



June 14th, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 17th June 2024 at 6:00 pm in Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre.

Committee Membership 2024-25

Councillor C Galbraith **Chairperson**

Councillor A Mathers **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor L Devlin

Councillor D Finn

Councillor A Finnegan

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor R Howell

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor O Magennis

Councillor L McEvoy

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor H Young

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

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4.0 To agree dates and times for Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meetings 2024/25

For Decision

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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

8.0 Donard Park Works

For Decision

This item is deemed to be restricted 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.

 *Works in Donard Park.pdf*

Not included

Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

9.0 Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report

For Decision

This item is deemed to be restricted under paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *CCH Update Report June 2024 - vn.pdf*

Not included

 *CCH action sheet 22nd May 2024 - vf.pdf*

Not included

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

10.0 Leasing of Council Land - Expressions of Interest (Stage 1)

For Decision

This item is deemed to be restricted 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.

 *Item 9 Report - Stage 1 Leasing of Council Land.pdf*

Not included

11.0 Request for Letter of Support

For Decision

This item is deemed to be restricted 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.

 **Item 10 Report - Letter of Support.pdf**

Not included

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


12.0 Multiply Funding Initiative

For Information

This item is deemed to be restricted 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.

 **Multiply Funding Report.pdf**

Not included

 **Appendix 1-ERT Report - Multiply Programme -vf.pdf**

Not included

13.0 Leasing of Council Land and Facilities - Expressions of Interest

For Information

This item is deemed to be restricted 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.

 **Leasing of Council Land and Facilities Report - Expressions of Interest June 2024 - for noting restricted - vf.pdf**

Not included




For Noting - Community Development

14.0 Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP), Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report

For Information

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Fionnuala Branagh

Cllr Jim Brennan

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Ms Joanne Fleming

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mrs Laura Higgins

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tierna Howie

Ms Catherine Hughes

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Josephine Kelly

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Cathal King

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston

Cllr Declan Murphy

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Aine Quinn
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Rice
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Ms Alison Robb
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Nicola Stranney
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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 Jill Truesdale
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Cllr Helena Young
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ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 20 May 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/044/2024	The Strategic Stakeholder Forum: Partnering with the CV sector to achieve better outcomes	It was agreed that Council write to the Ministers for Health, Communities and Finance to make budget available for the projects being delivered by the community and voluntary sectors.	A Robb A Beggs	Letters issued to Ministers for Health, Communities and Finance 6/6/24. Responses will be brought to members when received.	Y
AHC/045/2024	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 23 April 2024.• Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2024.	A Robb	Noted and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/046/2024	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub Meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2024.	A Robb	Noted and actions being progressed	Y

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/047/2024	Active and Healthy Communities Service Delivery Partner	It was agreed to approve the extension of the current service provided as set out within the officer's report to ensure service delivery.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
AHC/048/2024	Marketing and Design Services	It was agreed to approve the business case and appointment of a supplier via public procurement for marketing and design services for the AHC Directorate as detailed within the officer's report.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
AHC/049/2024	Multi Sports Hub	It was agreed to approve the business case and appointment of an ICT utilising Council's current framework to advance the potential sports hub project as detailed with the officer's report.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date	Time	Location
17 June 2024	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
19 August 2024	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
16 September 2024	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
21 October 2024	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
18 November 2024	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
16 December 2024	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
27 January 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
17 February 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
Tuesday 18 March 2025**	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
28 April 2025**	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre
19 May 2025	6.00pm	Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 th June 2024
Subject:	AHC Directorate Business Plan
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson – Director AHC
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson – Director AHC

For decision		X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<p>Directorate Business Plans provide an overview of planned activity for the year ahead, and contribute to the delivery of the Community Plan, Corporate Plan and other key plans and strategies. They form an essential part of the Council's Business Planning and Performance Management Framework, which demonstrates how corporate objectives are cascaded across the organisation and provides assurance that they are being delivered.</p> <p>As Directorate Business Plans are directly aligned to the achievement of the Corporate Plan, they remain fairly high level, and do not necessarily capture the core, business as usual activity that is undertaken by individual departments. Alternatively, they provide an insight into the key, overarching objectives, supporting actions and measures of success for each Directorate in the year ahead, whilst setting the context for the development of departmental Service Plans which are operational in nature.</p>			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	<p>Assessment of Directorate Business Plans 2023-24</p> <p>In order to improve transparency and accountability, and facilitate a performance led approach to business planning, each Directorate has undertaken an assessment of their Business Plan 2023-24. These assessments provide an overview of the performance of each Directorate and have been used to influence the development of the 2024-25 Business Plans. This exercise is an important part of the Council's statutory responsibility to strengthen the way performance is monitored, reviewed and reported across the organisation.</p> <p>The assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 is attached at Appendix 1.</p>			
2.2	<p>Directorate Business Plans 2024-25</p> <p>Directorate Business Plans 2024-25 outline the key objectives, supporting actions and measures of success each Directorate will work towards, which are aligned to the strategic objectives within the draft Corporate Plan 2024-27. Directorate Business Plans 2024-25 are also now aligned to the new organisational structure following completion of the planning for the future process.</p> <p>The AHC Directorate Business Plan 2024-25 is attached at Appendix 2.</p>			

2.3	It should be noted that further improvements to the business planning process are underway across the Council, particularly in relation to cascading corporate objectives in a meaningful way to employees through the introduction and roll-out of Service Plans and People Perform Grow. This process seeks to improve the use of performance measures at all levels of the Business Planning and Performance Management Framework and create a clear 'line of sight' between the work of individuals, teams and departments, and how they contribute to the achievement of Directorate Business Plans and the Corporate Plan.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To consider and agree the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 • AHC Directorate Business Plan 2024-25
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	There are no financial resources implications within this report. Budget requirements for the 2024/25FY have been allocated within the rates 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>
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 – N/a</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> Consultation not required.</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 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	Appendices
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 • Appendix 2 – AHC Directorate Business Plan 2024-25
8.0	Background Documents
	<p>Directorate Business Plans 2023-24</p> <p>Assessments of Directorate Business Plans 2022-23</p>

Active and Healthy Communities Directorate

Annual Assessment Business Plan 2023-24

Introduction

This report provides an overview of progress in delivering the Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 across the following service areas:

- Leisure and Recreation
- Parks and Open Spaces
- Sports Development
- Environmental Health
- Sustainability
- Health Improvement
- Engagement and Community Development
- Strategic Programmes
- Community Services, Facilities and Events




The delivery of the Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 supports the achievement of the following corporate objectives, and performance has been tracked using the legend below.

Continue to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the district and reduce health inequalities

Enable and support people engage in inclusive and diverse activites in their communities






Enhance, protect and promote our environment



Legend




Status	
	Target or objective achieved / on track to be achieved
	Target or objective partially achieved / likely to be achieved / subject to delay
	Target or objective not achieved / unlikely to be achieved






Directorate objectives, supporting actions and measures of success

Key Directorate Objectives / Actions
Leisure and Sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote increased levels of activity and develop targeted programmes to support improved health and wellbeing outcomes.
Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a strong community base to improve empowerment and capacity within our communities and ensure the views of our community are fully represented.
Health and Wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote sustainability both within the organization and externally, support improved Health and Wellbeing outcomes and ensure Councils obligations in relation to their statutory functions are fulfilled.




Leisure and Sport			
OBJECTIVE	ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN		
Promote increased levels of activity and develop targeted programmes to support improved health and wellbeing outcomes	Continue to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the district and reduce health inequalities		
Supporting actions	Timescale	Status	Progress
Continue to Progress and implement the review of Leisure Services in Kilkeel Leisure Centre	Q1 – Q3		Ongoing in line with introduction of Pay Protection policy, and HR Work Plan.
Increase usage of Indoor Leisure Facilities as part of the leisure COVID-19 recovery plan	Q1 – Q4		768,842 paid attendances in 2023/24 against target: 750,000.
Progress the leisure projects agreed within the Capital Programme	Q1 – Q4		Delivery of projects within Council's Capital Programme ongoing.
Deliver a range of targeted health programmes to encourage participation in physical activity and improve health outcomes for all	Q1 – Q4		28,031 participants took part in targeted programmes in 2023/24.
Identify and progress the scoping, feasibility and	Q1 – Q4		Objective ongoing in 2024/25FY.






prioritization of potential Community Trails across the seven DEAs.			
Progress the strategic reviews of the Play Strategy, Open Spaces Strategy and Physical Activity/Sports Development Strategy	Q1 - Q4		Objective ongoing in 2024/25FY.
Commission and complete financial assistance support for Sports Programme, Sports Capital and Multi Sports Hubs	Q1 – Q4		£275k of funding offered to groups via Council's Sports & Leisure Financial Assistance Calls in 2023/24.

Community Engagement			
OBJECTIVE Create a strong base to engage, empower and build the capacity of local communities, ensuring their views inform the work of the Council and its partners	ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN		
	Enable and support people engage in inclusive and diverse activities in their communities		
Supporting actions	Timescale	Status	Progress
Comply with statutory responsibilities in relation to Community Engagement service provision (including PCSP, PEACE IV & DEAs)	Q1 - Q4		PCSP, DEA and NRP meetings undertaken as planned with governance arrangements and reporting mechanisms being effective. PEACE IV Partnership has now concluded.
Engage, develop and consult on draft Peace Plus Plan & draft Community Facilities Strategy.	Q1 - Q4		PEACEPLUS Plan developed and submitted to SEUPB. Draft Community Facilities progressed and to be carried forward in 2024/25FY.
Continue to logistically support local community run events and festivals	Q1 - Q4		223 events supported.



Positively engage through Ethnic Minority Support Centre (Downpatrick & Newry)	Q1 - Q4		<p>Regular advice clinics held in Newry and Downpatrick.</p> <p>Engagement with and support to refugees and asylum seekers.</p> <p>17 Integration Projects delivered in partnership with stakeholders.</p> <p>12 integration events delivered for migrants/asylum seekers/refugees.</p> <p>8 training sessions held for local stakeholders.</p>
Deliver a minimum of two Financial Assistance Calls per annum, and roll out external training sessions.	Q1 – Q4		3 Financial Assistance Calls delivered plus 6 Workshops.
Develop and deliver the 7 DEA Fora Action Plans and strengthen the alignment with the outcomes within the Community Plan.	Q1 - Q4		7 DEA Action Plans developed and agreed targets met.
Develop and implement the GR Programme Action Plan, PCSP Action Plan, NRA Action Plans (Downpatrick & Newry) and PEACE IV Local Action Plan	Q1 - Q4		<p>PCSP, GRP and NRA Action Plans developed and agreed targets met.</p> <p>PEACE IV Local Action Plan completed September 2023.</p>
Further develop levels of engagement and participation through existing structures (eg DEAs, NRPs, PCSP, PEACE IV)	Q1 – Q4		<p>Engagement and participation ongoing through existing structures (ie PCSP, DEAs, NRPs).</p> <p>New Independent Members were recruited and subsequently appointed to the 7 DEA Forums in September 2023.</p>

			<p>Both the PEACE IV and PeacePlus Partnerships met on a regular basis to ensure community engagement and contact in the delivery of plans.</p> <p>PEACE IV Local Action Plan completed and final meeting of PEACE IV Partnership took place in September 2023.</p>
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Health and Wellbeing			
OBJECTIVE Promote sustainability both within the organization and externally, support improved Health and Wellbeing outcomes and ensure Councils obligations in relation to their statutory functions are fulfilled	ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN		
	Continue to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the district and reduce health inequalities		
Supporting actions	Timescale	Status	Progress
Carry out statutory functions in relation to Food Safety, Health and Safety at Work, Public Health and Housing, Environmental Protection and Consumer Protection	Q1 - 4		Ongoing
Support 2 no. Home to Hospital Volunteer Driver Schemes to help rural access to Health services in The Mournes and Slieve Gullion DEAs	Q1 - Q4		Complete
Develop and deliver a range of services to promote employee Health and Wellbeing including an action plan for issues identified in Staff survey	Q1 – Q4		A range of services were delivered to promote employee H&W including Men's Health events. Action plan to be updated for issues identified in Staff survey.



Carry out follow up wellbeing survey for workforce.	Q2		Not progressed. Planned for 2024/25
OBJECTIVE Promote sustainability both within the organization and externally, support improved Health and Wellbeing outcomes and ensure Councils obligations in relation to their statutory functions are fulfilled	ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN Enhance, protect and promote our environment		
Supporting actions	Timescale	Status	Progress
Develop a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Council working alongside key Council Departments.	By end Q4		Almost complete, final workshop to take place in June 24. Target date for publication – December 2024.
Develop a Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan to follow on from the existing Newry, Mourne and Down Local Biodiversity Action Plan. The strategy will focus on improving biodiversity on Council managed estate as well as increasing awareness and action for biodiversity across the rest of the district.	Q2		Public consultation complete. Feedback has led to significant changes which have delayed publication. Target date for publication – September 2024.
Deliver additional EV infrastructure across District.	Q3 - Q4		Faster EV project completed. (18 Vehicle spaces at Council Facilities).
Develop Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.	Q4		In progress. Next step is to go out to public consultation.






Measures of Success – Leisure and Sport				
Measure of Success	2023-24		Status	Explanatory note
	Target	Actual		
Number of attendances at all indoor leisure facilities, including	750,000 paid attendances	Annual attendances 768,842		Facility closures due to Pool Tile Repairs in NLC in Feb 2024.

Newry and Downpatrick Leisure Centres				
Number of participants engaged in physical activity programmes and health and wellbeing initiatives	<p>Physical Activity Referral Programme Members: 300</p> <p>McMillian Move More Programme Members: 150</p> <p>Summer Activity Programme Participants: 4,800</p> <p>Be Active for Life Programme Participants: 1500</p>	<p>PARS: 454</p> <p>Macmillan: 120</p> <p>Summer Activity Programme: 10,021</p> <p>Be Active 10,231</p>		<p>Increased participants was a result of the 3rd additional GP referral post.</p> <p>Summer Activity Programme Participants. 10,021</p> <p>£1 Summer Promotion 7205</p> <p>Number of Be Active attendances: 10,231</p>
Number of recorded visits at community trails	Over 225,000	263,364 recorded visits		

Measures of Success – Community Engagement				
Measure of Success	2023-24		Stat us	Explanatory note
	Target	Actual		
Number of meetings, events delivered	No target set	150 (PCSP/GR) 420 (DEAs/NRPs)		Included volunteering, safeguarding, First Aid and Event Steward training.
Number of events supported	No target set	223 - Community Services Facilities & Events		Including STEM Summer Workshop, Living Well Workshop, Paddleboarding, Mindful Living and Self-Care Workshop.

