

October 15th, 2024 Notice Of Meeting You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 21st October 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

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For Decision

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5.0 Service Level Agreement

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.

Not included

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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
Mr Harry Korkou
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
Cllr Selina Murphy
Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
Mr Andy Patterson
Cllr Áine Quinn
Cllr Henry Reilly
Cllr Michael Rice
Ms Alison Robb
Cllr Michael Ruane
Cllr Gareth Sharvin
Donna Starkey
Nicola Stranney
Sarah Taggart
Paul Tamati
Cllr David Taylor
Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
Cllr Jill Truesdale
Mrs Marie Ward
Cllr Helena Young

ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 16 SEPTEMBER 2024

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/077/2024	Action sheet of AHC Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 August 2024	Noted AHC/068/2024: Attendance Matters, Department of Education It was agreed that officers write to the Department of Education asking why large parts of the District had been excluded from the RAISE Programme.	A Patterson A Patterson	Actions being progressed	Y
AHC/078/2024	Presentation - Play Board NI	Noted	A Patterson	Noted	Y
AHC/079/2024	Play Strategy Review 2024-2029	It was agreed to approve the recommendations of the Play Strategy Review as presented within the officer's report.	A Patterson	Actions being progressed	Υ
AHC/080/2024	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 13 August 2024.	A Robb	Noted and actions being progressed	Υ

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

AHC/081/2024	Saintfield Community Centre Lease	It was agreed to approve the sub-lease of the Council facility at Saintfield Community Centre as set out within the officer's report.	A Robb	Actions being progressed	Y
AHC/082/2024	Swimming Pool Plant Servicing and Maintenance	It was agreed to approve the re-appointment of specialist supplier via Direct Award Contract for essential maintenance and servicing of leisure facilities as detailed within the officer's report.	A Patterson	Actions being progressed	Y
AHC/083/2024	Newry Leisure Centre Swimming Pool	It was agreed to note the update on works to the Newry Pool and approved the additional costs of opening Kilkeel Leisure Centre Pool for a group booking as set out in the officer's report.	A Patterson	Actions being progressed	Υ
AHC/084/2024	Tower Clock – Dan Rice Hall, Drumaness	It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report.	A Robb	Noted	Υ

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 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)

1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	 Purpose To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached from the DEA Forum Private Meeting listed in 3.1 below. Background 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.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	 That the Committee: - Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for: Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 5th September 2024 Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 10th September 2024 Slieve DEA Gullion Forum Private Meeting held on 10th September 2024 Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 17th September 2024 Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 24 September 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	General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes

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	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations	\boxtimes
5.2	Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision Yes No If yes, please complete the following:	re
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	
5.3	Proposal initiating consultation — N/a	
	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.	
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	
	Rationale:	
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service	
	Yes □ No ⊠	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	\boxtimes
7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix 1:	
	 Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 5th September 2024 Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 10th September 2024 Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 10th September 2024 Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 17th September 2024 Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 24 September 2024 	

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8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

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Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 5 September 2024 at 1.00pm in Boardroom, Monaghan Row

Chairperson: Councillor Aidan Mathers

In Attendance: Councillor Cathal King

Councillor Doire Finn

Independent Members: Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID

Colin Hanna, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency

Statutory Partners: Warren Roberts, PSNI

Pauline McQuillan, Education Authority Youth Service

Josephine Morgan, NIHE

Council Officials: Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillor Valerie Harte

Councillor Geraldine Kearns Councillor Killian Feehan

Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups

Allison Slater, Family Support Hub

Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network

Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer

Noreen Rice, Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

Maria Hamill, Area Learning Group

Thelma Thompson, Altnaveigh House Ltd Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement

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 6 June 2024	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2024/3	McCreesh Park	Update requested in relation to current D1 process.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2024/4	Antisocial Behaviour Issues	Members requested that the following areas of concern be raised with relevant agencies: Newry Leisure Centre Damolly Village area Marcus Square, Hill Street Canal Court Hotel	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2024/5	Scrambler Dangers	Members requested PSNI visit the areas identified and relevant agencies use their social media platforms for advisory/safety messaging in scrambler/scooter/bicycle use.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2024/6	Multiply Project Update	A Coordinator updated members on Multiply Programme. Members agreed proposed programmes.	Coordinator to Progress.

DEA/N//2024/7	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	Update from DEA Co-ordinator on projects and programmes that have taken place and those planned for September-October 2024	Noted.
DEA/N/2024/8	Environmental Issues	Email to be sent to all agencies with responsibility for entryways across Newry City area requesting maintenance be carried out as a matter of urgency.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2024/9	Independent Members and Statutory Partners Update	Update from Colin Hanna, NMEA, in relation to successful uptake of the Go Succeed Programme being rolled out across the District. Member also updated that all flood affected, eligible recipients at Flurry Bridge Business Park had received grants. Update from Eamonn Connolly, BID in relation to concerns regarding impact on local businesses with increasing costs, advised consideration of a rates review would be an important factor.	Noted

The meeting ended at: 2.00pm

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Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 18.00 pm in The Boardroom Warrenpoint Town Hall

Chairperson: Councillor Micky Ruane

In Attendance: Councillor Declan McAteer

Councillor Selina Murphy

Independent Members: Keith Parke - Ardarragh Accordion Band/Lisnamullion Rural Association/Drumlough & Ballygorian RDA

