintained and enhanced through the preparation and implementation of individual action plans, covering a range of habitats and species, which reflect European, national and local priorities. It is based largely on the targets set out in the Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy, translating regional strategy into local action.

Everyone who lives in the District has an important part to play, and only with your support can we help protect our valuable flora and fauna!

Priority Habitats and Species in Newry, Mourne and Down

The following habitats and species have been selected for priority action on the merits of national and regional priority, conservation status, extent, rarity and importance to local people. Key species for action also include those that are iconic or will help to inspire people to take action. This list is not exhaustive and will be updated throughout the course of the LBAP.

Broad habitats selected for priority action in Newry, Mourne and Down:

- Coastal and Marine habitats
- Grassland/Arable Field Margins
- Peatlands
- Urban habitats/gardens
- Wetlands
- Woodlands and Hedgerows

Species selected for priority action in Newry, Mourne and Down:

- Bats
- Breeding waders
- Bumblebees
- Fish Species
- House Sparrow
- Juniper
- Marine Mammals
- Marsh Fritillary
- Otter
- Red Kite
- Red Squirrel
- Yellowhammer

The many diverse habitats and species found in Newry, Mourne and Down will now be summarised. Each broad habitat category details the priority habitats in the District, where they occur locally, what key species they support and examples of the objectives and actions required to conserve them.

Habitats across Newry, Mourne and Down

Coastal

The coastline is a characteristic feature of the Newry, Mourne and Down district extending from Killyleagh to Newcastle, through Bloody bridge to Carlingford Lough. It supports an array of valuable coastal habitats as well as many important species. There are maritime cliffs and slopes, coastal vegetated shingle and coastal saltmarsh habitats present as well as extensive sand dune systems.

Key Threats	Local Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reclamation • Coastal squeeze • Inappropriate management • Erosion • Invasive species • Pollution • Unregulated shore based shellfish collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of coastal biodiversity through talks, events and press releases • Encourage the development of bye-laws to manage the coast for the benefit of people and wildlife • Encourage the monitoring of the coastal environment by local community groups • Help deliver current and new management plans for coastal and marine protected areas e.g. Strangford Lough SAC

Maritime Cliff and Slopes

These include hard and soft cliffs, which extend from the splash zone (above the high water mark) at the base of the cliff to the land at the cliff top which is influenced by salt spray. Maritime cliffs are often significant for their populations of breeding seabirds, which can reach numbers of international importance. They provide nesting sites for breeding birds such as the guillemot, kittiwake, razorbill, raven and peregrine falcon. Examples include the cliffs of moraine at Killard Point (NR), which formed from debris deposited as the ice melted during the last Ice Age, and the cliffs at Maggie’s Leap, Newcastle, which support a large population of kittiwakes.

Coastal Vegetated Shingle

Coastal vegetated shingle is defined as sediment with particle sizes larger in diameter than sand (>2mm) but smaller than boulders (<200mm). Vegetated shingle banks occur at the upper end of the shore where conditions are favourable, usually in high energy environments. They occupy long strips but typically have a small surface area and support specialised plant and invertebrate communities.

In Northern Ireland coastal vegetated shingle is found mainly along the low, rocky parts of the County Down coastline. Extensive areas include Gransha Point, Strangford Lough, Minerstown and Glassdrumman. Rare plants such as sea kale, oysterplant and yellow horned poppy are found in these areas. Coastal vegetated shingle also supports breeding birds such as ringed plover and oystercatcher.

Coastal Saltmarsh

Saltmarshes are a highly productive habitat dominated by species that are tolerant of flooding by seawater. They occur mostly in the upper vegetated areas of mudflats, in sheltered areas of low wave energy. Saltmarsh is a very important habitat as the vegetation consists of a limited number of salt tolerant species adapted to regular covering by the tide. As well as this it is also very important for wading birds and wildfowl such as oystercatcher, redshank, lapwing, golden plover and curlew.

Saltmarsh is now a rare habitat in Northern Ireland as the majority of the original habitat has been reclaimed and improved for agriculture. Strangford Lough and Mill Bay in Carlingford Lough (ASSI) support the most extensive areas of saltmarsh in Northern Ireland. The Sheepland Coast (ASSI) also has saltmarsh areas in sheltered bays and inlets along the coast.

Coastal Sand Dunes

Sand dunes develop when wind-blown sand is trapped by specialised dune building grasses, such as marram (*Ammophila arenaria*), above the high water mark. Sand dunes are diverse habitats that support a range of common and rare plants, mosses, insects, birds and mammals. They support a large proportion of our butterfly, moth, ant, bee and wasp species. Sand dunes also provide nesting habitat for breeding birds such as the skylark and meadow pipit.

Two of the largest sand dune systems in Northern Ireland are found within the Newry, Mourne and Down District: Dundrum Bay and Killard (NNR). The Dundrum Bay dunes include Murlough National Nature Reserve (NNR), which is a fragile 6,000 year old dune system, owned and managed by the National Trust. Murlough NNR supports the largest population of the marsh fritillary butterfly in Northern Ireland. Also, keep your eyes peeled for the secretive common lizard. Dundrum Bay dunes support rare plants such as Shepherd's cress, one of only three sites that this species has been seen in the past 30 years. Tyrella Beach (ASSI) is a small enclosed dune complex within Dundrum Bay. The 2km long flat, sandy beach is backed by 25 hectares of mature dunes in a conservation area. Killard Point (ASSI) sand dune system remains largely unmodified and is of vital importance for a number of rare plants and animals. It is one of the best sites in Northern Ireland for grassland and heath invertebrates.

Key Coastal Species

Yellow-horned Poppy

The yellow-horned poppy is a rare plant found on bare shingle along the County Down coast. Each individual plant produces one to several rosettes with a single flower stalk emerging from each. The waxy leaves are greyish-green and covered with fine short hairs which protect the leaf surface from the salty conditions in which it lives.

Light-bellied Brent Goose

The light-bellied Brent goose is a small, dark goose with a pale belly. Strangford Lough and Carlingford Lough are the most important sites for the species in the UK and Ireland, where they can be seen from September to April. These geese have one of the longest migrations, travelling from their wintering grounds in Ireland via Iceland and Greenland to their summer breeding grounds in arctic Canada. Killough Bay (ASSI) is the last staging post in Ireland before their lengthy return to Canada. Their main food plants are eel grass (*Zostera* species), green algae and saltmarsh grasses.

Curlew

The curlew is a large wading bird, well known for its very long, decurved bill. Its haunting two-note call and bubbling song was once a familiar sound of the open countryside. However, it has declined as a breeding species in Northern Ireland and elsewhere in northern Europe over the last twenty years. Outside the breeding season, birds arrive from the north and east to winter mainly around the coast. Strangford Lough is one of the most important wintering sites in Northern Ireland for the curlew.

Grassland

Grassland is a major habitat type in the Newry, Mourne and Down district, which includes lowland meadows, calcareous grassland and purple moor grass and rush pastures. These grasslands differ depending on the soil type and vegetation cover. Agriculture is a major industry within the area and, if managed appropriately, farmland can provide food and shelter for many native plants and animals.

Agriculture is one of the main industries in the district. Some changes in agricultural practices in recent times have resulted in reduced wildlife value in many farming areas. However, agri-environment schemes developed by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) have encouraged farmers and landowners to adopt environmentally friendly management practices which benefit biodiversity.

Key Threats	Local Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrub encroachment • Inappropriate management/grazing • Changes in agricultural practice e.g. a shift from hay to silage as well as the overuse of fertiliser • Abandonment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the importance and value of grasslands for biodiversity through events, talks and press releases • Liaise with Transport NI and other governmental organisations to enhance the biodiversity value of roadside verges through appropriate management • Pilot wildflower meadows on publically accessible land to improve areas for pollinators and act as best practice examples

Arable Field Margins

Arable field margins are strips of land between cereal crops and the boundary of the field. They are deliberately managed under agri-environment agreements to benefit farmland wildlife. Arable field margins provide nesting and feeding sites for many birds such as skylark and linnet, not to mention the huge variety of insects including butterflies, grasshoppers and plant bugs. Many species of priority wildflowers can be found in these margins.

Lowland Meadows

A lowland meadow is defined as unimproved neutral grassland found on enclosed land, normally on a well-drained mineral soil with a sward rich in wildflowers. Such meadows are found in former hay meadows or in non-agricultural sites such as churchyards or roadside verges. In Newry, Mourne

and Down several examples of lowland pastures can be found in the Crossmaglen drumlins and Newcastle valleys. Traditional management practices in Tullyard ASSI for example, have brought about a great diversity in species composition, both of grasses and herbs. Levallymore ASSI and Tullyratty ASSI are also excellent examples of species rich meadows.

Calcareous Grassland

Calcareous grasslands are species-rich grasslands occurring on shallow, lime-rich soils most often derived from chalk and limestone rocks. This habitat is mainly associated with Fermanagh where it occurs on limestone; however this excludes the habitat when it occurs on other substrates. In the Newry, Mourne and Down district small pockets of calcareous grassland are scattered across the Mourne mountains, with species such as wild thyme and wet acid grasslands dominated by purple moor-grass, rushes and sedges providing additional habitat diversity.

Coastal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh

This is pasture that is periodically inundated by water or meadows with ditches containing standing brackish or fresh water. Coastal grazing marshes occur in flat coastal areas typically behind coastal defences or natural barriers (e.g. sand dunes) and are drained by ditches of standing water. Floodplain grazing marsh is found near slow-flowing rivers and lakes, where they can also be drained by a network of ditches. In the Newry, Mourne and Down District this habitat is found at Strand Lough (ASSI) and the Quoile Pondage (NNR). These habitats usually support a high proportion of herbs such as marsh thistle, meadowsweet, water mint and marsh bedstraw and wading birds including curlew, redshank and lapwing.

Lowland Dry Acid Grassland

Lowland dry acid grassland occurs in nutrient-poor, well-drained acid soils. There are no large areas of lowland dry acid grassland in Northern Ireland. Instead, it is most likely to be found in very small patches in a matrix of other grassland types. This habitat may also occur in old gardens, churchyards and other amenity areas. In Newry, Mourne and Down it can be found on the lowland slopes of the Mourne and in south Armagh. Lowland dry acid grassland contains plant species such as common bent, sheep's sorrel and tormentil and supports species such as the Irish hare and skylark.

Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pasture

This habitat occurs on poorly drained, acidic soils in lowland areas often as fragments within farmland in wet hollows or field corners. Purple moor grass is always present in the mix, with many other species of grasses, sedges, rushes and wildflowers such as orchids, wild angelica, meadow thistle, devil's bit scabious and self-heal. This habitat, in association with others, provides ideal sites for a number of Northern Ireland's Priority bird species such as the skylark, curlew, reed bunting and snipe. The Irish lady's tresses orchid and marsh fritillary butterfly may also be found in this habitat. In the Newry,

Mourne and Down District this habitat occurs within the Quoile Valley Lowlands, Killough Bay and Strand Lough (ASSI).

Key Species

Yellowhammer

The yellowhammer is a member of the bunting family and a characteristic resident species of lowland arable and mixed farmland. In the summer they can be found in highly productive areas of farmland whereas in winter they form flocks and feed in mixed farmland on stubble fields. The yellowhammer was once a familiar farmland bird but its numbers have declined in recent years.

Skylark

The skylark is a small brown farmland bird which is renowned for its display flight. It flies vertically up in the air and then hovers whilst in song. The skylark likes open countryside, from lowland farmland to upland heath. It can be found in the uplands in Newry and Mourne, however its numbers have been declining recently.

Pink Meadow Waxcap

The pink waxcap is a fungus with a pinkish-lilac conical cap and a slightly greasy appearance. Fungi acquire nutrients from living or dead plants, animals or other fungi. This species is found all over NI in mossy lawns and semi-natural grasslands. Silent Valley in the Mourne is a good site for waxcaps.

Marine

The marine environment supports over half of the UK’s biodiversity. A number of very important marine habitats occur within the Newry, Mourne and Down District. Strangford Lough was designated as Northern Ireland’s first Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) in 2013, with Carlingford Lough being designated as a MCZ in 2016. These zones safeguard vulnerable or unique marine species and habitats of national importance in the Northern Ireland inshore region based on an ecosystem approach. Marine Conservation Zones fulfill the obligations of The Marine Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (the "Act") to contribute to an ecologically coherent UK network of Marine Protected Areas as well as wider biodiversity commitments at a European and global level.

