

November 16th, 2020

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 16th November 2020 at 6:00 pm in Microsoft Teams.**

Chair: Cllr L McEvoy

Vice: Cllr G O'Hare

Members:

Cllr T Andrews

Cllr C Casey

Cllr A Finnegan

Cllr H Gallagher

Cllr M Gibbons

Cllr G Malone

Cllr C Mason

Cllr K McKevitt

Cllr A McMurray

Cllr B Ó'Muirí

Cllr D Taylor

Cllr J Trainor

Cllr W Walker

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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

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This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *Single Tender Actions Nov 2020.pdf*

Not included

17.0 Emergency Business Plan October 2020-March 2021

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *AHC Cover Report Emergency Business Plans Oct-Mar 2021.pdf*

Not included

 *Appendix 1 AHC Emergency Business Plan Template Oct 2020-Mar 2021.pdf*

Not included

18.0 Moorhill Quarry - Expression of Interest

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *EOI Leasing of Land Moorhill Quarry Nov 2020.pdf*

Not included

 *Appendix 1 - Mountaineering Ireland Business Case Moor Hill Quarry - 6 Nov 2020.pdf*

Not included

Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Ms Kate Bingham

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Ms Alice Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Mr Eoin Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Mr Kieran Gordon

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Mrs Janine Hillen

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew

Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Paul Tamati
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/120/2019	Application to DfC: New Model Farm Community Centre proposal, Downpatrick	It was agreed to accept the following recommendations: • that the Committee agree to proceed with an application to DfC for a replacement facility for the Trojan Horse, Downpatrick. Including the development of a business case, design proposals and submission of a planning application.	K Hynds	Ongoing. Funding application to be completed by NHR Officer & CDRCN for submission to DfC.	N
AHC/148/2019	Healthy Vending Machines in Leisure Centres	It was agreed to note that when clear guidance on minimum nutritional standards (MNS) for Council Catering Outlets and Vending is established, a future report will be brought back to Active and Healthy Communities Committee regarding the potential implementation of these standards.	P Tamati	Report to future AHC Ongoing, MNS not established yet, anticipated April 2020. Liaising with Food Standards Agency. MNS protocols have been delayed due to COVID-19. Awaiting further update from FSA on MNS. Tender to be progressed. Ongoing	N
AHC/152/2019	Notice of Motion – Disability Access on to Newcastle Beach (Referred from Council Meeting 2 September 2019)	It was agreed that officers investigate the provision of disability access on to Newcastle beach to enable the facility to be inclusive, which will enhance the visitor experience for all. An update report to be provided to the Active & Health Communities Committee following on from a meeting of Neighbourhood Services department, Enterprise, Regenerations & Tourism department and Corporate Services departments.	M Lipsett M Lipsett	Meetings held with internal officers Mae Murray visited the site and advised that the disabled toilet facilities are not suitable to accommodate a large changing table and therefore would not be suitable for disabled beach access facilities similar to Cranfield Report to future AHC Meeting.	N
AHC/202/2019	Sport NI Your School Your Club Funding	It was agreed the update on Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Projects that applied for Your School Your Club was agreed and approval given for the	P Tamati	Ongoing Project commenced but, delayed due to COVID-19. Due to be completed Sept	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		commissioning of the Tennis Bubble Project at Our Lady's in Newry.		2020. Hand over now due in November 2020 due to COVID-19 delay. Ongoing	
AHC/206/2019	Adoption of Suicide Down to Zero	<p>It was agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council formally adopt the approach and aspiration of Suicide Down to Zero. A suitable launch and media statement to be prepared for Council Chairperson. • An amount of £10,000 is allocated to a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Small Grants Scheme administered through a Financial call subject to the estimates process. • A working group involving the Council, the Southern and South Eastern Health Trusts and local relevant Voluntary Organisations is created to examine ways of attaining the goal of zero suicides across the District. 	E Devlin	Ongoing	N
AHC/4/2020	Overflow Car Park at Donard Park	<p>It was agreed to proceed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with 'winter arrangements' for the unofficial overflow car park at Donard Park to remain in place until Easter 2020 as per historical arrangement. <p>Winter arrangements – closed from the 1st November to Easter 2020 (10th April)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a budget became available in the interim, the opening of the overflow car park could be brought forward on busy days prior to Easter 2020. <p>The proposed establishment of an official and permanent overflow car parking arrangements at Donard Park as per appendix 1, and commit £250k to Council Capital Programme. Following such approval,</p>	P Tamati	Commissioning meeting with the Capital Team to take place. Confirmation of budget to be agreed. Temporary overflow car park now in place. Capital Team to submit planning application for permanent arrangements – ongoing.	N

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		a detailed capital proposal will be brought back to Committee for further consideration.			
AHC/6/2020	Annual Licence Agreement with Communities Facilities	It was agreed to replace existing tenancy arrangements within Council Community Facilities to updated Licence Agreements.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/96/2020	Expression of interest, Derryleckagh Road	<p>It was agreed that the business case submission from Newry Rugby Club for Derryleckagh Field, had been evaluated and met the minimum threshold under the Sports & Community Facility Management & Leasing Policy (2016).</p> <p>It was also agreed to progress to a public expression of interest process in line with the Sports & Community Facility Management & Leasing Policy (2016).</p>	P Tamati	EOI public advert to be commissioned, ongoing. Advert closing date Friday 13 th November 2020.	N
AHC/97/2020	Expression of interest, Generator House, Newcastle and vacant land adjacent to Burren Village Green	It was agreed that the expression of interest for leasing of the Generator House and Vacant Land Adjacent to Burren Village Green was progressed in line with Councils Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy (2016).	P Tamati	EOI public advert to be commissioned, ongoing. Advert closing date Friday 13 th November 2020.	N
AHC/99/2020	Development of a walking/cycling strategy.	It was agreed to approve Council Officers examining the development of a Walking and Cycling Strategy for the District.	E Devlin	ongoing	N

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/162/2019	Saintfield Community Centre	<p>It was agreed to note and agree to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed to Expression of Interest Process in line with Councils Sporting and Community Facilities Leasing Policy for the rear of Unit C and the whole of Unit B. 	J Hillen	Advert going into papers week commencing 16 th Nov 2020	N
AHC/036/2020	Threeways Community Centre – Refurbishment of Ropework Pitch	<p>It was agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate the legacy Service Level Agreement into the current Facility Management Agreement for Threeways Community Association in line with other similar facilities. • Review booking over the period detailed in the Facility Management Agreement and present options to Council in order to inform potential future investment in the facility. 	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

AHC/053/2020	Lease of Lands at Barcroft Community Centre	It was agreed that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council provide Newry Felons with a lease for the additional lands requested at a Peppercorn rent as agreed by the Department for Communities.	J Hillen	Complete	Y
AHC/106/2020	Newtownhamilton Aged Debt	It was agreed to remove Newtownhamilton Community Association from the aged debt list at a cost to Council as identified within the officer's report.	J Hillen	Complete	Y
AHC/108/2020	No 16 The Square, Rostrevor	It was agreed to note the officer's report and appendix and to approve the awarding of contract to the preferred supplier identified within same.	C Quinn	Complete Contractor on site	Y
AHC/102/2020	Autism Swimming Sessions Update	It was agreed to retain this item on the Action Sheet.	P Tamati	Recommended week of 5 th October, suspended until further notice due to Circuit Breaker restrictions.	

ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2020

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/114/2020	Action Sheet from 20 September 2020	It was agreed item AHC/102/2020: Autism Friendly Swimming Session to remain on the action sheet. Action sheet was noted.	P Tamati	As per AHC/102/2020 Noted	N
AHC/115/2020	Active and Healthy Assessment Business Plan 2019-2020	It was agreed to approve Active and Healthy Assessment Business Plan 2019-2020	M Lipsett	Actioned	Y
AHC/116/2020	District Electoral Areas Forums Update	It was agreed to note the report provided and approve the actions in the actions sheets for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 15 September 2020 • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 24 September 2020 • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 25 September 2020. • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Friday 2 October 2020. 	J Hillen	Action Sheets being actioned accordingly	Y

AHC/117/2020	Draft submission to DfC for COVID-19 Access to Food Fund and COVID-19 Financial Inclusion Fund	<p>It was agreed to note the report and approve the draft submission (detailed in 1.1 of the officer's report) that was submitted to the Department for Communities (DfC) on behalf of the Council's COVID-19 Community Coordination Hub as to how the amounts awarded to Council under the 'COVID-19 Access to Food Fund' and 'COVID-19 Financial Inclusion Fund' would be awarded and for what purposes.</p> <p>It was further agreed to approve the awarding of the funding allocations to the 'Confederation of Community Groups', 'County Down Rural Community Network' and 'Community Advice Newry, Mourne & Down' as detailed in the draft submission set out in 1.1 of the officer's report, through their current SLAs with Council.</p>	J Hillen	<p>Noted</p> <p>Awards to 'Confederation of Community Groups', 'County Down Rural Community Network' and 'Community Advice Newry, Mourne & Down' being progressed through existing SLA with each organisation.</p>	Y
AHC/118/2020	Financial Assistance Update	<p>It was agreed to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The COVID Response and Recovery and Christmas Illuminations. • Re-allocation of the balance of COVID Response and Recovery funding as outlined within the officer's report. • Postpone Call One 2021-2022 until quarter 4 (including both Community & Sports Capital). 	J Hillen	<p>Letters of Offer will be issued post call in.</p> <p>Preparations are under way for Call one</p>	Y
AHC/119/2020	Volunteering Response	<p>Circulate draft Volunteer procedures to Members for their information.</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the Volunteer Policy.</p>	J Hillen	Volunteering Policy circulated	Y
AHC/120/2020	British Red Cross Hardship Fund	<p>It was agreed to approve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council become a Trusted Partner with the British Red Cross for the delivery of the Hardship Fund through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. • Council engage with local community organisations who are represented on the Community Coordination Hub and the 	J Hillen	<p>Memorandum to be finalised to include an outline of the Council and returned. Hub members have been assisted with connecting to the Red Cross. Training to be organised.</p>	Y

		Stakeholder Forum and engage them on the relevant training to make referrals. • Staff and other representatives undertake the training through the Red Cross.			
AHC/121/2020	Support request from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for Eco Schools Programme for period 2021-22	It was agreed to approve the contribution of £1,700 for the period 2021-22 as per Option 4 in the correspondence received from Eco Schools.	E Devlin	actioned	Y
AHC/122/2020	Sustainability and Climate Change Forum Actions for meeting held on 17 September 2020	Noted	E Devlin	Noted	Y
AHC/123/2020	Social Investment Fund – Capital	Noted	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/124/2020	Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report	Noted	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/125/2020	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report	Noted	J Hillen	Noted	Y

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Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/126/2020	Leasing of Jack Mackin Pitch to St John Bosco	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Ó Muirí, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, to enter into a formal key holding arrangement with St John Bosco GAC to allow vehicular access to the Car Park at Newry Leisure Centre when access is required to Jack Mackin Park and the St John Bosco Club house outside of Newry Leisure Centre opening hours.	P Tamati	Commissioning meeting held with the Club on 5 th November 2020 - ongoing	
AHC/127/2020	Leasing of land, Ballymartin Play Park	It was agreed to enter into a 25-year lease of Mullagh Close in Ballymartin (appendix 1 of officer's report) to facilitate the establishment of a play park in the Ballymartin area as per the Councils Play Strategy.	P Tamati	Ongoing	
AHC/128/2020	Leasing of land to Saval GAA at Nansands Park	It was agreed to approve the transfer of Council Land to Saval GAA, Nansands Park at the LPS evaluation price as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.	P Tamati	Ongoing	
AHC/129/2020	Leasing of land, the Links Playing Fields, Strangford.	It was agreed to approve the adherence to the terms of the lease between Council and Strangford and District Playgroup Association and After Schools Club and the recommencement of ground rent payments.	P Tamati	Follow up report to be tabled at December AHC committee.	

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/130/2020	Single Tender Action for Environmental Health IT Support	It was agreed for the Director of Active and Healthy Communities to sign the Single Tender Action document as attached to the officer's report.	E Devlin M Lipsett	Actioned	Y
AHC/131/2020	Reopening Plans for Leisure	It was agreed to approve the contents of the officer's report on the reopening plans for Leisure.	P Tamati	Current COVID Circuit Breaker restrictions still in place as of 09/11/2020.	Y
AHC/132/2020	Reopening Plans for Community Facilities	It was agreed to approve the contents of the officer's report on the reopening plans for Community Facilities	J Hillen	Actioned	Y

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2020
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Any activity undertaken by the DEAs must be compliant with COVID-19 guidance and restrictions.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 2020. ➤ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 22 October 2020. ➤ Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 27 October 2020. ➤ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 27 October 2020.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA action plans.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)

5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices

	<p>Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs</p> <p>Appendix 2: Action Sheet Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting Tuesday 20 October 2020</p> <p>Appendix 3: Action Sheet Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting Thursday 22 October 2020</p> <p>Appendix 4: Action Sheet Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting Tuesday 27 October 2020</p> <p>Appendix 5: Action Sheet Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting Tuesday 27 October 2020</p>
8.0	Background Documents
	None.