Statutory Partners: Carie Crawford – Education Authority

Council Officials: Shirley Keenan – Crotlieve DEA Co-ordinator

Kerri Morrow - Engagement & Development Manager

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillor Kate Murphy

Martina Flynn – Head of Engagement Shannon Creaney – PCSP Officer

Laura Sage - Community Facilities Manager

Claire Shiels - County Down Rural Community Network

Martina Byrne- Hilltown Community Association/Clonduff Development Enterprise/Women of Clonduff

Connaire McGreevy - Greater Newry Chamber of Commerce

Aileen O'Callaghan- Education Authority

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			taken/date completed or progress to date if
			not yet completed.
DEA/C/36/2024	Welcome and Apologies.	Councillor Ruane welcomed Members	COMPLETED.
		and noted apologies.	
DEA/C37/2024	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest	COMPLETED.
		declared.	
DEA/C/38/2024	Matters arising from Action	Action sheet confirmed as a true and	COMPLETED.
	Sheet from meeting held on	accurate record.	
	June 2024.		
DEA/C/39/2024	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	Update from DEA Co-ordinator Ms S	Noted.
		Keenan on projects and programmes	
		that had taken place from the date of	
		the last meeting.	
		Update also provided on Multiply	
		Funding Projects.	

DEA/C/40/2024	Update from Community Safety and Good Relations.	There was no one in attendance from this department.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/41/2024	Update from Community Facilities.	There was no one in attendance from this department.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/42/2024	Action Plan Update/New Projects.	Upcoming projects agreed by Forum Members to be resourced from Forum Budget.	DEA Co-ordinators replacement to continue with delivery and implementation.
		Programmes/Projects include: Positive Ageing Tea Dance in October and Spring 2025. Christmas Intergenerational Project. Christmas GR Project – International Migrants Day. GR Programme. Action Cancer Buses.	
		Proposed by Councillor Declan McAteer and seconded by Councillor Selina Murphy.	
DEA/C/28/2024	Proposals for site in Burren.	Update provided by Mr D Crilly Outdoor Leisure Officer.	Leisure Services to action.
		It was agreed that NIHE would be contacted with regards their plans for the site.	Leisure Services to report back to the Forum in due course. ITEM TO REMAIN ON AGENDA

DEA/C/43/2024	ASB Hot Spots:	Ms K Morrow explained Forum is to consider areas and report back to her or to party colleague that sits on PCSP.	Forum asked that Mayobridge and Burren are noted for Halloween.
DEA/C/44/2024	Update from Education Authority.	Update provided by Ms C Crawford EA. It was further agreed that Ms Aileen O'Callaghan Senior Youth Officer of NM&D in EA be invited to the next Forum meeting when a date had been agreed as she had been unable to attend this meeting.	Noted. DEA Coordinator Replacement.
DEA/C45/2024	Action Cancer Bus.	It was agreed that Crotlieve DEA would fund two Action Cancer Buses in partnership with CDRCN in this financial year as opposed to one.	DEA Co-ordinator replacement and CDRCN.

DEA/C/46/2024	Halloween 2023 Mayobridge	Discussion around these areas as ASB Hotspots at Halloween. Councillors	K Morrow to report to PCSP Group.
	and Burren.	requesting greater policing and Council Cleansing services to be made aware of clean up being needed on Council Land in advance of Halloween.	Cleansing Department notified.
		Item to remain on Agenda.	
DEA/C/47/2024	Date of Next Meeting.	No date agreed as replacement of DEA Coordinator is not in post.	To be agreed at later date.

The meeting ended at: 18:45pm

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Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 @ 5.30 pm in Crossmaglen Community Centre

Chairperson: Councillor Declan Murphy

In Attendance: Councillor Pete Byrne

Councillor Aoife Finnegan Councillor Mickey Larkin Councillor Aine Quinn

Statutory Partners: Ruth Neary, EA Youth Services

Robin Blair, PSNI

Matthew Graham, PSNI

Council Officials: Claire Loughran, Slieve Gullion DEA Coordinator

Briege Boyle, Community Facilities Manager

Apologies: Councillor Oonagh Magennis

Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement

Councillor David Taylor

Annie Clarke, Southern Health and Social Care Trust Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SG/10	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SG/11	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 16 th April 2024	Action Sheet confirmed as true and accurate record. Members requested PCSP to consider relocation of SID to alternative location in Culloville	Approved. DEA Coordinator to request an update from PCSP regarding the Speed Indicator (SID) Sign at Culloville
DEA/SG/12	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator delivered the Coordinator's Report including an update on the Multiply Programme which Engagement Section have received a Letter of Offer from Department for Economy.	DEA Coordinator to update Forum members regarding upcoming Multiply activities. Forum Members to circulate and advertise programmes on offer.
DEA/SG/14	Community Safety & Good Relations Update	PSNI provided an update on recent PSNI activity and success in the Slieve Gullion Area. Members discussed upcoming plans for the Halloween period.	Noted.
DEA/SG/13	Community Facilities Update	Community Facilities Manager gave update from Community Facilities regarding Areas at Risk noting that to date DfC had now provided a Letter of Offer and programmes being undertaken include Summer camps, arts & crafts, gardening and fitness	Noted.
DEA/SG/14	Emerging Issues	Education Authority Youth Services Ruth Neary provided update on statutory Youth provision offered in Slieve Gullion area.	Noted
DEA/SG/9	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 12 th November @ 5.30pm	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 6.35pm