Key Threats	Local Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical disturbance e.g. dredging/trawling • Over exploitation of marine resources • Water pollution • Marine litter • Invasive species 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help deliver current and new management plans for marine protected areas such as Strangford Lough SAC • Collaborate with the Council’s tourism and education programmes to promote the biodiversity, tourism and educational importance of the marine environment through talks and events • Work in partnership with local environmental organisations to hold ‘shore clean-ups’ • Promote recording of key marine species such as cetaceans • Promote marine recording schemes such as Coastwatch and Shore-thing

Horse Mussel Beds

The horse mussel, *Modiolus modiolus*, is a long-lived, slow reproducing marine mollusc that can occur in isolated clumps or together in large beds. These beds form a vital habitat for the attachment of many marine animals (approximately 272 species) that would not otherwise be found in the area. These include brittlestars, the rugose squat lobster and the commercially important queen scallop. Some of the mussels within beds can be 25 years old or more. The beds occur in 4 areas in Northern Ireland, the largest of which is found in Strangford Lough. Due to deterioration of the Strangford Lough beds a permanent ban was placed on mobile fishing gear. The restoration plan recommends ‘total protection’ in areas of the lough where fishing activities prevent the recovery of the beds.

Maerl Beds

Maerl is the term used to describe several species of calcified marine algae. Although it is slow growing, over long periods its dead calcareous skeleton can accumulate into deep deposits. With an additional thin layer of living maerl, beds are formed. Maerl beds are typically found in sheltered conditions with some tidal flow, including the narrows and rapids of sea loughs. These habitats can support communities of sea pens and sea cucumbers. Maerl beds are found in Strangford Lough at Zara Shoal off Castleward Bay, Jane's Rock in the centre of the Lough and Rainey Island near Whiterock.

Mudflats

Mudflats are intertidal habitats created by sedimentary deposition in low energy coastal environments, particularly in estuaries and other sheltered areas such as sea loughs. They are highly productive areas, which, together with other intertidal habitats, are of great importance to large numbers of birds and fish providing vital feeding and resting areas for internationally important populations of migratory, over wintering and breeding waterfowl. Mudflats can be found at the western end of Carlingford Lough and throughout Strangford Lough. Intertidal mudflats are also found within Inner Dundrum Bay and Killough Bay (ASSI).

Mud Habitats In Deep Water

Mud habitats in deep water typically occur below 20-30m in many areas of the UK's marine environment. As a fairly stable habitat, communities of burrowing animals often become established, such as the Dublin bay prawn and seapens. Several Northern Ireland Priority Species use these habitats, including the rugose squat lobster. Beds of Dublin bay prawns have been recorded off Newcastle and are found in the centre of Strangford Lough on extensive areas of mud plains. Mud habitats in deep water can also be found in Carlingford Lough.

***Sabellaria alveolata* reefs**

Sabellaria alveolata reefs consist of tightly packed honeycomb - like masses of tubes constructed by a small worm called the polychaete. The reefs can be up to 50cm thick, forming sheets, hummocks or massive formations. Compared to young formations, older reefs seem to support a higher level of biodiversity due to their increased amount of crevices. Recent surveys have located these reefs at three sites within the district: Glasdrumman where there is a high quality reef, Minerstown and Coney Island.

Saline Lagoons

Saline lagoons are water bodies with a restricted connection to the sea due to natural or artificial barriers. As a result, the salinity of the water is neither marine nor fresh but may vary from brackish to fully saline. Organisms found in saline lagoons range from marine and freshwater species to lagoon specialists. Saline lagoons are also important habitats for large numbers of wildfowl and waders. In the Newry, Mourne and Down District, saline lagoons

are found at Killough Bay and Strand Lough (ASSI). Strand Lough is a brackish lake but many of the surrounding fields contain plants characteristic of saline conditions. It is the last remaining site in Ireland that supports the Northern Ireland Priority Species, the crawling water beetle, *Haliphus apicalis*.

Seagrass Beds

Seagrasses are marine flowering plants which often grow in dense, extensive beds in shallow, coastal areas on sheltered sandy or muddy substrata. This creates a highly productive habitat that provides food and shelter for other plant and animal species. Seagrass beds also provide nursery and foraging areas for commercially important fish, improve water quality by removing dissolved nutrients, stabilise sediments and are a valuable food resource for wildfowl such as the light-bellied Brent goose. Seagrass beds can be found in Strangford Lough, Carlingford Lough, Dundrum Bay and Killough Harbour.

Key Marine Species

Harbour porpoise

The Harbour porpoise is the smallest and most common cetacean (whale/dolphin) found in the coastal waters of Northern Ireland. It is dark grey with a pale belly and white extending up the sides. It has no forehead or distinct beak and can often be detected by the sound of its short, sharp blows. The population is believed to have decreased over the last 50 years – which may be due in part to thousands of porpoises getting caught and drowning in commercial fishing nets every year around the UK coast. The best places to see Harbour porpoises are headlands and bays when the sea is calm.

Seapen

The slender seapen, *Virgularia mirabilis*, is a marine invertebrate in the same group as corals and anemones. True to its name, the sea pen looks like an old fashioned quill that can retract into the mud when disturbed. In the Down District communities of this seapen can be found in sandy and muddy habitats in Strangford Lough, Dundrum Bay and part of the Quoile River.

Common Seal

The common seal is the smaller of the two seals found along the County Down coastline. It can be recognised by its short muzzle and V-shaped nostrils, compared to the longer, doglike muzzle of the grey seal. The common seal can be seen hauled out on rocky shores and sandbanks from July to September. Strangford Lough holds a significant population of these marine mammals in Northern Ireland.

Peatlands

Peatlands are a characteristic part of the Irish landscape due to the Islands cold, wet climate. NI contains a significant proportion of the remaining bog resource in Europe and therefore the importance of these bogs cannot be over-emphasised.

Key Threats	Local Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat loss and fragmentation • Drainage • Inappropriate grazing • Extensive peat extraction • Scrub encroachment • Non-native invasive species such as rhododendron • Trampling and disturbance • Inappropriate development e.g. wind farms • Liming and burning • Commercial forestry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the importance of bogs and heath for biodiversity through events, talks and press releases • Develop initiatives at suitable sites to help enhance their value for wildlife • Promote the use of peat free compost within Council and at wildlife gardening events/talks for the public • Promote the new environmental farming scheme

Lowland Raised Bog

Lowland raised bogs are peatland ecosystems that are found in lowland areas generally below 150m. In NI, they are typically found in wide river valleys or between glacial hilly drumlins. Due to their harsh conditions, only a limited number of specialised plants can live in these habitats, including cotton grasses, cross-leaved heath and bog asphodel. The main building block of peat is Sphagnum mosses. These mosses hold water like a sponge contributing to the waterlogged, acidic conditions. In Newry, Mourne and Down small patches of lowland raised bog have been found in the Strangford drumlins and islands and the Mourne Mountains. Unfortunately many have been cut-over in the past and some have subsequently been reclaimed into grassland while others developed into diverse sites with fen, carr woodland, and remnant patches of bog.

Blanket Bog

Blanket bog generally occurs in upland areas and is a layer of peat and associated vegetation covering the land like a 'blanket'. Similar to lowland raised bogs, sphagnum mosses are the main component of a blanket bog. Other dominant plant species include heather and cross-leaved heather, cottongrass, deergrass and sundews. Within the Newry, Mourne and Down district, blanket bog is found mainly on the higher slopes of the Carrigatuke Hills, Slieve Roosley and the Mourne Mountains. Kilbroney red bog above Rostrevor is one example occurring in the Mournes mountains. However very

little of the blanket bog in the Mourne and Carrigatuke remains intact, most has eroded and is thin and other areas of deeper peat have been cut-over or indeed cut-away.

Lowland Heathland

Lowland heath occurs on mineral soils and thin peat generally below 300m and supports a range of flora and fauna not found on upland heath. It is characterised by the presence of dwarf shrubs such as heather and bell heather. The majority of the NI resource can be found in the Newry, Mourne and Down District on the lower slopes of the Mourne mountains and the Ring of Gullion. Lowland heath in the Mourne is important for a number of UK and NI priority species for example the keeled skimmer dragonfly and green hairstreak and marsh fritillary butterflies.

Upland Heathland

Upland heathland occurs on acidic soil and thin peat in upland areas on the higher slopes, generally above heights of around 300m. Upland heath often forms part of a mosaic with other habitats such as acid grassland, fen and bog, which enhances its value for wildlife. The Mourne support some of the most extensive and important tracts of upland heath in NI, which are also of European importance. The upland heathland on Slieve Gullion ASSI is one of the largest expanses in NI of this rare habitat. It is dominated by heather and where there is no intervening forestry, there is a transition downslope to lowland heaths and acid grassland and fens. Cowberry can also be found here. Other important species found in upland heath in the district include the Irish hare, peregrine falcon, and juniper.

Montane Heath

Montane heath is found in areas that lie above the natural level of tree development, generally above 600m. Northern Ireland is towards the southern edge of the natural range for this habitat. It consists of a range of short dwarf shrubs such as heather, grasses, sedges and specialised mosses and lichens. Montane heath occurs on several summits in the Mourne Mountains, most notably Slieve Binnian. Species present are similar to those found in upland heathland and blanket bog, for example meadow pipit.

Key Peatland Species

Irish Hare

The Irish hare is a unique hare species only found in Ireland. It has a russet brown coat, long ears with black tips and eyes set high in the head. The species occurs in Newry, Mourne and Down in upland sites but also on lowland sites such as bogs, farmland and coastal grassland.

Green Hairstreak Butterfly

The Green hairstreak is an unmistakable small green butterfly that is found in bogs and heaths with plenty of scrub. The green hairstreak always rests with its wings closed showing its striking metallic green undersides that have a

faint line of white spots. This is a clever form of camouflage as it resembles a newly opened leaf. Food plants include bird's-foot-trefoil, gorse, bilberry, cross leaved heath and bramble. Green hairstreak has been recorded at various sites across the district including Tollymore Forest Park and Silent Valley.

Juniper

Juniper is one of only three conifers native to Ireland. It is a slow growing prickly shrub which can be found growing either low to the ground or upright. It is mainly found in montane habitats and around limestone pavement or calcareous rocky outcrops and cliffs. Juniper was one of the first plants to recolonise the landscape of Northern Ireland post-glaciation. It is thought to have declined by up to 60% throughout Britain since the 1960's, possibly due to increased agriculture and overgrazing by cattle, sheep and goats. Juniper found in the Mourne is genetically unique.

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Urban Habitats and Gardens

Often overlooked, urban habitats and gardens are very important for a wide range of species. These urban greenspaces have special importance for biodiversity as they are where wildlife and people can interact. Habitats include gardens, urban parks, walks, golf courses, cemeteries, industrial sites and brownfield or abandoned sites.

Key Threats	Local Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban development • Non-native invasive species • Unsympathetic management including excessive chemical use and grass cutting which results in a rye grass dominated monoculture • Landfill and dumping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of wildlife friendly gardening through public events and the media • Collaborate with the Council’s Parks department to improve the biodiversity value and interpretation of local parks • Create and manage a network of Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) in Council owned sites

Urban Greenspace

Small pockets of green space in urban settings can provide ideal habitats for a wide range of plants and animals. Sites such as golf courses, cemeteries, roundabouts and small parks provide safe havens for wildlife in busy towns and cities. In the Newry, Mourne and Down District there are many examples of small parks and green spaces which are of benefit to people and wildlife alike.

Parks are generally larger and more mature than gardens, therefore tend to have a more diverse range of wildlife associated with them. Parks are typically managed for formal and informal recreation but many could be developed to enhance their biodiversity value. Good examples of public parks in the district include Castlewellan Forest Park, Tollymore Forest Park, Kilbroney Park and Slieve Gullion forest park.

Gardens

Gardens link urban greenspace with the wider countryside, forming a mosaic of wildlife habitats. Every garden, big or small, has the potential to be a mini nature reserve. Many gardens already support some level of biodiversity, but with a little more planning for wildlife in mind, we could be making a much more valuable contribution to protecting our native plant and animal species.

Industrial and Business Sites

Many industrial sites have areas within their premises that are of benefit to wildlife. Neglected corners provide a refuge for a range of plants and animals.

Old derelict buildings can provide shelter for bats and nesting places for birds such as the starling, swallow and house martin. New industrial sites can also be valuable for wildlife if landscaped using native flowers, shrubs and trees.

Key Species

House Sparrow

The house sparrow lives happily alongside humans nesting under roof tiles and sometimes in existing swallows nests. It has suffered decline recently due to a lack of insect food in the summer and winter seed and is consequently a NI priority species.