Appendix 1

The following information is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs (subject to COVID-19 restrictions).

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Enjoy Good Health and Wellbeing:

Level of Health Status & Level of Personal Safety and Crime:

Newry and Crotlieve DEAs provided Halloween Health and Wellbeing Activity Bags to primary school children in their areas. 400 bags were distributed in each area. Given the social distancing restrictions in place it was recognised that Trick or Treating would not be a reality for children and so the aim was to provide some cheer in a safe way. The bags also contained safety items from the PCSP.

Slieve Gullion DEA organised a virtual storytelling event for young people focusing on Halloween Safety.

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Live in Respectful, Safe and Vibrant Communities:

Level of Civic Participation/Good Relations:

Newry, Crotlieve, Mournes and Slieve Gullion DEAs will be delivering a shared history project identifying local sporting people and in particular those with a football background who have historical significance locally or nationally. The project will take video stories of the significance of the sports person and how they have impacted the local area, how they have connected communities or otherwise, and the level of pride they have given to the area.

The videos will serve as a record of local people's stories and experiences of the history and legacy of sport across the District. The project will engage people across the two main community's traditions in exploring facts and history with support from and liaison with the Council's Museums to ensure authenticity.

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Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Private Meeting via Skype held on Tuesday 20th October at 10.00 a.m.

Chairperson: Councillor Kathryn Owen

In Attendance: Councillor Patrick Brown
Councillor William Walker
Councillor Robert Burgess
Councillor Terry Andrews

Independent Members: Brian Gamble, Saintfield Development Association
Lawrence Murphy, SANDSA
Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective
Lise Curran, County Down Rural Community network

Council Officials: Aisling Rennick Engagement and Development Officer
Ellen Brennan, Rowallane DEA Co-Ordinator
Amanda Smyth, Head of Regeneration and Business Development
Martin Patterson, Enterprise Development Officer

Apologies: Roisin Erskine, Arts/Culture

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/4/1/2020	Welcome and apologies	Councillor Owen welcomed everyone to the meeting and recorded an apology from Roisin Erskine, Arts and Culture.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/4/3/2020	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/4/4/2020	Action sheet from meeting of 2 nd October 2020	Councillor Brown proposed the Action Sheet as an accurate record with Richard Orme seconding the proposal.	Proposed and seconded as a correct record.

DEA/ROW/4/5/2020	Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme of Activity within Rowallane.	The Head of Regeneration and Business Development shared a presentation on Covid-19 Recovery and Revitalization Investment Plan within the Rowallane Area. Members were advised that the total funding of £1,759 was made up with allocations from DFC, DAERA and DFI. Having responded to a number of queries from members the course of action outlined in the report was noted and supported.	All members noted and supported the contents of the Investment Plan.
DEA/ROW/4/6/2020	Consider Upgrade of Ballynahinch Community Centre.	Members discussed the lack of investment in the current Ballynahinch Centre and agreed that to move forward a virtual meeting should be requested by the MP for the area with the Chief Executive, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, Jim Shannon MP and interested DEA members.	Virtual meeting to be requested with the Chief Executive, Director of Active and Healthy Communities, Jim Shannon MP and interested forum members by Councillor Walker at group meeting.
DEA/ROW/4/7/2020	Update on Ballynahinch Masterplan.	The Enterprise Development Officer advised members that due to Covid-19 the masterplan was currently on hold. Following discussion, it was agreed that enhancement of the existing Thursday Market, upgrading of Lisburn Street Car Park and Beedhams Lane should be included in the relevant sections of the	Members agreed that the suggested additions be included in the Masterplan and noted the support currently available to local businesses.

		masterplan. The officer further advised that mentoring support, business growth and business start-up was currently available to local businesses.	
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The meeting ended at: 11.10 a.m.

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Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area Special Meeting held on Thursday 22nd October 2020 at 3.00pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson:	Councillor Roisin Howell
In Attendance:	Councillor Alan Lewis Councillor Catherine Mason Councillor Andrew McMurray
Independent Members:	Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network Alan Dumigan, Down Senior Forum
Council Officials:	Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator Amanda Smyth, Head of Regeneration and Business Development
Apologies:	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Councillor Hugh Gallagher Patricia McMurray, South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership Catherine Kennedy, Loughinisland Youth Club Felix Blaney, Castlewellan Community Partnership

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SC/2/2020	Resignation	Independent member David Workman has resigned from the Forum. Members agreed to send a letter and thank him for his dedication and contribution to the Forum.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/3/2020	Declaration of Interest	Forum members to declare conflict of interest of any item on the agenda at the start of each DEA meeting.	No Declarations of Interest were made.
DEA/SC/4/2020	COVID-19 Revitalisation Funding	Members noted proposals for funding. Agreed Head of Regeneration and Business Development to liaise with Councillors, Grounds Supervisor and local community groups regarding identification of area under the creation of space funding theme.	Head of Regeneration and Business Development.
DEA/SC/5/2020	Mediation Northern Ireland	Members agreed training on hold due to COVID-19. DEA Coordinator to contact Mediation Northern Ireland to inform.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at: 3.45pm

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Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area Private Meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 5.00pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson:	Councillor John Trainor
In Attendance:	Councillor Oonagh Hanlon (Vice Chair) Councillor Dermot Curran Councillor Cadogan Enright
Independent Members:	Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Community Collective Jenny Lavery, Housing Communities Network Daniella McCarry, CDRCN Macartan Digney, Neighbourhood Renewal Maurice Denvir, East Lecale Communities
Council Officials:	Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Margaret Quinn, Business Development Manager
Apologies:	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/20/02	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	
DEA/DPK/20/03	Actions of Meeting held on 11 August 2020	Following a discussion regarding the recording of the DEA Meetings, DEA Co-Ordinator advised this was a Senior Management decision. Members requested that Management give consideration to including members comments where there is dissent from a decision.	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Hanlon that the Action Sheet is agreed. DEA Co-Ordinator to refer to SMT.
	Irish Street Consultation Process	The Business Development Manager advised members that an update on the Expressions of Interest are being presented to the Steering Group on 11 th November. Members requested that a report be brought to the next DEA Meeting.	Business Development Manager to prepare report to be brought to December Meeting.

DEA/DPK/20/04	Covid-19 Recovery & Revitalization Investment Plan	<p>The Business Development Manager gave members an update on the Plan including breakdown of spend.</p> <p>Members requested that consideration be given to sending businesses with no access to emails, a letter two days before the email is sent. Also, that this information is advertised through the Council's social media platform.</p>	Business Development Manager to consider recommendations made.
DEA/DPK/20/04		<p>A discussion ensued regarding greenways/walking routes in the Downpatrick DEA.</p> <p>Members agreed to forward a list of walkways they feel could be upgraded to the DEA Co-Ordinator to prepare a report for the relevant department. They further requested that the relevant Council Officer be</p>	<p>Members to forward details of any greenways/walkways they feel should be considered to the DEA Co-Ordinator before 1 December.</p> <p>DEA Co-Ordinator to prepare report to be forwarded to Environmental Health and request representative be invited to December Meeting.</p>

		invited to the December Meeting to give an update on this report. Members also requested that Council give consideration to installing sanitisers at Janes Shore.	DEA Co-Ordinator send request to the relevant Department re provision of hand sanitiser.
DEA/DPK/20/07	Report on DEA/ Good Relations Programme	The DEA Co-Ordinator gave members an update on Programmes being rolled out this year.	Noted.
	Date of Next Meeting	Next Meeting is scheduled to take place on 15 December at 10.00 am.	

The meeting ended at: 6.20 pm

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area Private Meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 13:00 pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson:	Councillor Declan McAteer
In Attendance:	Councillor Gerry O'Hare Councillor Mark Gibbons Councillor Karen McKeivitt Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly
Independent Members:	Clare Shields – County Down Rural Community Network Tania Bailie – Confederation of Community Groups
Statutory Partners:	Carrie Crawford – Education Authority Aidan McCabe – Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Council Officials:	Shirley Keenan – Crotlieve DEA Co-ordinator Aisling Rennick – Engagement & Development Manager Margaret Quinn – Project Development Manager, Regeneration & Revitalisation
Apologies:	Councillor Michael Ruane Thelma Thompson Eileen Murphy – Wellbeing Action Partnership Deirdre Magill - Southern Health and Social Care Trust Damien Brannigan - Head of Engagement

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/18/2020	Declaration of Interest.	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Completed.
DEA/C/19/2020	Election of Chair and Vice Chair.	Councillor Declan McAteer elected as Chairperson and Councillor Gerry O'Hare elected as Vice – Chairperson.	Completed.
DEA/C/20/2020	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 15 th September 2020.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Completed.
DEA/C/21/2020	DEA Co-ordinator's Report/ Spend and Action Plan.	Planned Good Relations Projects agreed by Forum Members along with associated budget.	DEA Co-ordinator to implement delivery of approved projects.

DEA/C/22/2020	Update from MPower Service.	Information provided to Members by Southern Health and Social Care Trust regarding referral mechanism.	Completed.
DEA/C/23/2020	Update from Education Authority.	Update provided by EA Youth Worker. Members advised to contact Youth Worker if need is identified in an area.	Completed.
DEA/C/24/2020	Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme of Activity (DFC, DAERA and DFI funded)	Information provided to Members by representative from ERT department.	Completed.
DEA/C/25/2020	Date of next meeting.	8 th December 2020 at 6.00pm.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward papers and Teams Link.
DEA/C/06/2019	Mediation Northern Ireland.	DEA Forum training will take place.	Mediation NI have been in contact regarding alternative delivery method.

DEA/C/07/2020	Update on Toilets in Warrenpoint Park.	DEA Coordinator to obtain update.	Matter ongoing – relevant officer updating DEA Co-ordinator.
DEA/C/08/2020	Historical Walking Tours.	Item to remain on agenda.	Relevant officer contacted and matter passed to ERT Department. DEA Co-ordinator to obtain updates.
DEA/C/09/2020	Update on Warrenpoint Baths.	Item to remain on agenda.	DEA Co-ordinator to request a member of the ERT Department to attend the next DEA Private Forum Meeting with an update on Warrenpoint Baths and the possibility of setting up a working group.

The meeting ended at: 14:30 pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2020
Subject:	Peace IV Local Action Plan
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programme Coordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p>The Peace IV Partnership met on 5 November via Zoom and recommendations arising from this meeting require AHC Committee approval.</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to consider and agree to recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership contained in 2.1.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<p>Cllr Terry Andrews was elected Vice Chair and the Chair (Social Partner) will be confirmed at the January meeting.</p> <p>The following recommendations were agreed by the Partnership on 5 November and require AHC Committee approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Procure and appoint relevant facilitator to deliver 1 BME Engagement Mechanism with the Syrian Community. Estimated cost: £9000.00 (subject to SEUPB approval).• When designs and costs have been finalised and approved by CPD/SEUPB, delegated authority to proceed with the implementation of the BMX Track project in line with agreed timeframe and associated costs.• When costs are agreed, approval to progress the Tom Dunn project in line with agreed timeline and associated costs (subject to SEUPB approval).				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	<p>That the Committee agree to the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as set out in 2.1.</p>				
4.0	Resource implications				
4.1	<p>No cost to Council. Project 85% funded by the EU and 15% by the two Governments.</p>				

5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>

7.0	Appendices
	Minutes of PEACE IV Partnership meeting (September 2020).
8.0	Background Documents
	None

PEACE IV Partnership Meeting

Skype

Thursday 10 September 2020

Present:

Cllr Sean Doran
Cllr Terry Andrews
Cllr David Taylor
Cllr William Walker
Paul Yam, Social Partner (Vice Chair)
Breige Jennings, Social Partner
Seamus Camplisson, Social Partner
Martina Byrne, Social Partner
Sean O'Baoill, Social Partner
Ruth Allen, SHSCT

Officers Present:

Justyna McCabe, NMDDC
Theresa McLaverty, NMDDC
Sonya Burns, NMDDC
Elaine Carr, NMDDC

In attendance:

Julie-Anne Harte, NMDDC

Apologies noted from:

Cllr Michael Ruane
Cllr Declan Murphy
Helen Honeyman, Social Partner (technical issues, unable to join)
Judith Poucher, Social Partner
Owen McDonnell, NIHE
Ryan Duffy, PSNI
Martina Flynn, NMDDC

1. Welcome and apologies

Paul Yam chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.
Apologies noted.

2. Conflict of interest

None declared.

3. Election of new Chair and Vice Chair

Election of new Chair and Vice Chair is deferred until next meeting as not all social partners present - given the new Chair is to be a Social Partner. All members present in agreement.
Chair took the opportunity to extend a welcome to new social partners Martina Byrne and Sean O'Baoill.