		47 (PCSP/GR) 52 (DEAs/NRPs)		
Number of capacity building programmes delivered	No target set	28 - Community Services Facilities & Events 32 (DEAs/NRPs)		Community Engagement – wide range of meetings, events and activities delivered via the PCSP, Good Relations Programme, DEAs and Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships.
Number of programmes delivered	No target set	90 - Community Services Facilities & Events 22 (PCSP/GR) 35 (DEAs/NRPs)		
Number of meetings, including public meetings, and events organised and delivered	No target set	44 (PCSP/GR) 350 (DEAs/NRPs)		
The effectiveness of Council run community engagement structures in facilitating stakeholder participation	No target set	See explanatory note		The majority of places occupied on the community engagement structures are taken by representatives from the community, voluntary and business sectors. This demonstrates the Council's commitment to facilitating effective stakeholder participation and working in partnership to shape and influence the future of the district.
Number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes	No target set	117		There are currently 117 active and fully accredited NHW Schemes across the District. The PCSP continues to encourage and engage with people who would like to sign up for the NHW Scheme. The PSNI and PCSP staff

				remain in regular contact with NHW Co-ordinators across the District.
Number and percentage of financial assistance projects funded	No target set	Applications		3 Financial Assistance Calls plus 6 Workshops. For calls 1 & 2 – 21 themes (including SLAs and FMAs) – 683 applications, 451 awarded – success rate of 66%
		683		
		Success rate		
		66%		
Number of contacts recorded through the Ethnic Minority Support Centre	No target set	2890		2890 recorded visits in Newry and Downpatrick through EMSC. 23 asylum seeker/refugee families and 6 individuals supported.

Measures of Success – Health and Wellbeing				
Measure of Success	2023-24		Status	Explanatory note
	Target	Actual		
Percentage of service requests responded to within 3 days	85%	86%		Target achieved.
Percentage of general planning applications processed within 15 working days of receipt by Environmental Health	80%	54%		Target not achieved.
Net cost of the 5 core services per head of population (excluding CEC*)	No target set	£7.64*		*Latest data available.
Percentage of premises within the scope of the Food Hygiene Scheme that meet the standard of 'broadly compliant'	No target set	99%		Target achieved.
Number of proactive/planned Health and Safety inspections as a	No target set	5%		With the competing health and safety priorities of the Section the percentage of total premises inspected

percentage of total premises within jurisdiction				was not high as resource was diverted to high priority tasks.
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Active and Healthy Communities Directorate

Business Plan 2024-25

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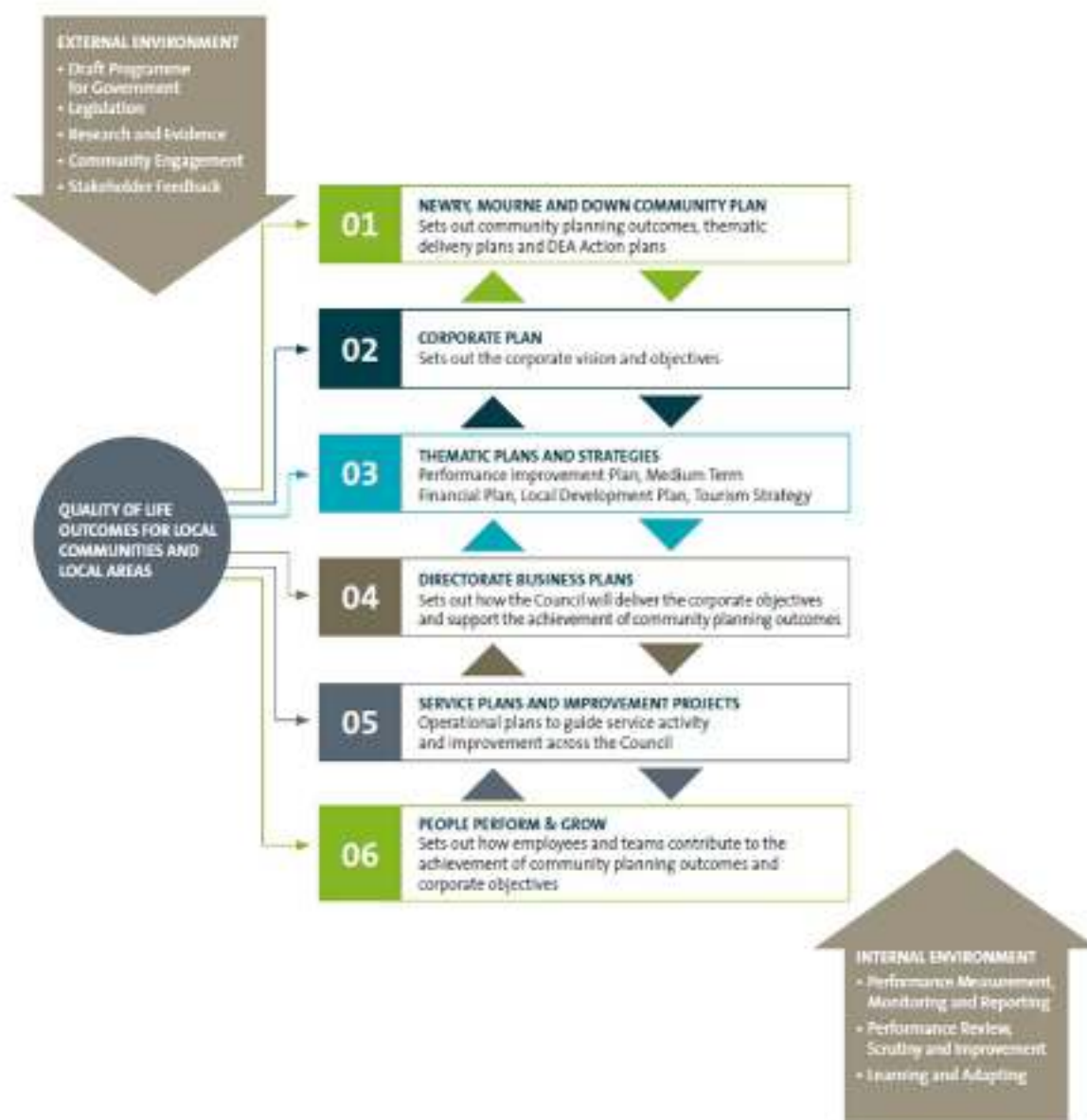
1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Active and Healthy Communities Directorate (AHC) is responsible for leisure and sporting facilities, health and wellbeing programmes and community engagement structures across the district. The Directorate has overall responsibility for the management of the PCSP and Good Relations, and performs a lead role in promoting Community Planning within the Council and across the district.
- 1.2 The core responsibilities of the Directorate are:
 - **Leisure and Recreation**
 - **Local Parks and Open Spaces**
 - **Sports Development**
 - **Community Planning**
 - **Evidence & Research**
 - **Engagement and Community Development**
 - **Community Services, Facilities and Community Events**

2.0 Background and Context

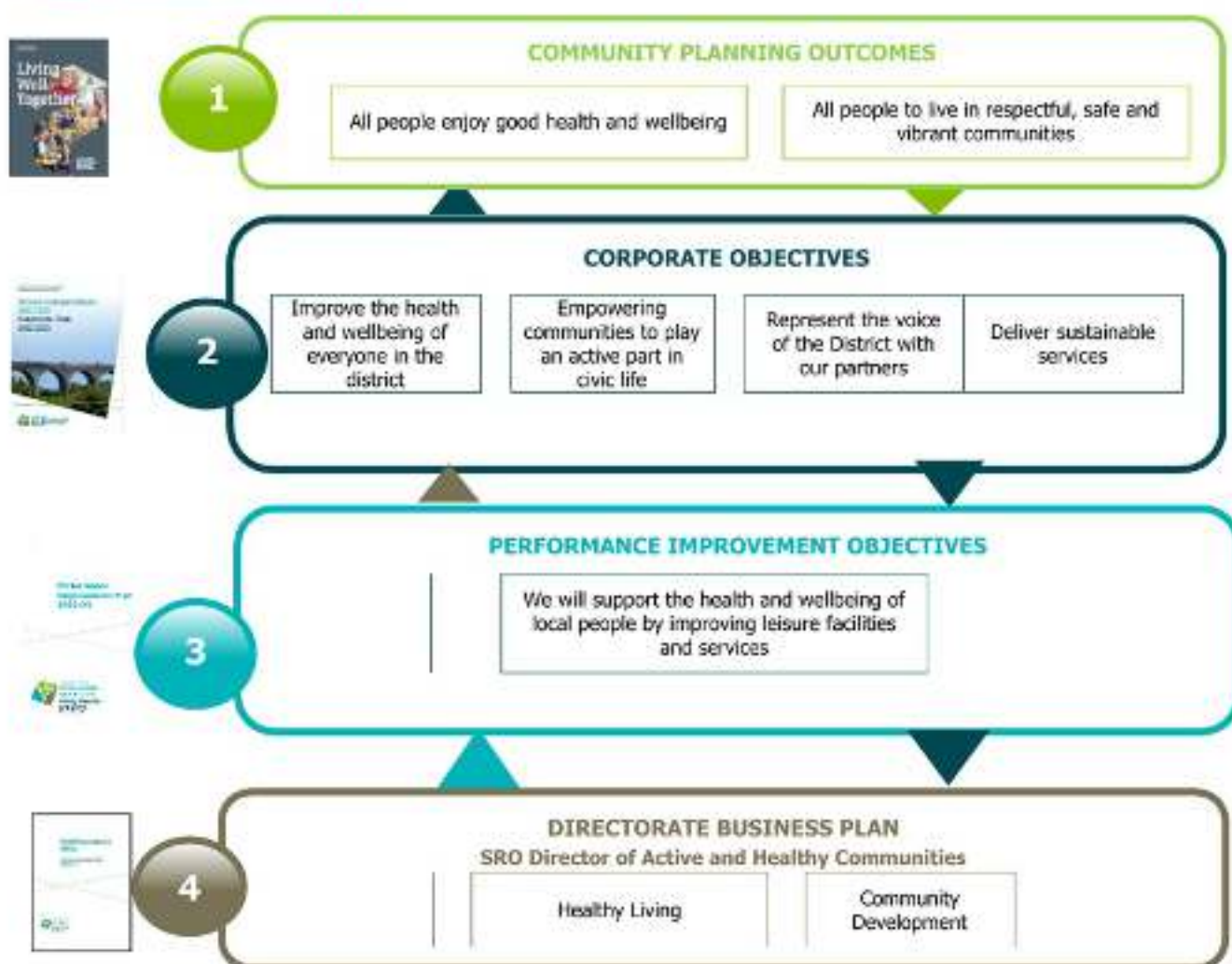
- 2.1 The AHC Business Plan was developed within the context of the Community Plan and draft Corporate Plan 2024-27. The Community Plan sets out the long-term outcomes for the District, based on the needs and aspirations of local people. The Corporate Plan sets out the key strategic objectives for the Council between 2024-27, and how it will contribute to achieving the community planning outcomes.
- 2.2 The Community Plan and Corporate Plan are cross cutting and strategic in nature. They guide all activity within the organisation, as well as the subsequent allocation of resources, and sit within a hierarchy of plans, as outlined in the 'Business Planning and Performance Management Framework' (Figure 1).
- 2.3 The Business Planning and Performance Management Framework drives and provides assurance that the Council is delivering its corporate vision and objectives, whilst securing continuous improvement in the exercise of functions. It provides a mechanism to join up and cascade the various plans and strategies across the organisation, demonstrating how employees contribute to achieving community planning outcomes and corporate objectives, for the ultimate benefit of the citizens we serve.

Figure 1: Business Planning and Performance Management Framework



- 2.4 Whilst the Corporate Plan focuses on issues which cut across the organisation and are strategic in nature, the AHC Business Plan provides an overview of the key operational activities for the coming year. These activities are explicitly linked to corporate objectives and coupled with 'business as usual' service delivery, provide clear direction for all employees within the Directorate (Figure 2). Directorate Business Plans are supported by Service Plans and the 'People Perform and Grow' initiative.
- 2.5 The AHC Business Plan is published annually and is the basis upon which performance is managed and reviewed by the full Council, Active and Healthy Communities Committee and Senior Management Team.

Figure 2: AHC alignment across the Business Planning and Performance Management Framework



3.0 Purpose and Values

3.1 Purpose

3.1.1 The primary purpose of the AHC Directorate is to develop, implement and monitor key strategic frameworks to support better leisure, sport, health and wellbeing outcomes and build community capacity and promote good relations at a local level.

3.1.2 The bulk of departmental activity is aligned to the following corporate objectives:

- Improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the District.
- Empowering communities to play an active part in civic life.
- Represent the voice of the District with our partners.
- Deliver sustainable services.

3.2 Values

3.2.1 The Department adheres to the Council's values which are outlined in the draft Corporate Plan 2024-27:

	What This Means
Respect	We will demonstrate respect for all people in our attitudes, behaviours and working relationships.
Transparency	We will be transparent in how we make decisions.
Excellence	We will take pride in our work and be passionate about the standards we strive to achieve.
Integrity	We want the people of our district to trust us to do the right thing.
Accountability	We will be accountable to the public for our decisions and actions. We will be accountable for how we plan for and use resources sustainably

3.2.2 In accordance with the Section 75 requirements of the Northern Ireland Act (1998), the Chief Executive's Department is committed to carrying out its functions having due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and regard for the desirability to promote good relations. All new and revised policies, procedures and programmes of work will be subject to an equality screening and rural needs impact assessment (where appropriate).

4.0 Challenges and Opportunities

- 4.1 The Active and Healthy Communities Directorate was established in December 2014. The Department continues to evolve in line with organisational change and remains committed to developing and embedding the necessary plans, policies, and processes to deliver improvement across the organisation. Influences within the external and internal environment continuously present challenges and opportunities, which have an impact on the overall management and operation of the Active and Healthy Communities Directorate.
- 4.2 The various (internal and external) challenges and opportunities for the department are summarised as follows:

External Environment

- **Legislation:** Ensuring legislative compliance with The Local Government (NI) Act 2014 and subsequent Orders, specifically in relation to the Duty of

Community Planning, Duty of Improvement and Political Governance, legislative changes as a result of external factors.

- **Strategic Alliances:** Collaborating with stakeholders to address the impact of budget reductions and to continue to operate amidst wider political uncertainty.
- **Community Planning:** Strengthening existing partnerships and progressing the implementation of the four Thematic Delivery Plans to support the achievement of the long-term community planning outcomes.
- **Local Government Reform:** Addressing legacy issues and successfully integrating the powers and functions created by Local Government Reform.
- **Evidence Based Decision-Making:** Ongoing collation of national, regional and local datasets to inform and influence local decision-making, policy development and service provision.
- **Global trends:** Considering the impact of COVID-19, Brexit, cost of living crisis, climate change, complex social issues, the needs of a growing and ageing population, growing health inequalities, increased demand for public services, fluctuations in crime and rates of anti-social behavior and rising customer expectations on public service provision.

