

August 15th, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 19th August 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

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 17 June 2023

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4.0 Attendance Matters - Department of Education

For Information

Presentation to be delivered by Dougie Cusin from the Department of Education.

Community Development

5.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report

For Decision

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Leisure and Sports

6.0 Leisure Closure Arrangements Report 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

7.0 Leasing of Council Land at Carrigenagh Road Kilkeel

For Decision

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

📄 *Restricted item - Leasing of Council Land at Carrigenagh Road Kilkeel -- vf.pdf*

Not included

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

8.0 Delivery Partner for Be Active for Life Programmes

For Information

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

📄 *AHC report for noting - Delivery Partner - vf.pdf*

Not included

For Noting - Community Development

9.0 Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Report

For Information

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10.0 Correspondence Report

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
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Cllr Callum Bowsie
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Fionnuala Branagh
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Cllr Jim Brennan
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Cllr Pete Byrne
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Mr Gerard Byrne
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Cllr Philip Campbell
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Cllr William Clarke
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Cllr Laura Devlin
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Ms Louise Dillon
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Cllr Cadogan Enright
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Cllr Killian Feehan
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Cllr Doire Finn
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Cllr Aoife Finnegan
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Ms Joanne Fleming
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Cllr Conor Galbraith
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Cllr Mark Gibbons
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Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
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Cllr Glyn Hanna
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Cllr Valerie Harte
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Mrs Laura Higgins
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Cllr Roisin Howell
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Cllr Tierna Howie
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Ms Catherine Hughes
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Cllr Jonathan Jackson
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Cllr Geraldine Kearns
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Miss Veronica Keegan
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Mrs Josephine Kelly
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Mrs Sheila Kieran
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Cllr Cathal King
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Mr Harry Korkou
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Cllr Mickey Larkin
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Cllr David Lee-Surginor
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Cllr Alan Lewis
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Cllr Oonagh Magennis
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Mr Conor Mallon
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Cllr Aidan Mathers
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Cllr Declan McAteer
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Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
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Cllr Andrew McMurray
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Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Sinead Murphy
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Cllr Kate Murphy
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Cllr Selina Murphy
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Ms Patricia Murtagh
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Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Áine 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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Donna Starkey
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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 – 17 JUNE 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/052/2024	Action sheet of AHC Committee Meeting held on Monday 22 May 2024	Noted	Democratic Services	Noted	Y
AHC/053/2024	Agree dates and times for AHC Committee Meetings 2024/25	It was agreed to approve the schedule of meetings for the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meetings 2024/25.	Democratic Services	Approved	Y
AHC/054/2024	Active and Healthy Communities Business Plans & Annual Assessment of performance	It was agreed to approve the Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2023-24 and the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2024-25.	A Patterson	Approved	Y
AHC/055/2024	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"> • The Mournes 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. 	A Robb	Noted and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/056/2024	District Electoral Area (DEA) Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol	It was agreed to note the report and approve the following amendment to the DEA Fora Terms of Reference & Operating Protocol: DEA Forum private meetings would normally be held bi-monthly. However, meetings may be held more frequently i.e. Monthly, with the agreement of the Forum Membership.	A Robb	Noted and actions being progressed	Y

AHC/063/2024	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP), Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP)	<p>It was agreed to note the report and the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 28 May 2024. Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting on Wednesday 22 May 2024. Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2024, approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting on Tuesday 4 June. 	A Robb	Noted	Y
AHC/064/2024	Summer Activity Programme Report 2024	<p>It was agreed to note the planned Summer Activity Programme for Leisure for July and August 2024.</p> <p>Councillor Jackson asked on behalf of Ballynahinch Hockey Club for an assessment to be carried out on the pitch at St Colman's High School. It was agreed Mr Patterson would revert to the Member directly on the matter.</p>	<p>A Patterson</p> <p>A Patterson</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Actioned</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/057/2024	Donard Park Works	It was agreed to issue a Licence for Works to Donard Park Pavilion and surrounding area as set out in the officer's report.	A Patterson	Actioned	Y
AHC/058/2024	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 22 May 2024.	A Robb	Noted and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/059/2024	Leasing of Council Land – Expressions of Interest (Stage 1)	It was agreed to approve that the Expressions of Interest process for leasing of areas contained within the report are progressed in line with Council's Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy.	A Patterson	Actioned	Y
		Councillor D Murphy asked for a point of clarification which was to be investigated and Member advised.	A Patterson	Actioned	Y
AHC/060/2024	Request for Letter of Support	It was agreed to provide a Letter of Support as detailed in this report regarding the application to SEUPB for PEACE funding.	A Patterson	Actioned	Y
AHC/061/2024	Multiply Funding Initiative	It was agreed to note the officer's report.	A Robb	Noted	Y
AHC/062/2024	Leasing of Council Land and Facilities – Expressions of Interest	It was agreed to note the officer's report.	A Patterson	Noted	Y

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 August 2024
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement (Acting)