4. Minutes from previous meeting 02 July 2020

Proposed: Cllr Terry Andrews
Seconded: Cllr William Walker

5. Management Report

Justyna McCabe reiterated the welcome to the new Social Partners attending and advised recruitment was ongoing for 2 remaining positions. All members were asked to promote the opportunity within their contacts.
All members encouraged to attend the November meeting for the Election of new Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Members advised projects were ongoing, PEACE staff supporting groups via telephone/email/online meetings. Most projects moved to online delivery, some have had to be suspended and some have had to modify with cancellation of trips and different activity introduced to meet requirements.

SEUPB asked any modification requests are submitted in September to a steering committee in November looking at modification requests.

We will be requesting 2 main modifications –

1. To extend projects impacted by Covid to March 2022.
2. Reallocate any underspend identified between projects or to staff costs as required.

Proposed: Cllr Sean Doran

Seconded: Cllr Terry Andrews

6. Partner Delivery Reports

- Elaine Carr presented Children and Young People report.

Some programmes are progressing online, with monitoring and evaluation requirements being met. Others have been delayed and cannot commence due to Covid restrictions and an extension may need to be requested from SEUPB for these.

- Elaine Carr and Justyna McCabe presented Shared Spaces and Services report.

Justyna provided an update on the ex-military sites legacy programme and advised Ballykinlar Hut project was due to complete in October.

There are still unresolved issues with Ballyhorgan project with initial costs coming back more than twice the budget. Delegated authority requested to ask SEUPB to move money to a different project if additional funding cannot be sourced. As the BMX track project requires additional funding it would be requested to move the money there.

Proposed: Cllr Terry Andrews

Seconded: Cllr Sean Doran

Elaine provided an update on the regeneration of the Derrymore Site, SEUPB have given approval on the proposal on upgrading an existing pathway and a new PEACE garden. The proposal will now have to be approved by the National Trust.

Regarding the Forkhill ex-military site, Elaine advised DfC were having a meeting with DEARA and the partners which she hoped to attend and be able to provide an update at the next meeting.

Elaine advised the Drive in Cinema event had been approved by SEUPB and was currently out to Tender.

Members informed the Post Grad in Public Administration will commence in October and complete June 2021. 7 places are remaining, members are asked to encourage those in the Community Voluntary Sector to participate. Applications must be submitted by Friday as the course induction is next week.

Action: Information to be sent to the newly recruited Social Partners, Martina Byrne and Sean O'Baoill

- Theresa McLaverty presented the Building Positive Relations report.

Theresa reported 5 out of 9 programmes delivering online in the community.

Theresa highlighted a new online broadcast programme produced and hosted by Tommy Sands. When the new Chair and Vice Chair are appointed they will be asked to take part in an interview for the project.

Civic Leadership for Women project was delivered by Clanrye in Newry and Kilkeel and completed during lockdown.

In the next few weeks a new Tender will go out for a new programme for Ulster Scots and Irish Language programme. Pending final approval from SEUPB a Tender for the John Mitchell Project will hopefully be issued in the coming weeks.

Ethnic Minority and Culture Programme; tomorrow is the deadline for Tender for a facilitator for phase 2 of the Inter Cultural Forum.

- Justyna presented the PCSP report on behalf of Martina Flynn

7. Date of next meeting

05 November 2020, online

Report to:	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	16th November 2020
Subject:	Tropicana Upgrade for 2021/22 Season
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Colin Quinn, Head of Capital and Estates

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC to consider and agree upgrade works required for Tropicana for the 2021 season and to establish a Capital budget for works required to ensure the facility is fit for purpose.</p> <p>Significate investigatory and conditions surveys have been carried out at the Tropicana over the past 12 months to establish what works may be required to ensure Tropicana is fit for purposed when in operation.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19 Tropicana remained closed for the 2020 season (July and August) which allowed a comprehensive assessment of Tropicana pool plant, disinfections, filtration and water recycling systems to be carried out.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>A number of the key issues relating to the Tropicana facility have been carried out including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-level condition report carried out by WYG Consultants in November 2019. • A specific invasive pool plant filtration and dosing system condition survey was commissioned and carried out by Oak CWE LTD in March 2020. • Mechanical specialists engaged in July 2020 to seek further clarity on the condition of the mechanical plant operating the Tropicana Swimming Pool and works required. <p>The resulting reports have identified the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1 - do nothing/close the Tropicana. • Option 2 – undertake interim repairs and upgrades, which primarily involve replacement of the filtration system, supply pipework, electrical upgrades and upgrades to pool decking brick paviours, slide, painting upgrades etc. This would enable the pool to be used for circa 2 – 5 years. • Option 3 – major upgrade to the mechanical plant

	<p>Option 2 is the preferred course of action. The overall project costs including consultant costs (to advise on pool plant upgrades) is estimated at Circa £150k.</p> <p>Although restrictions relating to COVID-19 and Tropicana are unclear for the 2021/22 season (July & Augusts), the proposed next steps to ensure Tropicana is fit for purpose for the 2021/22 season are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek approval of capital budget for this project • Appoint consultant to develop specification and design for mechanical plant upgrade works. • Appoint contractor/s to undertake the proposed repair and upgrade works. <p>The recommendation below has taken into consideration the above details and next steps and if approved will ensure Tropicana is fit for purpose and operational for the 2021 season.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That AHC Committee consider and agree to approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An additional £150k to be committed to Councils Capital programme split across the 2020/21 and 2021/22 for upgrade works at Tropicana. • To progress with the Appoint of a consultant to develop specification and design for mechanical plant upgrade works. • To appoint contractors to undertake the proposed repair and upgrade works.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue: There are no anticipated revenue implications with these projects.</p> <p>Capital: According to Councils most recent year capital programme update £50K has been identified in the current financial year however no further money for 2021/22. A majority of this year's £50k has been absorbed for preliminary investigation works. A further £150k will need to be added to the Capital programme split across both the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial year to allow preparation and works at Tropicana to progress.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	16th November 2020
Subject:	Newcastle Centre - Repairs to structural steelwork of Newcastle Centre Auditorium Extension.
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Colin Quinn, Head of Capital and Estates

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC to consider and agree addressing current health and safety issue with the exposed structural steelwork associated with the roof of the Newcastle Centre auditorium extension.</p> <p>Historically the structural steelwork associated with the roof of the Newcastle Centre auditorium extension has been identified as a health and safety concern.</p> <p>Minor remedial work has been carried out intermittently over the past 10 years however there are significant concerns relating to the structural integrity of this steel work given the localised environment of the Newcastle centre.</p> <p>The above concerns have been highlighted again as a result of the preliminary works associated with the Tropicana and a recent structural survey as reiterated early concerns with this structure.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>A structural assessment of the exposed structural steelwork to the Newcastle Centre auditorium extension was undertaken by MCR Consulting Engineers. Reports recently received have confirmed that immediate action is required to address this issue.</p> <p>The report recommends that an immediate temporary structure be installed along the external elevations of the auditorium extension to provide protection to the steelwork from the elements and to secure the area.</p> <p>Due to the serious Health and Safety concerns officers have already instructed contractors to carry out the minimum necessary works to ensure public safety</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That AHC consider and agree to:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate erection of scaffolding to the elevations of the steelwork at the Newcastle Centre auditorium extension to secure the area at an estimated cost of 40k per annum. • Appoint consultants to explore options for additional support for the structure or any other possible alternatives along with associated costs at an estimated cost of 10k.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue: There will be approximately 25k of revenue budget implications in the current 2020/21 financial year and 25k in the 2021/22 financial year to implement the recommendation associated with this report. If the scaffolding remains in place after 12 months there will be ongoing hire costs of 3.5k per month required.</p> <p>Capital: There are no capital budget implications associated with this report, however any recommendations as a result of the consultant's report to support the structure may have a Capital budget implication however a future report will be table at AHC to seek approval for this.</p>
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8.0	Background Documents
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Report to:	Active Health and Communities (AHC) Committee
Date of Meeting:	16th November 2020
Subject:	Rockpool Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Colin Quinn, Head of Capital and Estates

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>The purpose of this report is for AHC to consider and agree to the urgent removal of the upper side viewing platform at Rockpool and the appointment of specialist consultants to carry out further invasive and exploratory works required to establish any upgrade works required to the facility and associated costs.</p> <p>A report was taken to the June 2020 AHC Committee via the Emergency Business Plan to close Rockpool for the 2020 season due to COVID-19.</p> <p>High level condition and structural surveys at Rockpool have identified key health a safety concerns at the site and also established that due to Rockpools listed monument status, significant engagement with key statutory bodies is required prior to any works at the site.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Councils capital team have engaged and consulted with the relevant statutory bodies to progress the establishment of a scope of works for this facility and become better informed on the extent of works required to bring this facility back in to operation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thorough site inspection with HED has been undertaken and they now fully appreciate the condition of the structure. • HED has provided guidance on what investigatory works would be permitted, as well as the extent of repairs and improvement that would be acceptable (material selection, retention of fixtures and fittings). • NIEA has provided a response from their marine and fisheries section, identifying relevant policies to be complied with. • The Capital Projects team has obtained significant guidance from central government structural engineers on the extent of specialist laboratory material testing that should take place to determine the condition of the structure.

	<p>The Capital Projects team are now content that a sufficient level of knowledge gathering has been received from within government to allow the project to proceed to the next stage and appoint specialists to undertake exploratory works.</p> <p>In addition to the above, urgent works are required for the 'upper side viewing platform at Rockpool.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although a previous structural assessment report has identified this concern, a recent inspection at Rockpool further highlighted the health and safety concern associated with the upper side viewing platform with beams showing significant delamination/deterioration. Although the closure of the facility mitigates the access risk of staff and public standing on the platform, the rock face beneath the viewing platform is accessible by the public from the sea front and cannot be cordoned off, therefore there remains a risk to the public should structural failure of the beam occur. <p>Due to the serious Health and Safety concerns officers have already instructed contractors to carry out the minimum necessary works to ensure public safety</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That AHC consider and agree to:</p> <p>Appoint specialist consultants to undertake exploratory works at Rockpool and ensure associated cost estimates of £50k are included in Councils Capital Programme for 2020/21 to facilitate this.</p> <p>Immediately appoint a contractor to remove the upper viewing platform at Rockpool.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue: Under the current COVID-19 budgets there will be revenue implications associated with the immediate removal of the upper viewing platform. Exact costs for this will not be known until the procurement process for this work is completed however it is anticipated up to 5k may be required to complete this work which will need to be absorbed within the service.</p> <p>Capital: There will be Capital budget implications associated with the appointment of specialist consultants to complete exploratory works at Rockpool. This cost is estimates at £50k. Rockpool is not currently identified in the Councils Capital programme and therefore Rockpool will need to be added to the current year Capital programme to allow the exploratory works at Rockpool to progress.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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Report to:	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	16th November 2020
Subject:	Leisure – Christmas and New Year Opening days and Hours
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>To consider and agreed the opening days and hours of leisure facilities for the 2020/21 Christmas and New year period.</p> <p>Over the Christmas and New Year period leisure facilities historically have operated in a reduced capacity to reflect customer demand during this period, manage demand for staff annual leave and time off requests and balance the operational efficiency of the service.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The public holiday entitlement days for the Council's staff are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 24th December 2020 (Christmas Eve) • Friday 25th December 2020 (Christmas Day) • Monday 28th December 2020 (Boxing Day) • Tuesday 29th December 2020 (New Designated Public Holiday) • Friday 1st January 2021 (New Year's day) <p>Depending on which days are designated for public holidays, this can have a significant impact on costs for opening public holidays, customer complaints due to members expectations of access to facilities during this period and staff complaints due to having work public holidays and time off during this period.</p> <p>Having considered various options, the fact that leisure facilities have remained closed for all public holidays in 2020/21 so far, the inaugural year for Councils new holiday arrangements, balancing COVID-19 restrictions, customer demand and perception, staff demands and cost efficiency, the below opening arrangements outlined in the recommendation is proposed for leisure facilities over the 2020/21 Christmas and New Year Period.</p>

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p><i>Subject to COVID-19 Restrictions, AHC consider and agree the following opening arrangements for leisure facilities over the 2020/21 Christmas and New Year period:</i></p> <p><u>Newry, Downpatrick and Kilkeel Leisure Centres</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 24th December 2020 Closed • Friday 25th December 2020 Closed • Saturday 26th December 2020 Closed • Sunday 27th December 2020 Open Reduced Hours 10am – 4pm • Monday 28th December 2020 Open Reduced Hours 9:30am – 4pm • Tuesday 29th December 2020 Open Reduced Hours 9:30am – 4pm • Wednesday 30th December 2020 Open Reduced Hours 9:30am – 4pm • Thursday 31st December 2020 Open Reduced Hours 9:30am – 4pm • Friday 1st January 2021 Closed • Saturday 2nd January 2021 Open Normal Hours <p><u>Ballymote and Newcastle Centre</u></p> <p>Closed Thursday 24th December 2020 to 1st January 2021 (inclusive), excludes statutory essential bookings which will be accommodated if required.</p> <p><u>St Colman's and Outdoor Leisure Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 24th December 2020 Closed • Friday 25th December 2020 Closed • Saturday 26th December 2020 Closed, excludes grass pitches by approval for league matches if required. • Sunday 27th December 2020 Open as per booking demand • Monday 28th December 2020 Open as per booking demand • Tuesday 29th December 2020 Open as per booking demand • Wednesday 30th December 2020 Open as per booking demand • Thursday 31st December 2020 Open as per booking demand • Friday 1st January 2021 Closed • Saturday 2nd January 2021 Open Normal Hours
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Revenue: There will be revenue implications on the Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th December relating to public holiday opening and staff cost enhancements for these days. These costs will be absorbed within current year budgets.</p> <p>Capital: There are no anticipated capital budget implications associated with this report.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided). <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>None</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>None</p>