Bumblebee

There are six common bumblebee species that can be found in gardens, including the white-tailed and red-tailed bumblebees. During the summer bumblebees are 'busy', collecting nectar and in turn, pollinating native plants and agricultural crops. Sadly, bumblebees are declining as there is not enough natural habitat left for them to live. Although species-rich grassland is the preferred habitat for most bees, urban gardens are providing an important haven for this declining group.

Hedgehog

The western European hedgehog was selected as a UK priority species in 2007 due to a decline in numbers. They are common in parks, gardens and farmland throughout mainland Britain and Ireland, and prefer woodland edges, hedgerows and suburban habitats where there is plenty of food such as beetles, worms, caterpillars and slugs.

Wetland Habitats

Wetlands are extremely important habitats as they support a variety of plants and animals such as invertebrates, fish, amphibians, mammals and birds. Newry, Mourne and Down District has many good quality examples of wetland habitat including lakes, rivers and streams, reedbeds and fens.

Key Threats	Local Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrient enrichment of water through pollution, such as agricultural run-off • Changes in water levels through drainage and inappropriate management • Non-native invasive species e.g. Japanese knotweed, Giant hogweed and Himalayan balsam • Salmon farms which can negatively impact wild salmonoid populations through spread of sea lice for example 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the importance of wetlands for biodiversity through specific guided walks, talks and press releases • Develop initiatives at suitable wetland sites to help enhance their value for wildlife • Promote and increase the recording of key wetland species

Lakes and Ponds

Standing open water, including lakes and ponds, are quite an extensive habitat across Newry, Mourne and Down and Northern Ireland as a whole. Lakes can be classified by the levels of nutrients that occur naturally in the water. Eutrophic waters have high nutrient levels and, in their natural state, associated high levels of biodiversity. Examples in the District include Great Dam, Mill Pond and Derryleckagh Lough. Mesotrophic lakes have moderate nutrient levels and in the District include Altnadua Lough, Aughnadarragh Lough (ASSI) and Camlough Lough. Marl lakes have high alkalinity and low nutrient levels (oligotrophic). The Lecale region includes an area of marl lakes and fen peat pools of high biodiversity importance at Loughkeelan, east of Downpatrick. The Loughkeelan (ASSI) supports large numbers of rare stoneworts and the UK Priority Species, Marsh Stitchwort, occurs in adjacent fen areas.

Ponds are found within interdrumlin areas across East Down, ranging from large pools surrounded by fringes of fen or woodland to small ponds with more extensive fens. Lakes and ponds support invertebrates such as dragonflies, beetles, mayflies and pondskaters. They also support many species of breeding and wintering waterfowl and plants such as the yellow water-lily and duckweeds.

Rivers and Streams

Rivers and streams are of great value to wildlife and because of this are recognised as an important habitat locally. No two rivers are alike and neither are their assemblages of plants and animals. They support many priority and important species such as Atlantic Salmon, Brown Trout, Otter and bat species. Newry river flows through Newry city acting as a border between counties Down and Armagh, eventually emptying into Carlingford Lough. This provides a valuable wildlife corridor for species movement along with the canal and other rivers present in the District. Another important river is the Shimna River (ASSI) in Tollymore Forest Park. It is in a highly natural state and provides an excellent habitat for populations of Atlantic salmon, brown trout and sea trout.

Fens

A fen is a wetland with a permanently high water level at or just below the surface. They often form on peaty soils in river valleys or hollows and receive the majority of their water and nutrients from soil, rock and ground water. Fens support a rich variety of sedges, grasses and mosses, as well as invertebrates such as the Irish Damselfly and the whirligig beetle. Breeding waders also depend on fen wetlands habitats. In Newry, Mourne and Down District, rich fen occurs at the Fens of Lecale (SAC), Ballybannan (ASSI), Ballycam (ASSI) and Carrowcarlin (ASSI). The latter site supports invertebrates including rare water beetles, spiders and pond skaters.

Reedbeds

The term reedbed describes a wetland habitat dominated by common reed in areas where the water table is at or above ground level for most of the year. This habitat is widely distributed on the margins of water bodies, along lowland and upland streams, estuaries, reservoirs, clay pits, sewage treatment works, industrial lagoons and as successional habitat on fens and bogs. In Newry, Mourne and Down reedbeds can be found in Killough Bay and Strand Lough (ASSI), Turmennan (SAC, ASSI) and Ballykilbeg (SAC, ASSI). Ballykilbeg supports a number of scarce plants and a well-established colony of the marsh fritillary butterfly. Reedbeds also provide excellent cover for birds such as the reed bunting.

Key Wetland Species

Otter

Otters live on the banks of rivers, lakes and the coast feeding on fish, shellfish, smaller mammals and birds. They have a long streamlined body and tail and can be found sleeping in holes in the riverbank called holts. They are quite widespread in the Newry, Mourne and Down District, especially along Newry canal and the Quoile river (ASSI).

Irish Damselfly

The Irish damselfly is a delicate blue damselfly found in Ireland around small lakes and is concentrated in Armagh, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone. Within

Newry, Mourne and Down, it has been recorded at Drumlougher Lough outside Crossmaglen and Black Lough (ASSI). The Irish damselfly is a NI priority species and only occurs in areas where there is good water quality, as it is very sensitive to pollution.

Atlantic Salmon

The Atlantic salmon is known as the 'king of fish' due to its vast migrations across the North Atlantic. In autumn, adults make their way upstream to spawn in riverbeds, often leaping over obstacles such as waterfalls to do so. One year after moving to the sea, young salmon use their homing instinct to return to the river of their birth to spawn themselves. Major threats include over fishing, introduction of non-native salmon stocks, physical barriers to migration and increased mortality at sea. These fish can be found in rivers in the Mourne Mountains. The Footstick Bridge in Tollymore Forest Park is a 'hot spot' for leaping salmon.

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Woodland

There was a time when Northern Ireland was almost completely covered in woodland. However, as a result of agriculture and development, it is now the least wooded region in Europe, with only 6% woodland cover, 1% of which is native broad-leaved woodland.

Key Threats	Local Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitat loss and/or fragmentation • Inappropriate management • Tree diseases such as Ash dieback • Non-native invasive species e.g. grey squirrel, Japanese knotweed and Rhododendron 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the importance of woodlands and hedges through guided walks, talks and press releases • Increase the woodland cover of our district through promotion of funded schemes e.g. agri-environment schemes and the Woodland Trust schemes for restoration, restocking or creation • Pilot new woodland planting schemes on appropriate publically accessible land • Promote and increase the recording of key woodland species

Mixed Ashwoods

Mixed ashwoods are woodlands where ash is the dominant species in association with other broadleaf native species such as oak, downy birch and hazel. Other trees such as rowan and the non-native species sycamore and beech may also be common. Mixed ashwoods support a rich and colourful ground flora of spring-flowering herbs such as wood-anemone, bluebells, primrose and wild garlic.

In Newry, Mourne and Down district, mixed ashwoods are found on Fathom mountain and in the Newcastle valleys. Small unidentified pockets of mixed ashwoods can also be found across the district that may have importance locally for wildlife.

Oakwoods

Oakwoods are dominated by the two native oak species in Northern Ireland, sessile oak and pedunculate oak in association with other species such as downy birch, rowan, holly and hazel. The ground layer is often rich in ferns, woodland wildflowers including bluebells, wild garlic and great wood-rush, and shrubs such as bramble and bilberry. These woods can also contain many rare species of fungi and lichen.

Rostrevor Oakwood overlooking Carlingford Lough is the most established oakwood in the District. It is designated an ASSI as well as a National Nature Reserve (NNR) and is open to the public. Another Oakwood in the District is Bohill Forest Nature Reserve. This small deciduous woodland contains native trees that have naturally regenerated since the site was clear felled in the past. The reserve was established and is now managed to protect the holly blue butterfly. This woodland also supports red deer and woodland birds such as the jay, goldcrest and tit species.

Wet Woodland

Wet woodlands are a range of woods that occur on poorly drained or waterlogged soils such as around lake shores, along streams, on hill-side flushes and on fens and cutover bogs. Typically wet woodlands are dominated by willow, alder or downy birch and can often occur as habitat mosaics with other woodland types.

Examples of wet woodland in the District can be found at Cappagh Lough and St. Peter's Lough which are predominately willow and alder carr. Wet woodland has also developed undisturbed in Hollymount Forest (NNR) since 1745 and, under the dense canopy of alder and willow trees, yellow flag iris and other wetland plants dominate the ground.

Parkland

Parkland is a special type of woodland that is generally not common in NI. They are designed landscapes associated with significant houses or demesnes. There is generally a mosaic of habitats including open grown veteran trees set in pasture or heathland, specimen trees, boundary features, woodland blocks, streams, rivers and natural or constructed lakes. Parklands are important for a wide variety of species from grasses, lower plants and invertebrates to birds, bats and mammals.

Examples of parkland in Newry, Mourne and Down District include Mourne Park, Creggan Poet's Glen, Derrymore House, Castleward, Delamont Country Park, Castlewellan Forest Park and Seaforde House.

Species-rich Hedgerows

Hedges are defined as linear boundaries, comprised of planted shrubs. Species-rich hedgerows are those which contain five or more native woody species on average in a 30 metre length or those with a rich flora of herbaceous plants such as primrose, wood anemone, lords and ladies, bluebell and herb-robert at their base. Hedges are an integral part of Ireland's landscape and a valuable habitat for local biodiversity.

Hedgerows act as very important wildlife corridors for many species, providing connectivity between habitats allowing dispersal and movement. They support many species of birds, mammals and insects.

Hedgerows are found throughout the District, typically adjacent to semi-natural habitats and low intensity farmland.

Key Woodland Species

Red Squirrel

Catching a glimpse of our native red squirrel is a moment to be treasured. As a shy creature, the red squirrel spends most of its time in the tree tops of mainly coniferous woods. The biggest threat comes from the grey squirrel, which was introduced from North America. The grey squirrel is bigger, bolder and has a less specialised diet compared to the red. It also transmits the deadly pox virus to the reds. As the grey squirrel expands its range, it is replacing the red squirrel, especially in deciduous woodland.

The Tollymore and Ring of Gullion and Cooley Red Squirrel Groups are actively involved in conserving the red squirrel population through recording and providing supplementary food.

Song Thrush

A familiar and popular songbird whose numbers are declining seriously. It is a brown bird with a white (or yellow-white) chest densely sprinkled with arrow head spots. It occurs in gardens, farmland and woodland edges and feeds on insects, worms and snails.

Pipistrelle Bats

There are three species of pipistrelle in Northern Ireland: common, soprano and the newly recorded, nathusius' pipistrelle. These flying mammals forage along edges such as tree lines, large hedgerows and water edges. Using echolocation (use of echoes), a single individual can eat up to 3,000 insects in one night! Hibernation occurs from November to April after which females give birth to a single pup that they can recognise individually by smell and sound. For further information on local bat species visit the Northern Ireland Bat Group's website: www.bats-ni.org.uk

Local Action for Species

Of the wide variety of species found in the Newry, Mourne and Down District, 12 (individual species and groups of species) have been selected for priority action (see the table below). Other species not selected for specific action will still benefit from the Habitat Action Plans (HAPs).