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.</p>		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	None.		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 23 July 2024. Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 18 June 2024. Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2024. 		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	All budget requirements have been profiled within the 2024/25 departmental budget.		
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)
.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	<p>Appendix 1: Action Sheet of The Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting, 23 July 2024.</p> <p>Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting, 18 June 2024</p> <p>Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting, 16 May 2024.</p>
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 18th June 2024 at 4.15pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Alan Lewis
In Attendance:	Councillor Jim Brennan Councillor Helena Young
Independent Members:	Kenny Baxter, Frontier Support Network Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) Richie Shilliday, Dundrum Village Association, Dundrum Cricket Club, RIOT Community Hub
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Rosie Daly, Community Facilities Manager Gail Kane, Head of Facilities Management Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Andrew Sweeney, Facilities Coordinator East
Others:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Roisin Howell Councillor Siobhan O’Hare Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SC/3/2024	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SC/4/2024	Action Sheet of meeting held on Tuesday 23 rd April 2024	Action Sheet of Slieve Croob meeting held on Tuesday 23 rd April 2024 was adopted as a true record. DEA Coordinator updated on outstanding Council Enforcement matter.	Noted. Noted.
DEA/SC/5/2024	Community Facilities Update	Community Facilities Manager updated the meeting on Summer Schemes.	Noted.
DEA/SC/6/2024	PCSP Update	PCSP Officer provided written PCSP report.	Noted.
DEA/SC/7/2024	Castlewellan Fair Castlewellan On-Street-Car Parking	Head of Facilities Management provided an update on success of Castlewellan Fair in May. Deferred to September meeting.	Noted. DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/8/2024	Multiply Programme	DEA Coordinator updated members on successful Multiply Programme application and proposed programmes with identified groups. Members agreed proposed programmes.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/9/2024	Action Plan Update	Forum members unanimously approved Action Plan programmes 2024/2025 and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.

DEA/SC/10/2024	Date and time of next meeting	Next DEA Forum meeting scheduled to take place on 17 th September 2024 at 4.15pm via Microsoft Teams.	DEA Coordinator.
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The meeting ended at 4.50pm.

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**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Annual General Meeting
held on Thursday 16th May 2024 in The Mill Room, Ballynahinch Community Centre, at 7.00 p.m.**

Chairperson:	Councillor Terry Andrews
In Attendance:	Councillor Callum Bowsie, Councillor Jonathan Jackson Councillor David Lee-Surginor
Independent members	Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Ellen Brennan, DEA Co-Ordinator
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Tierna Kelly Bethany McClune, Education Authority Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Lise Curran, CDRCN Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager Joseph Deegan, Community Services Manager (East) Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network Robert Burgess, Rowallane & Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show, Saintfield Community Estates

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/05/02/2024	Ballynahinch Bypass	The Chairperson advised members that he had sought a meeting with Minister O'Dowd for elected members in Rowallane in relation to the Ballynahinch Bypass and would keep everyone informed of any progress.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/05/03/2024	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/05/05/2024	Action Sheet of meeting held on 10 th April 2024	It was agreed that the Action Sheet from 10 th April 2024 meeting be approved as a true record.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/05/06/2024	Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson	On the proposal of Councillor Bowsie, seconded by Richard Orme it was agreed that Councillor Andrews be elected as Chairperson. On the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Richard Orme it was agreed that Councillor Lee-Surginor be elected as Vice-Chairperson.	Agreed.
DEA/ROW/05/07/2024	Update from Education Authority	The DEA Coordinator advised members of the 3 youth pop up events planned for Ballynahinch, Saintfield and Crossgar in July 2024 in partnership with the Education Authority.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/05/09/2024	DEA Co-ordinator's Report	Report from DEA Coordinator regarding upcoming projects and applications for Independent Membership of the Forum.	Noted.

The Meeting ended at 7.30 pm

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**Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at 4.00pm Newcastle Centre & Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor William Clarke
In Attendance:	Councillor Glyn Hanna Councillor Michael Rice
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 Gail Kane, Head of Facilities Management Andrew Sweeny, Maintenance Officer
Apologies:	Councillor Leeanne McEvoy Councillor Laura Devlin Councillor Jill Truesdale Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer Clare Shiels, County Down Rural Community Network Sergeant 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 21st May 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 July and August.	Noted.
MOU/2024/7	PCSP Update	Read: Update report from PCSP.	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>	Sandbags are stored at the Leisure Centre and are unlocked. – Completed.
MOU/2024/14	Ben Crom Park	Cllr Rice enquired about an update on the possibility of closing and opening Ben Crom Park to help reduce issues around anti-social behaviour.	Residents have taken the decision not to lock the park at this time. - Completed.

MOU/2024/15	Donard Carpark	<p>Cllr Clarke requested an update on the meeting regarding anti-social behaviour in Donard Carpark.</p> <p>Item to remain on the agenda.</p> <p>Query regarding traffic issues at Donard Park and possible provision of higher speed ramps.</p>	<p>Councillors to contact PCSP to facilitate meeting regarding issue.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Capital Projects reviewing options – Noted.</p>
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.	Council to meet with DFC to look at potential projects. - Noted
MOU/2024/13	Aughrim River	Aughrim River study report.	DEA Coordinator.
MOU/2024/14	Council Departmental Structure	A request was made for provision of an up-to-date Council Departmental Structure.	DEA Coordinator.
MOU/2024/15	Business Representation on Forum	<p>A need for Business representation on the DEA Forum was identified.</p> <p>Forum members to put forward nominations for Kilkeel and Newcastle areas.</p>	<p>DEA Forum Members.</p> <p>DEA Coordinator.</p>