Internal Environment

- **Management:** Successfully improving Directorate performance in terms of its structure, governance and internal processes.
- **Resources:** Identifying and securing the financial and non-financial resources needed for the Directorate to promote healthy and sustainable communities.
- **Structure:** Maintaining the departmental structure to ensure delivery of the corporate objectives and to meet the challenge of corporate restructuring and transfer of new or emerging services.
- **Legislation:** Ensuring corporate legislative compliance in respect of key statutory obligations, including Equality (Section 75), Performance Improvement as well as Community Planning which augments existing service delivery.
- **Community Planning:** Developing partnerships that will deliver local area-based plans to deliver on the Council's Community Plan.
- **Performance Management:** Continually monitoring and reviewing the department's performance, highlighting areas of high performance as well as identifying areas for intervention.
- **Transformation and Improvement:** Successfully developing and implementing a transformational programme of change that drives out the efficiencies and improvements that both members and the public demand.
- **Property and Land Assets:** Successfully developing and implementing the necessary frameworks, policies and processes to support the effective and efficient management of the department's estate.

5.0 Cross-Cutting Themes and Actions

There are a number of cross cutting actions aligned to the Community Planning Partnership priorities, Community Wealth Building and Sustainability and Climate Change that span across all Directorates and contribute to the fulfillment of Directorate Objectives, Corporate Objectives and ultimately Community Planning Outcomes.

Acronym	Theme
CWB	Community Wealth Building
CPP	Community Planning Partnership priorities
SCC	Sustainability and Climate Change

Community Planning Partnership Priorities

While all actions will contribute to the delivery of the Community Plan, some actions may be considered appropriate to be contained within the Community Planning Partnership Priorities.

Relevant priorities should:

- Align to the outcomes of the Community Plan
- Involve collaborative working across statutory and community voluntary sector partners for both design and delivery.
- Report through the Community Planning Structures
- Measure and report impacts and outcomes

Community Wealth Building

Community Wealth Building is an approach to the way that economies function, retaining more wealth and opportunity for the benefit of local people.

Sustainability and Climate Change

Sustainability and the climate change emergency continues to be a key driver of Council with the key objective of improving the lives and livelihoods of the people who live and work here.

6.0 Directorate Objectives and Supporting Actions

Key Office Objectives		
<p>Healthy Living – Promote increased levels of activity and develop targeted programmes to support improved health and wellbeing outcomes.</p> <p>Community Development – Create a strong base to engage, empower and build the capacity of local communities, ensuring their views inform the work of the Council and its partners.</p> <p>Work with partners to lead the implementation of the Community Plan and deliver better outcomes for local people.</p> <p>Develop a robust and reliable evidence base to underpin and inform future decision-making and policy development processes.</p>		
Community Development		
Create a strong base to engage, empower and build the capacity of local communities, ensuring their views inform the work of the Council and its partners.	ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN	
	Empowering communities to play an active part in civic life.	
Supporting actions	Timescale	Cross-Cutting Theme
Develop a 'Community Development Strategy' to include the role of DEA Fora, PCSP, Good Relations, Neighborhood Renewal, Community Services, Community Planning, Community Funding, and Consultation/Engagement.	Q4	CPP
Progress a model for the future delivery of Council's Community Facilities, aligned with CWB and Council's Asset Management Strategy.	Q4	CWB, SCC
Development and delivery of the PCSP and Good Relations Action Plans.	Q1-4	
Proactively and positively engage through the Ethnic Minority Support Center for Downpatrick and Newry. Deliver the Social Inclusion Action Plan.	Q1-4	
Progress the development of the All-Island Community Safety Network, with cross-border partners.	Q1-4	

Work with partners to lead the implementation of the Community Plan and deliver better outcomes for local people.	ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN	
	Empowering communities to play an active part in civic life.	
Supporting actions	Timescale	Cross-Cutting Theme
Review the Community Plan Document reflecting on existing good partnership working, including the stakeholder forum.	Q3	CPP
Review and implement effective coordination between Community Planning, DEA Fora and other existing partnerships.	Q3	CWB
Co-deliver Community Planning Thematic Workshops in each DEA around the outcomes of the Health and Wellbeing Summit.	Q1-4	CPP
Review "Accessible Housing" Action plan, report on progress and identify further steps to address emerging housing issues across the district.	Q2	CPP
Develop a robust and reliable evidence base to inform decision making, policy development and service provision.	ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN	
	Deliver sustainable services.	
Supporting actions	Timescale	Cross-Cutting Theme
Work in partnership with the Capital Projects team to update asset mapping, incorporating Partner assets where available.	Q1-4	CWB

Leisure and Sport		
Promote increased levels of activity and develop targeted programmes to support improved health and wellbeing outcomes	ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN	
	Improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the district.	
Supporting actions	Timescale	Cross Cutting Theme
Review and consolidate existing strategies and action plans into a single overarching 'Health and Wellbeing Strategy'.	Q4	
Deliver a range of targeted health programs, in collaboration with our Community Planning Partners, to encourage participation in physical activity and to improve health outcomes for all.	Q2-Q4	CPP
Increase usage of all indoor and outdoor leisure facilities.	Q1-Q4	
Review outdoor leisure and sports facilities in line with CWB and Council's asset management strategy to maximise participation by community stakeholders.	Q2-Q4	CWB
Continue to progress the delivery of key capital projects including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newry City Park Warrenpoint Health and Wellbeing Hub Newcastle Recreation Facilities Kilkeel Leisure Centre Multi Sports Hub Community Trails Dunleath Pump Track Continue to invest in community and sports facilities in line with Council's facilities management and maintenance objectives.	Q1-Q4	
Review and implement a preventative maintenance program in indoor leisure facilities to maximize customer usage and increase customer satisfaction, in partnership with Council's Facilities Management and Maintenance team.	Q2-Q4	SCC

Support and protect everyone in our District from harm by working in partnership with other bodies, to implement and promote broader prevention measures, thereby continuing to mitigate existing and emerging safeguarding risks, for both Council & Citizens.	Q1-Q4	
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7.0 Performance

7.1 In addition to managing and monitoring financial and human resources, the following performance measures will be monitored during 2024-25:

Measures of Success
Healthy Living <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of attendances at leisure facilities. • Number of participants engaged in physical activity programmes and health and wellbeing initiatives. • Number of recorded visits at community trails. • Customer satisfaction levels at indoor and outdoor leisure facilities.
Community Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of events and programs including attendance levels. • Number of contacts recorded through the Ethnic Minority Support Centre. • Compliance with the statutory Duty of Community Planning. • Amount of external funding secured by Council for delivery of AHC programmes. • PCSP/Good Relations events delivered and participation levels. • Number of referrals to PCSP Home Secure & Social Alarm Schemes. • Number of cross-community safety events (minimum 2 per annum). • Number of Community Planning Actions co-designed and delivered.

AHC Plans, Strategies and Policies

7.2 The AHC Directorate is responsible for leading the development, implementation and review of the following plans and strategies, which influence the work of both the Directorate and Council:

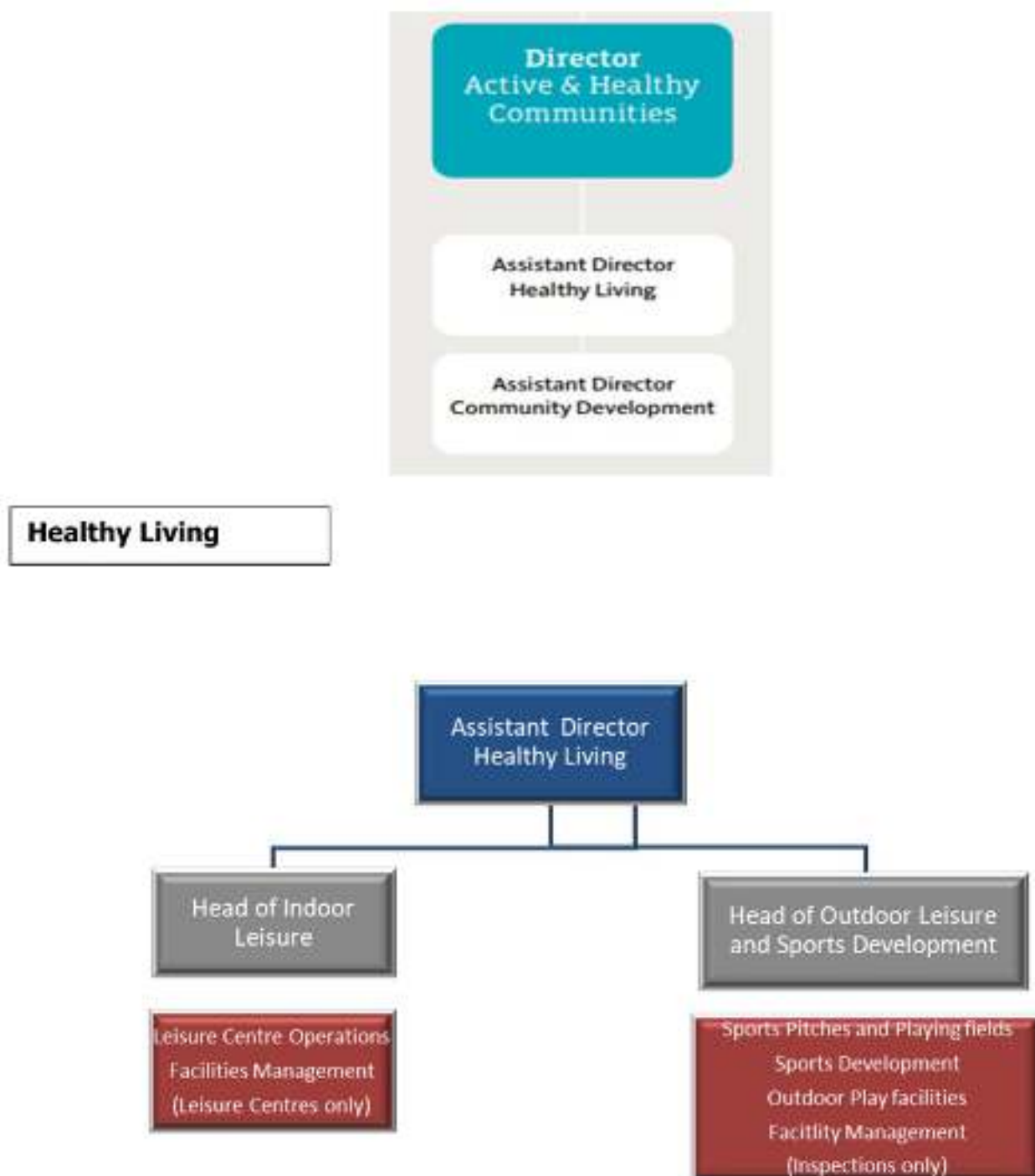
- Department Business
- Community Centre Effectiveness Review
- Play Strategy and Actions Plan
- Sports Facilities Strategy and Action Plan
- MUGA Strategy and Action Plan
- PCSP Action Plan
- NHR Action Plans
- 7 DEA Action Plans

- Good Relations Action Plan
- Community Plan

8.0 Organisation and Directorate Structure

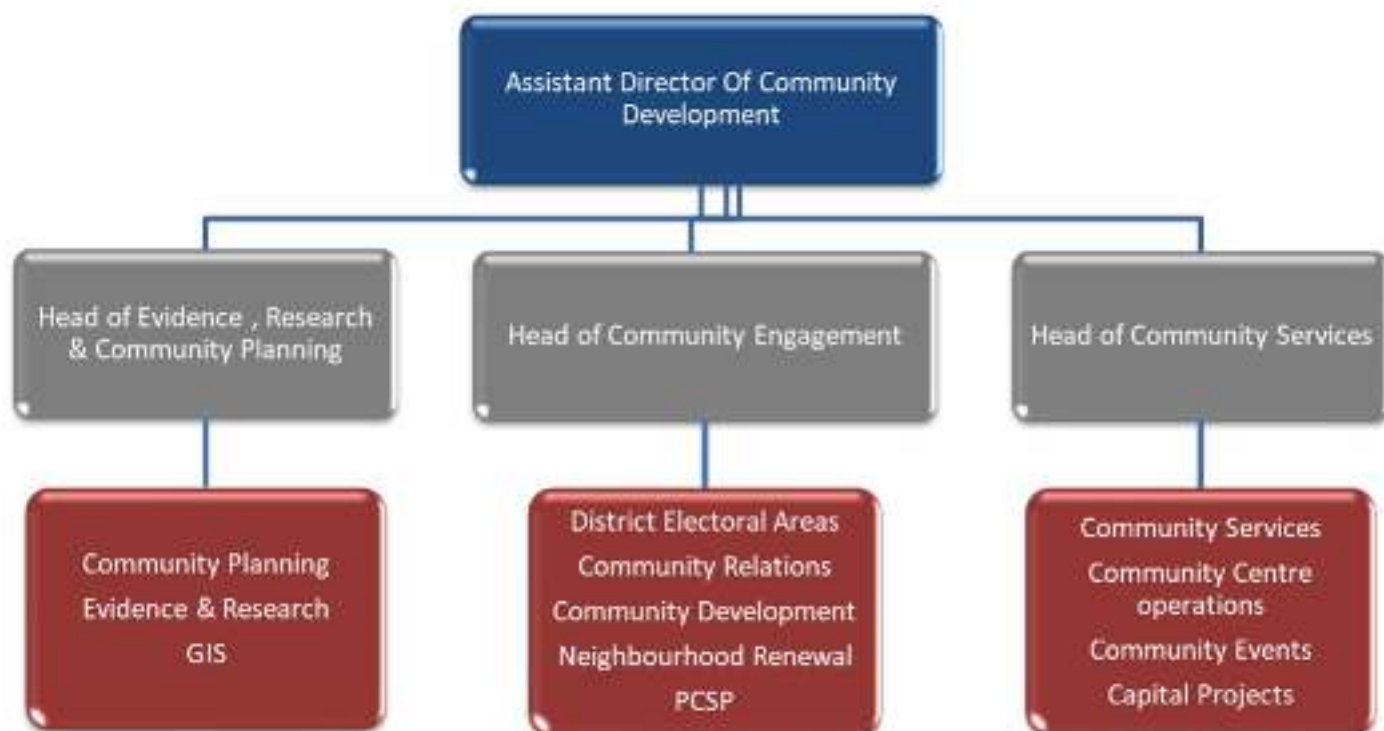
8.1 The Active and Healthy Communities Directorate is one of four Departments, which together comprise the management structure of the Council. The Directorate structure is set out in Figure 4.