Species	Description	Threats	Local Actions
Bats Picture	Bats are one of the smallest mammals in NI, commonly found in buildings, trees, caves and bridges. Despite their widespread occurrence, they are afforded European protection due to their sensitivity to habitat change and vulnerability to persecution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of roost sites, such as buildings, trees and bridges • Loss of foraging areas and wildlife corridors • Poisoning e.g. water pollution and chemicals used in timber treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of bats through bat walks/talks in the area in partnership with the NI Bat Group • Guide Council and other organisations on their legislative duties with regards bats and development • Provide advice to members of the public on bat conservation
Breeding Waders Picture	Breeding waders live and breed in wetland habitats, wet grassland, hay meadows, unimproved pasture and in some upland areas where there is a good supply of invertebrates. They include lapwing, redshank, curlew and snipe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage • Agricultural improvement • Predation on small fragmented populations • Disturbance relating to development and dogs • Encroachment of scrub on breeding water sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with landowners where waders occur to encourage sensitive management • Highlight the threats to waders through media and guided walks and talks • Encourage

			<p>responsible rambling in sensitive areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the recording of waders across the district
<p>Bumblebees</p> <p>Picture</p>	<p>There are 20 species of bumblebee on the island of Ireland of which one third are threatened with extinction and an additional 3 species are near threatened. Most people will see 6 bumblebee species in their gardens and this makes up 95% of the bumblebees present in NI. They are normally associated with flower rich grasslands, vibrant gardens and species rich hedgerows.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fragmentation and loss of suitable habitat due to development and the intensification of agriculture • Pesticides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the plight of the bumblebee, the threats they face and how to help through press releases and events • Manage key Council owned sites to improve for pollinators and act as best practice examples • Work in partnership to improve road side verges and other greenspace across the district
<p>Fish Species</p> <p>Picture</p>	<p>Fish play an important part in freshwater habitats in NI and contribute greatly to our economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution • Physical barriers to migration • Exploitation from netting and angling • Physical degradation of spawning and nursery habitats • Salmon farms which threaten wild salmon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to develop fish population studies for a number of important rivers and tributaries in the district • Work with rivers agency to improve the habitat where appropriate

		populations	
House Sparrow Picture	A common bird in many gardens. Numbers have dropped in certain areas due to a lack of insect food in summer and winter seed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of food and winter stubble • Predation by cats and sparrowhawks • Reduction in nest sites due to modern building methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the House sparrow through media and events • Promote wildlife friendly gardening and recording of the house sparrow
Juniper Picture	A prickly shrub which tends to be found in exposed areas such as rocky outcrops. It is one of only three conifers native to Ireland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grazing • Burning • Scrub clearance • Vegetational succession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the species through education and events • Promote further recording through talks with public and landowners • Work with partners such as MHT to help create more self-sustaining populations of Juniper
Marine Mammals Picture	Northern Ireland has two species of seals and 24 species of cetacean (whales, dolphins & porpoises) have been recorded in Irish waters, with 8 species regular visitors or residents to our shores.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pollution – agricultural run-off, litter, oil spills and acoustic pollution • Ship/boat strikes • Open net fishing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise one event per year to promote recording in the district • Promote schemes such as WiSe through talks with local boat owners • Assist/support local groups with coastal clean-ups
Marsh Fritillary Picture	The marsh fritillary is a medium-sized colourful butterfly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss and reduced quality of breeding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the Marsh Fritillary and

	<p>The bright orange, yellow and white chequers on the wings are in contrast with the dark brown background. Both sexes look similar but the female is the larger. In June and early July the marsh fritillary is on the wing.</p>	<p>habitat as a result of agricultural improvement along with fragmentation of habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parasitic wasps and other predators such as spiders, bugs and ground beetles can also cause fluctuations in populations 	<p>promote recording through press releases and events such as the Big Butterfly Count</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with partners to improve habitat for marsh fritillary across the district Assist with monitoring of populations where possible
<p>Otter</p> <p>Picture</p>	<p>Otters live in a variety of habitats including freshwater rivers, lakes and coasts. Signs of otters have been recorded throughout the district.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pollution e.g. farm waste, pesticides and oil spills Habitat loss through drainage and removal of bankside vegetation Accidental death e.g. road traffic accidents and drowning in fishing equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise awareness of the importance of otters through press releases and events/talks Promote recording and surveying for otter Construct an artificial otter holt by way of demonstration to the public
<p>Red Kite</p> <p>Picture</p>	<p>This magnificently graceful bird of prey is unmistakable with its reddish-brown body, angled wings and deeply forked tail. It was saved from national extinction by one of the world's longest running protection programmes, and has now been successfully re-introduced to NI (in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poisoning - Illegal poison baits set for foxes or crows are indiscriminate and kill protected birds and other animals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support the 'RKites' project and assist with raising awareness of the Red Kite Work with RSPB and other partners to hold one public event/talk per year focusing on the red kite Help to

	2008).		promote responsible rodenticide use
<p>Red Squirrel</p> <p>Picture</p>	<p>Our native squirrel is a shy creature of a reddish colour, with a bushy tail and ear tufts. They spend most of their time high in the tree canopy mainly in coniferous woodland. The spread of the non-native grey squirrel is threatening the reds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey squirrels – outcompete the red for habitat and food • Disease - The parapox virus which is carried and spread by the greys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold events to raise awareness of the red squirrel e.g. Red Squirrel Week • Promote recording of the red squirrel by members of the public and local groups • Work with the local red squirrel groups to raise awareness • Support local efforts to re-establish or increase red squirrel populations
<p>Yellowhammer</p> <p>Picture</p>	<p>These buntings occur in arable and mixed farming areas in the District. The male yellowhammer is unmistakable with his bright yellow head and chest. During the winter they feed on grain and seeds whereas throughout the summer breeding season they feed on insects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in land management from mixed farming to livestock production • Use of pesticides • Inappropriate management of hedgerows • Changes in spring sown cereals to autumn sown cereals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness and recording through at least one press release and event per year • Support the RSPB and other partners in their work with yellowhammers • Work with DAERA to promote entry and

			<p>commitment to arable options in agri-environment schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilot suitable sites for giant bird tables on council owned land
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Do your bit for Newry, Mourne and Down's biodiversity!

In order for the Newry, Mourne and Down LBAP to be successful, it is important to have the support and involvement of local people and local organisations. There are a number of ways in which you as an individual or organisation can get involved and play a vital part in enhancing and maintaining Newry, Mourne and Down Districts biodiversity.

Farmers and Land owners

You can greatly contribute to this LBAP through managing your land or sections of it in a way that will benefit local wildlife, particularly farmland birds. For example;

- Sign up to an agri-environment scheme if eligible, to add further benefit to wildlife
- Follow the codes of good agricultural practice
- Leave field margins uncut later in the season for birds, insects and mammals
- Restrict any cutting of hedgerows to every other year to allow some stretches to flower and fruit each autumn
- Cut hedgerows as late as possible in the season, ideally February, so seeds, nuts and berries are available to wildlife

You can find out more about Agri-environment schemes by contacting your local DAERA office.

Community Groups

- Create a community wildlife garden and increase your local sense of pride and stewardship for the environment
- Help plant a woodland or preserve a local bog for the future
- Work in conjunction with a local school to develop biodiversity projects
- Help implement your LBAP by starting a community project – contact the Newry, Mourne and Down Biodiversity Officer to find out how

Businesses

- Sponsor a local biodiversity project and help make it happen
- Create your own wildlife garden in your company grounds. You could build an insect hotel or even sow a small wildflower meadow
- Take part in team building days by allowing staff to volunteer on local conservation projects which will give them new skills and help local biodiversity

Individuals

- Help build a better picture of local biodiversity and become a wildlife recorder. Record any sightings of important wildlife and report these to the Biodiversity Officer or directly to the Ulster Museum's recording centre, CEDaR (www.nmni.com/CEDaR).

- Have a go at wildlife gardening and enjoy the small wonders in your own patch. Or why not create a street garden and encourage your neighbours to do one thing for biodiversity in their gardens too!
- Use natural resources more sensitively, for example create your own compost heap, reducing your waste and the need for peat compost, or use a water butt to reduce water usage.
- Report wildlife crime. Incidents such as dumping and water pollution should not be ignored as these have an impact on local biodiversity. See our signposting page for contact details of where to report wildlife crime.
- Volunteer! There are always local projects that need the help of volunteers and give people a chance to learn about helping their local wildlife. These could be tree planting days, bird box making or scrub clearance for example. Not only will you learn about conservation techniques but you will also be getting fit in the process!

To find out more about the Newry, Mourne and Down LBAP project please contact:

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Finding out more about Biodiversity

If you would like to find out more about biodiversity, please visit the websites listed below or contact the organisations.

- Biodiversity in Northern Ireland - www.biodiversityni.com
- British Trust for Ornithology - www.bto.org
- Butterfly Conservation - www.butterfly-conservation.org
- Centre for Environmental Data and Recording (CEDaR)
www.nmni.com/cedar
- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs -
www.daera-ni.gov.uk
- Ecoschools - <http://www.eco-schoolsni.org/>
- Farm Wildlife – <https://farmwildlife.info/>
- Forest Service - www.dardni.gov.uk/forestry
- Habitas - www.habitas.org.uk
- Loughs Agency - www.loughs-agency.org
- Mourne Heritage Trust - www.mournelive.com
- National Biodiversity Data Centre - <http://www.biodiversityireland.ie/>
- National Trust - www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- Northern Ireland Bat Group - www.bats-ni.org.uk
- Northern Ireland Environment Link - www.nienvironmentlink.org
- Northern Ireland Fungi Group - www.nifg.org.uk/
- Ring of Gullion AONB - www.ringofgullion.org
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds - www.rspb.org.uk
- Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership – www.strangfordlough.org
- The Conservation Volunteers - www.tcv.org.uk
- Ulster Wildlife - www.ulsterwildlife.org
- Walk NI – www.walkni.com
- Waterways Ireland - <http://www.waterwaysireland.org/>
- Water Management Unit - www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/water
- Woodland Trust - www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

1. DOES YOUR ORGANISATION HAVE A PROJECT OR SCHEME THAT AIMS TO DELIVER ON ACTIONS WITHIN THIS LBAP IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS? IF SO, PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS CONSULTATION WITH YOUR DETAILS AND THEY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS SIGNPOSTING PAGE.

Where to report wildlife crime and pollution

Police Service NI

Wildlife crime includes offences like poaching, killing or disturbing protected species or damaging their breeding and resting places. Where you suspect that an incident is a wildlife crime then you should report it to the local PSNI either at the nearest police station or by telephoning 101. Make sure you state that you believe a 'wildlife crime' has taken place and always ask for a crime reference number to allow you to follow up any action.

Water Pollution Hotline

There is a hotline for urgent water pollution incidents. Members of the public are asked to call the following telephone number if they become aware of such an incident **Tel: 0800 80 70 60**. This service must be used to report all **urgent** water pollution incidents.

Grounded or injured bats in your building

Call CEDaR (Centre for Environmental Data and Recording) in the first instance to report the case. Email: cedar.info@nmni.com, or telephone: 028 9039 5264. Outside of hours, contact the Northern Ireland Bat Group or see their website for guidance <https://www.bats-ni.org.uk/what-to-do-if-you-find-a-bat/>

Appendix 1. Newry, Mourne and Down Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2017 – 2022

This table outlines the overarching objectives and key actions of the Newry, Mourne and Down LBAP;

- Conserve and enhance the rich biodiversity of the District for both current and future generations;
- Educate and raise awareness of the importance and variety of biodiversity found within the Newry, Mourne and Down District, and;
- Encourage local ownership of Newry, Mourne and Down District's biodiversity.

Strategic Objective	Key Actions	Lead Partner	Key Milestones
1. Conserve and enhance the rich biodiversity of the district for both current and future generations	1.1 Ensure NMDDC deliver on the statutory biodiversity duty through implementation of the NMD LBAP, delivery of internal Biodiversity Implementation Plans(BIPs) and input into relevant projects and programmes	NMDDC	- NMD LBAP launched by September 2017 - NMD Corporate Biodiversity Implementation Plan drafted by September 2017 - LBAP actions and BIPs reviewed annually
	1.2 Develop a Local Non-native Invasive Species Strategy	NMDDC, RoG, MHT, SLLP	- Non-native Invasive Species Strategy drafted by April 2019 - Local problem areas identified and control options/funding investigated by September 2019
	1.3 Participate in and encourage landscape-scale biodiversity conservation projects across	All relevant partners	- 2 projects ongoing by 2020

	the district		
2. Educate and raise awareness of the importance and variety of biodiversity found within the Newry, Mourne and Down District	2.1 Host and promote a programme of biodiversity themed events, talks and workshops	NMDDC, RSPB, UW, SLLP, NT and RoG	- Biodiversity events included in weekly 'what's on guides' from the visitors information centre and updated quarterly on Council and Biodiversity NI websites and facebook pages - Other events to be fed through biodiversity officer for publicising on NMDDC and Biodiversity NI pages
	2.2 Publicise information about biodiversity through the media using press releases and any other opportunities	NMDDC, SLLP, MHT, RoG and others	As required
	2.3 Encourage national and regional wildlife recording schemes and the submission of all wildlife records to CEDaR and National Biodiversity Data Centre	All relevant partners	Seasonal recording schemes promoted every year e.g. the Big Garden Birdwatch, Butterfly Count etc
	2.4 Produce local biodiversity interpretation and signs at sites of wildlife interest across the district	All relevant partners	Minimum of one produced per year
	2.5 Assist local schools with relevant eco-	NMDDC, RoG, RSPB	As required

	schools targets e.g. biodiversity and school grounds objectives		
3. Encourage local ownership of Newry, Mourne and Down District's biodiversity	3.1 Help and signpost local communities in developing wildlife projects such as planting mini woodland, creating patches of wildflower meadow or organising wildlife themed events	NMDDC, RoG, SLLP, MHT	- Minimum of 3 projects or events annually
	3.2 Provide encouragement and support to key stakeholders, local environmental organisations and communities	All relevant partners	As required
	3.3 Highlight opportunities for people to get involved in nature conservation and outdoor activities which in turn lead to better mental and physical health	All relevant partners	Regular email circulars and press releases on local opportunities
4. Protect and conserve designated sites	Fully implement AONB Management Action Plans	RoG, SLLP, MHT, NMDDC, DAERA and others	The full success of the implementation programme will be determined by external funding