MOU/2024/10	Emerging Issues	<p>Access to Kilkeel beach by local schools was queried.</p> <p>A request to move the Christmas tree at Ballymartin to Murlough Close was raised.</p> <p>Clarification into the criterion for village status (with respect to village plans) was requested.</p> <p>Council agreement on Aughrim River maintenance 100 meters</p> <p>Clarification on closing times for Bloody Bridge toilets.</p> <p>Clarification on cleaning schedule for Cranfield toilets.</p>	<p>DEA Coordinator.</p> <p>Head of Maintenance.</p> <p>Clarification provided and members signposted to the Preferred Options Paper. – Noted</p> <p>Head of Maintenance.</p> <p>Facilities Management.</p> <p>Facilities Management.</p>
MOU/2024/11	Meeting Dates	Next meeting on Tuesday 24 th September via Teams @ 4pm.	Noted.

The meeting ended at:17.20pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 August 2024
Subject:	Leisure Closure Arrangements Report 2024-25
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson Director: Active and Healthy Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kerri McConnell, Head of Indoor Leisure

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to consider and agree the leisure closure arrangements for 2024/2025 period to facilitate staff training, centre maintenance and in line with public bank holidays, etc.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Similar arrangements for closure days have been approved in previous financial years.</p>		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	<p>The proposed public opening days and times for leisure for 2024/2025 have been outlined in appendix 1.</p> <p>With reference to staff training Council has a corporate and legal responsibility to ensure all staff receive appropriate training relevant to their job roles. Given the dynamics of the Leisure and Sports 7-day service, administering staff training and ensure high levels of attendance is very important</p>		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	The committee approve the leisure closure arrangements for 2024/2025 period.		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	All budget requirements have been profiled within the 2024/25 departmental budget.		
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</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>
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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Leisure Closure Days</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

Appendix 1 Leisure Public Holiday Arrangements 2024/2025

Newry, Kilkeel and Downpatrick Leisure Centre

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Tuesday 24 th December 2024 (Christmas Eve)	Closed	Closed
Wednesday 25 th December 2024 (Christmas Day)	Closed	Closed
Thursday 26 th December 2024 (Boxing Day)	Closed	Closed
Friday 27 th December 2024 (Statutory Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Saturday 28 th December 2024	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Sunday 29 th December 2024	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 30 th December 2024	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Tuesday 31 st December 2024	Reduced hours	9:30am – 4:30pm
Wednesday 1 st January 2025 (New Year's Day)	Closed	Closed
Thursday 2 nd January 2025	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 17 th March 2025 (St Patricks Day)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 20 th April 2025 (Easter Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 21 st April 2025 (Easter Monday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 (Easter Tuesday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:30pm
Monday 5 th May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:30pm
Monday 26 th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:30pm
Saturday 12 th July 2025 (12 th July Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 13 th July 2025 (13 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 14 th July 2025 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Saturday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:30pm
Tuesday 15 th July 2025 (Moved for 13 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:30pm
Monday 25 th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:30pm

Ballymote and Newcastle Centre

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Tuesday 24 th December 2024 – Wednesday 1 st January 2025	Closed	Closed
Monday 17 th March 2025 (St Patricks Day)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 20 th April 2025 (Easter Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 21 st April 2025 (Easter Monday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 (Easter Tuesday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 5 th May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 26 th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Saturday 12 th July 2025 (12 th July Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 13 th July 2025 (13 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 14 th July 2025 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Saturday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 15 th July 2025 (Moved for 13 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 25 th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed

St Colman's and Outdoor Leisure Facilities

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Tuesday 24 th December 2024 – Friday 27 th December 2024	Closed	Closed
Saturday 28 th December 2024 – Tuesday 31 st December 2024	Open as per booking demand	Open as per booking demand
Wednesday 1 st January 2025	Closed	Closed
Monday 17 th March 2025 (St Patricks Day)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 20 th April 2025 (Easter Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 21 st April 2025 (Easter Monday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025 (Easter Tuesday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 5 th May 2025 (Early May Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 26 th May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Saturday 12 th July 2025 (12 th July Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 13 th July 2025 (13 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 14 th July 2025 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Saturday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 15 th July 2025 (Moved for 13 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 25 th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed

Seasonal Facilities

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Saturday 12 th July 2025 (12 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Sunday 13 th July 2025 (13 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 14 th July 2025 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Saturday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Tuesday 15 th July 2025 (Moved for 13 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 25 th August 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours

Leisure Staff Training Arrangements 2024/2025**Down Leisure Centre, Newcastle Centre and Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre**

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Monday 16 th December 2024 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Tuesday 17 th December 2024 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Friday 20 th December 2024 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Tuesday 24 th June 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Friday 27 th June 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover

Newry Leisure Centre, Kilkeel Leisure Centre and St Colman's Sports Complex

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Wednesday 18 th December 2024 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Thursday 19 th December 2024 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Friday 20 th December 2024 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Thursday 26 th June 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Friday 27 th June 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 August 2024
Subject:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement (Acting)