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2020
Subject:	Notice of Motion regarding Dementia
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Trainor Senior Environmental Health officer

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>To consider and agree actions arising out of the following Notice of Motion as raised at meeting of full Council on 2 November 2020</p> <p>'This Council notes with concern figures showing that over a quarter (27.5%) of those who died from covid-19 were people living with dementia and this is the most common underlying health condition associated with deaths from the virus.</p> <p>This Council welcomes the Minister for Health's stated commitment to reforming Adult Social Care and urges his Department to heed Alzheimer's Society's "The Fog of Support: An inquiry into the provision of respite care and carers assessments for people affected by dementia" to ensure those living with dementia are better protected now and into the future, specifically allowing loved ones of care home residents to be given key worker status.</p> <p>This Council will commit to build on the work of Alzheimer's Society of creating Dementia Friendly Communities by hosting a virtual 'Dementia Friendly Workshop' which will increase the awareness and confidence of our staff to better relate to, support and communicate with people with dementia to help tackle stigma, establish best practice and reduce barriers for our ageing population within our Council area."</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>A report in regard to making the Council a Dementia Friendly organisation was previously tabled in June 2018. Following that our Age Friendly Coordinator developed a number of actions including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dementia Champions were nominated from each Directorate and in order to facilitate the training of these individuals the Virtual Dementia Tour bus came to Newry Leisure Centre in April 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was envisioned that there would be 10 Dementia Champions (two from each Directorate) and for the remainder of the available spaces on this training an open call was issued to all employees • At this time there were approximately 30 staff members who availed of this training and the feedback was extremely positive • Worked with Newry Arts Centre to provide a cinema experience and identified appropriate funding streams, which included free ice-cream from Timmoney's ice cream parlour for the initiative. 60 people from across the legacy district of Newry and Mourne (31 from South Armagh, 22 from The Mourne's and 7 from Newry), diagnosed with dementia and their carer attended the initiative which mirrored the experienced from an actual cinema. • Buttercrane shopping centre identified 30 core staff for training. Training of staff was scheduled for September 2019. • Worked in partnership with Alzheimer's Society to provide a programme to promote good dementia care – carer education and support. • Engaged with Newry Chamber of Commerce to link in with businesses across the Newry City and provide training for them to become Dementia Friendly. • There were also plans to bring the Virtual Dementia Tour bus to the community in both Kilkeel and Newtownhamilton in January and March of this year. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic this work was unable to be completed at this time • As recently at the 5th of this month both Newry Town Hall and Downshire Civic Centre were lit up purple to acknowledge the issue and the work of the Alzheimer's Society
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Health and Wellbeing department continues the ongoing work in relation to the issue of Dementia and seeks to procure a Virtual Dementia Workshop for elected members and employees
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Unknown at present will seek to use existing resources
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>

8.0	Background Documents

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2020
Subject:	Consultation on The Food Hygiene Rating Act (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2020
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Murphy Head of Environmental Health (Commercial)

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To consider and agree to submitting the attached consultation response to the Food Standards Agency on the proposed guidance on the Food Hygiene Rating Act (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2020
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>This consultation concerns the operation of the statutory food hygiene rating scheme in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>When Regulation (EU) 2017/625 repealed and replaced Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on 14 December 2019, it impacted the operation of the statutory food hygiene rating scheme in Northern Ireland (NI) insofar as statutory food hygiene ratings could no longer be issued.</p> <p>A statutory rule is therefore required to amend the Food Hygiene Rating Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 to allow all references to Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 to be replaced with Regulation (EU) 2017/625. Once in operation, this amendment will allow statutory food hygiene ratings to be issued to food businesses following inspections.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	The committee agrees to the attached response being submitted to the Food Standards Agency on the proposed guidance on the Food Hygiene Rating Act (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2020.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None

5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – Consultation report on the proposed guidance on the Food Hygiene Rating Act (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2020.
8.0	Background Documents
	<p>The consultation document is available on https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/consultations/consultation-on-the-food-hygiene-rating-act-amendment-regulations-northern-ireland-2020</p>



Food Standards Agency Consultation

Consultation on The Food Hygiene Rating Act (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2020

Newry Mourne and Down District Council Response

Purpose of the Consultation

To seek comments from district councils, food businesses, and other stakeholders on the proposed Food Hygiene Rating Act (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2020

Newry Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Food Hygiene Rating Act (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2020.

NMDDC welcomes the amendments to the regulations to ensure that statutory ratings can be produced for existing or new food businesses establishments following an inspection. This means that customers can continue to make informed choices about where to buy and eat food.

NMDDC would welcome the assistance of the FSA in addressing the anomaly of the businesses that have not been provided with a statutory rating under the Act to ensure it will not cause an additional burden on council resources.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2020
Subject:	Consultation on the review of the Guidance on the safety and shelf-life of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled food with respect to non-proteolytic <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> – chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Murphy Head of Environmental Health (Commercial)

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

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1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	To consider and agree to submitting the attached consultation response to the Food Standards Agency on the review of the Guidance on the safety and shelf-life of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled food with respect to non-proteolytic <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> – chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	<p>This consultation is to seek stakeholder views on how the FSA and FSS 'guidance on the safety and shelflife of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled foods with respect to nonproteolytic <i>Clostridium botulinum</i>' should apply to the shelf-life of chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork.</p> <p>The FSA/FSS best practice 'guidance on the safety and shelf-life of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled foods with respect to non-proteolytic <i>Clostridium botulinum</i>' was issued in 2008 and was last updated in 2017. The update of the guidance in 2017 made explicit that the guidance applies to VP/MAP chilled fresh meat. The guidance recommends that a maximum shelf-life of 10 days is applied for VP/MAP chilled fresh foods in the temperature range from 3oC to 8oC, where other controls are not applied in relation to the risk of <i>C. botulinum</i>.</p> <p>The FSA is undertaking a review of the best practice guidance in relation to the shelf-life for VP/MAP chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork. 3. The FSA is also reviewing the guidance in line with accessibility requirements, and in relation to Brexit to ensure that the guidance is fit for when the UK exits the Transition Period on 31 December 2020.</p>		

	<p>Comments are requested from stakeholders to inform a review of the FSA/FSS 'guidance on the safety and shelf-life of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled foods with respect to non-proteolytic <i>Clostridium botulinum</i>' in relation to:</p> <p>Consultation point A – To review the recommended 10-day shelf-life in relation to VP/MAP chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork in the temperature range from 3oC to 8oC as provided for in this guidance.</p> <p>Consultation point B – To make certain amendments to the guidance as recommended in January 2020 by the ACMSF subgroup on <i>C. botulinum</i>.</p> <p>Consultation point C - To remove any references in the guidance related to the European Union which will no longer be relevant at the end of the Transition Period.</p> <p>Consultation point D – To improve the accessibility of the guidance for users in line with accessibility requirements for public bodies.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	The committee agrees to the attached response being submitted to the Food Standards Agency on the review of the Guidance on the safety and shelf-life of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled food with respect to non-proteolytic <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> – chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – Consultation report on the review of the Guidance on the safety and shelf-life of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled food with respect to non-proteolytic <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> – chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork.
8.0	Background Documents
	The consultation document is available on https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/c.-botulinum-guidance-review-consultation-letter.pdf



Food Standards Agency Consultation

Review of the Guidance on the safety and shelf-life of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled food with respect to non-proteolytic *Clostridium botulinum* – chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork

Newry Mourne and Down District Council's Response

Newry Mourne and Down District Council (NMDDC) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the guidance on the safety and shelf-life of vacuum and modified atmosphere packed chilled food with respect to non-proteolytic *Clostridium botulinum* – chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork

Q1: Do you have any comments on the review of the *C. botulinum* guidance in respect of the shelf-life of VP/MAP chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork, and on the following suggested options for amending this guidance? –

- o **Option 1:** Do nothing. Leave the guidance unchanged and continue to recommend a 10-day maximum shelf-life in the guidance to VP/MAP chilled fresh meat.
- o **Option 2:** Amend the guidance to recommend a 13-day maximum shelf-life (in place of 10-days) for VP/MAP chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork as recommended by the ACMSF.
- o **Option 3:** The FSA/FSS guidance is amended to no longer apply to VP/MAP chilled fresh meat beef, lamb and pork, enabling an outcome based approach to regulation. Food businesses are responsible for ensuring that food placed on the market is safe and industry led guidance would support food businesses in demonstrating the safety of the shelf-life applied for VP/MAP chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork.

NMDDC have considered the existing FSA guidance document in relation to *C. botulinum* in respect of the shelf life of VP/MAP of chilled foods and noted the studies referenced within the ACMSF report of February 2020, including that by FS Scotland and that of the BMPA/MLA 2019. They have also considered the FSAI guidance note 18 – validation of product shelf life, version 4.

While the FSAI guidance note includes the FSA guidance in an appendix it recommends in the case of chilled VP/MAP raw meats sold as whole joints or cuts, current industrial practice is acceptable and does not recommend a limit on shelf life to 10 days. NMDDC acknowledges the close trading relationships between businesses and customers across the north/south border and can appreciate the benefit of equivalent guidance.

NMDDC has noted the findings of the studies that indicate that there have been no clostridium botulinum outbreaks as a result of correctly stored chilled meats, rather incidents came from food subject to time/temperature abuse or where pre-formed botulinum toxin was inadvertently added. They also note that toxin formation takes considerable time to occur in fresh, chilled meat.

The ACMSF acknowledges that the studies referenced above and indeed current industry practice indicates it is possible to achieve safe shelf lives in excess of ten days for chilled, fresh meats. However they note that it remains unclear as to what the controlling factors are that prevent growth and toxin formation. As such, they advise it is not possible to provide a measurement and therefore critical limit for shelf life.

The ACMSF suggests the 13 day shelf life as this is in line with the typical shelf life historically and currently applied to these fresh chilled beef, pork and lamb by industry. Whilst some products may have shelf lives greater than 13 days this appears to be industry average.

NMDDC are aware that small to medium sized businesses may use the existing FSA document as a means to validate their current use of vacuum packing or modified atmosphere packing for fresh chilled beef, pork and lamb. As such an extension from the current guideline of 10 days to 13 days would be of benefit to any business that follows the guidance.

With this in mind NMDDC agree with option 2. The current and historical shelf life and storage practices in industry appear to provide evidence that a 13 day shelf life is suitable for beef, pork and lamb. The limitations of the studies are noted and without further evidence it is not recommended the 13 day shelf life be extended without the food business operator able to demonstrate the safety of doing so.

Q2: Please provide evidence as to whether there would be costs or benefits from an extension of the current recommended 10-day shelf-life up to the maximum 13-day shelf-life as recommended by the ACMSF for VP/MAP chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork.

No evidence to provide

Consultation point B: Amendments to the guidance recommended by the ACMSF subgroup on *C. botulinum*

Q3: Do you have any comments on making the following proposed amendments to the guidance as recommended by the ACMSF subgroup on *C. botulinum*? -

- **Challenge testing** - that detection of toxin is a minimum requirement for challenge testing, and that measuring viable counts is of merit in ensuring safety with appropriate expert advice.

- **Upper shelf-life limit for foods with controlling factors in place** - that the maximum shelf-life of foods given a heat process of 90°C for ten minutes (or equivalent) should be limited to 42 days, unless it can be shown that lysozyme is absent from the food. To recommend that expert advice should be sought if a shelf-life in excess of 42 days is desired.

- **Controlling factors** – to amend the wording of the final bullet point of the five bullet points on page 9, paragraph 15 in the current FSA/FSS guidance, detailing the suitable grounds for a longer shelf life. The final bullet point is currently: “a combination of heat and preservative factors which can be shown consistently to prevent growth and toxin production by non-proteolytic *C. botulinum*”. To amend the wording “heat and preservative factors” to read “controlling factors”, as heat is not a necessary controlling factor in all cases.

NMDDC agree to the proposed amendments and have no comments to make in this respect.

Consultation point C: Update of EU related references

Q4: Do you have any comments on the proposal to review references in the guidance related to the European Union as a result of the UK leaving the EU?

NMDDC agree with the proposal to review references in the guidance related to the EU as a result of the UK leaving the EU.

Consultation point D: Accessibility of the guidance for users.

Q5: Do you have any comments on the intention to improve accessibility for users of the guidance?