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Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 4.15pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor Alan Lewis

In Attendance: Councillor Jim Brennan

Councillor Roisin Howell Councillor Siobhan O'Hare Councillor Helena Young

Independent Members: Kenny Baxter, Frontier Support Network

Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)

Statutory Partners: Trevor Maxwell, DFI

Council Officials: Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator

Gary McCurry, Duty Manager (Off-street Parking)

Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer

Others: None

Apologies: Rosie Daly, Community Facilities Manager

Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement

Ryan Gough, DFI, Network Development Manager for Southern Division

Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager

Richie Shilliday, Dundrum Village Association, Dundrum Cricket Club, RIOT Community Hub

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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 18th June 2024	Action Sheet of Slieve Croob meeting held on Tuesday 18 th June 2024 was adopted as a true record.	Noted.
DEA/SC/5/2024	Community Facilities Update	Forum to forward and issues to Community Facilities Manager.	Noted.
DEA/SC/6/2024	PCSP Update	PCSP Officer provided written PCSP report. Add Annacloy to SID waiting list. Castlewellan SID repair update. Recognition of school times - heightened speeding risk (as opposed to evening/weekends) identified with SID data.	Noted. PCSP Officer.
DEA/SC/7/2024	Castlewellan Car Parking	Duty manager provided update on off-street parking survey and possible options to address issue. DFI updated on the on-street parking issues and option of introducing restricted waiting times and impact. Forum members to review various options on how to progress the matter.	Noted. Noted. DEA Forum members.
DEA/SC/8/2024	Action Plan Update	Forum members unanimously approved Action Plan programmes 2024/2025 and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.

DEA/SC/9/2024	Multiply Programme	DEA Coordinator updated members on Multiply Programme. Members agreed proposed programmes.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/10/2024	Date and time of next meeting	Next DEA Forum meeting scheduled to take place on 10 th December 2024 at 4.15pm via Microsoft Teams.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at 5.07pm.

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Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 4.00pm Via Teams

Chairperson: Councillor Hanna

In Attendance: Councillor McEvoy, Councillor Reily, Councillor Devlin, Councillor Truesdale

Independent Members: Paula Nixon, County Down Rural Community Network

Statutory Partners: Annie Clarke, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Wayne Morris, Education Authority

Others in Attendance: None

Council Officials: Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator, The Mournes

Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer

Apologies: Lloyd Douglas, Frontier Support Network

Councillor Rice

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/MOU/3/2024	Welcome/Apologies	Welcome by Cllr Hanna.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/4/2024	Declarations of Interest	None made.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/5/2024	Election of DEA Chair	Cllr. Hanna was nominated by Cllr. Reily and second by Cllr. Devlin Cllr. Hanna was elected as DEA Chair	Noted.
DEA/MOU/6/2024	Election of Vice Chair	Cllr. Devlin was nominated by Cllr. Hanna and second by Cllr. Reily Cllr Devlin was elected as Vise Chair	Noted.
DEA/MOU/7/2024	Action Sheet 21st May 2024	Brief update of the actions from the previous Forum meeting was given.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/8/2024	DEA Coordinator's Update	DEA Coordinator update on upcoming programmes and initiatives.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/9/2024	Agency Updates	Update on upcoming programmes and initiatives.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/10/24	Donard Carpark	Anti-social behaviour and traffic issues at Donard Park.	Meeting scheduled for 17 September postponed.
DEA/MOU/11/2024	Kilkeel Feasibility Study	A Feasibility Study has been undertaken to look at possible potential redevelopment and utilisation of Kilkeel Square and its immediate environs.	DEA Coordinator to forward on update to Forum members.
DEA/MOU/13/2024	Business Representation on Forum	A need for Business representation on the DEA Forum was identified.	Cllr. Devlin to contact Newcastle Chamber of Commerce for nomination.

		Forum members to put forward nominations for Kilkeel and Newcastle areas.	Cllr. Hanna to contact Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce for nomination.
DEA/MOU/14/2024	Emerging Issues	A request to move the Christmas tree at Ballymartin to Murlough Close was raised.	Coordinator to forward request to move tree to Neighbourhood Services.
		Council agreement on Aughrim River maintenance 100 meters	Council not responsible for maintenance – Noted.
		Members requested clarification on closing times for Bloody Bridge toilets.	Coordinator to request information and circulate.
		Members requested clarification on cleaning schedule for Cranfield toilets.	Coordinator to report and request information for circulation.
		Query regarding why there is a no admittance sign at Cranfield Toilets	
		Replacement bin at Mill Road in Kilkeel	Coordinator to forward request to Neighbourhood Services.
		Members requested information on how bathing water quality notifications to are made public	Coordinator to request information from marketing and circulate.
MOU/2024/11	Meeting Dates	Next meeting on Tuesday 26 th November in Kilkeel Leisure Centre @ 4pm.	Noted.