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

☐ For decision
 ☐ For noting only
 ☒ X

1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 28 May 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 30 July 2024. To note the attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 22 May 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting on 26 June 2024. <p>Background</p> <p>The attachments referenced above are provided to update the Committee on the on-going work of the PCSP and Newry NRP.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 28 May 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 30 July 2024. Note the attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 22 May 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting on 26 June 2024.
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	<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>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 28 May 2024 Appendix 2: Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 22 May 2024</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

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 28 May 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 A Mathers NMDDC
 Councillor K Murphy NMDDC
 Councillor H Reilly, NMDDC
 Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
 Dan McEvoy, PCSP Independent Member
 Roisin Leckey, PBNI

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC
 Councillor D Taylor, NMDDC
 Councillor J Truesdale, NMDDC
 Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
 Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI
 Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
 Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member
 Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member
 Maureen O’Gorman, EANI
 Michael Heaney, YJA

Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer
 Amy McKeown, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, PCSP and Good Relations
 Shane McGivern, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer

Officials in attendance via Teams:

Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement
 Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
 Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
 Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer
 Kerri Morrow, DEA Co-Ordinator

1 Welcome, Chairperson’s Remarks and Apologies

Councillor Hanlon welcomed Members to the Partnership meeting.

Apologies were received from Superintendent Norman Haslett, Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson, David Vint, Aileen O’Callaghan and Councillor Killian Feehan.

Councillor Hanlon welcomed Councillor Kate Murphy to the meeting, Councillor Murphy has joined the PCSP in replacement of Councillor Roisin Howell who was a PCSP member for several years. Councillor Hanlon thanked Councillor Howell for her support of the PCSP during her term.

Councillor Hanlon reminded Members that the reconstitution date for the PCSP is set for 1 June 2024. The Partnership is awaiting confirmation from the Policing Board of the names of the new Independent Members appointed to the PCSP. Councillor Hanlon noted that two current members of the PCSP, Audrey Byrne and Dan McEvoy, have advised that they did not seek reappointment, and this will be their final PCSP meeting. Councillor Hanlon thanked Mrs Byrne and Mr McEvoy on behalf of the Partnership for their contribution to the work of the PCSP over many years.

Councillor Hanlon advised that there is still no confirmation of the PCSP budget for 24/25, the Policing Board have advised that they hope to have confirmation of this soon.

Councillor Hanlon also noted that Members have received the schedule of PCSP activities for the period May-July 2024, Member attendance is encouraged at these events where possible.

Councillor Hanlon added that over £85,000 has been awarded to 44 groups via Financial Assistance which is a considerable investment in local community activity and an excellent way to raise awareness of the PCSP. Staff are liaising with the successful groups and further information on the projects will be sent to Members shortly.

Mrs Byrne thanked all those who she worked with over the 21 years of her involvement with the PCSP. Mrs Byrne added that over that time the relationship between the PSNI and the community has been completely transformed. Mrs. Byrne also said that successful outcomes leading to real change within communities can only happen through a partnership approach.

Councillor Andrews thanked Mrs Byrne and Mr McEvoy for their contribution to the PCSP. Councillor Andrews also thanked Councillor Howell for her work on the PCSP and welcomed Councillor Kate Murphy to the Partnership.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting dated 26 March 2024

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 26 March 2024 (copy circulated).

Agreed: **On the proposal of Mr McEvoy, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 26 March 2024 as a true and accurate record.**

Councillor Truesdale raised a query about her comments made at the previous meeting about assaults on Police Officers, there was a discussion about this subject but no actionable point was taken. Councillor Truesdale advised that the report on the Sentencing

Review Policy and Way Forward was published in April 2021 and outlines changes relating to this matter, the Justice Minister intends to bring forward these changes in a Sentencing Bill. It was agreed that there is no requirement to write to the Judiciary on this matter.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 1

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 1 (copy circulated)

Due to connection / sound quality issues, the District Commander's report was taken as read.

Mrs Byrne commented on the rise in shoplifting and burglary and added that the PSNI have approached the Newcastle Chamber to organise some meetings and expressed her thanks to the PSNI for working on this.

Councillor Hanlon noted that there has been a recent spike in ASB in the Downpatrick area, including an incident at the St. Patrick Centre and issues in social housing at the Downe site. Councillor Hanlon added that the local Policing Team were very good in coming back to her which meant residents could be updated. Police were also on-site with the residents which was welcomed.

Councillor Hanlon noted that a meeting had been scheduled for the PCSP Bonfire Sub Group and hoped that the issues which occurred last year in Downpatrick are not faced again this year.

Inspector Corner advised that Inspector Gibson is the PSNI lead for shoplifting in D District and has been doing very good work in the Newry area which the PSNI hope to roll out further afield. PSNI have noticed an increase in theft and shoplifting offences.

Mrs Leckey talked about the deaths on the roads and the number of RTCs and asked what more could be done to help tackle this.

Mr McEvoy highlighted a recent incident in Downpatrick where a car overtook an ambulance and subsequently hit another vehicle. Reports indicated that two suspects have been arrested as a result of this.

Inspector Corner advised that the investigation into the Downpatrick incident is still ongoing. The PSNI are working collectively as a service in post primary/secondary schools all the way through to adult drivers to educate on safer driving.