NMDDC welcome any improvements to accessibility for users.

Impact

Q6: We would welcome your views on our assessment of the impacts of the proposed consultation points A, B, C and D identified in this consultation. Please provide evidence, where possible, to support your views.

In particular:

Q6(a): For consultation point A evidence is requested from stakeholders on whether there would be costs or benefits from:

- An extension of the current recommended 10-day shelf-life up to the 13-day shelf-life as recommended by the ACMSF for VP/MAP chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork. (Option 2)
- If the FSA/FSS guidance is amended to no longer apply to VP/MAP chilled fresh meat beef, lamb and pork and industry led guidance is developed on how food businesses should demonstrate the safety of the shelf-life applied for VP/MAP chilled fresh beef, lamb and pork. (Option 3)

NMDDC recognise the use of this guidance document by food business operators as a means of validating their shelf life practices. They also acknowledge and agree that without this document the food business operator would be required to implement other validation methods that may require financial input in terms of both money and their time. Many small to medium sized businesses would not have the finances to provide validation beyond that of recognised guidance documents such as this one. However NMDDC do not have evidence to present in this regard.

Q6(b): For consultation point B evidence is requested from stakeholders on whether there would be costs or benefits from the amendments to the FSA/FSS guidance outlined at paragraph 18 above as recommended by the ACMSF subgroup on *C. botulinum*.

No evidence in respect of either costs or benefits

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2020
Subject:	Request for support of Live Here Love Here initiative from Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for period 2021 - 22
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin, Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McEldowney, Head of Sustainability

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To consider and agree to approve the contribution of £26,000 for the period 2021 - 2022 to support the Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (KNIB) Live Here Love Here campaign.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Here Love Here (LHLH) has three main elements: a media campaign, a volunteering support programme and a small grants scheme. It is building a movement of enthusiastic local people who volunteer their time and expertise to promote Civic Pride, particularly by tackling littering, dilapidation of buildings and improvement of green space. • The LHLH media campaign has been instrumental in helping achieve these incremental gains using bespoke billboards in supporting council areas, television and radio advertising and increasingly, social media to reach specific audiences. • Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful (see KNIB letter App I and LHLH Impact Report appendix II) is requesting a three-year agreement to continue to support the programme in the Newry, Mourne and Down area from 2021/2022 through to 2023/2024 • This would require an annual budget of £26,000 as in previous years • The Council have previously supported the programme on a one-year basis. • It should be noted that half (£13,000) of the Council's funding goes straight back into supporting this area through the small grants programme.
3.0	Recommendations

3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Committee consider and agree to continue to support Live Here Love Here for the 2020-2021 period at a cost of £26000 subject to approval within the estimates process
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	£26000 subject to Rates Estimates process
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service

	<div>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div> <div>If yes, please complete the following:</div> <div>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></div>
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix I Letter from KNIB October 2020 Appendix II LHLH Impact Card
8.0	Background Documents
	None

October 2020

Dear Marie,

I hope this finds you well in these uncertain times.

RE: Live Here Love Here

It is clear that at this time you are extremely busy as you deal with the pandemic and other challenges we have faced in 2020. Therefore, I will endeavour to keep this brief by providing some encouraging facts in relation to the impact made by Live Here Love Here in the past year. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is a long-term supporter of this vital cross-sectoral collaboration. Your support helps provide essential match funding allowing draw down of the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) support for Live Here Love Here. I will separately be providing a detailed financial update to your staff. This, together, allows us to support dedicated volunteers everywhere, each one playing their part in helping to make positive changes in their local communities. **Attached with this letter is an impact report detailing the positive effect that the campaign has had on local residents over the past year.**

Outlined below are the three main strands of Live Here Love Here, which you will be familiar with.

Overleaf explains how we have worked through the pandemic in securing and sharing additional resources for Live Here Love Here. It is worth stating here that without Live Here Love Here it is highly unlikely that any of the additional support could have been secured.

The volunteer programme supports groups at all different stages of their environmental efforts, from one-off clean ups with BIG Spring Clean and Clean Coasts to creating healthier communities through Adopt A Spot. This year Live Here Love Here secured £22,710 of funding from DAERA to purchase and distribute 325 new Adopt A Spot kits to enable more groups to adopt local spaces in their communities across Northern Ireland (NI). The Adopt A Spot programme has great potential and this funding will help to expand the reach further than previous years.

The Small Grants Scheme supports groups focusing their efforts on: **Pollution Solutions, Climate Action and Biodiversity Recovery.** In addition to supporting the amazing environmental clean-ups, spruce-ups and green-ups, **we added criteria this year to support people in need due to the pandemic.** The Council area has benefitted from receiving additional grant income from NI-wide sources each year (on top of the £14,820 provided by the Council), with the total in 2020 amounting to an extra £1,900. Over £1million has been allocated to deserving groups across NI since the scheme's conception in 2014.

The National Media Campaign has been instrumental in disseminating the Live Here Love Here messaging, using bespoke billboards in supporting council areas, and television and social media advertising to reach specific audiences. Additionally, this year Live Here Love Here secured £50,000 of funding from DAERA to deliver three new advertisements, targeting: the impact of litter on beauty spots; fast food litter and PPE littering, and £25,747 to develop four new videos solely dedicated to the Adopt A Spot programme. The suite of advertisements added value to the core media campaign by providing additional current and relevant content. This resulted in the Live Here Love Here messaging running consistently over various media sources from March 2020. Over the last eight months we have gained print media coverage valued at £35,417.09.

Overcoming Adversity and Adapting to a New Way of Working

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed and disrupted many plans for the year. Despite this, Live Here Love Here has been able to develop a reactive approach within all of its programmes. We extended the Small Grants Scheme to include those who were supporting your communities when it mattered most. We utilised virtual platforms to support community groups and quickly adapted our Big Spring Clean campaign to the 'Not So' Big Spring Clean, encouraging individuals to still get outside and '*do one small thing*' for themselves and the environment. This consistent messaging and communication will continue to be essential as the therapeutic impact of time spent outdoors on our health is intrinsic to social recovery. Hence after securing additional funding of £7,029 from Ocean Conservancy, Live Here Love Here will be delivering 'Healthy Oceans, Healthy Minds'; an online campaign which will engage with communities during November, via webinars, social media and storytelling to inspire and re-establish people's connection with coastal and inland waterways as a means of improving physical and mental health.

With thanks to National Lottery Community Fund, we secured £77,071 of funding to launch a much needed national project under the Live Here Love Here umbrella to address isolation issues in areas of social deprivation. By working closely with partners, The Conservation Volunteers and Belfast Food Network, the **Food for Thought** project is enabling people to grow their own produce and create a connected community. We distributed 550 growing packs across NI (demand exceeded 4,000), supporting groups and individuals with all they needed to get growing, along with a series of expert webinars and how-to videos. **Please see the accompanying impact card for stories from volunteers in your area.**

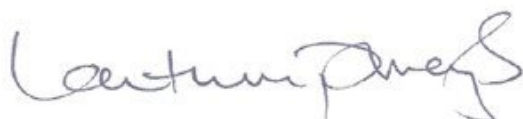
Your Continued Support

I am writing to ask you to consider putting in place a new three-year agreement to continue to support your community through our programmes; this will require the same annual budget of £26,000 as previously. Note that half (£13,000) of the Council's investment goes straight back into supporting your community through the Small Grants Scheme. The impact of this relatively small investment is becoming tangible, helping Councils save in areas currently draining large budgets (e.g. £29.5m for street cleansing).

Live Here Love Here is key to providing opportunities for Councils to build a strong rapport with their communities, as we develop the kind of place we want to live in but we need your continued support to make this happen. At a time when many families are in crisis, Live Here Love Here has rapidly delivered tangible benefits demonstrating its agility and adaptability whilst remaining true to its cause – in building a movement of people who take responsibility as seriously as they value their rights. There remains much work to be done and we cannot take our foot off the peddle if we want to achieve the very real financial, personal health and environmental benefits – surely a cause worth fighting for.

If you have any further questions about our work, I would be delighted to speak with you. I look forward to hearing from you and in the meantime, thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,



Ian Humphreys
Chief Executive

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Thanking you for your support. Information and inspirational stories from each of our partner areas. This also highlights the added value of our Food For Thought project and the impact on your communities, including increased family engagement, improvement of life skills and life satisfaction and reduction in food poverty/ insecurity. Access the individual pages by clicking on the logos opposite.

Strategic partners



Belfast
City Council



Housing
Executive



Non participating councils



Welcome

Never before has there been a greater need for our work. Live Here Love Here is designed to tackle environmental issues by encouraging volunteers to take practical action in their local communities. By working together we are inspiring a movement of people changing behaviours and creating a positive future for us all!

Our mission:

To inspire and empower people to create more resilient and healthier communities

To change behaviours so everyone enjoys a beautiful and healthy environment

To create an active society where everyone takes an active role in protecting our communities and the people who live there



Supporting volunteers

We have a number of programmes to support groups at all different stages of their environmental efforts, from one off clean ups with BIG Spring Clean, Clean Coasts and International Coastal Clean Up, to creating healthier communities through Adopt A Spot.

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed and disrupted many of the plans we had for the year. Yet despite this, we adapted a number of our programmes for the current climate, including a rebranding our Big Spring Clean to the Not So Big Spring Clean, encouraging individuals to still get outside and 'do one small thing' for the environment.

Adopt[®] A Spot



258

Adopt A Spot sites adopted across Northern Ireland, and the number grows each week



2,000+

hours of volunteer time contributed by Adopt A Spot groups in one year



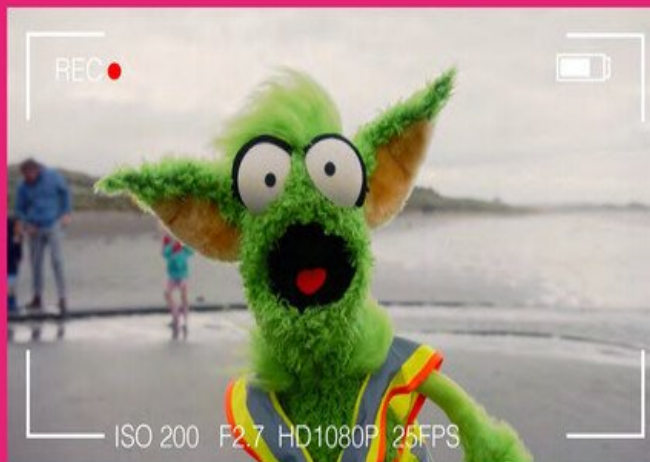
MARGARET MCCOOL
Adopt A Spot, Friends of the Folly River, Armagh

Our Media Campaign

Through partnership working and 'one voice' messaging across a strong variety of media channels such as TV, social media and billboards, we can build strong relationships with the public as we develop the kind of place we want to live.

In 2018, we introduced an unforgettable irate, magenta puppet called AI (below) – disgusted by all things litter and not afraid to tell you so! The character delivers memorable messages and appeals to all age ranges, raising awareness and driving the behaviour change we all need in our communities.

Since 2018, we have seen this character grow into a widely recognised and visible brand – and have since added to the 'family' with our newest puppet Daisy (above right), a keen vlogger and overly enthusiastic volunteer.



Daisy (top) meets Adopt A Spot volunteers at Tyrella Beach in Dundrum Bay.

Added value

Supported by Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Live Here Love Here launched three new advertisements (one on TV and two on social media) to run alongside our general messaging, targeting the impact of litter on beauty spots, fast food litter, PPE littering. An additional TV ad and three social media videos have been created to promote the Adopt A Spot Campaign.

78% of Northern Ireland population reached in 2019-2020 media campaign

649k Facebook reach over the same period, average person viewed the ads three times

933k YouTube reach over the same period

57% prompted advertising awareness in 2020, up from 27% in 2015



JESSICA
LHLH poster (above)

CARA DE BRUN
LHLH puppet drawing, (above right)



Moving forward in a post-COVID world



Healthy Oceans, Healthy Minds

In November, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful will deliver a new coastal and inland waterways campaign 'Healthy Oceans, Healthy Minds' supported by Ocean Conservancy. We will be running a number of online activities for the public to get involved in, including webinars, social media content, storytelling, podcasts and more.



Whilst the current lockdown restrictions on society are undeniably necessary to flatten the spread of the virus itself, the impact of this new and enforced way of living on health and wellbeing is

significant – levels of worry, stress, and anxiety are already showing upwards trends. Whilst nothing is certain, it is fair to anticipate that this 'period of lockdown', as we've come to know it, will be repeated in future months to tackle the spread of the disease. The Healthy Oceans, Healthy Minds campaign will encourage key actions people can take that can contribute to the health of our oceans and ultimately people's health and wellbeing.

Our Main themes are:

- To inspire and re-establish people's connection with our seas and waterways post COVID-19.
- To raise awareness of the benefits a healthy environment and connecting to nature/ outdoors can make to our physical and mental health and wellbeing.