Figure 4 – Active and Healthy Communities



Community Development

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9.0 Financial Information

Net estimated expenditure (2024-25)	
Community Engagement	£393,276
Health and Wellbeing	£
Sports and Leisure	£
TOTAL: Active and Healthy Communities Directorate	£

10.0 Governance Arrangements

10.1 Reviewing performance and reporting progress to Elected Members and other key stakeholders facilitates transparency, accountability and improvement in everything the Council does. The political and organisational governance arrangements to develop, monitor and report the Council’s progress in implementing the AHC Business Plan are outlined below, and are supplemented by regular reviews by the Director and his team. The governance arrangements the Council has put in place to deliver continuous improvement are also subject an annual audit and assessment by the Northern Ireland Audit Office.

Figure 4: Governance Arrangements



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Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2024
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manger Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose <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. Background <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.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	None.				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	That the Committee: <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">➢ The Mourne DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 2024.➢ Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 4 June 2024.➢ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 6 June 2024.➢ Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 11 June 2024.				
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	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

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>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs. Appendix 2: Action Sheet of The Mourne's DEA Forum Private Meeting, 21 May 2024. Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting, 4 June 2024. Appendix 4: Action Sheet of Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting, 6 June 2024. Appendix 5: Action Sheet of Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting, 11 June 2024.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

Appendix 1

Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs

The following information is provided to update the AHC Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.

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

Level of Health Status:

Newry DEA supported a city-wide women's soccer tournament. More than 14 clubs participated in the family friendly event which is aimed at supporting the growth of women in sport.

The Mourne DEA will be working with a number of Men's Sheds and other men's groups to highlight Men's Health week. There will be a total of three events taking place in The Mourne DEA.

Crotlieve DEA funded by the Multiply Project will be hosting a Men's Health Event on Saturday 22nd June 2024 in Kilbroney Park. 80 men from Men's Sheds across Crotlieve will be invited to participate in health checks, outdoor games and team building. A BBQ will close the event.

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

Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:

Slieve Gullion and Newry DEAs, supported by the Council's Sports Development Team, held a Sports Funding information session. 18 clubs were represented at the session and received free advice on submitting successful funding applications and how to find sports specific funders.

The Slieve Gullion DEA Coordinator provided funding support to a number of groups including:

- 3 groups with a Council Facilities Management Agreement (FMA) to claim their financial assistance
- 3 groups supported with funding applications to the National Lottery Community Fund
- 1 group supported with a funding application to Heart of Ireland Fund
- 21 queries from individuals/groups regarding Council Financial Assistance 2024/2025 Call 1 letters received – both successful and unsuccessful groups
- 14 groups supported to apply for funding under the Council's Financial Assistance 2024/2025 Call 2

On Wednesday 15th May 2024 a Community Connectivity Event for Rowallane DEA took place in the Downshire Civic Centre with guest speaker Adrian Bird from the Resurgam Trust outlining how their group formed and developed. The event provided an opportunity for newly formed groups to learn from long established groups on how to attract volunteers and keep them without burning out members. Representatives were also on hand from the NIFRS, PCSP, EA, CDCRN and PSNI to converse with attendees on partnership working.

Rowallane DEA in partnership with Downpatrick and Slieve Croob DEAs organised a drop in Funding Fair on Wednesday 29th May 2024. Local community groups had the opportunity to meet with funding experts to hear about available funding streams, get tips on how to make a successful application and discuss potential projects.

Crotlieve DEA supported a family fun day at Kilbroney Integrated PS in May 2024. The event brought local families together to celebrate 25 years of Integrated Education in the community.

In Newry City, Little Amal was greeted by children from St Joseph's Convent PS, Bunscoil an Iúir, St Patrick's PS and Windsor Hill PS. Children took part in a music making workshop and created bell tambourines, trumpets and maracas. Together the children took part in a dynamic drumming workshop outside Newry Town Hall. The session was designed to represent Amal's pounding heart and how she gains courage

through the unity of communities coming together. Amal and her new friends then made their way through the heart of the city accompanied by a colourful parade and was bid farewell from Newry Cathedral.

Downpatrick and The Mournes DEAs will be delivering an Eid al-Adha event on Sunday 16th June 2024. The event will bring together Muslim families from the two areas to celebrate.

The Mournes DEA continue to link with statutory agencies and the Council's Social Inclusion Support Officer to provide support and opportunities for engagement for asylum seekers recently accommodated in the area.

All 7 DEAs will be providing support to groups to apply for funding from the Council's Financial Assistance 2024/2025 Call 2.

Level of Personal Safety and Crime:

Downpatrick, The Mournes, Rowallane and Slieve Croob DEAs in partnership with the PCSP, Downpatrick Neighbourhood Policing Team and Lisburn YMCA are hosting an information evening for parents and guardians who are concerned about the impact of children smoking vapes on Thursday 6th June 2024 in The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick.

Crotlieve DEA will be supporting Youth Consultation events in partnership with the Education Authority throughout the month of June 2024. The events will seek to establish the needs of young people in the DEA leading to an educational programme that will challenge risk taking behaviours.

All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Benefit from a Clean, Quality and Sustainable Environment:

Level of quality living environment:

The Mournes DEA has been supporting the Kilkeel Feasibility Study to look at possible potential redevelopment and utilisation of Kilkeel Square and its immediate environs. Draft report to be completed for review.

Newry DEA in collaboration with Amplified Arts NI and Newry BID has launched an exciting urban reimagining project aimed at adding vibrancy and cultural significance to the city centre. This initiative first involves transforming mundane utility boxes scattered throughout the city centre into works of art. These utility boxes, often overlooked in urban landscapes, will now serve as canvases for expressing the unique identity and spirit of Newry. The artwork designs are meticulously crafted by local artists who work alongside different community groups to decide the theme and concept for each of the pieces. Phase 2 of the project sees important environmental messaging about recycling and supporting local wildlife.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 4.00pm Kilkeel Leisure Centre & Teams

Chairperson:

Councillor Glyn Hanna

In Attendance:

Councillor Jill Truesdale
Councillor Michael Rice
Councillor Henry Reilly

Independent Members:

Paula Nixon, County Down Rural Community Network
Lloyd Douglas, Frontier Support Network
Donna McConnell, Kilkeel Development Association

Statutory Partners:

Annie Clarke, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Others in Attendance:

None

Council Officials:

Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator, The Mournes
Aisling Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager

Apologies:

Councillor Leeanne McEvoy
Councillor Laura Devlin
Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement
Laura Sage, Community Facilities Manager
Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer
Wayne Morris, Education Authority
Clare Shiels, County Down Rural Community Network
Kenny Gracey, PSNI

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
MOU/2024/1	Welcome/Apologies	Welcome by Cllr Hanna.	Noted.
MOU/2024/2	Declarations of Interest	None made.	Noted.
MOU/2024/3	Action Sheet 19 th March 2024	Brief update and overview of the actions from the previous Forum meeting was given.	Noted.
MOU/2024/6	DEA Coordinator's Update	DEA Coordinator provided an update on proposed programmes and initiatives that will take place between May and June as well as the Council's Call 2 Financial Assistance.	Noted.
MOU/2024/7	PCSP Update	<p>Read: Update report from PCSP.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding Bryansford being placed on the waiting list for speed indicator signs.</p> <p>A query was also made regarding frequency of speed camera van placement in that area.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Truesdale agreed to follow up re SID waiting list and Bryansford.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator to contact PSNI regarding frequency of speed camera visits to Bryansford area. PSNI to be invited to attend the next meeting of the Forum.</p>

DMOU/2024/12	Flat Sandbags	<p>Cllr Truesdale queried if flat sandbags could be acquired and made available particularly for older residents and those unable to lift heavy sandbags.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator advised the Forum that flat sandbags were not provided by DFI or Rivers Agency and would have to be purchased.</p>	Noted.
MOU/2024/13	Availability of Sandbags in Kilkeel Leisure Centre	<p>Cllr Rice queried if sandbags are stocked in Kilkeel Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Agreed to seek clarification regarding the possibility of a container for storage of sandbags being provided at the Kilkeel Leisure Centre site.</p>	DEA Coordinator to action.
MOU/2024/14	Ben Crom Park	<p>Cllr Rice inquired about an update on the possibility of closing and opening Ben Crom Park to help reduce issues around anti-social behaviour.</p>	DEA Coordinator to update Forum on decision of residents regarding opening and closing of Ben Crom Park.
MOU/2024/15	Donard Carpark	<p>Cllr Clarke requested an update on the meeting regarding anti-social behaviour in Donard Carpark.</p> <p>Query regarding traffic issues at Donard Park and possible provision of higher speed ramps.</p>	DEA Coordinator to invite Outdoor Leisure Officer to the next Forum meeting.

MOU/2024/9	Agency Updates	Agency updates from CDRCN and the Southern Health and Social Care Trust were given.	Noted.
MOU/2024/12	Kilkeel Feasibility Study	A Feasibility Study has been undertaken to look at possible potential redevelopment and utilisation of Kilkeel Square and its immediate environs.	Regeneration, Business Support and Development Officer to be invited to the next Forum meeting to give an update.
MOU/2024/13	Aughrim River	Aughrim River study report.	Head of Maintenance to be invited to the next Forum meeting to provide an update.
MOU/2024/14	Council Departmental Structure	A request was made for provision of an up-to-date Council Departmental Structure.	DEA Coordinator to action.
MOU/2024/15	Business Representation on Forum	A need for Business representation on the DEA Forum was identified.	Forum members to put forward nominations for Kilkeel and Newcastle areas.
MOU/2024/10	Emerging Issues	Access to Kilkeel beach by local schools was queried. A request to move the Christmas tree at Ballymartin to Murlough Close was raised. Clarification into the criterion for village status (with respect to village plans) was requested.	DEA Coordinator to seek an update. DEA Coordinator to link with the relevant department and update the Forum. DEA Coordinator to seek relevant clarification.
MOU/2024/11	Meeting Dates	Next meeting on Tuesday 23 rd July in Newcastle Centre @ 4pm.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 5.30pm

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Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 04th June 2024 at 18.00 pm in The Boardroom Warrenpoint Town Hall	
Chairperson:	Councillor Mark Gibbons
In Attendance:	Councillor Declan McAteer Councillor Kate Murphy Councillor Selina Murphy
Independent Members:	Claire Shields - County Down Rural Community Network Martina Byrne- Hilltown Community Association/Clonduff Development Enterprise/Women of Clonduff
Statutory Partners:	Carie Crawford – Education Authority Deirdre Magill - Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Council Officials:	Shirley Keenan – Crotlieve DEA Co-ordinator Aisling Rennick – Engagement & Development Manager Declan Crilly – Outdoor Leisure Officer
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Micky Ruane Damien Brannigan – Head of Engagement Connaire McGreevy – Greater Newry Chamber of Commerce Keith Parke - Ardarragh Accordion Band/Lisnamullion Rural Association/Drumlough & Ballygorian RDA Shannon Creaney – PCSP Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/22/2024	Welcome and Apologies.	Councillor Gibbons welcomed Members and noted apologies.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/23/2024	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/24/2024	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 16 th April 2024.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Selina Murphy and seconded by Councillor Kate Murphy.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/25/2024	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	Update from DEA Co-ordinator Ms S Keenan on projects and programmes that had taken place from the date of the last meeting. Update also provided on Multiply Funding.	Noted.

DEA/C/26/2024	Update from Community Safety and Good Relations.	Update provided by PCSP by way of written report.	Noted.
DEA/C/27/2024	Action Plan Update/New Projects.	<p>Upcoming projects agreed by Forum Members to be resourced from Forum Budget.</p> <p>Programmes/Projects include: ASB Diversionary Summer Programmes in partnership with EA and PCSP; Summer Community Inclusion Sign Choir. Positive Ageing Tea Dance in October. Christmas Intergenerational Project.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Declan McAteer and seconded by Councillor Selina Murphy.</p>	DEA Co-ordinator to continue with delivery and implementation.
DEA/C/28/2024	Proposed Sale of Land JK Kennedy Park Burren.	<p>Update provided by Mr D Crilly Outdoor Leisure Officer.</p> <p>It was agreed that NIHE would be contacted with regards to whether they have plans to provide housing on the site, in addition an inquiry will be made with regards to whether NIHE would be prepared to sell the land to Council.</p>	<p>Leisure Services to action.</p> <p>Leisure Services to report back to the Forum in due course.</p>

DEA/C/29//2024	Update from Education Authority.	<p>Update provided by Ms C Crawford EA.</p> <p>Information provided regarding Summer Provision.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Selina Murphy and seconded by Councillor Declan McAteer that Crotlieve DEA Forum work in partnership with the EA to assist with resourcing the summer provision.</p> <p>It was further agreed that Ms Aileen O'Callaghan Senior Youth Officer of NM&D in EA be invited to the next Forum meeting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator.</p>
DEA/C/30/2024	Update from SHSCT.	<p>Update provided by Ms D Magill, Promoting Wellbeing Team SHSCT.</p>	Noted.
DEA/C/31/2024	Men's Health Event.	DEA Co-ordinator provided details of an event to be held on 22 nd June 2024 in Kilbroney Park in respect of Men's Health Week. The event is funded by the Multiply Project.	DEA Co-ordinator.

DEA/C/32/2024	NMDDC Financial Assistance Call.	Some discussion was held regarding Call 1 of the Council's Financial Assistance Programme.	Noted.
DEA/C/33/2024	Action Cancer Bus.	It was agreed that Crotlieve DEA would fund one Action Cancer Bus in partnership with CDRCN in this financial year. CDRCN will put out an EOI in order to establish the most suitable location.	DEA Co-ordinator.
DEA/C/34/2024	Halloween 2023 Mayobridge and Burren.	DEA Co-ordinator provided details from Council department on cost of clean-up operation for Halloween 2023. Item to remain on Agenda.	Noted.
DEA/C/35/2024	Date of Next Meeting.	The next meeting date: 10 th September 2024 at 6pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance.

The meeting ended at: 19:45 pm

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 06th June 2024 at 2.30pm in Boardroom, Monaghan Row

Chairperson:	Councillor Aidan Mathers
In Attendance:	Councillor Cathal King
Independent Members:	Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups Allison Slater, Family Support Hub Colin Hanna, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Statutory Partners:	Gavin Grady, PSNI Deirdre Magill, SHSCT Niamh McNamee, Education Authority Youth Service Pauline McQuillan, Education Authority Youth Service Josephine Morgan, NIHE
Council Officials:	Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Connor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure Kerri McConnell, Head of Indoor Leisure Peter O'Hare, Newry Leisure Centre Manager Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Valerie Harte Councillor Geraldine Kearns Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network Noreen Rice, Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Maria Hamill, Area Learning Group Thelma Thompson, Altnaveigh House Ltd Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2024/1	Declarations of Interest	No declarations made.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2024/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 28 th March 2024	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
	Forum Meeting Changes	Members agreed to increase the frequency of Forum meetings to monthly from the next meeting in August and change start time to 1.00pm, subject to approval at AHC Committee and ratification by Council.	Approved.
DEA/N/2024/3	McCreesh Park	Update requested in relation to current D1 process.	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2024/4	PCSP and Good Relations Update	Shannon Creaney provided an update in relation to Call 1 Financial Assistance allocations, Schools and Community Initiatives, and Summer Diversionary. Members requested that PCSP engage with Housing Associations with regards partnership working during summer period.	PCSP Officer to progress request.
DEA/N/2024/5	Multiply Project Update	DEA Coordinator provided an update on the Council's successful application for funding from the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund through the Department for Economy towards the Multiply Project.	