Inspector Corner added that a specific demographic has not been affected by fatal road traffic collisions. The PSNI are focusing on the Fatal Five, an advertising campaign which is going out across mainstream media. The PSNI Road Safety lead for the District, Inspector Paddy Heatley, co-ordinates concentrated days of action and is also focusing on education pieces to demonstrate the consequences of a road traffic collision and how it can impact a family and a community, and not just an individual.

Councillor Andrews thanked the previous speakers for their contributions and remarked on the question of what more can be done in relation to Road Safety. Councillor Andrews discussed the recent tragedies seen within the District and added that resources were needed in road improvements. Councillor Andrews added that education is the key and bringing that message to schools, youth clubs and sporting clubs is very important.

Mrs Leckey asked how many schools and colleges to the PCSP/ PSNI work with and should there be a target for the next year.

Mrs Flynn commented on the work which the PCSP does in relation to Road Safety. To put things in context, the Department of Justice state that Road Safety is not one of their key priorities so it has to be fought for in order to keep it as one of the overarching priorities within the PCSP Action Plan. DOJ advise that DFI are the lead Department for Road Safety. PCSP staff do a lot of work with the PSNI on Road Safety including the 'Your Choice' roadshow with the NIFRS. There is also lots of engagement with the local Road Safety Committee. It was noted that personal behaviour and driver responsibility are key issues and that PCSP staff and the PSNI do a lot of work with schools and youth groups around this. Mrs Flynn noted that she has met with senior personnel from PSNI and An Garda Síochána and advised that the next All Island Community Safety Network event in October 2024 will focus on Road Safety.

Councillor Hanlon added that everyone has their own personal responsibility regarding safe driving and passing this message on i.e. not being on a phone, not speeding, zero tolerance on alcohol.

Councillor Andrews thanked Mrs Flynn for the work that has been done around Road Safety.

Councillor Hanlon thanked everyone for their comments and the District Commander for compiling the report.

6 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn advised that the PCSP Officer Report is for noting and highlighted some of the items included in the report. In terms of Road Safety - the SID in Castlewellaan had to be removed due to damage, Joint Committee have agreed that a new sign can be purchased through the PCSP budget. The view of the sign in Killeavy is obscured due to vegetation, DFI have served a hedge cutting notice to the landowner. Funding has been agreed for over 40 Financial Assistance projects and information on these will be issued to Members in the next few weeks. As always, Members are encouraged to attend all events and activities. A separate induction event for the new Independent Members is also being organised.

Mr McEvoy commented on Strategic Priority 2 - Fear of Crime and the expectation that the number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes could reduce by over 50%. Mr McEvoy asked can the PCSP address this and get more people in the community involved. Mr. McEvoy believes local knowledge of the PCSP is still quite limited.

Mrs Flynn advised that raising awareness of the PCSP is a shared responsibility across the Partnership which extends to Independent Members. In terms of Neighbourhood Watch there has been a concern for the last number of years that some of the registered Schemes were no longer active. There are now 60 reaccredited Neighbourhood Watch Schemes with

Co-Ordinators who want to engage with the PCSP and PSNI. The PSNI have frequent contact with the Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators and a NHW meeting is also scheduled to take place in June. Mrs Flynn added that just because there is a reduction in Neighbourhood Watch Schemes does not mean that communities aren't keeping in touch in different ways, for example through What'sApp groups which keep residents in contact. The Next Door App is another alternative app that has been used with great success.

Councillor Andrews asked will there be any community funding available.

Mrs Flynn advised that Financial Assistance for 24/25 closed in February and will not open again until the new financial year.

Councillor Reilly asked about the SIDs and acknowledged that there is no funding available for new SIDs but asked is there a possibility of move signs to other locations.

Mrs Flynn advised that the Partnership have discussed this possibility before and it may be challenging as each community is used to having a SID, to move it may be questioned. There is a resource associated with relocation as DFI have to be engaged and a contractor appointed to move and reinstall the signs and the fee for this has increased significantly over the past few years. Joint Committee would also have to advise whether or not this would be eligible expenditure.

Councillor Hanlon added that there are areas which feel aggrieved that they have never had a SID and believes there needs to be a wider conversation about this in terms of cost and future planning. Councillor Hanlon recognised the challenge of moving a SID in that it will be a loss to that area.

Mrs Byrne asked was there a mobile SID in the District. Mrs Flynn advised that the issue with mobile SIDs is that they need to be towed on a trailer and there are not enough Police Officers available to assist with that.

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 Sheet for the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting which took place on 9 April is for approval.

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

- **Note the report**
- **Agree the Draft Action Sheet for ASB Sub Group 2 held on 9 April 2024.**

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday 30 July 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 6.52pm.