The meeting ended at:17.05pm

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 October 2024
Subject:	Update Report: Community Development Strategy
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development

For de	ecision For noting only X
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	Purpose
	The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Community Development Strategy.
1.2	Background One of the Actions within the Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan 2024-25 is to: Develop a Community Development Strategy to include the role of DEA Fora, PCSP, Good Relations, Neighbourhood Renewal, Community Services, Community Planning, Community Funding and Consultation/Engagement. The landscape within which the Department is operating has changed since 2015 and it is timely to review our services and how they are currently delivered. There are a number of challenges facing not only Council but our key statutory/community/voluntary partners including: funding and budgetary pressures; new emerging communities; the cost of living crisis which has challenged many people across the community, including some who are unused to needing support and assistance; international conflicts, the increasing diversity and mix of our communities; the aftermath of the pandemic and its impact on physical and mental health and a decline in the number of community volunteers.
2.0	Vov issues
2.0 2.1	Key issues
2.1	 It is proposed that the new strategy will include proposals on: The role of Community Development in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council with a view to nurturing our communities and creating an environment in which they can develop and thrive; The optimum links between Community Planning, Evidence and Research, Social Inclusion, PCSP, DEA Co-ordinators, Good Relations, Social Inclusion, Areas at Risk, Neighbourhood Renewal, Community Services, Facilities and Events; Strategic direction for our work in enhancing the resilience and wellbeing of our communities; How we can best work and deliver in partnership with our communities, voluntary and other statutory organisations to meet the challenges in line with the Community Plan for Newry, Mourne and Down to avoid duplication and achieve better connections, collaboration and partnership working.

2.2	In developing the Strategy consideration will have to be given to the following:
	 Existing partnerships across the District that deliver against Community Planning and Community Development outcomes to avoid duplication, achieve better connections and improve collaboration; Existing strategies and documents including the Review of Community Planning Structures and Audit of Effectiveness for Community Facilities; Current Community Facility provision to ensure adequacy of provision and sustainability and taking into account the principles of Community Wealth Building and Community Asset Transfers; Current funding, internal and external, and how it is administered to ensure Value for Money, equity and good Governance; Ways to empower communities and build capacity; Ways to increase community involvement and participation and build a sustainable base of community volunteers.
2.3	Consideration will also be given as to how the various stakeholders and partner agencies will be engaged as part of this process. This will include elected members. The next step will be to finalise the brief/specification and undertake the required procurement process.
3.0	Recommendation
3.1	That the Committee note the contents of the report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None currently.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes
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7.0	Appendices	
	None.	
8.0	Background Documents	
	None.	

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21st October 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	<u>Purpose</u> To note the responses received from the Department for Communities following correspondence issued by Council in June in relation to the Community Planning Strategic Stakeholder Forum.
	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.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	This paper refers to responses received from the Department for Communities 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	General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes
	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations
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Marie Ward Chief Executive



Mr Gordon Lyons Minister for Communities Department for Communities Room 354 Parliament Buildings Stormont Belfast BT4 3XX

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.

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 Coordination 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.

Given the current People and Place Review members agreed to write to you as Minister for Communities to encourage your Department to coordinate a cross governmental approach to the Community/Voluntary Sector for the benefit of community services generally and make budget available for the projects delivered by the sector on the ground.



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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Alison Robb Assistant Director Community Development



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Our ref: TOF 1472 2024 Date: 19 June 2024

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Via Email: Alison.Robb@nmaddc.org

Dear Alison,

Thank you for your recent correspondence of 6th June 2024 to Gordon Lyons MLA, Minister for Communities in relation to a request from the Council's Active & Healthy Communities Committee. Your query has been passed to the Department and to me to respond as the lead official.

As part of the People and Place Strategy review better collaborative working both across government and between government and its partners has been highlighted consistently by community organisations as key to delivering better outcomes and making a real difference to those communities facing the most disadvantage.

Indeed community organisations within the Newry, Mourne and Down council area have made a significant contribution this work and have shared a number of examples of good practice within the District including the work of the Community Co-ordination Hub.



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As a result of these findings, but also reflecting similar feedback received by other Departments a Cross Departmental Collaboration Steering Group was established to identify barriers preventing better cross Government collaboration.

The cross Departmental Working Group developed a Collaboration Strategic Framework which was approved by NICS Board in September 2023 and shared with all councils.

The framework was tested with community and council partners in the initial pilot areas of the Diamond (Londonderry) and Aughnacloy between January and May 2024. It is important to note that the pilots did not come with any additional funding.

The findings from the completed pilots have now been analysed and shared with the participants in the pilot areas before being reported to Ministers and the NICS Board in July. The final report will also be shared with council colleagues.

We plan to continue work with the existing pilot areas and to potentially extend the approach into additional areas over the coming months. It is our hope this work will lead to much improved place based collaborative practices and help deliver better outcomes for the most disadvantaged communities.

Yours sincerely,

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Nichola Creagh
The People and Place Review Lead.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	21st October 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)

For d	ecision For noting only X			
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	PurposeTo note the report.			
	 To note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 30 July 2024, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 24 September 2024. To note the attached Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 26 June 2024, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting on 11 September 2024. 			
	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:-			
	Note the report.			
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4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	None.			
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	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	
7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix 1: Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 30 July 2024 Appendix 2: Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 26 June 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 30 July 2024 at 6.00pm in the Downshire Chamber, Downpatrick and remotely via MS Teams

In attendance in Chamber:

Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC (Chair)

Councillor C Galbraith, NMDDC

Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC

Councillor A Mathers NMDDC

Councillor D Murphy NMDDC

Councillor K Murphy NMDDC

Councillor H Reilly, NMDDC

Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson, PSNI

Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI

Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI

Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI

Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI

Martina Byrne, PCSP Independent Member

Niall Lawlor, PCSP Independent Member

Louise Kennedy, PCSP Independent Member

Anne Sheridan, PCSP Independent Member

William Slater, PCSP Independent Member

Roisin Leckey, PBNI

Aileen O'Callaghan, EANI

Claire Creaney, NIHE

Gareth Morgan, NIHE

In attendance via Teams:

Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI

Councillor K Feehan, NMDDC

Councillor J Truesdale, NMDDC

Colleen McCreesh, PCSP Independent Member

Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member

Michael Heaney, YJA

Josephine Morgan, NIHE

Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development

Martina Flynn, Acting Head of Engagement

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 Andrews welcomed Members to the Partnership meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor David Taylor, Tara Campbell and David Vint.