		Information to be circulated to members when available. Members requested an update on the project be presented to the Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.	DEA Coordinator to Progress.
DEA/N/2024/6	Pride of Place 2024	DEA Coordinator provided an update in relation to nomination of Cuan Mhuire under the City Category for Health and Wellbeing.	Approved.
DEA/N/2024/7	Invasive Weeds – Newry City Park	Conor Haughey provided an update in relation to management of invasive weeds at the Albert Basin area including proposed works.	Noted.
DEA/N/2024/8	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator's update report given. Details relating to upcoming programmes and events to be circulated.	Noted.
DEA/N/2024/9	Independent Members and Statutory Partners Update	<p>Update from Deirdre Magill, SHSCT, in relation to several activities and initiatives relating to Volunteer Week, Men's Health Week, and Carers' Week. Updates on Verve Network, Ethnic Minority Support and the random acts of connectedness appeal also detailed.</p> <p>Update from Allison Slater, Family Support Hub, in relation to several activities and initiatives relating to Autism Connect, Family Support Hub, and Social Café.</p> <p>Update from Raymond Jackson, CCG, in relation to Community Coordination Hub and scoping of opportunities for community hardship support.</p>	Information to be circulated.

		Update from Niamh McNamee and Pauline McQuillan, EA, regarding upcoming summer interventions for young people, social inclusion group, and Horizons project for 2024.	
DEA/N/2024/10	Homelessness	Update provided by DEA Coordinator in relation to Rough Sleepers in Newry. Members requested that the working group liaise with a pre-existing group set up to avoid duplication. Members requested data in relation to homeless figures for Newry be circulated.	DEA Coordinator to progress. Josephine Morgan, NIHE.
DEA/N/2024/11	ASB Newry Leisure Centre	Update relating to ASB at Newry Leisure Centre was given by Kerri McConnell and Peter O'Hare. PSNI to arrange meeting directly with staff at Leisure Centre to discuss issue and determine the next stages of intervention.	Kerri McConnell, Head of Indoor Leisure.
DEA/N/2024/12	ASB Catherine Street	Request PSNI visit the area to assess large gatherings of people in the area.	PSNI to progress.

The meeting ended at: 4.00pm

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/24/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/02	Declarations of Interest	None.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/03	Action Sheet of Meeting held on 13 th April 2024	Members agreed that Councillor Enright contact NIHE to organise a site meeting re the Walkway. The Action Sheet was noted.	Councillor Enright. Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/04	Appointment of Chair	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Hanlon, that Councillor Campbell be elected Chair of Downpatrick DEA Forum.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/05	Appointment of Vice Chair	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Enright, that Councillor Sharvin be elected Vice Chair of Downpatrick DEA Forum.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/06	DEA Co-Ordinator's Report	The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/07	List of Multiply Programmes	The DEA Co-Ordinator advised members of the Programme of Activities approved for the Multiply Programme to be rolled	Noted.

		out over the Newry, Mourne & Down District area. Members agreed that the Officer proceed with these programmes in the Downpatrick DEA.	
DEA/DPK/24/08	Update on Strangford/Killough Scheme	The DEA Co-Ordinator updated members on the progress of the two schemes in Strangford and Killough.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/24/09	Funding for Playgrounds for Private Organisations	A discussion ensued regarding funding to non-Council organisations to upgrade playgrounds on their own land. The DEA Co-Ordinator advised that the Downpatrick DEA cannot apply for funding on behalf of other organisations and that Council support the provision of playgrounds identified in the Play Strategy.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 6.20 pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2024
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To note the report.To consider and agree to approve an amendment to the District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol as proposed below and recommended in section 3.1 of this report. Background <p>The DEA Forums operate under a Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol which were last updated in October 2021. The DEA Forums currently meet Bi-Monthly. In response to a request for more frequent meetings, it is proposed to amend the DEA Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol (copy attached) under the heading MEETING FREQUENCY on page 3 as follows:</p> <p>DEA Forum private meetings will normally be held bi-monthly. However, meetings may be held more frequently i.e. Monthly, with the agreement of the Forum membership.</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	None.				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the report.Agree to approve the following amendment to the DEA Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol: <p>DEA Forum private meetings will normally be held bi-monthly. However, meetings may be held more frequently i.e. Monthly, with the agreement of the Forum membership.</p>				
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 - N/a</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix 1: DEA Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol with proposed amendment

8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.



District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol

The overarching aim of the DEA Forum is to consult, involve, listen and respond to communities as partners in the development and delivery of the Newry, Mourne and Down Community Plan

SCOPE:

1. To ensure local accountability by engaging with local communities on Newry, Mourne and Down's Community Plan.
2. To explore and maximise opportunities for communicating the Council's strategies and objectives.
3. To assist Council and key stakeholders in ensuring delivery of service reflects the involvement, views and priorities of local communities; thereby enabling communities to have ownership of and participate in the sharing and designing of policies and services.
4. To encourage key stakeholders to provide input into Council/shared information management systems in order to better inform local delivery of services.
5. To assist Council and key stakeholders in the prioritising of local issues defined within a particular geographical area and initiating the implementation of an agreed multi-agency plan of action.
6. To develop innovative approaches to the delivery of key objectives at a local level based on local information, promoting joint working and joint problem solving, and the sustainable development of communities.
7. To provide an environment for facilitated joint working by the community, voluntary, business and statutory sectors across identified issues and to assist in the development of sustainable communities.
8. To assist Council in developing community capacity within the defined District Electoral Area.
9. To operate as a mechanism for communication between the Council, community, business and relevant statutory and voluntary partners.
10. To link with the Thematic Delivery Partnerships to:
 - help the Partnerships achieve their outcomes and to contribute to performance against the indicators set out in the Community Plan.
 - work with the Thematic Delivery Partnerships to agree local activities and projects directly linked into the Community Plan indicators and outcomes most relevant for focus in each DEA.
 - monitor and review localised evidence on performance and outcomes to inform action planning.
 - develop local participation and empowerment.
 - help build local capacity.

OPERATING PROTOCOL

The Chairperson of each DEA Forum shall ensure that the meetings and business shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements set out in the DEA Fora Operating Protocols.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair and Vice-Chair of each DEA Forum shall be appointed by the Forum from amongst the Elected Members (Councillors). The period in office will be determined by each specific DEA Forum.

The office of Chair and Vice-Chair should be held in turn by each of the elected members represented on the Council immediately after the last local general election.

ABSENCE OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

If the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent from a/ meeting, those present shall elect one of the DEA Councillors to act as Chairperson.

RULING OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The ruling of the Chairperson upon all questions of order, and of matters arising in debate, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

MEETING AGENDA

The meeting agenda and supporting papers will be distributed to members in advance of scheduled dates (preferably 6 days in advance). The agenda shall not include 'Any other Business'. However, should an urgent issue present itself the Chair, or in their absence Vice-Chair, may be consulted as to whether this matter should be tabled at the meeting or whether a Special meeting is required.

Ad hoc meetings on site or to review presentations will not be minuted with only actions being recorded.

MEMBERSHIP

Each Forum shall be made up of all DEA Councillors and representatives from the business, community and voluntary sectors (a maximum of 8).

Statutory Partners will not be designated as Forum Members but will be invited to attend meetings to address relevant issues as they arise. These arrangements are detailed in a Partners Service Level Agreement.

Recruitment of Business, Community and Voluntary Sector Members

Independent DEA Forum Members will be recruited from the business, community and voluntary sectors following an open process and reviewed by a Reference Group from the Strategic Stakeholder Forum. Independent Members must represent a broad section of their sector and must therefore be nominated by either a recognised network of organisations or be nominated by a minimum of 3 organisations within the sector who are independent of each other.

An individual DEA Forum may actively seek to recruit Independent Members from an underrepresented sector.

The term of service for Independent DEA Forum Members will be in line with the Council term commencing from the 2023 Local Government Elections.

REPORTING MECHANISMS/DECISION MAKING

DEA Fora do not have decision making powers; they make recommendations only. Recommendations arising will be referred to the relevant Director for consideration/report to their Committee and included on the action sheet for noting by Active & Healthy Communities or will be tabled at the Active & Healthy Communities Committee for consideration and formal ratification at Council. (A detailed DEA Fora Operating Framework is attached in Appendix 1).

If a DEA believes that an issue in its DEA may impact strategically on other DEAs and should therefore be referred to the relevant Thematic Delivery Partnership for consideration, the respective DEA Coordinator will discuss the issue with the other DEA Fora/Chairs and the Head of Engagement. If the view is that the issue does affect other DEAs, then the DEA Coordinator whose DEA raised the matter will prepare a report in conjunction with the other relevant DEA Coordinators for consideration and response by the appropriate Thematic Delivery Partnership.

DEA Coordinators will be invited to attend meetings of the respective Thematic Delivery Partnership to which they have been nominated, to assist with local, thematic and strategic coordination of the Community Plan.

MEETING FREQUENCY

Proposed amendment in blue text below

DEA Forum private meetings will **normally** be held bi-monthly. **However, meetings may be held more frequently i.e. Monthly, with the agreement of the Forum membership.**

ATTENDANCE AT PRIVATE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Private Meetings

The Forum will meet in private. It shall be the responsibility of the Council to set the schedule for the holding of private meetings and the Chairperson to determine if and when it is necessary to hold additional meetings, to cover critical issues.

Attendance at private meetings of the Forum will be restricted to Forum Members and relevant partner organisations except as otherwise determined by the Forum Members. Attendance at private meetings of the Forum of invited organisations, groups or individuals shall be regulated by the Chairperson of the Forum. Maximum of 2 presentations per meeting.

The Forum will only establish working groups to deal with a particular issue of concern and which is not currently covered by an existing Thematic Delivery Partnership. These working groups should only meet over an agreed period of time and must report back to the Forum on progress against an agreed target.

Non-Attendance of Independent Members at Private Meetings

Any independent member who fails to attend three consecutive private meetings of the DEA Forum without reasonable explanation may be disqualified from membership of the DEA Forum for non-attendance. In such an event, the DEA Coordinator and the Chair of the DEA

Forum will seek to discuss with the member their non-attendance and also their membership of the DEA Forum in order to determine if the DEA Forum needs to seek a replacement member. The DEA Coordinator will keep a record of attendance at private meetings and will endeavour to notify independent members if they are in danger of breaching the requirement to attend three consecutive private meetings of the DEA Forum.

Public Engagement Events

The DEA Forum shall hold a minimum of three public engagement events per annum, which will be publicly advertised. The dates, times, venues and format of the events are to be agreed by the Forum and should facilitate engagement with the public and reflect local priorities relating to the Community Plan.

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OR EVENTS

Where possible, at least ten days before the date on which a public engagement event is due to be held it shall be publicly advertised. The Members of the Forum shall endeavour to publicise public engagement events through their respective community networks.

MODE OF ADDRESS

Council staff and Members of the Forum shall address and speak to one another at all times in a respectful and courteous manner.

OFFENSIVE EXPRESSION

A Member shall not use offensive expression.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

The Chair, or a Member acting in the role of Chair, may order the removal from a Forum meeting or event any member of the public whose behaviour represents a threat to the orderly conduct of the business to be transacted.

When the Chairperson is of the opinion that the due and orderly dispatch of business during a meeting is impossible, they, in addition to any other power vested in them, may without question adjourn the meeting at their discretion for such period as they shall consider expedient.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The DEA Forum should seek to make recommendations and do so by agreement and consensus and therefore no voting will take place or be recorded. DEA Fora do not have decision making powers; they make recommendations only. Recommendations arising will be tabled at the Active & Healthy Communities Committee for consideration.

Should the DEA Forum recommendations require action/expenditure from another Council Section/Department, the DEA Coordinator should contact the appropriate Council Officer to arrange for the recommendation to be considered by the relevant Council Committee.

BUDGET

Each DEA Forum will have an operational budget which is allocated for Good Relations and Community Engagement purposes only and cannot be used for actions which are the responsibility of another Council Department or Public Body. Expenditure from the DEA Forum

budget must be allocated by the DEA Forum and subsequently approved by the AHC Committee.

It should be noted that, in line with Council Policy, DEA Forums are unable to provide Financial Assistance directly to any group. Requests from groups for Financial Assistance should be made to the Council's Financial Assistance Programme.

OFFICERS

DEA Co-ordinator, with Administration Support.

PRESS

Invitations to the press shall only be extended for public engagement events where it is appropriate to do so.

PUBLIC

Invitations to members of the public shall only be extended for attendance at public engagement events where it is appropriate to do so.

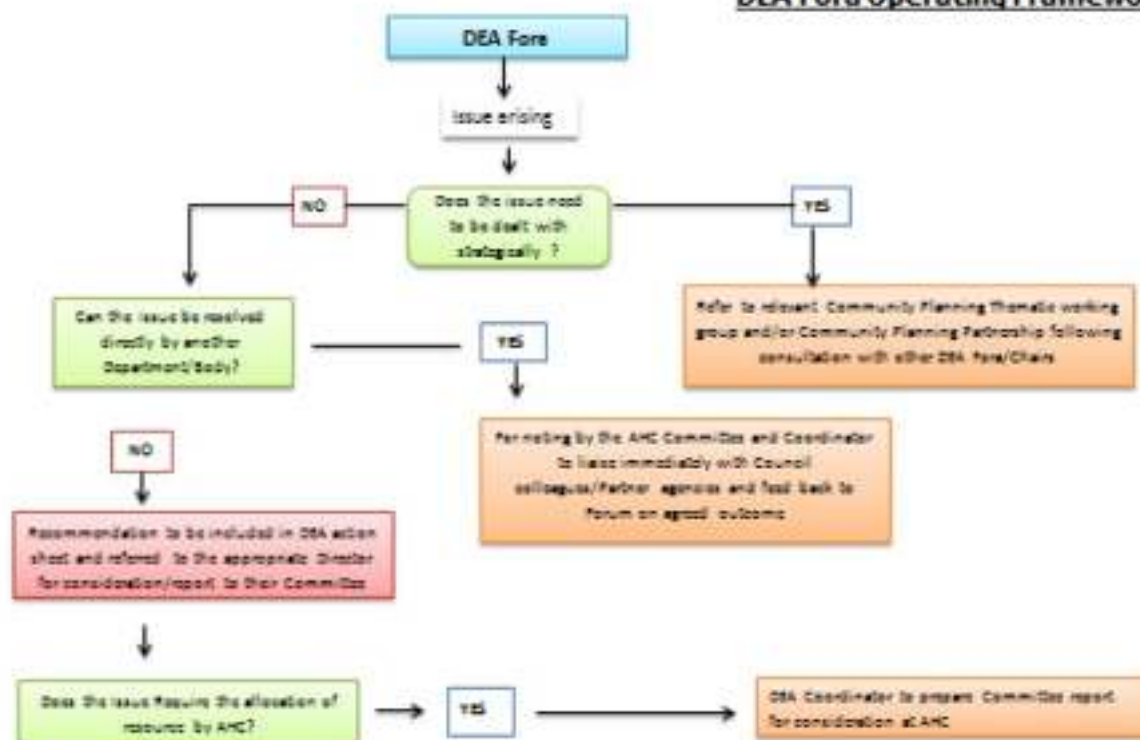
QUORUM

The quorum for meetings of the Forum shall be one quarter of their membership (rounded up to the nearest whole number).