**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 22nd May 2024, 7.00pm
Room 1, WIN Business Centre**

In Attendance:

Mrs Paula McGuigan	Chairperson, NRP (Carnagat CA)
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 Malachy Maguire	Ballybot CA
Ms Catriona Regan	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
Mrs Maureen Ruddy	Martins Lane CA

Others Attending:

Ms Christine Cunningham Well Bean Cafe

Apologies:

Ms Claire Creaney	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
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
Mr Martin Cranney	Ballybot CA
Mr Paul Magennis	Barcroft CA
Ms Lesley Hamilton	Southern Regional College

Matters Discussed

- 1. Welcome & Introductions
- 2. Apologies
- 3. Christine Cunningham (Well Bean Café)
- 4. Minutes / Matters arising
- 5. Conflict 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	Paula McGuigan welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Christine Cuningham from the Well Bean Café.		
2.	Apologies	Recorded as above.		
3.	Christine Cunningham	<p>Christine gave an overview of the services and support provided by the Well Bean Café (based on River Street, Newry).</p> <p>Commenced in 2022 jointly with PIPS and the Southern Trust. Offers a range of support to people struggling or in a crisis with their mental health.</p> <p>Open – Friday 5.00pm – 10.00pm, Saturday and Sunday 12.00pm – 7.00pm, Monday 5.00pm – 10.00pm.</p> <p>We are currently aligned with Daisy Hill Hospital and have</p>		

		<p>plans to align with Craigavon Area Hospital. Data sharing agreement in place. Counsellors can contact Home Treatment Services in Daisy Hill.</p> <p>Staffed with 2 counsellors on each shift but need more volunteers to help with our work.</p> <p>6 – 8 months waiting list in Primary Mental Health Care. We provide a drop in – a GP letter or a referral is not required. Referrals also sent to the Café.</p> <p>Café is a very welcoming environment – loneliness is a major issue for people.</p> <p>We provide casual activities – creative arts etc. and offer clients 6 sessions – not long term.</p> <p>Deal with situational crisis – loss of home etc.</p> <p>The immediate access process is unique - people in crisis often have a plan in place to harm themselves. We support them to put a plan in place to keep them safe.</p> <p>We work with ED, Police, Ambulance Service – they have access to the Café.</p> <p>People who present to ED can get a free taxi to the Café and home.</p> <p>70% of people in crisis are not known to services. We try to reach out to those people. We need the help of communities and others to get the word out about us and what we offer.</p> <p>We target 18+ age group.</p> <p>Exploring an opportunity for a working café where people with MH difficulties can work on the premises when they are trying to turn their lives around.</p>		
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		<p>Invitation to the members to visit the Café.</p> <p>Members thanked Christine for her presentation. Very informative.</p>	Circulated flyers to the members	Christine
4.	Minutes / Matters Arising.	<p>Maureen asked that Sean amend previous minutes to reflect: Work with St Joseph's Boy's High School. There is no Young Mums Group.</p> <p>Minutes agreed as accurate. Proposed by Joanne Markey and seconded by Collie Hanna.</p> <p>Matters arising: Issue over Raymond McCreesh Park and its future. Noreen raised this at the recent DEA meeting.</p> <p>No current update on this available.</p>		
5.	Conflict of Interest	No conflicts of interest declared.		
6.	Subgroup updates	<p>Capital: NIHE – Josephine updated the members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnagat Extension • A lot of issues uncovered by NIHE. • A number of contract issues to be resolved. Timeline in place for appointment of a new contractor to help resolve the difficulties. • Meeting called with the CA for Thursday 25th May. <p>NMDDC.</p>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 small capital grant schemes completed.• 1 for Carnagat extension and 1 for the community houses/centres to supply some resources.• Both completed on time and within budget.• Action plan to be amended to reflect this. <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">• Youth programme on Tuesdays in Derrybeg – 15 young people. The group will now be returning to the Community Centre.• Young men’s group – 14+ age group starting again soon.• Young women’s group in NLC – 15 participants• Working with young people in Newry High and St Joseph’s High School, Key Stage 4 accreditation – 2yr course completed. Continue to work in Newry High on KS3 and KS4 completing 1st year of accreditation.• 20 young people on the Horizons Leadership Programme in Newry going to France this Summer. We will have a new Horizons programme coming to Newry in 2024.• Young carers group – 11 - 14yrs just started.• Working with young people with disabilities – mapping activity for services for young people with disabilities. <p>Catriona informed Maureen that SRC can offer opportunities under step up to young people with disabilities.</p>		
			Maureen will share the resource.	