Councillor Andrews welcomed the six new Independent Members to the meeting – William Slater, Niall Lawlor, Martina Byrne, Colleen McCreesh, Louise Kennedy & Anne Sheridan.

A welcome was also extended to the returning Independent Members – David Vint, Tara Campbell and Michelle Osborne. Michelle Osborne has been appointed as the Vice Chairperson of the PCSP, Councillor Andrews added that he looks forward to working with Michelle and all members over the coming term.

It was noted that members have received the schedule of PCSP events and activities for the period July & August 2024 – there is a wide range of events taking place and Member attendance is encouraged where possible.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting dated 28 May 2024

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 28 May 2024 (copy

circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mathers,

it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 28 May 2024 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 2

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 2 (copy circulated)

Chief Inspector Stevenson welcomed the new and returning Members to the PCSP and also welcomed Councillor Andrews as the new Chairperson.

Chief Inspector Stevenson went through the report for the last reporting period, noting that with regards to victims of crime being updated within the PSNI ten-day target, PSNI NMD has achieved a 98.7% compliance rate with that.

Engagement

PSNI have continued with engagement - on 22 June Officers from the Newry NPT attended an event at Damolly Football Club with the mobile engagement vehicle, there were approximately 50 young people in attendance. The East Down NPT delivered a vape and drugs talk for parents on 6 June at the St. Patrick Centre, Downpatrick. On 17 May South Down NPT attended St Louis Grammar School in Kilkeel to speak to 100 Fifth Year students about a range of subjects including assault, criminal damage and harassment. Slieve Gullion North NPT on

30 June attended the Newry Agricultural Show with the mobile engagement vehicle alongside the Crime Prevention Officer and PCSP Staff.

Social Media

At present, PSNI Newry, Mourne and Down have 73,991 followers on Facebook with a fortnightly reach of 328,817. On Twitter, there are 9,040 followers and on Nextdoor there are 14,784 members with 58 posts added in 2024.

Hate Crime

Within this reporting period there has been a 41.9% decrease in hate motivated crime. There has also been a 16.7% decrease in hate motivated incidents. Racial hate crime incidents are currently the highest reported at 57, followed by sectarian at 40 and sexual orientation at 16. Overall, there has been a reduction of 62 crimes during the rolling 365 day period.

Vulnerability

PSNI currently lead on 8 out the 9 current cohorts and are engaging and supporting 55 vulnerable persons identified, these are reviewed on a daily basis.

Anti-Social Behaviour

A reduction in Anti-Social Behaviour remains a priority for D District. There have been some successes during the last reporting period particularly around the Neighbourhood Teams performing ASB foot and cycle patrols which have been very well received. Slieve Gullion North NPT officers noted ASB being reported in the Dungormley Estate in Newtownhamilton, targeted patrols were set for that area and patrols were increased to help address this.

Domestic Abuse

Domestic related incidents have decreased by 252 incidents in the rolling 365-day period. There has been a significant reduction in domestic offences with a decrease of 418 which is down to 1,573 compared to 1,991 in the previous 365 days. It is believed that there is a greater confidence in the reporting of domestic offences not only to PSNI but also Women's Aid, Men's Advisory Project and other charities. Officers have received additional training from Women's Aid which has enhanced the officer's ability to recognise and support victims of domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass

Upon the commencement of Op Encompass in the 23/24 school year to 30 June 2024, Police have attended 791 domestic incidents where the Op Encompass criteria has been met. This has required a total of 1,029 referrals to designated teachers across Schools and Further Education Colleges.

Road Safety

In the report, it has been noted that there were no fatal traffic collisions in the last reporting period. However, Chief Inspector Stevenson reported that on Sunday 28 July a 50-year-old motorcyclist sadly lost their life on the Downpatrick Road in Killyleagh. Road safety is one of the biggest priorities for PSNI with all officers focussed on the fatal five offences. On 13 May, officers from the Safer Transport Team spoke to pupils at Ballynahinch Primary School about

road safety. Throughout May and June officers continued to conduct pro-active road safety operations utilising the data from the Speed Indicator Devices, analytical reports from traffic collisions and areas of community concern to focus their efforts. This resulted in a number of detections, arrests and vehicle seizures. During the reporting period there were 70 speeding detections, 12 detections of disqualified driving and a further 47 vehicles were detected being driven with no insurance.

Drugs

Drugs remain a priority and PSNI robustly investigate drug offences being committed across the District. This is demonstrated in the District Commander's Report and is also highlighted in Social Media and on the News Sections of the PSNI website.

From 1 April 2024 to 16 July 2024 Police have conducted 25 inspections at the 21 RAPID Bins with a total of 4,438 items recovered and subsequently safely disposed of.