Partner abbreviations:

NMDDC – Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

RoG – Ring of Gullion AONB and Landscape Partnership

MHT – Mourne Heritage Trust

SLLP – Strangford Lough and Lecale Partnership
RSPB – The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
UW – Ulster Wildlife
NT – The National Trust
DAERA – Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Policing and Community Safety Partnership
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Siobhán Fearon, PCSP Manager

Decisions required:	
To note the report	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	To provide the AHC Committee with an update on the on-going work of the PCSP.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	A Letter of Offer has been received from the Joint Committee confirming that 96% of 2016-2017 allocation is being made available in 2017-2018, reflecting a 4% budget cut in 2017-2018.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That the Committee note the attached Minutes and Officer Report:- > PCSP Minutes of Meeting held on 23 May 2017 > Policing Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 23 May 2017 > Officer Report to PCSP Meeting held on 23 May 2017
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Joint Committee has confirmed a 4% cut in budget for 2017-2018.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices
6.1	Appendix 1: > PCSP Minutes of Meeting held on 23 May 2017 > Policing Committee Minutes of Meeting held on 23 May 2017 > Officer Report to PCSP Meeting held on 23 May 2017

Strategic Objective 2: To improve community safety by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

ASB Initiatives

Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plans

The ASB Sub Group held their meeting on 7 February 2017 whereby sub group/ASB Action Plan Meetings with representatives from Carnagat, Ballymote and Castlewellan Road were discussed. Intervention work has commenced in these areas. We continue to work with local agencies and the community to deal with general ASB incidents throughout the district:

Ballymote

A public survey has been carried out in Ballymote Park regarding the alley gating proposal. A further survey is to be carried out initially in the Model Farm as part of the BRIC Programme and will further be rolled out throughout the Ballymote area. A proposal to be fence off Council property is being investigated. There has been an increase in the number of gorse fires being started in the area. The PSNI & NIFRS have visited the local high schools and primary schools to talk to young people regarding this. The PSNI & NIFRS have agreed to roll out a 2 day programme in St Colmcille's Primary School to highlight the dangers of fires. Other young people within the area will be identified for starting the fires and it is hoped that the NIFRS & PSNI can deliver this programme to them. The YMCA has commenced their Building Resilience Programme in the Primary School. The Education Authority has also been working with St Colmcille's primary school and has agreed to address these issues as well with those young people involved. They are also restarting their Outreach Programme in the Estates. The DJ course will complete this month. The community mural will be unveiled on 20 May and will include a community safety day.

Partnership Working: County Down Rural Community Network, Flying Horse Ward Community Forum, YMCA Drugs & Alcohol Unit, NIHE, NIFRS, Education Authority, Translink, PSNI

Castlewellan Road, Newcastle

A new Newcastle Community Hub (drop in initiative) opened on Wednesday 5 April in the SERC Campus, Castlewellan Road. This will involve a group of statutory agencies being available on site 1 day per month. Friday night soccer programme is to commence shortly. The Parenting Programme with Homestart to early May. Two 'Big Lunch' events are to be held – Burrendale Estate (June) and Burren Meadow (July). The Ark Gardens are continuing to work with the community groups to keep renewing flowers for the planters.

Partnership Working: YMCA Youth Base, Murlough Community Association, Dunwellan Community Association, Burren Meadow Residents Association, Castlewellan Road Community Association, County Down Rural Community Network, NIFRS, NIHE, Homestart, Surestart, Apex Housing Association, Newcastle Training & Employment Agency, Citizens Advice Bureau, Simon Community, SERC

Carnagat

With further meeting regarding Carnagat, there has been progress with the introduction of youth intervention workers through PCSP to assist with the young people in the area. An activity based programme to teach take the young people about the outcomes of throwing stones, using laser pens and anti-social behaviour on the wider community as well as the implication to the young people themselves. There will also be 5 week DJ programme started at the end of May and extend into a summer programme.

Partnership Working: PSNI, Education Authority, Translink, Carnagat Community Association, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Youth Justice Agency, Southern Health Trust (SHSCT)

ASB Initiatives

MMA

Mourne Mountain Adventure took place on 22nd May. There were 46 teams on the day comprising of Scouts, Youth Clubs, Cadets and Schools. There was a challenge route and an expedition and this route was taken through the Mourne and ending in Silent Valley which had many activities such as archery, climbing wall, mountain bikes and a Viking Village. The last phase was the RIB activity at Kilkeel Harbour. The day went very well and was enjoyed by all who took part and volunteered. Feedback has been very positive with many already looking forward to the next MMA. While this is hugely successful event for PCSP it is hoped one of our partners may take the lead for 2018 or failing this run a bi-annual event as existing PCSP resource can not continue to support on annual basis.

Partnership Working: PSNI, NIFRS, RFCA, MoD, Council, NI Water.

Drugs & Alcohol

Five Rapid Bins are to be installed throughout the Newry Mourne & Down District Council area. Work ongoing to promote opportunity to raise awareness on drugs and alcohol issues throughout the district.

Partnership Working; Southern Health Trust, South Eastern Health Trust, Council, PSNI

Domestic and Sexual Violence

New flyers on domestic violence for young people have been designed and will be distributed at our events for young people. We are also working in partnership with the SE Trust and other PCSP's to design up to date posters on domestic violence, and promote Safe Place

Partnership Working: South Down Domestic Violence Partnership.

Safe Place Initiative

The Safe Place initiative will be re-launched throughout the district during the month of June.

Partnership Working: South Down Domestic Violence Partnership, County Down Rural Community Network, PSNI, Newry & Armagh Women's Aid, DEAs

Get Home Safe Campaign

We hope to re-launch the Get Home Safe Campaign before the summer commences. This will be done in partnership with the PSNI and some of the local publicans. Several pieces of merchandise have been purchased to help promote this initiative.

Road Safety

Road Safety event took place at Newry SRC on Thursday 27th April which was organised by SRC students. The PSNI and Fire Service spoke about consequences of dangerous driving, using mobile phones whilst driving and generally how to be safe on the roads. This was attended by approximately 20 students.

Partnership Working; PSNI, SRC, NIFRS

The Newry, Mourne and Down Road Safety Committee has been recruiting people for the over 60s driver course, funded by PCSP. This course will be run over the month of May 2017. The Road Safety Committee quiz took place on 18th May

Partnership Working: Newry, Mourne and Down Road Safety Committee, PSNI, NIFRS

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch Network event took place on Monday 13th March at Canal Court Newry. This was attended by 80 co-ordinators from across the district. The event was very well received by all attended. Ms Beverly Burns from Trading Standards spoke about scams and how to keep yourself safe from online fraud, romance scams and telephone scams among many more. Amanda Mulholland, Partnership Manager, from Policing Board Northern Ireland was also in attendance that night.

Work is continuing on updating the NHW database as more schemes are currently being set up in Downpatrick and Slieve Gullion. Signage is now be set up in many of the areas where new scheme are and all new co-ordinators have now received their welcome packs.

Many crime prevention talks have been happening district wide and these have been attended by the Crime Prevention Office from the PSNI as well as Home Secure and Home Safety Officer. Many of these have been organised with the DEAs. These talks have been very well received by the public and everyone who attended has been interested in the information given out from personal safety to crime prevention around the house and online, with people signing up to Text Alert, Farm Watch etc. Crime Prevention talks have been taking place in Crossmaglen, Warrenpoint, Hilltown, Newry, Ballyward and many others areas across the district.

Partnership Working: PSNI, Department of Justice, Trading Standards, Home Secure Scheme, DEAs

Rural Crime

There has been growing interest in Neighbourhood Watch and Farmwatch in many rural areas, with talks on crime prevention playing a big role across the district.

A growing number of farms are signing up to Farm Watch. There have been trailer Marking events with at Hilltown, Kilkeel, Newtownhamilton, Newry, Leitrim and Camlough, with more planned in the next month at Downpatrick and Castlewellan.

Partnership working: PSNI, Hilltown Cattle Mart, Fane Valley Co-Op, ABP Newry, Newtownhamilton , Ballinran Community Association, Bracken Centre, Kilkeel.

POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held in the Mourne Room, Downpatrick on Tuesday 23 May 2017 at 7pm

In attendance:

Audrey Byrne, Independent Member
 Cllr William Clarke, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Cllr Sean Doran, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Martin Fahy, Education Authority
 Roisin Leckey, Probation Board
 Cllr Harry Harvey, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
 Una Kelly, Independent Member
 Cllr Mickey Larkin, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Roisin Leckey, Probation Board NI
 Cllr Kate Loughran, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Owen McDonnell, NIHE
 Daniel McEvoy, Independent Member
 Grace McQuiston, Independent Member
 Declan Murphy, Independent Member
 Fergal O'Brien, Southern Health & Social Care Trust
 Cllr Brian Quinn, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (Chair)
 Superintendent Paul Reid, District Commissioner
 Cllr Mickey Ruane, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
 Fiona Stephens, Independent Member
 Loma Wilson, NIHE

Also in attendance:

Siobhán Fearon, Partnership Manager
 Damien Brannigan, Head of Service Community Engagement
 Katrina Hynds, PCSP Project Officer
 Andrew Kernaghan, PCSP Project Officer
 Christine Cartmill, PCSP
 Caroline Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

Others in attendance:

Johnny McBride, Assistant Director, Transformation, Innovation & Performance
 Alan Beggs, Head of Evidence and Research
 Catherine Hughes, Data Analyst

1. Apologies and Chairman's Remarks

Apologies were received from:-

Apologies were received from Cllr Terry Andrews, Cllr Laura Devlin, Jude Cumiskey, Ewan Morgan, Rod O'Hare and Lesley McCombe.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new financial year, and his last as Chair of the PCSP. He said it had been a pleasure to serve as Chair over the past 12 months and it had been a busy and eventful year, fulfilling the community safety needs of the District's residents. He said the Committee had tackled anti-social behaviour and provided diversionary activities for young people through summer programmes, Mourne Mountain Adventure and other events and had tackled the very real fear of crime felt by the more vulnerable residents through a series of targeted crime prevention seminars and investment in developing the Neighbourhood Watch Network.

The Chairperson went on to say that work was on-going in building relations and working in partnership to achieve the objectives laid out in the Action Plan, in the statutory responsibilities to comply with equality, good relations and community planning responsibilities. The incoming year brought new challenges in streamlining the accountability mechanisms based on tangible outcomes, furthering the community planning alignment and developing a closer working relationship with the DEA structures as well as working closely with PEACE IV on complementary work plans and he wished his successor good luck for next year.

2. Minutes of PCSP Meeting held on 21 March 2017

Read: Minutes of PCSP Meeting held on 21 March 2017

Fiona Stephens said she was at the PCSP Meeting held on 21 March 2017, although this had not been reflected in the minutes.

ACTION: It was agreed on the proposal of Dan McEvoy, seconded by Fergal O'Brien, that the Minutes be agreed as an accurate record, subject to the above amendment.

3. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Police Protection Board Presentation

The Chairperson invited Detective Chief Inspector David McBurney from the Police Protection Branch (PPB) to make a presentation to the Committee.

DCI McBurney explained that the PPB had been set up in 2015 as a result in the change in policing priorities and included a rape crime unit, child internet protection team, offender management and a central referral unit. It also included 5 Public Protection Units (PPUs) which were aligned with the Health & Social Care Trust boundaries.

DCI McBurney explained that the PPB was involved with child sexual exploitation, adult safeguarding, protecting the most vulnerable adults in society and victims of domestic abuse.

DCI McBurney advised the Members that category 1 and 2 offenders were managed across the 5 PPU's and category 3 offenders were managed by co-located PPT (Police, PBNI and Social Services and a risk management plan was devised for each case.

DCI McBurney said the challenges involved in policing of this nature was working with the very vulnerable people, managing the victims who were reported after long periods of abuse. DCI McBurney said the challenge was to ensure the victims got the help they required and to ensure their families received the safeguarding to protect them going forward so that they could live their lives to the best of their ability and not feel under threat.

Questions from Members were answered as follows:

- Information regarding the number of VOPOs since their introduction would be circulated to Members via the Partnership Manager.
- Children were on the high risk register in NI due to their lifestyle. Some came into contact with social services; and there were indicators that put them at risk of sexual exploitation. A core of support would be put around them to ensure they did not succumb to child sexual exploitation.
- Copies of the presentation would be circulated to Members via the Partnership Manager.