- To educate people on alternative choices/habits they can adopt that help protect our oceans from further damage and pollution.
- To motivate and empower people across Northern Ireland to take individual positive actions now (even in lockdown) to protect our seas and waterways.

At a time when normal community clean-ups and gatherings cannot take place as usual, this forced hiatus is however giving people pause for thought about what really matters in our lives and how we can change the way we work, live and interact with our natural environment for the better. We hope this project will create some space for people to not only think about these things but to practice alternative behaviours that better protect our environment and deliver a better quality of life.



Supporting volunteers

Each year, the Community Awards are an opportunity to thank and celebrate environmental heroes who have demonstrated consistent hard work, instilling civic pride and tackling environmental issues in their local community. Although what would have been our fourth annual awards evening has been cancelled this year, celebrating volunteers has not been cancelled. Community action is not cancelled. 'Doing good' is not cancelled. During these unprecedented times, our volunteers, who ordinarily would carry out planting, litter picking and environmental action, adapted quickly to support those most in need in their communities and found ways to continue their activities.

This year we will be celebrating our volunteers through an online event, to thank them for their efforts, network with other groups and encourage them for the year ahead.

If the past number of months have taught us anything, it is that our communities are able and willing to pull together to make a big difference to society. We need these volunteers now more than ever, so we will continue to support and celebrate these gestures of civic pride and community spirit!

App developments

Live Here Love Here will soon be launching an engaging and interactive web map and mobile app. The map and app will highlight the work carried out by Live Here Love Here volunteers; increase engagement with users who would like to take part or host clean-ups, events and various programmes and encourage users to record their results, including the number of volunteers attending and amount of rubbish collected. Users will be able to access useful information on local beaches, marinas and parks, as well as events and opportunities from our partners and other NGO's.

The app will also highlight local businesses tackling plastic, one of the main types of litter found during clean ups.

The interactive map will help to visualise all of this useful data with easy to use filters. Over time, layers of information can be added as new programmes and projects come on-board.

Mobile continues to grow as a preferred way of accessing the internet, and is increasingly important for volunteers. With the majority of mobile use happening within apps, our app will provide an easy to access and useful way to promote, find and apply for volunteering opportunities.



Overcoming adversity in your local area



Ards and
North Down
Borough Council

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Small Grants Scheme

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Over £1 million

has been allocated across Northern Ireland since 2014

Ards and
North Down
Borough Council

29
applications received



25
projects funded



£102,845
amount requested



£58,443
amount awarded by council



Ards and North Down Borough Council data for 2020-2021

Sadly, Eric Rainey, the Hon Sec of the Cloughey & District Community Association died in 2019. Eric had been a tireless worker for the local environmental and coastal groups on the Ards Peninsula, and an enthusiastic protector of wildlife. To honour his commitment to the local community, the CDCA secured a grant through Live Here Love Here to place a memorial bench on the Cloughey Warren (above). The Warren was a particular passion of Eric's, and everyone involved was pleased to have a part in organising this memorial. The bench was placed to catch the afternoon sun with an uninterrupted view of the Mourne Mountains, a favourite spot of Eric's, and is used regularly by the community and walkers on the Warren.

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is today."

ERIC RAINEY
Ex-Hon Sec of the Cloughey & District
Community Association

"The grant we received from Live Here Love Here allowed us to transform large, neglected, overgrown and ugly flowerbeds, in the street where we live, into a bright, colourful, wildlife friendly community garden. The creation of the garden has brought the neighbourhood together, both young and old. It is a privilege and a joy to have in the area. We will be forever grateful to Live Here Love Here for allowing us to achieve this."

MARYVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN
VOLUNTEERS



Funded by
COMMUNITY
FUND

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550

Food For Thought packs distributed across Northern Ireland in 2020

Ards and
North Down
Borough Council

37
packs distributed



"We are a small group from Portavogie who has successfully transformed our area with flowers and shrubs over a few years (above). We were thrilled as we wanted to 'branch out' into growing our own vegetables and herbs. Already our efforts have been successful and our seeds have flourished! Our next step is to transplant them and finally harvest and eat them!"

ELAINE MCFEETERS
Lawson Learners

"At Harmoni, we provide supported accommodation to people with physical and learning disabilities. We applied to the project with the aim of encouraging our tenants to be more self-sufficient. This project has provided us with a great opportunity to introduce planting, growing and healthy eating to our tenants."

MARGARET HILL



Overcoming adversity in your local area



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45
applications received



24
projects funded



£144,776
amount requested



£17,550
amount awarded by council



£2,600
additional funding by partners



£1,200 funded by NIHE
£1,400 funded by McDonald's UK

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
data for 2020-2021



"The tenants at Millmount have loved the garden project (above), some have been involved in fundraising for the project and most have benefited from having a lovely place to sit outside.

A number have developed a love of and interest in plants and the raised beds give access to everyone for planting, weeding and general maintenance.

The wildflower garden has been a constant source of joy and has attracted all kinds of insects, which has been fascinating. It has also attracted attention from visitors to the scheme, many of whom have taken photographs of what has been a stunning display.

We could not have achieved this without the funding from the Small Grants Scheme. We attracted funding from Choice, and our own fundraising efforts will enable us to continue to develop and extend the project."

MILLMOUNT GARDEN PROJECT



"This project serves to create richer links within our community and further grow the bond between Spelga Mews and Bridge IPS (above). We thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to take part in the Small Grants Scheme and the benefits were immense for the residents, pupils and staff. It was incredible to witness the conversations which took place so naturally between pupils and residents suffering with dementia. Pupils felt a great sense of satisfaction being able to work together and provide a beautiful sensory garden for everyone to enjoy. Two past pupils Thomas Russell and Steven Doonan, who were instrumental in securing the grant, joined us to mark this special occasion by planting a beautiful Victoria plum tree. Our thanks to Mr Frank Beckett, who gave so generously of his time, to source the plants and help pupils plant them out."

BRIDGE INTEGRATED
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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550

Food For Thought packs distributed across Northern Ireland in 2020



48
packs distributed

"Martha finds academic learning difficult and more so during remote learning but through gardening she gained her confidence. The project brought a sense of community, those who felt isolated during the lockdown could stand at a window or a fence and watch. Martha thrived through this form of connection with a generation who shared stories and experiences. Martha has shared her produce with the neighbours and hopes to convert the small patch of grass out the front of the pensioners houses to a wild flower haven next Spring."

DONNA LIVINGSTONE



"The Food For Thoughts project has been extremely positive for our family bringing together three generations to learn and love growing our own in our beautiful countryside."

SHARON

Granda's Growers, Co Armagh

"I really enjoyed planting our apple tree with my Granda (above), he showed us how to plant it and how to look after it. I can't wait to eat the apples that will grow in it next year."

CONOR

aged 6, Granda's Growers, Co Armagh



Overcoming adversity in your local area



Belfast City Council

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Belfast City Council

51
applications received



21
projects funded



£159,900
amount requested



£22,950
amount awarded by council



£2,500
additional funding by partners



£1,500 funded by NIHE
£1,000 funded by McDonald's UK

Belfast City Council data for 2020-2021



"Our area is really urban (above), it is surrounded by roads, has an interface which blocks access, has limited green spaces yet is densely populated. The main motorway in Belfast is at the rear of the community so there are issues with poor air quality and noise and the commuter parking compounds this. The funding helped to unleash the potential of younger and older volunteers by sharing gardening, ideas and brightened up the community. The result is an active group who want to keep momentum going and make our community the best it can be and help to contribute to an improved environment for Belfast by creating usable green spaces and reducing the impacts of pollution."

JOSEPH BLACK Operational Manager
Grosvenor Community Centre, Roden
Street Community Development Group.

"Thanks to the Small Grants Scheme, our garden and volunteers (below) continue to grow, sharing common goals of civic pride and a desire to keep our shared spaces growing and flourishing."

GLENBANK CROSS COMMUNITY GARDEN



"Coláiste Feirste book club pupils erected two flower beds to reflect the literary theme of the garden. Pollinator plants were used to nurture the garden as a bee friendly resource. We were in the process of completing the hazel tree seat when the corona virus pandemic broke out. This part we aim to complete now that the school has reopened.

The garden will function as a nature resource in an urban area and a literary heritage resource in conjunction with the local public library, an Irish language resource, and public outdoor nature classroom through the medium of Gaelige, not only for pupils but for their local families and community."

CAIRDE CHEATHRÚ NA GAELTACHTA



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550

Food For Thought packs distributed across Northern Ireland in 2020



Belfast City Council

58
packs distributed



"The community garden has brought together so many people who may not ordinarily interact to make something both useful and beautiful. We are from all kinds of backgrounds, but with the collective skills, knowledge and spirit to make a community initiative happen.

The supplies from Food For Thought have empowered us to grow our project. They also help us give newcomers something practical to do to contribute, so when they see the garden and want to get involved, there is something really tangible they can do and watch grow. We hope that this will help us to reach more neighbours so we can affect change in our area in more ways."

ALICE GAVIN
Windsor Hub Community Garden



Overcoming adversity in your local area



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Comhairle Chathair
Dhoire & Cheantar
an tSrátha Báin
Derry Cille & Strábane
Districc Coicil

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Small Grants Scheme

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"Thanks to funding from Live Here Love Here we were able to organise the first North West Bioblitz so that we can discover and record species living at Creggan Country Park and Bay Road Park Local Nature Reserve. Providing an opportunity for people to go walking outdoors and learn how to identify wildflowers, mammals, birds, bats and trees is a great and much needed boost to their mental and physical health. Once we know what species live there we can create management plans to protect and enhance biodiversity."

NORTH WEST BIOBLITZ Creggan Country Park

"Thanks to funding from Live Here Love Here we were able to answer a call for help from the Western Health and Social Care Trust to help revamp their waiting room garden at the North West Cancer centre. A few volunteers were able to weed, replant, paint and install new visual features including ornaments, wind mills and solar lights for patients to enjoy. We were honoured to be asked to help with this project and delighted to hear that both staff and patients love the new garden. The garden is a new way for patients to be close to nature when they need it most."

NORTH WEST CANCER CENTRE
Creggan Country Park



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Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Comhairle Chathair
Dhoire & Cheantar
an tSrátha Báin
Derry Cille & Strábane
Districc Coicil

54

packs distributed



"Members of the Arts in Mind Creative group have decided to create a series of gardening features around a new centre based on the outskirts of the city. The group agree that gardening is the art that uses flora as the paint, and the soil and sky as canvas to dress up our new centre. On a collective basis we know that growing and gardening helps to boost self-esteem, rejuvenates the soul, heart and mind and reduces stress levels to generate inner peace. To reap the rewards of gardening, we know that we have to make time to love and care for our patch. Plans are underway to extend our project and make the project shine out for one and all. Thank you to Live Here Love Here for all your help and support."

EDWARD KERR

Above: Ollie Green Artistic Director of Studio 2 Arts (far right), presenting some of the Arts in Mind Group with the generous contribution from the Live Here-Love Here project 'Food For Thought'

"Our two boys are adopted and have suffered trauma and attachment issues. They were so excited to get their own apple tree which they helped to plant with their own compost. The regularity of the seasons and harvests helps to create a sense of permanence. Each year of harvesting produce will be another year we have all been together as a forever family. It also fosters belonging, this is their apple tree in their forever home!"

There were lots of opportunities for learning including digging and measuring the depth and width of the hole. The boys can't wait to put them into their lunch boxes to show them off at school. We will be making tarts and toffee apple cake too!"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT VOLUNTEER



Over £1 million

has been allocated across Northern Ireland since 2014



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Comhairle Chathair
Dhoire & Cheantar
an tSrátha Báin
Derry Cille & Strábane
Districc Coicil

30

applications received



14

projects funded



£107,536

amount requested



£11,400

amount awarded by council



£1,900

additional funding by partners



£1,900 funded by NIHE

Derry and Strabane District Council data for 2020-2021



Overcoming adversity in your local area



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30
applications received



10
projects funded



£94,384
amount requested



£8,500
amount awarded by council



£1,000
additional funding by partners



£1,000 funded by McDonald's UK

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council data for 2020-2021



"Live Here Love Here has provided funding to help us restore our shared Community Garden and to help our community learn gardening skills. This has given our shared community garden a whole new lease of life. The gardens provide so many benefits to our community including benefits to our physical/ mental health, reducing loneliness, and the health benefits of eating organic home grown fruit and vegetables."

DONAGH DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



Funded by COMMUNITY FUND

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550

Food For Thought packs distributed across Northern Ireland in 2020



65
packs distributed



"I applied for the scheme as I do have a interest in growing my own and with the extra seeds and pots I will be able to explore growing some things I haven't tried growing before, also to encourage some of the other Residents to do the same and be more self-sufficient."

OLIVER BEATTIE

Above: Oliver Beattie and Philip Darcy from the Enniskillen Town Residents.



"I love the thought of being self sufficient and getting the kids involved by giving them each a small square bed so they can grow and eat what they want which is why I applied."