Slieve Gullion South NPT made two arrests in relation to a drink driving incident which also resulted in an intent to supply Class A Drugs, possession of Class A, possession of Class B and no insurance.

Crime

The current outcome rate is 36% which an increase on this time last year. The total crimes reported for the period are 8,401 compared to 10,076 recorded in the previous year. On 5 July, Police received a report of a burglary and assault of an occupant at a property. Police attended the address and as a result of their enquiries were able to arrest two offenders for burglary, possession of Class B Drugs, threats to kill and possession of an offensive weapon. Cannabis was also seized during a house search in that incident and both people were dealt with through the justice system.

South Armagh Policing Review

45 out of the 47 recommendations have been completed which equates to a 96% completion and work is ongoing on the final two recommendations.

General

Chief Inspector Stevenson highlighted some good Police work that has been carried out over the period. On 17 June, there was a burglary in action in Camlough where a reported male in a vehicle was also observed acting suspiciously. Following a search, a male was located and arrested for possession of Class B drugs and a further individual was found and arrested for failing to stop and driving whilst disqualified. One of the males was also charged with theft.

Furthermore, Police received a report of a stolen vehicle that was sighted travelling in the direction of Newry. Police were reverse rammed at speed by the suspect vehicle and the suspect fled on foot, an ambulance attended and two Officers were taken to hospital as a result of their injuries. The individual was detained the following day and was found to have Class B Drugs and a knife in his possession. The individual was arrested and charged with a number of offences.

Chief Inspector Stevenson discussed assaults on Police, noting that in the period April-May 2024 Police attended 17 separate incidents which resulted in 34 officers being assaulted.

Significant Incidents

There have been a number of significant incidents during this reporting period.

The murder on the Annaghmore Road in Crossmaglen was discussed where a 74-year-old victim was murdered in his home. An individual has been arrested for this and investigations continue.

On 20 June, at Monaghan Street in Newry, a suspected device was found taped to a lamp post. This was described as viable, ATO dealt with this and the investigation is ongoing with CID leading on this.

On 21 July, there was a report of an attempted murder at Ballaghbeg Park Newcastle. Police attended to a report of a 26-year-old male having been attacked with a sword. A suspect was located and arrested for GBH with intent, possession of an offensive weapon with intent and attempted murder. The investigation is being led by CID.

Councillor Andrews thanked Chief Inspector Stevenson for the report.

Councillor Feehan discussed the recent incident regarding a PSNI vehicle in Camlough on the previous Sunday (28 July 2024) following Armagh's All Ireland win. Councillor Feehan added there was a lot of fervour and enthusiasm around Armagh's win with many people on the streets. Councillor Feehan stated that when he first saw the imagery of PSNI Officers essentially reaching out the hand of friendship to local people in Camlough he was taken by the positivity of the image and viewed it as progress and something that everyone would support. Councillor Feehan added that he was hopeful that there would be consensus from the Committee to write to the Police Ombudsman or the PSNI Chief Constable pointing to the fact that the scenes in Camlough on Sunday night were a positive step towards building trust in Community Policing. This was not necessarily to offer support to anyone in particular as there is an investigation underway, but recognising the positive contribution that the intervention from Police in Camlough on Sunday night has made to local confidence and trust in policing.

Councillor Reilly advised that there is a large section of the community who feel completely detached from Gaelic football. Councillor Reilly added that he received complaints about the incident in Camlough from some who think there may be bias shown towards the CNR Community and feel that there is two tier policing. Councillor Reilly added that this was not his perception but it is perception from a large section of the Protestant Community. Councillor Reilly noted that he would not like to see the officer in question lose their job but added he would not be supporting Councillor Feehan's proposal.

Councillor D Murphy stated that the incident has been blown out of proportion to some degree and that he would not wish to elevate it by writing to the Ombudsman or Chief Constable, stating that it should be dealt with locally. Councillor Murphy added that it is up to political representatives in an area to deal with perceptions rather than feed into these.

Councillor Feehan added that he recognised what Councillor Reilly said in terms of parts of the community feeling disconnected from the GAA and advised that the point he was making was that traditionally and historically, substantial proportions of the population have felt disconnected from the PSNI and he viewed the interaction on Sunday night to be a positive one. Councillor Feehan also said he recognised what Councillor Murphy said in terms of not wanting to contribute perhaps unnecessarily to the profile and prominence of the issue. Councillor Feehan added that his request to write to the PSNI and Police Ombudsman was to

encourage and strike a balance in terms of the contributions made as a result of the incident. If the concern that keeping it local would be better, he would be happy to explore that, but reiterated that one of the core objectives of the PCSP is to support community confidence in policing.

Anne Sheridan added that she supported Councillor Feehan's proposal and that this is what the Partnership is for, to support the hand of friendship when offered by the Police and to build on those relationships and she would like to see this acknowledged by the Partnership.

Councillor Truesdale spoke of the great atmosphere and the achievement for Armagh and agreed with Councillor Murphy that due process needs to take its course.

Colleen McCreesh stated that she has spoken to people from the South Armagh community about the incident. They spoke to her about how positive it was and that they would not like to see a police officer dismissed or punished for something that has had such a positive impact. Colleen added that Neighbourhood Policing Teams should be part of helping communities celebrate successes.