The Chairperson thanked DCI McBurney for his very informative presentation.

6. Education Authority Presentation

The Chairperson invited Martin Fahy from the Education Authority to make a presentation to the Committee.

Martin Fahy advised Members he was the Area Youth Officer for the Education Authority for the Armagh, Dungannon and Newry & Mourne area. He gave Members the background to the Education Authority and the Education Service Planning Process, explaining how the Department of Education, Education Authority Youth Service and the Youth Unit all worked together to achieve results.

Martin Fahy explained how the area plan process worked, whereby a needs assessment was completed, engagement took place with stakeholders and then an action plan was developed. He drew Members attention to the Department of Education's priorities and the overarching goals of the Education Authority.

Martin went on to explain the types of provision rolled out by the Education Authority, which were generalist provision and targeted provision. He also advised Members of the areas of educational underachievement and deprivation in the area. Finally, he explained the established and emerging issues.

The Chairperson thanked Martin Fahy for his very informative presentation.

In response to a query from Fergal O'Brien, Siobhan Fearon undertook to circulate the presentation to all Members.

7. Action Plan and Funding Update 2017-18

Read: Report by Siobhan Fearon dated 23 May 2017, regarding the PCSP Action Plan & Funding Update.

Siobhan Fearon advised that from the review undertaken by the PCSP in January 2017, the new action plan had been developed. She explained that there were indications that the budget would be 96% of the 2016/17 allocation, equating to a 6.5% cut in operational spend, and based on this information, she had updated the figures on the action plan.

ACTION: On the proposal of Cllr Sean Doran, seconded by Dan McEvoy, it was agreed that the updated draft action plan (which may be subject to additional amendments upon consideration by Joint Committee) and revised budget, be accepted.

8. Community Planning Update

Read: Report by Johnny McBride, Assistant Director, Community Planning and Performance, dated 23 May 2017 regarding Community Planning.

The Chairperson invited Mr McBride, Assistant Director of Community Planning and Performance, to make a presentation to the Committee.

Mr McBride made a comprehensive and informative presentation to the PCSP, highlighting the critical role the PCSP played within the Community Plan as the Safety & Good Relations Thematic Delivery Group, he detailed the emerging issues and the proposed next steps.

Mr McBride sought feedback from the PCSP and asked that they would consider his request for community planning to be standing item on the PCSP agenda, so that updates could be provided on a regular basis.

Mr McBride also asked the PCSP consider further proposals being brought back to Committee to align the PCSP with Community Planning and to consider filling the 3 empty places on the structure with locally designated members.

Questions from Members were answered by officers as follows:

- The DEA foras were set up as an engagement mechanism to cascade issues, but also to deliver the community plan.
- Work at a local level with the community plan had already started and the PCSP had looked closely at the action plans in January 2017. The PCSP dipped into DEA meetings when necessary and as the PCSP are statutorily obliged to consult on policing issues one way of doing this is through the through the DEA structures.
- There had always been a facility for 3 locally designated members from the statutory bodies. A decision was taken in August 2015 not to fill them at that time, but it may now be time to revisit this decision and support the alignment of the PCSP with the community plan.
- The PCSP did not want to replicate any work of the community plan. As thematic delivery working group not about replicating work but aligning as agreed in action plan
- There are performance measures that the PCSP are obliged to report on which come from the Joint Committee and these existing Performance measures have been included in Community Plan

Members of the PCSP expressed concerns, saying their role had appeared to have changed and the expectation placed on the PCSP through Council had changed. Members also said it was confusing who was delivering what and for who and also the reduction in budget was worrying.

A discussion ensued regarding how the community planning process fitted in with the PCSP, with Members wishing to discuss Mr McBride's proposals at a meeting, with the papers to be circulated a week in advance.

Members also expressed concerns that they could be stretching themselves too thinly at the detriment of the PCSP and pointed out there was no additional funding for Members to carry out the community planning work.

Siobhan Fearon explained that the PCSP was statutorily obliged to carry out the community planning work, but shared the Members concerns regarding work overload.

ACTION: It was agreed that a one hour meeting be set up in June 2017 to look at the role of the PCSP in community planning.

Proposed ? Dan McEvoy

Seconded ? Roisin Lecky

9. Officer Report

Read: Report by Siobhan Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 23 May 2017 regarding Officer Report.

Dan McEvoy referred to the Mourne Mountain Adventure event, saying as it was so resource intensive, the PCSP should withdraw funding and allocate it to another area.

Grace McQuiston disagreed with Dan McEvoy's comments, saying this was a huge event which met the PCSP targets for the Engagement Sub Committee and she proposed the event would keep running.

Siobhan Fearon confirmed the event was staff resource intensive, but said the PCSP's core work on community safety with hard to reach children was important, and suggested a partner association be asked to lead on this.

Cllr Brian Quinn concurred with Dan McEvoy's comments and seconded his proposal.

Cllr Sean Doran seconded Grace McQuiston's proposal.

Cllr Mickey Ruane said it was not acceptable to say the event did not work, facts and figures were required before a decision could be taken.

Martin Fahy referred to the benefits for the young people involved and Grace McQuiston said some of the participants were from the areas that had been targeted for anti-social behaviour.

Siobhan Fearon said that the administrative burden on the officers was significant, and suggested finding a partner to take the lead, but that the PCSP would continue to support the event.

Cllr Willie Clarke said if the PCSP pulled out of the event, it would send out a negative message, and the PCSP should engage with youth groups, sporting clubs and the YMCA ymca and identify stakeholders from the voluntary sector who could assist in delivering the project.

Superintendent Paul Reid said the event had become a victim of its own success and offered to work with the statutory bodies to see how best the event could be supported so it could keep running.

In response to a question from Audrey Byrne, Siobhan Fearon explained that evaluation forms were given out after the event, but after the last event, very few had been returned, although the feedback from social media had been good.

The Chairperson advised that Siobhan Fearon would undertake a further piece of work on the event, including the positives and negatives and produce a list of groups who participated and bring this information back to Committee.

ACTION: The Officer Report was noted on the proposal of Dan McEvoy, seconded by Cllr Sean Doran.

ACTION: It was agreed that a report would be brought back to Committee regarding the Mourne Mountain Adventure event.

10. Home Secure Report

Read: Report by Siobhan Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 23 May 2017 regarding Home Secure Report.

ACTION: The Home Secure Report was noted.

11. Good Morning Report

Siobhan Fearon advised that the Good Morning Report had been omitted from the Agenda and she would email it to the Members.

ACTION: The Good Morning Report would be emailed to Members.

12. Bonfire Sub Group

Read: Report by Siobhan Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 23 May 2017 regarding Bonfire Sub Group.

ACTION: The Minutes of the Bonfire Sub Group held on 10 April 2017 were noted.

13. Sub Group Overview

Read: Report by Siobhan Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 23 May 2017 regarding Sub Group Overview.

ACTION: It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Sean Doran, seconded by Cllr Mickey Ruane, that each Sub Group consider their Terms of Reference are fit for purpose and propose any necessary changes to the PCSP for ratification.

14. Equality Scheme

Read: Report by Siobhan Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 23 May 2017 regarding Draft Equality Scheme.

Cllr Mickey Larkin welcomed the amendment in the report at 2.1, saying it was important to take on board the opinion of the Equality Coalition and that good relations should be separated specifically relating to good relations within Section 75. He also welcomed the amendment within the glossary, where the Good Relations section had been amended to read:

“Although there is no current statutory definition of good relations within Section 75, or in any other Northern Ireland legislation, tackling prejudice and promoting understanding are key. Good relations could be said to exist where there is a high level of dignity, respect and mutual understanding; an absence of prejudice, hatred, hostility or harassment; a fair level of participation in society”.

Ms Fearon referred to key issues highlighted by NMDDC Head of Corporate Policy ie geographic considerations, implementation methodology, proactive actions employment functions etc are all already covered and that notwithstanding the amendment to Good Relations, it was the recommendation that the Scheme be passed as presented.

ACTION: It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Mickey Larkin, seconded by Cllr Willie Clarke, that the draft Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Equality Scheme, including the response at section 1.2 of the report, be submitted to the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland for consideration and approval.

15. Peace IV Update

Read: Report by Siobhan Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 23 May 2017 regarding Peace IV Update.

Dan McEvoy referred to the costs and queried whether delivery of the projects would be in partnership with any other statutory agencies. He asked whether Council was taking on any responsibility and said Members should be mindful there would be expectations to deliver until 2020.

16. Invite to Joint Briefing with Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon PCSP

Read: Report by Siobhan Fearon, PCSP Manager, dated 23 May 2017 regarding Invitation to Joint Meeting with ABC PCSP.

ACTION: The correspondence received from the Policing Board for NI inviting members of the PCSP to a joint meeting with ABC PCSP on 22 June 2017 at 7pm in the Bannville House Hotel, Banbridge, was noted.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Ms Fearon advised that the date of the next meeting would be 25 July 2017 in Newry.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 9.10pm.

POLICING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Policing Committee of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held in the Mourne Room, Downpatrick, on 23 May 2017 at 6:10pm

In attendance: Audrey Byrne, Independent Member
Cllr Kate Loughran, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Fiona Stephens, Independent Member
Cllr Mickey Larkin, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Cllr Brian Quinn, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Una Kelly, Independent Member
Cllr William Clarke, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Cllr Harry Harvey, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Dan McEvoy, Independent Member
Cllr Mickey Ruane, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Cllr Sean Doran, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council
Declan Murphy, Independent Member
Grace McQuiston, Independent Member
Paul Reid, District Commander

Also in attendance: Siobhán Fearon, Partnership Manager
Damien Brannigan, Head of Service Community
Engagement
Caroline Taylor, Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies and Chairman's Remarks

Apologies were received from Cllr Terry Andrews, Cllr Laura Devlin, Jude Cumiskey and Ewan Morgan.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new financial year, and his last as Chair of the Policing Committee. He said it had been a pleasure to serve as Chair over the past 12 months and it had been a busy and eventful year, fulfilling the community safety needs of the District's residents. He said the Committee had tackled anti-social behaviour and provided diversionary activities for young people through summer programmes, Mourne Mountain Adventure and other events and had tackled the very real fear of crime felt by the more vulnerable residents through a series of targeted crime prevention seminars and investment in developing the Neighbourhood Watch Network.

The Chairperson went on to say that work was on-going in building relations and working in partnership to achieve the objectives laid out in the Action Plan, in the statutory responsibilities to comply with equality, good relations and community planning responsibilities. The incoming year brought new challenges in streamlining the accountability mechanisms based on tangible outcomes, furthering the community planning alignment and developing a

closer working relationship with the DEA structures as well as working closely with PEACE IV on complementary work plans and he wished his successor good luck for next year.

2. Minutes of Policing Partnership held on 21 March 2017

Read: Minutes of PCSP Policing Partnership held on 21 March 2017 (copy circulated)

ACTION: The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record on the proposal of Dan McEvoy, seconded by Cllr Willie Clarke.

3. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5. District Commander Report

Read: District Commander Report – Period 7 - May 2017 (copy circulated)

The Chair invited Superintendent Reid to present the District Commanders report to the Committee.

Superintendent Reid highlighted the following areas within the report:

- The end of year figures had now been released and these would be circulated to members.
- Overall crime in the District had fallen over the past year.
- Northern Ireland had recently recorded the lowest crime levels in almost 20 years.
- In the past 12 months, crime in the District had decreased by 8.3%, representing 728 fewer local victims of crime.
- Violent crime and burglary had seen significant reductions. The PSNI had been working hard in these areas to reduce the number of incidents through targeted patrolling and disruption activity, and also through education, community outreach work and via social media.
- Sexual offences recorded in the District had increased slightly, but liaison with victim support and women's groups had shown this was more reflective of a greater confidence in women coming forward.
- Cyber related crime was becoming more prevalent with an increased reporting of online blackmail and 'sextortion' scams across NI.
- A further reduction in the budget was expected, but the PSNI would continue to work hard and make full use of the resources available.
- There had been 8062 crimes over the past year, representing 46 crimes per 1000 of population or 22 crimes per day.

Questions from Members were answered by Superintendent Reid as follows:

- The query previously raised with Chief Inspector West regarding CCTV would be followed up and the information provided to Una Kelly. Ms Kelly expressed disappointment that her request for further information regarding the CCTV report had not been followed up. Superintendent Reid, District Commander, undertook to follow up on the request
- It was disappointing that Policing Committee Members were not kept up to date with local crimes and a text to members would be sent in the future.
- The PSNI were pursuing the recovery of the Sinn Fein posters in the Kilkeel area and Inspector Henry would provide an update to Councillor Doran.
- The PSNI were liaising with an Garda Síochána regarding the 2 drug arrests recently. The perceived lack of PSNI activity would suggest that the process was either concluded or another piece of work was going on.