		<p>Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small number of programmes to be delivered by 30th June. Only provisional plans in place beyond June until funding is confirmed.• Men’s Health Week June 10th – 16th – check in with Eimear.• Loneliness awareness week 10th – 16th June – packs being distributed.• Verve Network opportunities – very successful in Craigavon. Plans to run again across Newry and Mourne.• 29th May – Southern Trust information session on the Trust vision and strategy to 2030 in Ballybot House. Focus on the health of our community. <p>SRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 64 people completed training.• 59 completed training• 56 achieved qualification – 22 people received employment.• All information on SRC Facebook page.• Good news story about Jenny Hughes who was a previous member of the NRP. <p>Other programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disability Action Route to Education & Employment (DARE) Suitable for those: • Who have a disability or are neurodivergent • Aged 16 years or over • Are unemployed or economically inactive• College Connect + - Suitable for those: • Aged		
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		<p>between 16 and 24 years of age • Not currently in education, employment or training • Offered on Lurgan and Newry Campuses •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women Returners Access Programme (WRAP) Suitable for those: • Unemployed or economically inactive women who wish to build confidence, refresh skills, gain qualifications and work experience • Who want to return to education to refresh skills, to upskill and to build confidence.• College Connect 24+ Suitable for those: • Aged 25 and over • Not currently in education, employment or training • Wising to build additional transversal skills to support them into further training, education or employment. <p>NMEA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with a small budget.• Developing plans for the new financial year.• Await news on funding. <p>NMDDC: Community Renewal-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCG delivering ongoing support to all the groups (governance, funding, training etc.)• Working with NMDDC to support Derrybeg Centre to reopen.• DfC Hardship Fund will not be continued.• Social Supermarket to be continued.• Await news on budgets.		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 36 NRP forum requesting a meeting with the People and Place review team. <p>Outdoor activity –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited budget – spend based on 1st Quarter budget spend 2023/24. If groups require any support send in the details. Some requests will be covered, but they will be limited. We have supported some requests that were placed quite early. Ask the groups to plan as normal. It is business as usual until we told otherwise by DfC. <p>Safer Stronger Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lot of referrals into CRJ Planning to deliver programme to St Malachy's and St Patrick's Primary Schools based on health and safety. Dangers of cold-water swimming/farm safety etc. Road safety – choices and consequences <p>Ruth suggested that Janet should link in with the Southern Trust Home Safety Team.</p>	Contact Sean with details/dates etc.	All CA's
7.	DfC / Community Update	<p>DfC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No budgets finalised. Letters sent to voluntary and statutory partners to advise of 3 months advance salaries for the voluntary sector. Budget going forward for April to June will be based on first quarter spend in 2023/24. Maybe news on budget towards the end of June. <p><u>Barcroft:</u></p>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter events completed.• Older people’s group – very well attended.• Parent and toddler group is also well attended.• Parents Autism group on 11th June.• Issues with the toilet upgrade – await Council response.• All funding applications to Council rejected. <p><u>MARCA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kid’s Club Tuesday – very well attended.• Bingo in the Centre.• Manage the Centre and the user groups.• Monthly meetings held.• Planning our summer programmes <p><u>Ballybot</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plans in place for a full Summer Scheme• Activities for all age groups• Met with SRC – hopeful to get a site to place a container to store our equipment.• Look for funding for a 30ft container.• Requires permissions in place.• Require an Expression of Interest and an application.• No guarantees of funding from NR. <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 - we are frustrated at what we can do.• No access to equipment.		
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		Greater Linenhall <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly activities.• Children's' gymnastics programme.• Kettle bells programme.• Planning for the Summer programmes• Thank NR and DfC for the equipment.		
8.	A.O.B	No More Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone thanked for attending and NMEA and Sean thanked for the hospitality provided		
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 26 th June 2024, 7.00pm in WIN Business Centre	Circulate details and all information	Sean McKevitt.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 August 2024
Subject:	Correspondence to Council
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Director AHC
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development

For decision	x	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<p>Purpose To note the responses received from the Department of Health and Department of Finance following correspondence issued by Council in June in relation to the Community Planning Strategic Stakeholder Forum.</p> <p>Background At a Meeting of Council's Active & Healthy Communities Committee on 20 May 2024 members received a presentation from representatives of the Community Planning Strategic Stakeholder Forum on how partnering with the Community/Voluntary Sector can achieve better outcomes. It was agreed to write to the Ministers for Health, Communities & Finance to make budget available for the projects being delivered by the community and voluntary sectors.</p>		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	This paper refers to responses received from Ministers for Health and Finance for members to note.		
3.0	Recommendations		
	To note the contents of this report.		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	Not applicable.		
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	<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: Correspondence from Council to the Minister for Health Appendix 2: Response received from Minister for Health Appendix 3: Correspondence from Council to the Minister of Finance Appendix 4: Response received from Minister of Finance</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p> <p>None</p>

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Mr Mike Nesbitt
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6 June 2024

Dear Minister

At a Meeting of Council's Active & Healthy Communities Committee on 20 May 2024 members received a presentation from representatives of the Community Planning Strategic Stakeholder Forum on how partnering with the Community/Voluntary Sector can achieve better outcomes.

Members were presented with examples of how the challenges of Covid and the Cost-of-Living Crisis were met through the efforts of central Government, local Government and the Community/Voluntary Sector working collaboratively in funding, running and delivering programmes on the ground.

There was particular interest in the work undertaken by the Community/Voluntary sector in social prescribing, particularly for those who do not necessarily require medical interventions but who can benefit from a community based "social" solution.

It was felt that the Community/Voluntary Sector had a positive role to play in the roll out of Multi-Disciplinary Teams given their synergy with social prescribing and years of practical delivery on the ground. Of particular benefit was the sector's ability to move quickly to address need during and after the COVID pandemic and the Cost-of-Living crisis, as evidenced by the establishment of the Community Co-ordination Hub and Social Supermarket in the District.

Members discussed the need for a recurrent funding package to enable the use of local clubs, facilities and activities to enable Partner Agencies to provide support to people in their own areas.

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It was felt that this did not need to be additional spend but monies could be reallocated from within the health sector to create an "activity fund" in the Community/Voluntary sector and to formalise the involvement of the sector within the roll-out of Multi-Disciplinary Teams. This would enable the Community/Voluntary sector to add value to the roll out and build on existing good relationships across the Government sectors with the benefit of its understanding as to what is going on at ground level.