Upon the attention of the Chair being called to the fact that there is not a quorum present, the Chair shall declare the meeting at an end.

Appendix 1

DEA Fora Operating Framework



Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2024
Subject:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP), Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director for Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2024. To note the attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting on Wednesday 22 May 2024. To note the attached Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2024, approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Tuesday 4 June. Background The attachments referenced above are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of the PCSP and Newry NRP.	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	None.	
3.0	Recommendations	
3.1	That the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2024. Note the attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting on Wednesday 22 May 2024. Note the attached Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2024, approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Tuesday 4 June. 	
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>
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 – N/a</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

7.1	Appendix 1: Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 26 March 2024 Appendix 2: Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting on Wednesday 27 March 2024 Appendix 3: Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Wednesday 24 January 2024
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

POLICING COMMITTEE AND POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing Committee and Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 6.00pm in the Downshire Chamber, Downpatrick and remotely via MS Teams

In attendance in Chamber:

Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC
 Councillor C Galbraith, NMDDC
 Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC (Chair)
 Councillor H Reilly, NMDDC
 Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
 Roisin Leckey, PBNI

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC
 Councillor D Taylor, NMDDC
 Councillor J Truesdale, NMDDC
 Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI
 Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, PSNI
 Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson, PSNI
 Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
 Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
 Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member
 Dan McEvoy, PCSP Independent Member
 Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member
 Donna Weir, EANI
 Michael Heaney, YJA

Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
 Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
 Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer
 Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer
 Amy McKeown, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, PCSP and Good Relations
 Shane McGivern, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer

1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

Councillor Hanlon welcomed Members to the Partnership meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Aidan Mathers, Councillor Killian Feehan and Councillor Roisin Howell.

Councillor Hanlon noted that it has been a busy time with a series of events taking place and expressed thanks to Members who had attended these.

Councillor Hanlon advised that the application process for PCSP Independent Members has now concluded. 16 candidates attended for interview in February with 12 shortlisted to the Merit List for appointment. The Policing Board will meet this week to confirm the appointments and the reconstitution date for the PCSP is set for 1 June 2024.

Councillor Hanlon added that there is still no confirmation of the PCSP budget for 2024/2025.

Councillor Hanlon reminded Members that there will be a community engagement event on 24 April in the St. Patrick Centre, Downpatrick. Councillor Hanlon added that a similar event took place in Newry which was well attended and asked Members to encourage attendance at the Downpatrick event.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting dated 30 January 2024

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 30 January 2024 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **On the proposal of Councillor Galbraith, seconded by Councillor Truesdale, it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 30 January 2024 as a true and accurate record.**

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 5

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 5 (copy circulated)

Superintendent Haslett reported that 99.9% of all victims of crime have been updated by Police within the ten-day target and there are currently no outstanding victim updates across the District.

Engagement

On 26 February, Newry NPT Officers attended the PCSP Community Safety and Wellbeing event at Newry Leisure Centre with the upgraded Mobile Engagement Unit. Newry NPT Officers also attended the promotional launch of the PCSP/PSNI children's activity booklet at St.Patrick's Primary School in Newry.

Officers from the South Down NPT attended a trailer marking event in Hilltown on 28 February.

Slieve Gullion NPT Officers held a meeting in February with representatives from An Garda

Síochána in order to facilitate and increase effective cross border engagement, this was led by Chief Inspector Corbett.

In February the Slieve Gullion South NPT hosted a two-day work experience event in conjunction with the PCSP - 22 students from across the District attended. Feedback was excellent with some of the students now considering policing as a viable career option.

In terms of Social Media, there are currently over 73,000 followers on Facebook with a fortnightly post reach of almost 600,000. On Twitter, there are almost 9,000 followers and on Nextdoor almost 14,500 Members with 34 posts to date from PSNI during this year.

Hate Crime

During this reporting period there has been a 27.7% decrease in hate motivated crime compared to the previous rolling 365-day period. During the same period hate motivated incidents have recorded an 8.7% decrease. Sectarian hate crimes and incidents are currently the highest reported followed by racial and then sexual orientation.

ASB

Superintendent Haslett noted that he was pleased to report that there were no significant sites of ASB being reported during this period. However, there normally is a seasonal increase in ASB in the Summer months and this is something that the PSNI are aware of.

Domestic Abuse

Superintendent Haslett advised that domestic incidents have decreased by 151 incidents in the current rolling period. There has been a significant reduction in domestic offences with a reduction of 394 offences compared to this time last year. The outcome rate for victims has increased from 29.8% to 33.3% - an increase of 3.5% which means that victims are getting a better outcome as a result of the criminal justice process.

PSNI are convinced that there is a greater confidence in domestic abuse victims reporting incidents to the PSNI, Women's Aid, Men's Advisory Project, other charities and via third parties. Officers have also recently received training from Women's Aid which enhances Officers' ability to recognise and support victims of domestic abuse.

In the school year to 29 February, Police have also attended 481 domestic incidents where the Op Encompass criteria has been met and made onward referrals for 919 children.

Road Safety

Tragically, since the last report there have been three fatalities in three separate road traffic collisions in our District. On 2 February an 18-year-old male died when the vehicle he was driving collided with a wall on the Ballylough Road in Castlewellan. On 22 February a 36-year-old male died when a Translink bus and the HGV he was driving collided on the Rathfriland Road in Newry. In relation to that incident, the partner of the victim expressed her gratitude to the PSNI Family Liaison Officer for the kindness shown by all Officers who attended the scene of the collision. Most recently, on Saturday 23 March, a male was killed when he was knocked down by a car on the Forkhill Rd in Newry.

Superintendent Haslett extended his heartfelt condolences to the families of all those affected by the recent tragedies and noted that Road Safety continues to be a high priority for the PSNI across the District.

A number of Road Safety educational enforcement events also took place during this reporting period, including Operation Safer Steps and Operation Lifesaver on 25 January and presentations to local post-primary schools.

Data from the SIDs continues to be used regularly. Concerns were also raised recently about speeding near Saint Malachy's Primary School, Ballymoyer. Slieve Gullion North NPT Officers arranged for the road safety van to be deployed in the area on 22 February.

Repeat locations, where there have been three or more injury RTCs within the last four months, include the Crossgar Road in Saintfield and also the Armagh Road in Newry.

Throughout the reporting period, Officers from Newry, Mourne and Down have continued to focus on offences that place road users at most risk. PSNI have made 97 speeding detections, 47 detections for careless and inconsiderate driving and a further 33 detections for drivers using their mobile phone and not wearing a seat belt. A further 101 vehicles were detected by Officers being driven with no insurance. PSNI anticipate heavier traffic in the months ahead with the caravan season opening up and the weather improving.

Drugs

Drugs remain a priority in Newry, Mourne and Down and PSNI continue to robustly investigate offences across the District. Notably 701 seizures were made locally in December 2023, the second highest for a District in Northern Ireland.

From 1 April 2023 to present, PSNI have conducted 99 inspections of 21 Rapid Bins with a total of 34,009 items recovered and subsequently safely disposed of.

Crime

Superintendent Haslett reported that crime across the District has fallen by 12% compared to this time last year.

The clearance rate has increased to 33.8% which is an increase of 3% on this time last year. Violence against the person offences have decreased by 21.3%. Criminal damage offences have decreased by 5.7%.

Theft, mainly shoplifting, has increased by 8.4%. However, the PSNI have had some significant successes in shoplifting in the reporting period. On 20 February, a vehicle stop on a car in Newry found £1,000 worth of designer clothing and £600 of designer aftershave and perfumes stolen from Belfast. €1,300 and a BMW 5 Series were seized and two people were arrested. On 20 February, a search of a car at Bridge Street, Newry discovered £965 worth of designer clothing which had been stolen in Belfast. On 15 March, a vehicle was stopped on the A1 following a theft from the Buttercrane Shopping Centre, 3 arrests were made and £1,000 was found.

On burglaries, there have been two sites of burglary hotspots since the last meeting - Ballynahinch and the Newry/South Armagh area. PSNI believe that the Newry/South Armagh burglaries are being conducted by cross border organised crime groups and PSNI are presently conducting some pro-active operations in that respect. In respect of

Ballynahinch, PSNI believe it was a number of local criminals who were responsible for those burglaries. A number of pro-active burglary operations have taken place in the area - three suspects were arrested, one of whom has been remanded with the other two currently on bail. That spate of burglaries has ceased since the arrests were made.

South Armagh Policing Review

Superintendent Haslett updated on the South Armagh Policing Review. Over 80% of the recommendations have now been completed. Unfortunately, work has yet to start any work on the estates piece and in particular exterior work at the Newtownhamilton Station.

General

Superintendent Haslett highlighted some examples of good police work. On 7 February, PSNI responded to a male with serious mental health issues in Newry and provided appropriate support to make him safe. On 5 March, a routine patrol on the Dundalk Road in Newtownhamilton area discovered a major fuel laundering plan. The plant was dismantled, a number of lorries were recovered and thousands of litres of fuel were seized.

Superintendent Haslett advised that on Thursday 21 March, Police responded to a concern for safety at an address in Kilkeel. A man was subsequently arrested and charged with murder and attempted murder. He was remanded in custody and is due to appear again in court on 17 April. Superintendent Haslett noted his own personal condolences to the family and commended the actions of the Police Officers who were first on the scene.

In the period from 1 February to 19 March a total of 30 Police Officers were assaulted in the District in 16 separate incidents. These assaults consisted of Officers receiving punches, kicks, bites, being spat on and also a ramming incident on 15 March where Officers were hospitalised. Since Superintendent Haslett's tenure in the District, PSNI have had a total of 25 such ramming incidents in the District.

Superintendent Haslett commented in respect of the previous PCSP meeting on 30 January and wanted to register for the minutes and for the record, his disappointment with regards to this.

Superintendent Haslett advised that a particularly strong report been submitted to the Partnership on how the PSNI have been delivering against the Local Policing Plan, in terms of crime going down and clearance rates going up. He had noted on 30 January that the PSNI had discovered a total of 118 kilos of cocaine at a value of £10 million in Jonesborough before Christmas, which was the largest significant seizure of cocaine in the history of PSNI. Unfortunately there was no acknowledgement of this from the Members at the meeting.

Superintendent Haslett added that that he did want any personal praise, but stated that it would be nice if occasionally he could go back to the Officers who perform their duties tirelessly in the District 24/7, often under the stressful and strenuous conditions described in this report, and report to them that the PCSP were happy and grateful for their efforts.

Superintendent Haslett extended an invitation to the Members of the Partnership to come out on patrol with the Officers across the District to see the difficulties and the challenges PSNI Officers deal with on a daily basis.

Councillor Hanlon thanked Superintendent Haslett for the comprehensive report and extended her sympathies and condolences to the families of the road traffic victims and

added that it was nice that acknowledgement was made from the families as to how sensitively police have dealt with them.

Councillor Hanlon added that she has been contacted by residents in the Ballyalton area recently regarding speeding there and asked if the local PSNI team could pay attention to that area. Councillor Hanlon also noted reports of speeding at St. Colmcille's Secondary School, Crossgar.

Councillor Hanlon highlighted concerns around spiking of drinks in pubs, including incidents over the St. Patrick's weekend in local bars.

Inspector Gibson advised that there have been a number of reports of spiking. This continues to be difficult issue as there is no specific offence on spiking, it is linked to other offences such as using a substance to commit a sexual offence. PSNI regularly engage with all licensed premises on this issue and have a number of safeguarding initiatives such as 'Ask for Angela'. PSNI have previously shared information on social media and the PSNI website on how to prevent spiking and how to recognise the signs of spiking. Around peak times such as Freshers Week, the PCSP and PSNI also attend events in local colleges.

Mrs Byrne thanked Superintendent Haslett for the comprehensive report and discussed the recent public meeting held in Newry. Mrs. Byrne encouraged people to attend the upcoming meeting in Downpatrick. Mrs. Byrne noted the recent shoplifting successes and added that it would be useful for police to talk to the new Chamber in Newcastle. Mrs. Byrne noted the recent deaths on the roads and stated that she feels that driving has become more challenging for some older residents.

Councillor Reilly thanked Superintendent Haslett for the comprehensive report and gave particular thanks to the PSNI for the work they carried out in Kilkeel following the recent murder there. Councillor Reilly asked Superintendent Haslett to pass on the thanks of the entire community of Kilkeel to the Officers who were the first responders on the scene.

Councillor Reilly asked if those Police Officers who are first on the scene of traumatic events receive any counselling.

Councillor Reilly also discussed the issue of drugs and asked for clarification of what a Class C Drug is. Councillor Reilly would like to see the reported PSNI figures on drugs advertised in the public domain or local press to show that PSNI are being pro-active on this.

Superintendent Haslett thanked Councillor Reilly for his comments towards the Officers who attended the murder in Kilkeel and confirmed that the PSNI do have a robust peer support mechanism for Officers when serious incidents take place. All Officers involved in the recent incident in Kilkeel have been offered counselling services through peer support and also through PSNI occupational health and welfare services.

Inspector Corner advised that the main piece of legislation which Police use to combat drug supply and misuse is the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Attached to the actual legislation there is a schedule which lists different classifications - Class A, Class B, Class C and then medicinal products. Generally speaking, Class A drugs are likely to cause the most harm in unregulated use, Class B moderate harm, and Class C lower harm, although they are all still illegal to possess. Class C drugs generally tend to be drugs which can be prescribed by a healthcare practitioner. Superintendent Haslett added that anabolic steroids are an example of a Class C drug.

Councillor Taylor offered his condolences to the families affected by the recent tragedies on our roads and the recent murder in Kilkeel. Councillor Taylor was reassured to hear that the first responders are offered support to deal with those type of incidents and added that support for the health and wellbeing of police Officers is vital.

Councillor Taylor discussed the issue of the drugs and the work that has been carried out by Police in that regard, and while it was maybe not specifically acknowledged in the last meeting, Councillor Taylor noted that this would not have been deliberate on the part of any Members.