6. Policing Plan Update

Superintendent Reid provided Members with the following information:

- A fuel laundering plant outside Crossmaglen had been recovered at the end of March with 3 pods seized and 200 litres of fuel.
- At the end of March, four people had been arrested in Crossgar for handling stolen goods
- An individual was arrested in Kilkeel due to a breach of a deportation order. The person was conveyed to Banbridge and onwards to a holding centre.
- A chemist in Warrenpoint reported the theft of cosmetics and hair products. The PSNI had observed a vehicle with 3 females and discovered cosmetics and hair products in the car along with groceries from the Fresh Food Centre. 2 arrests were made for driving whilst disqualified, no insurance and joint enterprise in relation to the theft at Fresh Food.
- An arrest was made in Newcastle after the report of a suspicious vehicle. A package was thrown onto the beach which was found to contain tramadol and cannabis and an arrest was made on suspicion of possession of Class B and C drugs and the strength of a bench warrant.
- An arrest was made in the Mullaghbawn area after a male was seen behaving erratically in a car. He was arrested on the suspicion of driving whilst unfit, whilst disqualified and without insurance.
- A man was arrested for intent to supply in Newry after half a kilo of cannabis was found in the boot of his car.

- A man was arrested in Newry for blackmail and fraud after a report that a caravan had been stolen in County Kildare and a subsequent demand for £1,200 in order to return the caravan.
- During an anti-burglary patrol in Newry, 4 men were arrested for driving offences and the vehicle was seized.

Cllr Mickey Larkin thanked Superintendent Reid for the PSNI's prompt action following the incident in the Mullaghbawn area.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Newry on 25 July 2017.

Siobhan Fearon advised that the election of the Vice Chair of the Policing Committee by the Independent Members would take place on 25 July at 5.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.40pm.

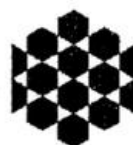
Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	European Projects
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programmes Unit

Decisions required:	
To note the report.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
	<p>The purpose of the report is to inform members about current EU projects the Council is involved in:</p> <p>European Rural Network for Job Mobility – ERN4mob Project (Europe for Citizens) The project aims to connect rural municipalities from 6 different EU countries in order to lay down the foundations for the European Rural Network for Job Mobility. The project is due to end in December 2017.</p> <p>AGE FACTOR (Erasmus Plus) The project commenced in November 2016 and is due to end in April 2019. (approved at SP&R Committee meeting in October 2016). It focuses on addressing the issues of social exclusion and unemployment through increasing the competences of people over 50 in the use of social media. The project consortium is made up of an alliance of 10 partners covering 9 EU countries. The project complements the Newry, Mourne and Down Age Friendly Initiative. Technical support for the project is provided by Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency whose representatives will attend a training event in November 2017 organised by one of the EU partners.</p>
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry, Mourne and Down District Council’s experience in previous European projects in the area of social inclusion is highlighted as being of particular benefit to both partnerships. • Project activity will benefit the Council, its stakeholders and the district by learning from best practice, engagement with other EU regions and advancing solutions to local and global challenges in the area of social inclusion. • The projects will deliver demonstrable and practical benefits for people of Newry, Mourne and Down and enhance the reputation of our district internationally.
3.0	Recommendations:

3.1	That the Committee note the report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Projects 100% funded by the EU.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	The projects have a positive impact on equality and good relations issues in the District.
6.0	Appendices
	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Progress report on the Areas at Risk Programmes In Crossmaglen and Bessbrook
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Julie Mc Cann Head of Community Services Facilities and Events

Decisions required:	
The note the report.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
1.1	The Department For Communities fund Crossmaglen and Bessbrook Community centres £30,000 per annum to run community educational classes within the area. A programme of courses is agreed in advance with the Department for Communities and participation targets are set.
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	As part of the Letter of Offer, Council has to submit quarterly progress reports and financial claims identifying what courses had been undertaken, funding allocated, numbers attending and any issues identified. In the previous quarter a wide range of activities were rolled out including genealogy, Irish language classes, How to be a Hollywood Producer, flower arranging etc. In this quarter, Council is working with the Southern Regional College to run a number of essential skills classes as well as a variety of certified vocational classes.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That the Committee note the report (including progress reports in appendix 1 & 2)
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Officers time in relation to processing claims in relation to this project.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	None
6.0	Appendices
	Appendix I: Progress report for Quarter 1 Bessbrook CC Appendix 2: Progress report for Quarter 1 Crossmaglen CC



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Annex 803

Progress Report

Note: Grey areas to be completed by officials before issue

Name of organisation	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Full description of project	Bessbrook Community Training Programme 17/18 This programme will deliver a range of training interventions across Bessbrook.
Reference number	Ds1-15-4267
Period of report	April 2017 to June 2017
Project contact	Julie McCann

Section 1: Expenditure update

Expenditure Type	Annual expenditure profile	Expenditure to date
Running costs	£4,680.00	£1,170.00
Salary costs	£0.00	
Programme costs	£25,320.00	£5,908.00
Other costs	£0.00	
Total	£30,000.00	£7,078.00
Please comment on any potential overspend/underspend and how this is being managed:		

Voluntary and Community organisations only

Has your organisation met your HMRC liabilities in respect of National Insurance payments? You should supply the most recent current 'Real Time' screen print. If yes please confirm below and include the screen print if available – if no please provide an explanation
YES

Section 2: Other funders update

Has your organisation received additional funding or had funding cut or withdrawn by other Funders within this monitoring period? Have you applied for any further funding for which you are awaiting a decision?

If **yes** please provide details – if **no** please write 'no' in the box below --

NO

Section 3: Progress on objectives/outputs

Note: At the next monitoring visit you will be asked to provide evidence to back up the achievement figures you provide

Project outcomes (for information)

- Reduction in the gap in employment rate between those residents in AaR and the rest of NI by 0.1% based on the available statistics.

Project objectives/outputs

ER(4) – Number of people receiving job specific training
 17/18
 10 people trained in EDCL extra.

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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NONE	
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Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

COURSE TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER 2017

Project outcomes (for information)

- Reduction in the gap in employment rate between those residents in AaR and the rest of NI by 0.1% based on the available statistics.

Project objectives/outputs

ER(6) – Number of people receiving non job specific training
 17/18
 357 people trained

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
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List all courses and numbers of attendees	
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Flower Arranging – 24	
Jive and Zumba – 12	
Family Fitness – 25	
Cookery Skills for Less Abled – 5	
Archery for Beginners – 10	
Food Hygiene for Children – 12	
Irish Language – 10	
First Aid – 10	

TOTAL - 108

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TOTAL - 108

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track must be provided:
Further classes will be taking place from July 2017 to March 2018

Section 4: NRP Action Plan (Neighbourhood Renewal only)

Priority/action in NRP Action Plan Social Renewal - Education
Details of how the priority/action has been achieved

Section 5: Governance update

Have there been changes to any of your governance arrangements that have been supplied to the Department such as changes to key personnel, policies, constitution, office bearers, public liability and employer liability insurance or accounts. If yes please provide details – if no please write 'no' in the box below
NO

Declaration:

To my knowledge there is no suspected fraud or ongoing investigation into this project and there is no other relevant information that I should make the Department for Communities aware of.

I approve this progress report

J Hillen

Signature of chairperson

JANINE HILLEN.

Name in Capitals

Date

2/08/17.



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Annex 803

Progress Report

Note: Grey areas to be completed by officials before issue

Name of organisation	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Full description of project	Crossmaglen Community Training Programme 17/18 This programme will deliver a range of training interventions across Crossmaglen.
Reference number	DS1-15-3422
Period of report	April 2017 to June 2017
Project contact	Julie McCann

Section 1: Expenditure update

Expenditure Type	Annual expenditure profile	Expenditure to date
Running costs	£4,680.00	£ 1,170.00
Salary costs	£0.00	
Programme costs	£25,320.00	£ 6,266.19
Other costs	£0.00	
Total	£30,000.00	£ 7,436.19
Please comment on any potential overspend/underspend and how this is being managed:		

Voluntary and Community organisations only

Has your organisation met your HMRC liabilities in respect of National Insurance payments? You should supply the most recent current 'Real Time' screen print. If **yes** please confirm below and include the screen print if available – if **no** please provide an explanation

YES

Section 2: Other funders update

Has your organisation received additional funding or had funding cut or withdrawn by other Funders within this monitoring period? Have you applied for any further funding for which you are awaiting a decision?

If **yes** please provide details – if **no** please write 'no' in the box below

NO

Section 3: Progress on objectives/outputs

Note: At the next monitoring visit you will be asked to provide evidence to back up the achievement figures you provide

Project outcomes (for information)

- Reduction in the gap in employment rate between those residents in AaR and the rest of NI by 0.1% based on the available statistics.

Project objectives/outputs

ER(4) – Number of people receiving job specific training

17/18

10 trained in EDCL extra.

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
NONE	

NONE

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track **must** be provided:

COURSE TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER 2017

Project outcomes (for information)

- Reduction in the gap in employment rate between those residents in AaR and the rest of NI by 0.1% based on the available statistics.

Project objectives/outputs

ER(6) – Number of people receiving non job specific training

17/18

246 people trained

Achievement during this report period	Achievement this year to date
List all courses and numbers of attendees Art for Beginners – 11 Flower Arranging – 13 Knit and Natter – 10 Genealogy – 22 Computers for Beginners – 5 Wellness/Time for Me – 12 Music Therapy – 10 Mosaics – 10 TOTAL - 93	Art for Beginners – 11 Flower Arranging – 13 Knit and Natter – 10 Genealogy – 22 Computers for Beginners – 5 Wellness/Time for Me – 12 Music Therapy – 10 Mosaics – 10 TOTAL - 93

Please comment on the achievement of the agreed objectives/outputs – where these have not been met details of the action planned to get the project back on track must be provided:
Further classes will be taking place from July 2017 to March 2018

Section 4: NRP Action Plan (Neighbourhood Renewal only)

Priority/action in NRP Action Plan Social Renewal - Education
Details of how the priority/action has been achieved

Section 5: Governance update

Have there been changes to any of your governance arrangements that have been supplied to the Department such as changes to key personnel, policies, constitution, office bearers, public liability and employer liability insurance or accounts. If yes please provide details – if no please write 'no' in the box below
NO

Declaration:

To my knowledge there is no suspected fraud or ongoing investigation into this project and there is no other relevant information that I should make the Department for Communities aware of.

I approve this progress report

Signature of chairperson *J. Hillen*

Name in Capitals *JANINE HILLEN*

Date *2/8/17*

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 October 2017
Subject:	Social Investment Fund - Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programmes Manager

Decisions required:	
To note the report.	
1.0	Purpose and Background:
	<p><u>WORK IT</u> Social Investment Fund 'Work It' Employment and Training Programme. This programme is due to end April 2018 with a celebration event to be held in February 2018. Please find below a good news stories of how this programme is assisting people with finding sustained employment:</p> <p>Participant aged 17 found it difficult to hold down a placement when on the programme. He was placed with 4 different host employers, left the programme but came back. At the 6 month point this participant really turned things around - he attended every training session that was available, including Literacy, Numeracy, World Host Training, Emergency First Aid, Paediatric First Aid and Fork Lift Training. He gained employment on completing the programme.</p> <p><u>CASTLEWELLAN COMMUNITY CENTRE</u> The portacabins have been moved, the design has been agreed and the PQQ documents have been sent to CPD for approval.</p> <p><u>COMMUNITY OPERATED SPORTS FACILITIES (Ballyhornan, Downpatrick, Kilcooley)</u> The design of the football pitches has been agreed. The Executive Office is revising the business Case due to actual costs and will now separate the 3 projects to prevent delays in construction. Ards and North Down Council and the Housing Executive to agree the transfer of land in Kilcooley.</p>
2.0	Key issues:
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Business Case for the 3G pitches to be presented to Executive Office Economists for review and approval. • Housing Executive land transfer in Kilcooley may further delay the implementation of the projects.
3.0	Recommendations:
3.1	That the Committee note the report

4.0	Resource implications:
4.1	SIF is funded by the Executive Office. Council contribution: £150k Ballyhornan and £105k Downpatrick.
5.0	Equality and good relations implications:
5.1	This was undertaken as part of the application process.
6.0	Appendices
	Minutes of SIF Capital Board meeting (September 17) Minutes of SIF Revenue Board meeting (June 17)

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SIF CAPITAL PROJECT BOARD MEETING
Monday 4 September 2017 AT 10 am in TRAINING ROOM, MONAGHAN
ROW, NEWRY

CHAIRPERSON: Conor Mallon

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Lipsett
Justyna McCabe
Paul Brannigan
Sarah McClory
Debbie Murphy
Francesca Dowler
Anita Waite
Janine Hillen
Ciara Burns

APOLOGIES: Raphael Crummy
Kenny Knox

INTRODUCTIONS:

Conor commenced the meeting at 10:15am and welcomed all the members of the Project Board and apologies were noted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. All agreed.