AMANDA IRWIN

"We are very keen as a family to learn to grow our own fruit and vegetables. I am excited to learn myself and to teach my children (above) to grow their own food so when they are older they can do the same."

LORRAINE LEARY

Overcoming adversity in your local area



Housing
Executive

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Housing
Executive

85

applications received



9

projects funded by NIHE



£9,500

funded by NIHE



£33,230

additional funding



£30,730

funded by council



£2,500

funded by McDonalds



Northern Ireland Housing Executive data for 2020-2021



"These events were aimed at encouraging residents to come out onto their local streets and create their own flower boxes which would provide a very colourful decoration to place outside their homes. In one case, we arranged for the boxes to be made by students at the Springvale campus and this was a good opportunity for collaborative working with the students. We had a volunteer from Belfast City Council who assisted us in providing guidance in how to create and fill the boxes in the most imaginative, productive and attractive way.

Local residents loved these flower boxes as they provide colour throughout the winter and brighten up the grey days.

We were fortunate in being able to purchase portable tables which enabled us to bring the event onto the different streets in a convenient way.

Ultimately, despite the challenges of unreliable weather and street conditions, we were able to tailor our project and provide very gratifying experiences for members of the local community close to their own homes."

TOP OF THE ROCK HEALTHY
LIVING CENTRE



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Food For Thought packs
distributed across Northern
Ireland in 2020



Housing
Executive



"Getting the Food For Thought growing packs has been a godsend. It opened our eyes to lots of other things and we've started to look into things more. We're watching the webinars and googling everything and we've joined other groups on Facebook. We're experimenting more and we want to branch out and get a polytunnel and a glasshouse.

The majority of what we grow is given away in the community; it's just enough to know we grew it ourselves. Some people have mental health issues and suffer from anxiety so it's OK for them just to be here and not work. Just getting out helps them"

JIM MCLAUGHLIN

Derriagh Village Community Association

"There are quite a few isolated and vulnerable people in our group, and we can't all meet as before.

So there are very few of us who can meet up in a socially distanced way and bring a flask of tea each to sit in the garden where the lettuces are growing.

We always say it's amazing how you can put your hand in the earth and feel connected to people who are no longer with us.

As a group we keep communicating and appreciate the fundamental things like companionship and how much a lettuce split in two means to people."

BRIDGHE MCPOLIN

Mayobridge Women's Group



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Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

16
applications received



10
projects funded



£59,073
amount requested



£11,600
amount awarded by council



£1,500
additional funding by partners
£1,500 funded by McDonald's UK



Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council data for 2020-2021



"As you can see from the picture the difference is remarkable and all of the people who have taken time to help plant and maintain the garden have reported a lot of benefits to both their physical and mental health. The garden continues to provide an area of colour and peace for those of us who just need some time outside in pleasant surroundings. I can't thank your organisation enough for the funds which helped us get to where we are now."

RHONA BLAIR
OT Ward, Ulster Hospital

Photos (left and above) show the garden before and after.



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Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

55
packs distributed



"My daughter Ellie (above) is eight and since lockdown has become really interested in gardening. When she met your staff, she was telling them all about her plans and asked them to come and speak at her school when COVID restrictions ease. We can't thank you all enough for your encouragement, it's been amazing to see her enthusiasm for gardening and wildlife grow thanks to this project. My dream has always been to try and grow my own produce, now you have given us the products and equipment to do this, thank you! We can't wait to get started."

VICTORIA HUGGAN

"I applied for the food for thought for my family(below) as we home educate four autistic kids, we have incorporated growing and planting all into our home education. Growing the food covers many subjects and we love it."

JOANNE BODELL



Overcoming adversity in your local area



Mid & East
Antrim
Borough Council

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22

applications received



9

projects funded



£62,536

amount requested



£10,140

amount awarded by council



£1,400

additional funding by partners



£1,400 funded by NIHE

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council data for 2020-2021



"Receiving funding from Live Here Love Here gave the staff and children in our organisation a chance to look after our area through regular litter picks and planting which created a sense of achievement and pride in our community (above). We have continued to litter pick on a regular basis which shows that the benefits last beyond the duration of the grant and we now have further plans to improve our local area"

LARNE COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE

"The members of Brighter Whitehead are pleased and proud to be associated with this project and grateful for the support given by Live Here Love Here, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Small Grants Scheme. We applied for this grant to demonstrate our determination and enthusiasm to improve and enhance the environment. The Willow Dome continues to be a recognisable environmental icon and a very enjoyable play area for local children attending Whitehead Nursery School and Whitehead Primary School. The parents of these children, together with townsfolk and visitors have expressed their appreciation of the project."

BRIGHTER WHITEHEAD



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550

Food For Thought packs distributed across Northern Ireland in 2020



36

packs distributed



"We recently created a Nature Corner in the garden for the children to learn about insects, birds, wildflowers etc. I applied for these packs as I thought it would be a lovely activity for the children to learn about where our fruit and vegetables come from and how we can grow our own to be more self sufficient. We will be able to add them into our Nature Corner activities. The children are excited to get started!"

CATHERINE CARSON
Catherine Carson Childcare



Overcoming adversity in your local area



Comhairle Ceantair
Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster
District Council

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70
applications received



13
projects funded



£229,565
amount requested



£12,300
amount awarded by council



£600
additional funding by partners
£600 funded by NIHE



Mid Ulster District Council data for 2020-2021

"The project has been a great success and thanks to the support shown our group has been able to improve the quality of the local environment, help reduce litter in the local area, develop the environmental management of the village, instil civic pride by bringing people together with a common goal and improve health & well-being of the local community by encouraging gardening activities.

Newmills now has an interested, dedicated and enthusiastic team of community members of all ages and abilities making a difference to their local area and contributing to looking after our important wildlife species."

NEWMILLS CULTURAL GROUP

"Through the Small Grants Scheme we spruced up the village telephone box and repurpose it into a community hub, with noticeboard, books, local history and flowers to make it more attractive.

We were also able to clear and restore the long-overgrown village nature trail, which proved invaluable during lockdown. It gave village residents a more scenic, safer exercise route than the main roads."

TAMLAGHT O'CRILLY
Parish Vintage Group



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550

Food For Thought packs distributed across Northern Ireland in 2020



52
packs distributed



"It's great to be involved in this, as a childminder I think it's important to teach children they anyone can grow their own healthy food. Our pots line the driveway (right) so parents can follow progress too and pick bits to take home for dinner."

VICKY SEVIOUR-CROCKETT

"At Sunflower Support (left), it is our aim to be able to make a difference in the lives of people with an additional need and their carers. Being part of this programme has enabled us to help nourish the body, mind and soul of our families by providing them with the tools and the skills in order to become more confident in taking steps to be more self sufficient."

SHAUNA SCULLION
Sunflower Support



"Green fingers Hughie has worked very hard on the garden and growing plants to inspire others in the fold to take part (left). They miss the pupils and the pupils miss them."

CLARE DEVLIN
St. Colm's High School
Cornstore Youth Club & Ballinascreen Fold
- a multi-generational project



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47
applications received



24
projects funded



£151,076
amount requested



£14,820
amount awarded by council



£1,900
additional funding by partners
£1,900 funded by NIHE



Newry, Mourne and Down District Council data for 2020-2021



"Mayobridge Development Association got involved in Live Here Love Here as we pride ourselves on our village looking good as it is a reflection of the people, with bright bubbling flowering throughout. We wanted to be a village that people remember when they pass through. Our local community have increasingly taken pride in their gardens and more volunteers have started to get involved (below). It has inspired even the young people to help out with litter picks and cleaning up the area."

MAYOBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

"Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce are thankful of the support offered by Live Here Love Here in order to install flowers planters throughout Kilkeel as part of the Bee Kind High Street initiative (above). Through the support, the Chamber were able to enlist the help of a local artist and Men's Shed to help design and create the planters, using old fish boxes. This has created a great floral display throughout the town as well as attracting pollinators into an urban environment."

KILKEEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"We have continued to develop our community orchard. We had our first Harvest this year, which was amazing to see the blossom turn in to fruit. The orchard is an investment in our future and will continue to benefit the community for years to come."

PREACHING HOUSE POTTERY

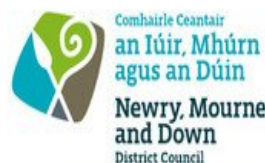


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550

Food For Thought packs distributed across Northern Ireland in 2020



89
packs distributed



"I applied for Food For Thought as it is a great opportunity for our group and young families to get together in the great outdoors to do a bit of planting in a safe and healthy environment (below). We as a group feel this is the way forward to try and encourage people of all ages to get involved in food growing. It is fulfilling and provides a great sense of satisfaction, as well as an opportunity to meet other like minded people in these uncertain times."

PETER HAUGHEY
New Town Together Men's Shed



"We really appreciate the opportunity to expand on the small vegetable plot we started during the COVID lockdown as complete novices. We are looking forward to learning more about growing our own vegetables (above), as well as encouraging local biodiversity and healthy eating as a family."

JOANNE MCCOLLAM

"Our successful application for a Food for Thought pack has given our garden group the opportunity to keep Hilltown Community Garden live. Going forward our plan is to plant the seeds initially in the containers and once established offer the plants to target groups in our community, for example those people who have impacted by COVID-19 either by social isolation or financial challenges"

DEIRDRE MCVEY Hilltown Community Garden

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23
applications received



1
project funded



£67,340
amount requested



£0
amount awarded by council



£2,000
additional funding by partners
£2,000 funded by McDonald's UK



Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
data for 2020-2021



"Great day had by the BIG volunteers (above and below) who turned out to weed, plant, mow, strip and litter pick! BIG shout out to Stephen Ross, our local councillor at Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council who joined us for the morning. The BIG Project is all about giving back to the environment and boosting community spirit. We Love to Live Here!"

BALLYEARL IMPROVEMENT GROUP (BIG)



"We at Monkstown Village Garden (below) greatly appreciate the financial support Live Here Love Here and their partner groups give us. It helps us to continue to serve our community and has allowed us to create a safe and welcoming outdoor space for community gatherings. We have found this especially valuable in this Covid-19 pandemic."

MONKSTOWN VILLAGE INITIATIVES



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33
packs distributed



"It is a hobby that everyone can participate in no matter what your age. The social aspect of meeting up is great for us all (below)."

CHRISTINA RITCHIE



"We grew lettuce, potatoes, carrots, peas, celery, and strawberries. They were delicious! We decided to get involved as a learning curve and a nice bonding exercise for our family (above). The produce is much better than that at the supermarkets and lasts longer. It improves our health and saves us some money! You've got to nourish to flourish!"

EILIS CAITRIONA PEOVER



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22

applications received



2

projects funded



£72,792

amount requested



£0

amount awarded by council



£1,500

additional funding by partners



£1,000 funded by NIHE
£500 funded by McDonald's UK

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
data for 2020-2021



"The Cornfield Project has engaged our local veterans group who are going to be building the "Who is Rubbish?" installation for us. This is a group of ex-veterans who sometimes feel that they don't belong as part of the local community so the opportunity to get involved in a community-based project that helps reduce littering and provides positive environmental outcomes is something that the members are really keen to be a part of. The "Who is Rubbish?" project will be installed later this year at The Cornfield Project site in Coleraine."

FOCUS ON FAMILY
The Cornfield Project



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550

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24

packs distributed



"Helping out in the allotment during Covid has been a real life-line for me. It has helped with my mental health, given me something to focus on, prevented me from feeling isolated and made me feel like I'm doing something useful. Being able to provide freshly grown food parcels to people has made it all worthwhile."

VOLUNTEER Vineyard Compassion

"We have planted the apple tree, down at green area in Mossie Gardens. We are expanding over the winter making new vegetable patches in beds and pots, which hopefully will be ready next year. The compost and equipment you provided will help us set up the beds for planting. We have got residents old and young to come together and help with setting up a wee allotment site. The younger residents would like to sell their produce next year to make money to buy more seeds etc to expand further."

MOSSIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION





Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2020
Subject:	Update on Active Travel work in relation to Walking and Cycling Strategy
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sheena McElDowney Head of Sustainability

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	To note the contents of this update report on proposals for Walking and Cycling Strategy
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September 2020 the Council agreed to the development of a Strategy to promote and encourage walking and cycling across the District. • The development of the Strategy will create a clear vision for promoting and enabling active travel and safer walking and cycling opportunities across the District. • The strategy will look at potential for Sustainable transport solutions as well as the Health and Wellbeing benefits • A Funding application has been made to the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan, jointly funded by DFC, DFI and DAERA. • This application has been successful, and the available funding will; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enable officers to proceed with a procurement exercise to enable the development of an Active Travel Strategy (to include walking and cycling). As part of the development of the strategy a workshop will be held for elected members to allow proposals and suggestions for projects which will provide new or enhanced facilities for walking and Cycling to be considered. 2. Develop an active travel awareness programme for schools and communities in the District. 3. Work with local businesses to promote active travel for staff and customers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recently appointed DfI Walking and Cycling Champion is to attend a special meeting of the Sustainability and Climate Change Forum on Thursday 21st January 2021 to update members on proposed and planned works for the NMD area. All members to be invited to join the meeting. Officers have also had meetings with the Public Health Agency to discuss opportunities for delivering active travel initiatives for business and communities across the Council area. The first meeting of the Cross Departmental Officer Active Travel Working Group will take place in December 2020.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the contents of this update report on Active Travel work.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Within existing estimates and funding has been secured.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>

5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>None</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>None</p>

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	16 November 2020
Subject:	All Party Group on Reducing Harm Related to Gambling.
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>An inquiry has been set up to examine the regulation of gambling in Northern Ireland, and this is being conducted by the NI Assembly's All-Party Group on Reducing Harm Related to Gambling.</p> <p>This inquiry is examining options for a new regulatory framework that reduces gambling related harms and consider how a new regulatory authority and health and social care services can work together to address the following issues in particular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the availability and accessibility of gambling • the safety of gambling products • advertising and other practices of the industry • public health messaging and gambling harm prevention and • the creation of a joined-up treatment system. <p>They have provided their Terms of Reference</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>In December 2019, the Department of Communities launched a public consultation on the regulation of gambling in Northern Ireland, noting that "the current legislation is outdated and has not kept pace with industry and technological changes."</p> <p>The consultation ran from 16 December 2019 to 21 February 2020 with the aim of identifying changes to be included in any new gambling legislation. Responses to the consultation have not yet been published.</p> <p>The consultation document described the licensing system in GB as "flexible enough to keep pace with technological developments so that gambling delivered by new, unforeseen methods can be efficiently regulated in the future".</p> <p>Northern Ireland has the highest incidence of problem gambling on these islands. In 2016, a Department for Communities survey identified 2.3% of the population as having a gambling problem.</p>

	<p>This is more than four times higher than that recorded in Britain and almost three times higher than in the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>International studies suggest that the suicide rate among people with a gambling disorder is 15 times that of the general population.</p> <p>Remote (online) gambling has grown sharply in recent years, making it easier to access than ever before.</p> <p>The same Department for Communities 2016 survey found that 15.8% of those that gambled here in the last year did so online, compared with 6.7% in 2010.</p> <p>There are calls in Britain for a Gambling Ombudsman to deal with customer complaints and provide an effective arbitration mechanism for claims against online gambling companies.</p> <p>There is a disconnect between gambling regulation in NI and public health.</p> <p>In Britain and indeed internationally gambling is increasingly recognised as a public health problem, requiring regulators and health and social care services to work together to tackle the availability and accessibility of gambling, the safety of gambling products, advertising and the provision of a joined-up treatment system.</p> <p>This Council in February 2019 agreed a notice of motion in relation to Gambling</p> <p>As part of this it requested that a departmental task force was formed to explore what interim measures can be taken in relation to Fixed Odds Betting Terminals (FOBT's) and called on all bookmakers to extend the voluntary reduction in line with what bookmakers in other jurisdictions had already carried out.</p> <p>This Council also called on the Department of Health to recognise that gambling is a public health issue and undertake to ensure more support services are provided to address gambling problems. This should include public health education and awareness raising programmes and adequate funding to addiction service providers is made available to ensure service quality.</p> <p>This being the case we welcome the setting up of the inquiry into the regulation of gambling in Northern Ireland, which is being conducted by the NI Assembly's All-Party Group on Reducing Harm Related to Gambling.</p> <p>As a Council we recognise the damage and social impact that problem gambling can present and are grateful that this inquiry is examining options for a new regulatory framework that reduces gambling related harms and consider how a new regulatory authority and health and social care services can work together to address all the issues highlighted that have been highlighted above.</p> <p>These comments have been returned to the All-party group as requested</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the comments as returned to the All-party group and the Terms of Reference are noted

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	none
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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	<p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	RHRG APG Terms of Reference
8.0	Background Documents

APG on Reducing Harm Related to Gambling - Inquiry Terms of Reference

Regulation of Gambling in Northern Ireland: A New Approach

About the APG

The All Party Group on Reducing Harm Related to Gambling was recently established by MLAs to address issues associated with gambling harm in our community.

Background

In December 2019, the Department of Communities launched a public consultation on the regulation of gambling in Northern Ireland¹, noting that "the current legislation is outdated and has not kept pace with industry and technological changes."² The consultation ran from 16 December 2019 to 21 February 2020 with the aim of identifying changes to be included in any new gambling legislation. Responses to the consultation have not yet been published.

The consultation document described the licensing system in GB as "flexible enough to keep pace with technological developments so that gambling delivered by new, unforeseen methods can be efficiently regulated in the future". However, the effectiveness of online regulation in Britain has been criticised by the Westminster Gambling-Related Harm APPG³, the National Audit Office⁴ and, indeed, by the UK Government.⁵

Northern Ireland has the highest incidence of problem gambling on these islands. In 2016, a Department for Communities survey identified 2.3% of the population as having a gambling problem.⁶ This is more than four times higher than that recorded in Britain⁷ and almost three times higher than in the Republic of Ireland.⁸ International studies suggest that the suicide rate among people with a gambling disorder is 15 times that of the general population.⁹

Remote (online) gambling has grown sharply in recent years, making it easier to access than ever before. The same Department for Communities 2016 survey found that 15.8% of those that gambled here in the last year did so online, compared with 6.7% in 2010.

¹ [Consultation on Gambling Regulation in Northern Ireland](#), December 2019, Department for Communities.

² [Comments](#) made by DfC Permanent Secretary on launch of gambling regulations consultation, 16 December 2019.

³ Gambling Related Harm All-Party Parliamentary Group, [Online Gambling Harm Inquiry: Final Report](#), June 2020.

⁴ Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General - [Gambling regulation: problem gambling and protecting vulnerable people](#), Feb 2020.

⁵ The [Conservative Party Manifesto 2019](#) states that "given how the online world is moving, the Gambling Act is increasingly becoming an analogue law in a digital age".

⁶ [Northern Ireland Gambling Prevalence Survey](#), 2016.

⁷ [Gambling Behaviour in Great Britain in 2016](#), a report prepared for the Gambling Commission by NatCen Social Research.

⁸ [Ministers publish first set of data on gambling in Ireland](#), 27 February 2019, Department of Health.

⁹ Gambling with Lives: [The Number of Gambling Related Suicides Each Year in the UK](#) (2020).

Advertising is also shifting its focus online. In 2018, nearly 80% of all gambling marketing in GB was on the internet, five times more online than on television. Almost half was spent on direct online marketing.¹⁰

However, there is no effective regulation governing online gambling here, as legislation pre-dates the internet. While the UK Government's 2014 Gambling (Licensing and Advertising) Act prohibits unlicensed remote operators¹¹ advertising in NI, the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985¹² prohibits advertisements "inviting the public to subscribe any money or money's worth to be used in gaming whether in Northern Ireland or elsewhere, or to apply for information about facilities for subscribing any money or money's worth to be so used".¹³ In April 2017, Google amended its gambling and games policy to say that "online gambling ads, offline gambling ads, and ads for gambling-related products will not be allowed to serve in Northern Ireland".¹⁴

The challenge facing the regulation of online gambling in GB was highlighted by the Westminster Gambling Related Harm APPG in June 2020 when it outlined that operators do not have the capacity to establish when customers are at risk of problem gambling. The APPG is calling for online gambling to be subject to the same rules as land-based gambling.¹⁵

The Department for Communities maintains that the Gambling Commission's Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice (LCCP) offers a significant degree of protection for remote consumers in NI. However, in 2017, GB's Gambling Commission concluded that "the complaints system in the gambling industry is not working for consumers. They have found it difficult to access, time-consuming to use, and they question whether it is independent and transparent".¹⁶

There are calls in Britain for a Gambling Ombudsman to deal with customer complaints and provide an effective arbitration mechanism for claims against online gambling companies.¹⁷

There is a disconnect between gambling regulation in NI and public health. In Britain and indeed internationally gambling is increasingly recognised as a public health problem, requiring regulators and health and social care services to work together to tackle the availability and accessibility of gambling, the safety of gambling products, advertising and the provision of a joined up treatment system.

¹⁰ Gamble Aware, [Gambling advertising and marketing spend in Great Britain 2014-17](#).

¹¹ Those remote (online) gambling operators not licensed by the Gambling Commission in UK.

¹² [Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1985](#)

¹³ Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 - [Section 130: Restrictions on advertisements relating to gaming](#).

¹⁴ Ads for the National Lottery will continue to be allowed. Google [gambling policy update for Northern Ireland](#), April 2017.

¹⁵ Gambling Related Harm All-Party Parliamentary Group, [Online Gambling Harm Inquiry: Final Report](#), June 2020.

¹⁶ Gambling Commission [commentary on its Consumer complaints and redress review](#), March 2017.

¹⁷ Gambling Related Harm All-Party Parliamentary Group, [Online Gambling Harm Inquiry: Final Report](#), June 2020.

In Dublin, the recently formed Government has committed to establishing "a gambling regulator focused on public safety and wellbeing...".¹⁸

Those suffering from gambling disorder here do not have access to gambling-specific services as these are not commissioned by the HSC (Health and Social Care). Patients who need specific gambling support are directed towards community services, such as Gamblers Anonymous and Addiction NI.

Unlike Britain, there is no requirement for licensed gambling operators to make an annual financial contribution to one or more approved organisation(s) that between them are involved in delivering or supporting Research, Education and Treatment (RET) in NI - although some operators do voluntarily contribute funds to local community support organisations here.

The potential for regulating gambling in a similar way to tobacco or alcohol has been raised by the Scottish Public Health Network, which points to a lack of public health advocacy regarding gambling in comparison to "other unhealthy goods".¹⁹

Some products are associated with much higher levels of harm. Consequently, the Gambling Commission in Britain is exploring the need to investigate and regulate product design and consider product safety classification.²⁰

There are several international approaches to gambling of note. In New Zealand, a public health approach to gambling regulation is mandated in legislation. There is a total ban on gambling advertising in Italy. Last year the State of Victoria in Australia tightened rules for online betting operators in a bid to provide stronger consumer protections for its citizens gambling online, including a restriction on gambling providers offering credit or other rewards to encourage consumers to keep their betting account open.²¹ The Canadians have a state-run system of land-based and online gambling.

These are some of the issues we must consider as the Executive seeks to develop new gambling legislation that both protects the consumer and reduces gambling harm in our community.

Scope of the inquiry

This inquiry will examine options for a new regulatory framework that reduces gambling related harms and consider how a new regulatory authority and health and social care can work together to address:

- the availability and accessibility of gambling
- the safety of gambling products
- advertising and other practices of the industry
- public health messaging and gambling harm prevention and
- the creation of a joined-up treatment system.

¹⁸ [Programme for Government – Our Shared Future](#), p.97, June 2020

¹⁹ Scottish Public Health Network - [Toward a public health approach for gambling related harm: a scoping document](#), 2016.

²⁰ Gambling Commission - [Working groups led by senior industry leaders will tackle high value customer incentives, advertising online and responsible product design](#), January 2020.

²¹ As outlined in a media release by the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation: [Online gambling restrictions to reduce consumer harm](#), May 2019.

Structure of the inquiry

Call for written evidence

Organisations and individuals are invited to make written submissions to the APG that address all or some of the following issues:

- Are there aspects of gambling that should be liberalised in NI?
- What type of regulatory framework is needed to protect vulnerable groups from gambling harm?
- What existing barriers would prevent a new regulatory authority from working with health and social care services to address the availability and accessibility of gambling, the safety of gambling products, advertising, public health messaging and the creation of a joined-up treatment system?
- Should public health approaches to gambling harm prevention and reduction, encompassing a range of population-based approaches, be supported by new legislation and funding?
- Should there be a statutory levy on gambling operators?
- What are the potential links between online gambling and harmful gambling?
- What is the impact of social media and online advertising on the amount customers spend on online gambling?
- Why has an activity like online gambling been allowed to operate in Northern Ireland with no legal basis?
- If online gambling is legalised in Northern Ireland, what policy measures can the Executive put in place to protect individuals from gambling harm online?
- Should there be changes to the current restrictions on gambling advertising in NI?
- Should Fixed Odd Betting Terminals (FOBTs) be legalised in Northern Ireland?
- If FOBTs are legalised in Northern Ireland, what policy measures can the Executive put in place to protect individuals from FOBT-related gambling harm?
- What self-exclusion provisions should be available to those gamblers with a gambling disorder and those at risk?
- What are the effects of in-game spending, such as loot boxes, particularly on children, and what measures are needed to address it?
- What measures to protect the vulnerable, including children, from gambling harm work well in other jurisdictions and what could prevent these from working in NI.

The call for written evidence will open on Monday, 28 September and close on Friday, 6 November 2020.

Oral evidence

The APG will hold a series of oral evidence sessions commencing in November 2020. A variety of people will be invited to give evidence, including advocates for reducing gambling harm, industry executives, public health experts, clinicians and regulators and academics.

Report

A report, based on the written and oral evidence, will be produced which will make recommendations to the Northern Ireland Executive.