It was therefore agreed to write to you as Minister for Health to encourage your Department to involve the Community/Voluntary sector in the roll out of Multi-Disciplinary Teams and to provide funding to the sector to ensure they can continue to deliver projects on the ground in partnership with Central and Local Government.

I would be grateful if you could consider Council's request and look forward to receiving your response in due course.

Yours sincerely

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FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

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Dear Alison,

Many thanks for your letter dated 6 June 2024 with regard to Community/Voluntary sector involvement in the roll out of Multi-Disciplinary Teams.

As of March 24, the Primary Care Multi-Disciplinary Team Programme is complete in the Down GP Federation and well developed in 6 more GP Federations across Northern Ireland (Derry, West Belfast, Causeway, Newry & District, Ards and North Down Federations).

Over 742,000 citizens now have access to physiotherapy, social work or mental health services across 117 GP practices. Over 375,000 of those have access to all 4 MDT roles in their local GP practice and of that number over 187,000 have access to all 4 MDT roles in line with wte / population ratios in the current MDT Model i.e. full MDT staffing compliment in place. MDT roles and respective whole time equivalent (WTE) / Population Ratios are detailed in Table 1.

MDT Role	WTE / Population Ratio
First Contact Physiotherapy Practitioner	1:10,000
Senior Mental Health Practitioner	1:10,000
Senior Social Work Practitioner	1:5,000
Social Work Assistant	1:10,000

Table 1

There are currently 362.59 whole time equivalent front-line staff supported from the current Primary Care MDT programme budget of £25m.

The C&V sector have had an important role in the MDT programme to date and where clinically appropriate, the services that the Community and Voluntary sector provide can have a positive impact of the physical mental social wellbeing of the patient population and provide a viable alternative to a prescription or an onward referral.

Innovative use of the MDT Social Work Seed Funding has meant closer engagement with the local Community and Voluntary sector and has been at the heart of the roll out of the MDT model.

Across the region during 23/24, in excess of 10,000 patients have benefited from nearly 270 targeted community initiatives delivered alongside C&V colleagues with total contacts in excess of 46,000. Table 1 provides a breakdown by Federation area.

Federation Area	No of Initiatives	No of participants	No of patients accessing the service (contacts)	Seed funding allocation 23-24
West Belfast	24	1,400	6,413	£ 46,251
Causeway	25	1,041	1,675	£ 54,613
Derry	47	1,557	3,181	£ 103,931
Down	93	2,374	13,175	£ 39,281
ND & Ards	50	2026	16,124	£ 54,534
Newry	29	2,242	5,674	£ 66,389
Total	268	10,640	46,242	£ 364,999

Table 2

These community initiatives were developed in partnership with our local community & voluntary colleagues based on local population need and focussed on Isolation / Loneliness, Wellbeing, Dementia, Bereavement, Frailty / Falls Prevention, Neurodiversity, Menopause, Anxiety, Diabetes, People Seeking International Protection and Poverty.

By proactively managing patient need through a multi-disciplinary early intervention approach, we can improve patient outcomes, reduce the need for referrals and appointments elsewhere, and ultimately ease pressure on GP and hospital services.

I want to be able to further invest in the Primary Care MDTs, so more people can benefit from prompt access to a range of support and accordingly a bid for transformation funding to support the further rollout of the MDT Programme across the five-year span of the Transformation Fund has been developed and submitted.

As part of our planning for further roll out the potential to develop a new social prescribing role within the MDT Programme is being considered in relation to the important role MDTs could have in the delivery of our Live Better initiative. [Minister sets out series of key initiatives | Department of Health \(health-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

Yours sincerely



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It was noted that the sector's ability to move quickly to address need during and after the COVID pandemic and the Cost-of-Living crisis, as evidenced by the establishment of the Community Co-ordination Hub and Social Supermarket in the District, was a key support to many residents.

Members discussed the need for a recurrent funding package to enable the Community/Voluntary Sector and Partner Agencies to provide support to people in their own areas.

Following discussion Members agreed to write to you as Minister for Finance to encourage your Department to make budget available for the projects delivered by the Community/Voluntary sector on the ground.

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COR-1193-2024: FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY/VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Thank you for your letter of 06 June, regarding funding for projects delivered by the Community/Voluntary sector, in particular the need for a recurrent funding package to enable the sector to provide support to people in their own areas.

I know the very important role that the Community/Voluntary sector plays in the delivery of essential services locally. My department is not in the lead in issuing grants directly to organisations –the Department for Communities are at the forefront in the Executive in providing this funding. I note that the Communities Minister has pledged to protect delivery in the Voluntary and Community sector with increased funding of £1.45m following the Executive's recent approval of the Budget.

Decisions around the allocation of funding to departments, including to the Department for Communities, are determined by the Executive. I will continue to make the case to the British Government for the Executive to have sufficient funds at its disposal to deliver better public services, including funding for the Community/Voluntary sector.

In terms of recurrent budgets, I fully agree that continuity is vital and I have raised the issue of multi-year budgets in my engagement with the Treasury. I would hope that a three-year Spending Review will be possible once the election is completed.

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MINISTER OF FINANCE**