ACTION SHEET:

Castlewellan:

- The contractor was awarded the tender for relocation of the portacabin and this cost was profiled under professional fees.

- Janine and Justyna will update the Project Board at the next meeting regarding the post project management support to be provided to the Community Partnership.
- The risk register and issues log was updated to include general issues identified under the COS risks and issues.

Community Operated Sports Facilities:

- Paul will add Housing Executive land transfer to the risk register and for impact and likelihood to be high
- Debbie Murphy is currently working on a Business Case for the 3 pitches regarding the cost figures being over the original budget for the pitches.
- Paul met with all 3 groups regarding the pitch sizes and all groups are to be contacted to agree to the pitch size at 90m x 55m.
- Debbie confirmed that other SIF 3G pitches are in line with what is being provided under this project.
- Paul obtained clarification on the need for a large office space at the Kilcooley site.
- The Executive Office and The Department for Communities supplied letters of support to the Housing Executive for the transfer of land in the Kilcooley project at nil cost.
- Debbie attended the meeting set up between the Housing Executive and the Council.
- Sarah liaised with Tom, Paul and the appointed CIT to draw up and submit new profiles to the Executive Office

CASTLEWELLAN COMMUNITY CENTRE:

It was noted that the contractors are now on site to move the portacabin. Tom noted that three pieces of play equipment had to be moved which had not been initially reflected in the tender. The contractor will provide this cost to Tom. This information will then be supplied to Sarah in order to update the profiles. It was also noted that this issue is to be added to the issues log.

A discussion took place regarding the electric and boiler facilities. It was noted that although this was not included in the original drawings of the project, it is included in the budget and will be in the final drawing. Tom noted that a detailed drawing from the design team would be supplied in the next two weeks for approval from the Project Board. It was agreed that this be emailed to the Project Board members for approval and presented as a report for noting at the next Project Board meeting.

Risk Register and issues log:

- It was agreed that as the Letter of Offer had been extended this now go down to a green on the risk register.
- It was noted that point six on the risk register would go to a green but this cannot be done until the contractor is appointed. It was agreed that the

last sentence under management strategy for point six be deleted as this no longer applies.

AGREED

- **Portacabin contractor to provide Tom with updated cost to reflect moving 3 pieces of play equipment which was not included in original tender. This must also be added to the issues log.**
- **Janine Hillen and Justyna McCabe to liaise re post project management support to be provided to the Community Partnership.**
- **Tom to send detailed drawings from the design team to the Project Board members for approval.**

COMMUNITY OPERATED SPORTS FACILITIES:

Ballyhornan, Downpatrick, Kilcooley:

Debbie Murphy informed the Board that she is preparing a revised Business Case for the 3 pitches. Debbie noted that there are not sufficient funds in the SIF zoned budget to cover the extra cost but that the money required may be obtained from SIF money elsewhere.

A discussion regarding the pitches took place. It was agreed to propose that each pitch size of 90 x 55 which is to IFA standard and to get the design team to draw up the costings based on this and to amend the Business Case accordingly. It was agreed that Debbie furnish Paul with the budget headings required for the Business Case and this information to be sought from the design team. It was noted that the costings for all original specification headings will need to be added into the Business Case. It was noted that the original quotes were incorrect rather than the specification of the projects being incorrect. It was agreed that Paul meet with the Planners prior to the planning application being submitted in order to ensure the amended project fits all criteria under planning permission.

A discussion regarding the changing facilities at each pitch took place. Debbie noted that under IFA standards they require 2 wet changing rooms with a minimum of 4 shower heads each.

It was noted that the original costings submitted as part of the application were not in line with the true costings of the project. Certain aspects such as the Bitmac were not originally costed and this is essential for the long term maintenance of the pitches. Debbie is including the maintenance cost of the pitches with and without the Bitmac in the Business Case. This accounts for £120k per pitch. It was agreed the error in costing was at no fault to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.

It was agreed that a procurement strategy be drawn up as soon as possible to move the process along as quickly as possible. It was suggested that this is done as three separate tenders as this may be cheaper. It was agreed that the design

team would clarify the costing of three separate tenders and one tender in order to establish which way will be cheaper.

Ballyhornan:

It was noted that site investigation quotes have been obtained and it was agreed that the payment of this come from the contribution on the Ulster Wildlife Trust as this contribution needs to be spent before June 2018.

Downpatrick:

It was noted that site investigation quotes as above have been obtained and it was agreed that the payment of this come from the contribution on the Ulster Wildlife Trust as this contribution needs to be spent before June 2018.

Kilcooley:

Fran explained that a meeting had taken place between Ards and North Down Council and the Housing Executive regarding the transfer of the land at nil cost. It was noted that in theory the Housing Executive would agree to the transfer of the land however there would be clause regarding the condition of the land transferred back after the 25 year lease had expired. Fran is meeting with the Housing Executive this week to obtain and update. This update is to be then sent to Paul. It was also noted that the process of transferring the land could take at least 3 months to complete.

It was agreed that Fran seek clarification if planning permission can be sought prior to the lease agreement being in place.

Risk register and issues log:

- Housing Executive land transfer to be added to the risk register and for impact and likelihood to be high.
- It was agreed to increase the likelihood on the risk register regarding budgets to high.

AGREED

- **Housing Executive land transfer to be added to the risk register and for impact and likelihood to be high.**
- **Progress to costing of each pitch at 90 x 55.**
- **Debbie to furnish Paul with the budget headings required for the Business Case and this to be sought from the design team.**
- **Paul to meet with Planners to ensure the amended project meets all requirements before submitting planning application.**
- **Fran to seek clarification if a planning permission can be applied for prior to the lease agreement being in place**
- **Paul to advise on the procurement strategy proposed by the consultant team and also clarify from the design team if three separate tenders or one overall tender will be cheaper.**

UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES:

Anita Waite explained that all money for this project has been moved to the next financial year and that now this money cannot be accessed in this financial year. She noted that there is a possibility this money will now not be available for this project.

FINANCE

It was noted that the contribution from the Ulster Wildlife Trust is now down to £155k. It was agreed to pay for the site investigations and this to be paid out of the Ulster Wildlife Trust contribution.

OBA NISRA Report cards

No update on the Report card.

Signed: Conor Mallon
 Chairperson

Signed: Justyna McCabe

Next Project Board Meeting: Monday 2 October 2017, 10:00am, Conference Room, Monaghan Row, Newry.

NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SIF WORK IT PROJECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday 20 June 2017 at 2.30 pm Monaghan Court, Newry

CHAIRPERSON: Sarah McClory

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Campbell
Kieran Fegan
Darryl Pettigrew
Pauline Allen

APOLOGIES: Justyna McCabe
NISRA Representative

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions took place.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

ACTION SHEET OF THE WORK IT PROJECT:

Regarding the Social Clause, Carla will deal with this tomorrow.
It was noted that a representative from NISRA was due to be at the meeting but this could not happen due to staff changes.
Darryl agreed that the £26k under-spend in the accrual figures is now lost as all claims are in already.
£10k needs to be moved under a new budget heading for external evaluation. It was hoped the remaining £30k could be used to boost community projects. It was also agreed that a celebration event around February in a central location would be organised. This would be a good publicity event for the programme. Carla is hoping to put together a good news sheet with some of the success stories from the programme.

AGREED:

1. Carla to forward to Sarah Social Clause documents for review and approval.
2. £10k reprofiled for External Evaluation

SERVICE DELIVERY ORGANISATION REPORT:

Carla Campbell presented the Service Delivery Organisation report for noting. It was noted that as the programme draws to an end the training will slow down and courses will be more bespoke. 2 Gold UK courses will take place over the course of the summer, these are personal development and motivational courses and will run in Newry and Portadown.

Carla noted that they have worked with some wonderful employers and the 55% transfer to employment increases each month. Early leavers will be tracked for up to 1 year and it is hoped that some of them will be brought back into the programme to complete their outstanding week's employment before the end of the programme. Of the 41 early leavers, most of these left the process very early. If they completed 30 weeks they are counted in the statistics. Some of the early leavers were referrals from Social Services and it was felt they were just not work ready.

AGREED:

- 1. Report agreed**

FINANCIAL PROFILES:

Sarah McClory presented the report for noting. £10k needed for External Evaluation.

AGREED:

- 1. £10k be reprofiled for external evaluation**

LEAD PARTNER REPORT:

The Lead Partner Report was presented by Sarah McClory. Sarah stated that it was fairly reflective of the SDO report. It is anticipated that approximately 142 participants will complete the programme which is about 75%. Darryl requested an overview or breakdown of the Super Output Areas. Carla stated that she already has this and will forward to Darryl.

AGREED:

- 1. Report agreed**
- 2. Carla to send breakdown of super output areas to Darryl**

RISK REGISTER:

The risk register was reviewed for noting.

ISSUES LOG:

The issues log was reviewed for noting

AGREED:

1. **Issues log agreed**

Signed: Sarah McClory
Chairperson

Next Project Board Meeting: Tuesday 19th September 2017 @ 2.30pm,
Monaghan Court, Newry

PEACE IV Partnership Meeting
Boardroom, Monaghan Row, Newry
Thursday 24th August 2017

In attendance: Cllr Michael Ruane, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Declan Murphy, Social Partner
Helen Honeyman, Social Partner
Joe McMinn, PSNI
Cllr David Highland, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Cllr David Taylor, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Cllr Terry Andrews, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Cllr William Walker, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Officials in Attendance: Justyna McCabe, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Aisling Smith, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Claire Loughran, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Alison McConville, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Catherine Dynes, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Michael Ruane welcomed members of the Peace IV Partnership at 6:05pm and apologies were noted from

Gordon McDade
Janine Hillen
Martin Fahy
Seamus Camplisson
Michael Lipsett
Siobhan Fearon

2. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

3. Minutes from previous meeting 28th June 2017

The minutes from the previous meeting with approved as proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Hyland.

4. Management Report

Justyna introduced the new Peace Officers to the members of the Partnership. The reporting format from each of the delivery partners was explained to the members. Justyna noted that the Peace Programme had now commenced delivery. It was explained that attached with the papers was a memorandum re monies for resubmission. This outlined the monies that each Council could now reapply for. It was noted that the spending of these monies was approved by this partnership in January 2017 and this will now be submitted to SEUPB. Justyna presented the Management Report for noting. The recommendations were agreed. This was proposed by Cllr Hyland and seconded by Declan Murphy.

5. Partner Delivery Agent Report

- **NMDDC**

Claire presented the NMDDC Report and Recommendations for approval. It was noted that the actions for approval were in bold on the report. Cllr Hyland sought clarification regarding the cost of the Faith-Based action. Claire explained that this was based on costs in the application and that this action will be district wide. Cllr Andrews commented that this was a good programme over and welcomes the actions on shared history and culture. The recommendations were agreed. This was proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Cllr Hyland.

- **PCSP**

Alison presented the PCSP report and Recommendations for approval. Helen Honeyman enquired how the tenders would be advertised. Justyna explained that these tenders would not be advertised yet as the terms had to go to SEUPB for approval. Justyna further explained that tenders over £30k would be advertised in the press and ehub and that under £30k would just be advertised on ehub. The recommendations were agreed. This was proposed by Cllr Andrews and seconded by Declan Murphy.

- **Education Authority**

Catherine explained that there was no report yet from the Education Authority.

6. Date of the next meetings

Cllr Ruane explained that the programme had now commenced delivery and that the role of the partnership members would now become more important. Joe

McMinn highlighted the issues of drug abuse in the District and noted this should be addressed. Alison explained that the could be focused on under one of the PCSP actions and that conversations with groups in Kilkeel regarding this had already taken place.

The dates for the next meetings were agreed as follows:

27th September, Downpatrick Civic Centre, 6pm

19th October, Newry Monaghan Row, 6pm

23rd November, Downpatrick Civic Centre, 6pm

Councillor Ruane closed the meeting at 6:45pm.