Mrs. Flynn referred to Councillor Feehan's proposal and referred to the Standing Orders of the PCSP. Where possible the Partnership should try to make decisions by agreement and consensus. If there is not agreement in the Chamber, the decision is decided by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote - that being the Elected Members and Independent Members only.

Councillor Reilly said that he does not want to see anything happen to the Officer in question but also stated that the Partnership should uphold the standards of legal due process and not try to affect the outcome of an independent inquiry.

Councillor Feehan advised that at no point was it his intention to interfere with an ongoing investigation and that the nature of the proposal was that the Committee recognise that interaction between the PSNI and the local people in Camlough on Sunday evening had a positive impact on community relations and not to ask for any intervention or interference in the process. Councillor Feehan said that what he was asking for was a recognition from the PCSP Committee that what took place in Camlough on Sunday evening was a positive step towards building confidence in policing in the South Armagh area.

Councillor D Murphy agreed with Councillor Feehan that the incident may have been good for public relations but that stated that it should be left to the PSNI to deal with the situation locally. The PCSP could acknowledge the good work that has taken place in the area, building positive relations between the PSNI and the local population.

Councillor Feehan advised that he is happy to support a statement of intent from the Partnership recognising that Sunday evening was a positive step towards building trust in policing in South Armagh.

Moving on, Superintendent Haslett paid tribute to the outgoing PCSP Chairperson Councillor Oonagh Hanlon and Deputy Chairperson Audrey Byrne and noted the commitment they had demonstrated to the PCSP during their tenure. Superintendent Haslett also welcomed Councillor Andrews as the new Chairperson and Michelle Osborne as Vice Chairperson, stating that he looks forward to working with them both.

Superintendent Haslett added that he was joining online from England and apologised that he could not be there in person. Superintendent Haslett expressed his congratulations to the

Armagh GAA team and advised that the PSNI acknowledged the victory in a tweet that went out on Sunday evening. On the issue of the incident in Camlough on Sunday evening, Superintendent Haslett acknowledged that there are two very different narratives as to how that has been received by different sections of the community and concluded by saying an investigation has been instigated which will be concluded in due course.

Councillor Mathers raised the recent pipe bomb attack in Monaghan Street and asked where the investigation is, whether local businesses had been spoken to and was there any potential for further threat. Councillor Mathers added that there was a huge loss of business to the properties in Monaghan Street and neighbouring businesses have been enquiring in relation to the incident. Councillor Mathers asked if some reassurance could be given to those businesses.

Chief Inspector Stevenson advised that he would ask the Newry NPT to go out to the businesses in Monaghan Street and provide some level of reassurance. Chief Inspector Stevenson thanked Councillor Mathers for his support on the day of the pipe bomb attack.

Louise Kennedy commented on the PSNI report, specifically the reduction in hate crime incidents and domestic offences. Louise added that these are under-reported crimes and the nature of them means that sometimes that lower statistics do not necessarily mean better outcomes, it can mean that people are too afraid to come forward. Louise stated that she is heartened to hear about the work with Women's Aid and also spoke of the anti-migrant sentiment that has been happening across the UK and Ireland and asked if the PSNI have seen any impact in this District of those issues.

Chief Inspector Stevenson advised that PSNI have not seen anything in relation to the issues mentioned. In relation to both domestic abuse and hate crimes, PSNI are very focused on these and have an Inspector that leads on both issues. Chief Inspector Stevenson added that the outcome rates match the reporting and although there has been a reduction, PSNI have maintained the level of criminal justice outcome which means they are getting more for victims.

Louise referred to the assaults on Police and the strain that is put on Officers. Louise also noted that assurance and empathy from Police often leads to better outcomes and achieves best evidence, especially when dealing with victims of domestic abuse and other crimes.

Councillor Truesdale discussed knife crime including the incident in Ballaghbeg in Newcastle and events in Southport, England. Councillor Truesdale asked in relation to youth and community engagement, are PSNI educating regarding knife crime and its impact.

Chief Inspector Stevenson added the East Down NPT and Armed Response attended a knife safety engagement event in Ballynahinch on 14 May. Chief Inspector Stevenson advised that this is at the forefront of the community work being carried out by PSNI and other than the highlighted incidents there is a not a high amount of knife crime in the District, but PSNI are being pro-active in keeping these figures low.

Councillor Reilly thanked the Police for recently stopping youths on scramblers in Newry and added that scramblers are an issue throughout the District.

Councillor Reilly advised that he had suggested to Council a number of months ago that the two unused landfill sites at Aughnagun and Downpatrick could be used for electric motorcycles and quads. Councillor Reilly also raised concerns about fireworks going off in Kilkeel and which have been a concern for local families, terrifying children and pets.

Councillor Hanlon added that in relation to scramblers it has been brought to her attention that there is a spike around the Strangford Road/ Harry's Loney in Downpatrick and asked PSNI to look into this.

Chief Inspector Stevenson advised that the NPTs would be briefed in relation to the fireworks and the scramblers asked that residents be encouraged to report incidents via 101.

Mrs. Flynn asked for clarity on the earlier discussion on the events in Camlough for the purpose of the Minutes. It was clarified that the proposal is that the Partnership write to the PSNI and not the Ombudsman to acknowledge the very positive role and the contribution towards positive community relations which the PSNI have committed to in South Armagh and not refer to the incident at the weekend and let due process follow. This approach was agreed by Members.