In recent weeks Councillor Taylor advised that he has publicly thanked the PSNI for the work that they have been doing in his own local area. Councillor Taylor also noted that he has observed an increase in policing activity in both Slieve Gullion and Newry and welcomed successes in terms of arrests and locating substantial quantities of drugs.

Councillor Taylor noted the role of local intelligence and added that it is important that the public and elected representatives play their part in passing on information which is received. Councillor Taylor stated that both himself and the other Members present here do really appreciate the work that is carried out by the PSNI and hopes that it will continue in the period ahead as we try to eradicate the problem of drugs.

Councillor Taylor concluded by offering his best wishes to the Officers injured in the recent ramming incident in Crossmaglen and asked is there a way to increase Police safety and improve the chances of Officers not being harmed by this type of incident.

Superintendent Haslett said that ramming of Police vehicles is much more prevalent around the border as those involved only have a short distance to go escape across the border to where PSNI cannot follow.

Superintendent Haslett thanked Councillor Taylor for his comments. In respect to ramming, this has caused great concern as it can have a detrimental effect on Officer health and to the service that Police are then able to provide to the public. Superintendent Haslett stated that he has gone on record in the media several times to highlight the fact that it would be considered unacceptable to assault members of other emergency services including hospital staff or NIFRS personnel. Attacks on Police Officers are unacceptable.

Officers in the Slieve Gullion area have received additional training as a result of the South Armagh Policing Review, and they also have additional equipment. The PSNI liaise with colleagues in An Garda Síochána on a daily basis and there have been a number of incidents recently whereby offences have occurred over the border, the PSNI have been able to apprehend the culprits in their jurisdiction and likewise the other way around.

Councillor Andrews thanked Superintendent Haslett for his report and extended his sympathies to the families of those who have lost their lives across the District. Councillor Andrews welcomed the fact that there is counselling available to Officers and highlighted the importance of this.

In relation to funding and budgets, Councillor Andrews added that now the Assembly is back up and running that the much-needed budgets and necessary finances will hopefully be made available. As stated in previous meetings Councillor Andrews believes that part time Officers would be a valuable resource and asked if this could be conveyed back to senior management in the PSNI.

Councillor Andrews concurred with Councillor Hanlon on the issue of speeding in Crossgar.

Superintendent Haslett advised that PSNI the budget deficit for next year is estimated to be £130million. Recruitment is starting soon, but the process is slow. Superintendent Haslett added that he had noted Councillor Andrew's comments on part-time Officers.

Mr. McEvoy thanked Superintendent Haslett for his report. Mr. McEvoy noted the recent success of the St. Patrick's Day event in Downpatrick and complimented the PSNI for having a great presence during events there. He also raised concerns about the visibility of the Community Safety Wardens at the events.

Mr. McEvoy asked Superintendent Haslett for feedback on the on the Neighbourhood Policing Teams, how they are currently constituted and are they operational?

Superintendent Haslett thanked Mr. McEvoy for his comments on policing on St. Patrick's Day. In respect of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Superintendent Haslett noted that, as previously advised, the Neighbourhood Teams have been cut from eight teams to five. Abstraction, where Neighbourhood Officers are taken away from their core duties to do response policing or other duties, is significant in the District. However, the PSNI are delivering according to the Local Policing Plan as is evident from the report presented at this meeting.

Chief Inspector Corbett added that the resourcing issues being faced by PSNI and lack of recruitment has meant that Neighbourhood Officers are needed for PSNI to maintain their core function of 24/7 policing.

Councillor Truesdale thanked the Officers for their professionalism over the shocking incidents in Kilkeel and on the roads. Councillor Truesdale added that she is a qualified Counsellor and knows the importance and value of counselling.

Mrs. Leckey asked should all the PCSPs in Northern Ireland be lobbying the Judiciary for tougher sentences for assaults on police?

Superintendent Haslett that this would be a decision for the Partnership and added that every time a Police Officer is assaulted, there is a 9-point plan in place within the PSNI. One of the points is an impact statement presented by the Chief Constable to the court on the consequences of what has happened, not only the consequence to the Officer but the consequence to the community if that Officer is injured and not able to perform their duties for whatever period of time.

Superintendent Haslett commended Chief Inspector Corbett who was the Duty Officer for the South Area over the weekend and managed the response to the RTC on the Forkhill Road and also the response to the tragedy in the ABC District where four young people lost their lives. On the tragedy in the ABC District, Superintendent Haslett also commended Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson who was the lead senior Officer in that instance.

Councillor Truesdale advised that at the Mournes DEA meeting she had asked if 'Ask for Angela' be promoted again in Newcastle. Councillor Truesdale believes there are three bars in Newcastle signed up to this initiative and would like to see an increase in the area.

6 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn advised that the Community Safety Wardens were in patrol in all four areas on the evening of St Patricks Day and having reviewed the reports is content that there was appropriate coverage across the District.

Mrs Flynn added that 'Ask for Angela' is a PSNI initiative so this is something that staff would need to link with PSNI on and will follow up on that basis.

Mrs Flynn advised that the PCSP Officer Report is for noting and highlighted the work of staff and the ongoing programme of activities. It has been an exceptionally busy period since the last PCSP meeting and noted the huge amount of work done by staff in that period which has involved events, planning and procurement. Procurement has now been completed for the three contracted services, Community Safety Wardens, Home Secure and Social Alarm Scheme. Over the past number of weeks, assessment has been completed on Financial Assistance applications across the two programmes which staff are responsible for. There were around 100 applications from across the District to the PCSP and Good Relations Financial Assistance calls.

Mrs Flynn updated on the SID in Milltown Street, Burren as it has emerged that the land where the Sign is located has been zoned for planning so the Sign will have to be moved. Discussions have taken place with a local building contractor working with NMDDC on behalf of the landowner and they are willing to cover all costs relocating the sign 10-20 yards down the street.

Councillor Hanlon thanked PCSP staff for their continued work.

Councillor Truesdale thanked Mrs Flynn and acknowledged the massive body of work done. Councillor Truesdale discussed a point from the recent ASB meeting in relation to the car meet on 9 February in remembrance of a young man who died and thanked the PSNI for their work and preparation for this.

Councillor Truesdale commented on the Community Safety Wardens and that the incidents in Newcastle seem to be higher than elsewhere, is there a reason why this is?

Mrs Flynn advised that reports for the Community Safety Wardens are submitted weekly and there is a tendency for the incidents in Newcastle to be focussed around Donard Park and very often involve young people consuming alcohol.

Councillor Andrews expressed his thanks to staff for the work carried out.

Mrs Byrne added noted the good work of the Community Safety Wardens and specifically the example of the young person who had consumed alcohol and the Wardens phoned their parents and waited until they arrived. Mrs Flynn advised that recently there has always been at least one example of this kind of incident in the Warden report and demonstrates the increasingly valuable role of the Wardens in protecting our residents.

Agreed: It was agreed the Committee:

- **Note the report**

7 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: ASB Sub Group Report (copy circulated)

Mrs. Flynn advised that the Action Sheets for both ASB meetings are for approval. The ASB Sub Group 1 meeting took place on 22 February and the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting took place on 7 February.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Galbraith it was agreed the Committee:

- **Note the report**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheets of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 22 February 2024 and ASB Sub Group 2 held on 7 February 2024.**

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 6pm, this will be held in the Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick with a hybrid option available.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.08pm.



**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 27th March 2024
At 7.00pm
Room 1, WIN Business Centre**

In Attendance:

Mrs Paula McGuigan	Chairperson, NRP (Carnagat Community Association)
Mr Collie Hanna,	Vice Chairperson, NRP (Barcroft CA)
Ms Josephine Morgan,	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Ms Maureen O'Gorman,	Education Authority NI Youth service
Mrs Joanne Markey,	Carnagat CA
Mr Paul Magennis,	Barcroft CA
Mr Malachy Maguire,	Ballybot CA
Ms Lesley Hamilton,	Southern Regional College
Ms Maeve McParland,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt,	Newry Mourne and Down District Council
Mr Raymond Jackson,	Confederation of Community Groups
Ms Noreen Rice,	Meadow Armagh Road CA
Mr Brendan Cranney,	Meadow Armagh Road CA
Ms Ruth Allen,	Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Mrs Janet Naughton,	Community Restorative Justice Ireland
Mrs Catherine O'Hanlon,	Area Manager Department for Communities
Ms Denise Fearon,	Greater Linenhall Area CA
Ms Orlagh Morgan,	Greater Linenhall area CA

Apologies:

Ms Claire Creaney,	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Ms Aisling Rennick,	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Mrs Patricia O'Gorman,	Threeways CA
Dr Conor Patterson,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Ms Shauna McCourt,	Drumalane Quayside Close CA
Mr Brendan Cranney,	Meadow Armagh Road CA
Ms Francine Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA
Mrs Maureen Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA
Mr Martin Cranney,	Ballybot CA
Ms Bernie Mooney,	Education Authority NI.

Matters Discussed

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Apologies.
- 3. Minutes/Matters arising.
- 4. Conflict of Interest.
- 5. Expression of Interest
- 6. Sub-group updates
- 7. DFC/Community updates.
- 8. A.O.B
- 9. Date of next meeting.

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome / Introductions	<p>Paula Mc Guigan welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The members offered their sincere condolences to Shauna McCourt on the death of her mother-in-law.</p> <p>Welcome back Ruth Allen from the Trust returning from secondment.</p> <p>Recorded as above.</p>		
2.	Apologies			
3.	Minutes/matters arising.	<p>Minutes agreed as accurate.</p> <p>Proposed by Joanne Markey and seconded by Paul Magennis.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Issue over Raymond McCreesh Park and its future.</p> <p>Noreen raised this at the recent DEA meeting.</p> <p>Kerri Morrow and Aisling Rennick will pursue the matter within</p>		

		council to get an update for the members. They submitted a DEA and NRP request.		
4.	Conflict of interest	Janet Naughton declared a conflict of Interest as the EOI to be discussed was from the CRJI. No other conflicts of interest declared.		
5.	Expression of Interest	Expression of interest from CRJI Safer stronger communities programme. Small capital scheme - £1000 for new I.T equipment and components. Approved in principle by all the members to go to full application. Requires a full application from CRJ to DfC	Forward an application form to Janet for completion.	Sean
6.	Subgroup updates	Capital: NIHE – Josephine updated the members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnagat Extension • A lot of issues uncovered by NIHE. • Difficulty in contacting the contractor – failed to attend recent meetings. • Meeting called with the CA and other project team members to discuss and provide an update. Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd April in NIHE offices. 		

	<p>Revenue:</p> <p>No Education update.</p> <p>Youth service:</p> <p><u>Number of youth programmes running:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finishing the youth engagement programmes• Youth programme on Tuesdays in Derrybeg – 15 young people. Temporarily moved to our Carnbane centre while Derrybeg CC problems are sorted.• Young men’s group completing the John Muir award run through geology rocks.• Young mums and young women’s group in Whitegates attended the Belfast International women’s day event.• Working with young people in Newry High – key stage 4 accreditation – working in partnership with the school.• Planning for Easter. <p>Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health programmes almost completed – Budget spent.• Community health champions – 10 people completed.• Completing a 6-week gymnastics programme – very successful• Await new funding programme for 2024/25 <p>SRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 64 people completed training.• 57 completed training		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 achieved qualification – 3 people received employment. • All information on SRC facebook page <p>Lesley informed the members that she would be leaving SRC in the summer. She thanked everyone for their support over the years and wished the members well for the future.</p> <p>All the members thanked Lesley for her support and her dedication to the partnership over the years. She was good friend to the communities, and she would be greatly missed. Everyone thanked her and wished her all the happiness for the future.</p> <p>NMEA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-term coding camp – 20 children from NR areas attended. • 244 P7's attended a study visit to WIN business centre • 170 pupils from St Mary's High school took part in a well- being programme • Online parents programme – only 10 attended. • Careers pathway event took place in WIN over 2 days • St Josephs and St Marys Year 11 study visits to 5 Businesses in Newry And Mourne • 30 year 11's in St Josephs received a placement. • Budget spent and OBA framework agreed with DfC <p>NMDDC:</p> <p>Community Renewal-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCG delivering ongoing support to all the groups (governance, funding, training etc.) 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Derrybeg – Meeting took place with CA, Council and CCG to resolve the outstanding issues. All issues now resolved, and AGM planned for the 16th April. DfC Hardship fund ends 31st March. All EOI's completed and returned. Unlikely any further funding Social supermarket finishes 31st March. This may be continued subject to funding. <p>Outdoor activity –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targets have been met – high number of programmes delivered. All the 9 groups have availed of support along with other groups within the NR areas- Playgroups/youth groups. Unable to deliver proposed training due to weather etc. Will now run a go-karting event. Limited numbers for each group interested. First come first served basis. <p>Safer Stronger Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 4 week fixing things programme in St Malachys and St Patricks primary schools - 170 children participated. Delivering diversity and culture programme in Whitegates Presented participants with OCN level 3 awards. New volunteer in CRJI Planning meetings with all the NR groups. 	Contact Sean with details/dates etc.	CA's
7.	DfC/Community Update	DfC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Budgets finalised Letters sent to Voluntary and statutory partners to 	

	<p>advise of 3 months advance salaries for the voluntary sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget going forward will be based on first quarter spend in 2023/24.• Finalising the OBA frameworks• End of year claims and progress reports to be submitted within the next 4 weeks. <p>Communities: Been a busy and active year for the groups. Weekly activities delivered across NRA - targeting all members of the community.</p> <p><u>Barcroft:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly activities – some programmes run through Health.• Older people's group – very well supported.• Parent and toddler group – very well supported.• Planning an Easter themed disco• Our treasurer is working on the claims for NR• Meet weekly.• Still some minor issues with the Centre – require council to fix the problems. <p><u>MARCA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flower arranging programme• Kids club Tuesday – very well attended.• Manage the centre and the user groups.• Monthly meetings held.• We will request places at the go karting for our youth	
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	<p>groups. Noreen will contact Sean with dates/times etc.</p> <p><u>Ballybot</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip to the Panto in Belfast • Weekly activities through the health programme • Easter party planned and we are planning for the summer. • Lack of venue is an issue, but we hire other centres. • We will avail of the go karting. Malachy to ask Danni to contact Sean. <p><u>Carnagat</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulties maintaining programmes with no Community house. • Outdoor programmes/activities very difficult due to the very inclement weather. Very unfair to the children as they get cold and wet. • Trips to COCO's in Newcastle • Trip to Airsoft next week • Older people going to show next week. • Wish also to avail of the go karting. Paula to confirm with Sean. <p><u>Greater Linenhall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly activities • Childrens gymnastics programme. • Kettle bells programme • Easter party this Friday in Threeways • Easter movie next week • some vouchers left to distribute to those in need. 		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wish also to avail of the go karing. Diana to contact Sean.		
8.	A.O.B	<p>Raymond informed the members of the available space at the Albert basin to run community events – the ‘Meanwhile area’ with electricity and water on site. Book through the council.</p> <p>Sean and Kerri Morrow use this space for the Water festival which will hopefully run again this year (subject to available funding). Details will be circulated when planned.</p> <p>Josephine told the members that there was a new Liaison officer who would make contact with the groups – Opportunities to access the community grant.</p> <p>No More Business</p>		
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 22 nd May 2024 7.00pm in WIN business centre	Circulate details and all information	Sean McKevitt.

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 2.00 pm in the St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick

Chairperson:	Nicholas McCrickard	County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)
In Attendance:	<p>Jenny Lavery</p> <p>Dan McEvoy</p> <p>Macartan Digney</p> <p>Mary Cahalane-Woodward</p> <p>Catherine Shipman</p> <p>Brian Morrow</p> <p>Rachel Duncan</p> <p>Joanne Groves</p> <p>Donna Marks</p> <p>Seamus Blaney</p> <p>Doreen Brown</p> <p>Alison McCarthy</p> <p>Denise Kelly</p> <p>Niall Fitzpatrick</p> <p>Deborah Finlay</p> <p>Niamh Wallace</p> <p>Mel Murray</p>	<p>County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)</p> <p>Downpatrick Community Collective</p> <p>Downpatrick Community Collective</p> <p>South Eastern Trust</p> <p>SERC</p> <p>Department for Communities (DfC)</p> <p>South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (MDT)</p> <p>Clanmill Housing Association</p> <p>Marian Park Residents Association</p> <p>Stream Street Residents Association</p> <p>Tosu Ur</p> <p>Tosu Ur</p> <p>Flying Horse Ward Community Association</p> <p>NIHE</p> <p>Model Farm Community Association</p> <p>Surestart, Downpatrick</p> <p>Education Authority</p>
Council Officials:	<p>Katrina Hynds</p> <p>Aisling Rennick</p> <p>Damien Brannigan</p>	<p>Technical Officer, Downpatrick NHR</p> <p>Engagement & Development Officer</p> <p>Head of Engagement</p>

Apologies:

Maria Kelly Downpatrick Surestart
Anthony Trainor, NIHE
Claire Craineey, NIHE

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DNRP/01/2024	Welcome and Apologies	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting	
DNRP/02/2024	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	No declarations were declared	
DNRP/03/2024	Action Sheet	Members unanimously agreed to adopt the Action Sheet of 14 November 2023 Review of Action Plan: Members were advised that funding had been secured for the following projects:	Technical Officer Noted

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity to the Downpatrick Allotments• IT/Visual Equipment (Ballymote Centre)• Replacement Oven (LCCL)• Additional Play Equipment for Marian Park	
DNRP/04/2024	Receive Representative from MDT Primary Care	Rachel Duncan presented members with an update on the work being rolled out by the Multi-Disciplinary Team within the area	Noted
DNRP/04/2025	Promoters' Reports	The Promoters' Reports were presented to members and noted	Technical Officer
DNRP/04/2023	Update from Department for Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expression of Interest for any Small Capital Projects were successfully submitted and awarded	Technical Officer / Department for Communities

DNRP/05/2024	Update from Education Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mel advised members of the programmes being rolled out within the area, these included the LGBTQ+ drop in centres and Youth & Senior Group Evenings	Noted
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Report to:	Active Health and Communities Committee (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	20 th June 2024
Subject:	Summer Activity Programme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Director: Active and Healthy Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

For decision		For noting only	x
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to note the planned Summer Activity Programme for Leisure in July and August 2024 as per appendix 1.		
2.0	Key issues		
	<p>The Summer Activity Programme has several key themes with the details of each outlined in appendix 1. These themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi Sports Camps • Teen Activity Week • Inclusive and Disability 'Wheelie Active Programme' • Summer Autism Swim Sessions • £1 Summer Promotion in Designated Leisure Facilities 		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	That AHC Committee note the planned Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2023 as per appendix 1.		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	<p>Revenue: All revenue budget implications associated with the Summer Activity Programme have been included in 2024/25 Departmental budgets.</p> <p>Capital: There are no Capital Budget Implications</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	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i>		

	<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 -N/a</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 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>Appendix 1 Summer Activity Programme 2024</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>None</p>

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District Council

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council have a fun filled summer programme for all ages and abilities of children to enjoy!

Here's what's available...

**July and August is...
£1 Summer
Enjoy Teen Gym, Children's
Indoor Swimming
and soft play
for £1 per session.**

Available from 9am-5pm,
Monday to Friday.
Subject to availability. Supervision
restrictions and normal admission
criteria may apply.

Teen Gym

Teen Gym is for 12 to 15-year olds only and each Centre will have a maximum number of slots which can be booked along with an induction at your local Leisure Centre.

These session times might vary slightly so check specific times with your local Leisure Centre.

Children Indoor Swim Activities

(Down & Kilkeel Leisure Centres Only)

Normal admission policy applies i.e. All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a responsible person, who should be 16 years or over. This person may accompany up to 1 child under the age of 4, or 2 children where at least one of which is aged over 4 years.

For swimming pool group bookings, the normal admission policy applies.

Contacting your preferred Leisure Centre before attending is recommended.

Maximum bather loads apply in each pool and admissions may be restricted if bather loads are at capacity.

Children's Swimming Crash Courses

Swimming crash courses are scheduled throughout July and August in Down Leisure Centre and Kilkeel Leisure Centre.

These courses are designed to enable swimmers to make significant progress over the course of one week with each daily lesson lasting 30 mins.

Available lessons include:

Stanley Swimming Lessons – suitable for beginners aged for 4–6 years
Octopus Swimming Lessons – suitable for beginners aged for 7+ years

Rookie Lifeguard Courses

Rookie Lifeguard courses are also available for children aged 7-15 years. Attendees must be able to swim 50m comfortably (25m on front, 25m on back).

To book any of the above activities, download or log into the Be Active app, select centre and then select the relevant tile.

Payment must be made in full at the time of booking.

All bookings are non-refundable and non-transferable unless cancelled by Council. A registration form must be completed in advance of the course commencing.

Soft Play (Newry Leisure Centre only)

Only available for children under the age of 12 years or under 4'9" (1.45m) in height; children must be supervised by a responsible adult aged 16 years or over.

Maximum admission numbers apply and admissions may be restricted if the maximum admission numbers are reached.

Soft play activities can be paid for on arrival at Newry Leisure Centre.



Big Summer discounts for Under 18 Group Sport Activities from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

Main/Minor Hall Group Activities

(e.g. badminton, table tennis, netball, basketball, volleyball, 5-a-side football, indoor bowls).

Only £8.00 per session.

Applicable to 18 years and under only. Facilities are subject to availability.

Court Activities

(e.g. squash, racquetball)

Only £2.00 per session.

Applicable to 18 years and under only. Facilities are subject to availability and cannot be booked at discounted rates on evenings and weekends.

Activities can be booked and paid on the day of play and advanced bookings must be pre-paid at the time of booking.



General Supervision

Unless stated elsewhere, parents/guardians should be reminded that children aged 7 years and under should be supervised always by a responsible adult whilst on the premises of the centre.

Parents/guardians are responsible for allowing children 8 years and over to use Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Indoor Leisure facilities unaccompanied.

Participating Centres:

Newry Leisure Centre

Down Leisure Centre

Kilkeel Leisure Centre

Summer Multi Sports Activities Primary School Aged Children

Multi-Sports sessions provide the opportunity for primary school aged children to take part in active, fun and rewarding sporting activities. The focus of the sessions is to help and support each child's development and enjoyment.

The main benefit of the multi-sports camps is to allow children to try many different sports at a young age to broaden their interests and knowledge in physical activity.



Key Information, locations & dates

Age Range:

P1 – P7 (Children attending must have completed Primary 1 in 2023/2024 academic school year).

Locations:

Newry Leisure Centre

Down Leisure Centre

Kilkeel Leisure Centre

Newcastle Centre

Dan Rice Hall, Drumanness

Length of programme:

4 weeks

Dates:

Weeks commencing

15, 22, 29 July &

5 August

Times:

10am – 12pm : P1 – P3 (Monday to Friday)

1pm – 3pm: P4 – P7 (Monday to Friday)

Price: £10.90 per full week

Booking:

To book, download or log into the NMD Be Active app and select the 'Sports Camps' tile or book at your local centre. Booking opens at 10am on June 10



Inclusive and Disability 'Wheelie Active' Programme

Wheelie Active sessions have a wide variety of disability sports equipment including accessible bikes, sports wheelchairs, Boccla sets and other specialist equipment which is to be used throughout the sessions as required. This is an exciting opportunity for children with disabilities aged 4 – 12 years old so they can improve their motor skills, health and wellbeing.

These sessions aim to give children with disabilities, opportunities to develop physical literacy and movement skills for sport in a range of safe, progressive and inclusive activities. Friends and siblings are also encouraged to take part in the activities with the understanding that safety and enjoyment is key to the ethos of the programme.

Location	Date	Time	Price	Booking
Newry Leisure Centre	23 & 25 July	3:30 – 4:30pm	£2.20 per session	Drop In Max 20 per session
Down Leisure Centre	6 & 8 August	3:30 – 4:30pm	£2.20 per session	Drop In Max 20 per session



Autism Swim Sessions

Dedicated autism-friendly swim sessions are available to book throughout the year in Down Leisure Centre and Kilkeel Leisure Centre. Autism-friendly swim sessions are designed to create a calmer swimming environment suitable for those with autism and their families.

Autism Swim sessions are available to book as follows:
Locations & times:
Down Leisure Centre Every Thursday afternoon 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Kilkeel Leisure Centre Every Friday afternoon 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Price: Normal swim entry pricing applies
Booking: To book, download or log into the NMD Be Active app, select centre and select 'Book General Swimming' tile.



Teen Activity Week



Multi-Sports sessions

provide the opportunity for young people aged 12 – 15 years old to take part in active and engaging sporting activities. The focus of the sessions is to help and support young people to 'Be Active' and have fun this summer. The main benefit of the multi-sports camps is to allow all involved to try different sports and activities to cater for a range of interests and skills development.

Teen Fitness sessions

are specifically aimed at young people who want to improve their overall physical and mental well-being by engaging in exercises to support their development. These sessions will aim to inspire teenagers to be more active in a supportive environment where they can make new friends, try various activities and have fun.

Key Information, locations & dates

Age Range: 12 – 15 years
Locations:
Newry Leisure Centre
Down Leisure Centre
Length of programme:
1 week
Dates:
12 – 16 August
Times:
11am – 1pm: multi-sports sessions
2pm – 4pm: teen fitness
Price: £10.90 per week
Booking:
To book, download or log into the NMD Be Active app, select centre and select the 'Sports Camps' tile or book at your local centre.
Booking opens at 10am on June 10.

Terms & conditions



Terms and Conditions for all Sports Activity Programmes

Children attending the multi-sports camps must have completed Primary 1 in the 2023/2024 academic school year.

Please arrive no more than 10 minutes before the activity is due to start and be prompt for collection times.

It is recommended all participants wear suitable footwear, casual clothing and should be prepared for indoor and outdoor activities.

Participants are advised to bring a refillable water bottle and one healthy snack.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for applying sunscreen to participants under 18 before they arrive.

Please note we are unable to provide one to one personal care such as toileting and feeding.

All bookings are non-refundable and non-transferable unless cancelled by Council.

Tropicana Outdoor Swimming Complex Newcastle

Tropicana Outdoor Swimming Complex
situated in the heart of Newcastle will again open its doors for residents to enjoy outdoor swimming sessions throughout July and August. All outdoor swimming pools are heated.

Admissions Policy

Newry, Mourne and Down Leisure

Centres currently operate the following swimming admission policy for its users.

- All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (at least 16 years old) at all times.
- An adult (aged 16 or over) may accompany:-
 - 1 child under the age of 4,
 - 2 children where at least one of the children is aged over 4 years.
- In addition to the above, non-swimmers (Children) must wear a secure flotation device such as fitted armbands or a buoyancy aid.
- Any person under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be refused admission.

Age Restrictions

Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult aged 16 or over in the water at all times, who must stay in close proximity to supervise the child. This applies to both pools.

Swimming pools and slides

All of the swimming pools within the Tropicana Swimming Complex are heated. The small slide in the toddler pool will be open to children under the age of 8 years old.

Weather

Some of our facilities may have to close in the event of dangerous weather conditions. For latest updates see NMD Be Active Facebook page.

Seasonal opening times (July and August only)	
Monday	12pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday	12pm – 8pm
Wednesday	12pm – 5.30pm
Thursday	12pm – 8pm
Friday	12pm – 5.30pm
Saturday	10am – 5.30pm
Sunday	2pm – 5.30pm
Tropicarama (Fun sessions)	
Every Tuesday & Thursday 6pm – 8pm	
Swimming – Casual Pay-As-You-Go prices:	
Pay-As-You-Go 16+	£3.50
Pay-As-You-Go Concession	£2.70
Pay-As-You-Go Under 4	Free
Pay-As-You-Go Group Ticket (2 adults & 2 Children)	£30.50
Booking:	
To book, download or log into the Be Active app, select centre and then select the relevant tile.	
Swim sessions are added regularly throughout the summer and you can only book 8 days in advance. All bookings are non-refundable and non-transferable unless cancelled by Council.	



Sports Summer Camps – Financial Assistance

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council provide financial assistance to clubs throughout our district to help support the delivery of summer sports sessions to over 1500 children and youths with mixed abilities.

For details of the sports clubs involved, sports programmes available as well as how to register and sign up, log onto:
www.newrymournedown.org/summer-programme
or check out the NMD Be Active Facebook page.



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Most of us know when we are mentally and physically well, but sometimes we need a little extra support to keep well.

There are five simple steps to help maintain and improve your wellbeing. Try to build these into your daily life – think of them as your ‘five a day’ for wellbeing.



Connect

Connect with the people around you: family, friends, colleagues and neighbours at home, work, school or in your local community. Think of these relationships as the cornerstones of your life and spend time developing them. Building these connections will support and enrich you every day.



Be active

Go for a walk or run, cycle, play a game, garden or dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity that you enjoy; one that suits your level of mobility and fitness.



Take notice

Stop, pause, or take a moment to look around you. What can you see, feel, smell or even taste? Look for beautiful, new, unusual or extraordinary things in your everyday life and think about how that makes you feel.



Keep learning

Don't be afraid to try something new, rediscover an old hobby or sign up for a course. Take on a different responsibility, fix a bike, learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy. Learning new things will make you more confident, as well as being fun to do.



Give

Do something nice for a friend or stranger, thank someone, smile, volunteer your time or consider joining a community group. Look out as well as in. Seeing yourself and your happiness linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and will create connections with the people around you.

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 for the latest information on timetables and opening times.

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