Action: M Flynn to write to the PSNI on behalf of the Partnership and acknowledge the contribution towards positive community relations which the PSNI have committed to in South Armagh.

Councillor Andrews thanked the PSNI for their report and all for their contribution to the discussion.

6 SIDS Report

Mrs Flynn advised that as Members will be aware, there has been ongoing discussion in relation to the Speed Indicator Signs that have been installed across the District over the last number of years. There has been a recurrent discussion about the potential to relocate some of those signs given that no further funding will be available for new Signs. Mrs. Flynn has had some discussion with the Department of Justice and the Policing Board and they advised that they are content that the Partnership consider the potential relocation of some of the existing Signs. This would be subject to a number of conditions as outlined in the report - the background work will be done in this financial year with any costs provided for in the 25/26 PCSP budget. Mrs. Flynn asked that members are mindful of the costs of installation works to date, as this may compromise other elements of road safety activity depending on the available budget at the time.

Councillor Hanlon welcomed the report and acknowledged that it is something that has been discussed at length previously. Councillor Hanlon also recognised that there will be a lot of challenges with moving a SID out of an area. Councillor Hanlon asked how the consultation with local communities would actually work.

Mrs. Flynn advised that the SID Sub Group will have to clearly consider all of the available evidence and data to help make an informed decision. One of the things to do would be look at the reserve list with DFI which has over 100 sites. The PCSP will need to talk to other agencies and see what works are maybe planned to make sure there is not any potential for duplication. That will underpin the engagement with communities as every decision will need to be evidence based with a clear rationale in every case. In terms of engaging with the community the Sub Group will need to consider that further, the DEA Fora will have a key role to play in supporting this message and PCSP members will also have a key role. The PCSP will work in conjunction with the NMDDC Marketing Team regarding public messaging. Evidence will be required form DFI and PSNI in terms of a written report of how the data from the SIDs

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clearly influences PSNI speed operations and the impact of those. Evidence of enforcement at each site is going to be crucial and will be something that will take time to gather.

Councillor Andrews advised that in relation to membership of the SIDs Sub Group, each of the parties represented on the PCSP will need to put forward a representative.

Mrs. Flynn added the proposed Terms of Reference allows for up to 5 Elected Members and 5 Independent Members to sit on the SIDs Sub Group.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Reilly it was agreed the Committee:

- Approve the report.
- Approve the reconvening of the PCSP SIDs Sub Group to support the process of SID relocation across the Council District and approve the draft Terms of Reference for the SIDs Sub Group.
- Approve a community consultation process which will assist with communications and public messaging.
- Approve the relocation of one SID per DEA in 2025/26 and make provision for these works in the PCSP budget for that year.

7 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn advised that the PCSP Officer Report is for noting and highlighted that correspondence has been issued to members with regards to the cross-border community safety work. The next event takers place on 2 October 2 in Mullingar and will focus on road safety. Mrs. Flynn will re-issue the information to Members and encouraged attendance. Given the earlier discussions around road safety this is going to be a very important event and an opportunity to learn from good practice in the Republic of Ireland.

Mrs. Leckey commented on the SIDs data and the figures e.g. 566 vehicles travelling over 70mph in Camlough. Mrs. Flynn added that the issue of speeding in Camlough has been consistently raised. There has been consistent focus on excessive high speeds that have been recorded at other sites but the violations in Camlough are equally as dangerous as it indicates inherent behaviour. This is the type of thing that will be looked at when SIDs are being relocated, clear data from PSNI will be needed in terms of how data is being used to inform operations and the impact of those in terms of enforcement.

Agreed: It was agreed the Committee:

Note the report

8 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: ASB Sub Group Report (copy circulated)

Councillor Reilly commented that during the period over 12 July, the PCSP and statutory partners including NIFRS and PSNI did great work with no issues reported.

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Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Mathers, seconded by Michelle Osborne it was agreed the Committee:

- Note the report
- . Approve the Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 21 May 2024.

9 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 6pm, this will be held in Monaghan Row, Newry with a hybrid option available.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.20pm.





Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting Wednesday 26th June 2024 At 7.00pm Room 1, WIN Business Centre

In Attendance:

Mrs Paula McGuigan Chairperson, NRP (Carnagat CA) Ms Maureen O'Gorman. Education Authority NI Youth service

Mrs Joanne Markey, Carnagat CA Mr Malachy Maguire, Ballybot CA Barcroft CA Mr Paul Magennis, Mrs Shauna McCourt, Drumalane CA Mrs Patricia O'Gorman. Threeways CA

Ms Maeve McParland, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency Newry Mourne and Down District Council Mr Sean Mc Kevitt, Mr Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups Mrs Janet Naughton, Community Restorative Justice Ireland Mrs Catherine O'Hanlon, Area Manager Department for Communities

Ms Denise Fearon. Greater Linenhall Area CA Greater Linenhall area CA Ms Orlagh Morgan,

Mrs Maureen Ruddy, Martins Lane CA Ms Francine Ruddy, Martins Lane CA Mrs Kathleen Magee, Derrybeg CA Ms Megan O'Brien. Derrybea CA

Apologies:

Ms Claire Creaney, Northern Ireland Housing Executive Dr Conor Patterson, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency

Ms Noreen Rice. Meadow Armagh Road CA Mr Brendan Cranney, Meadow Armagh Road CA

Mr Martin Cranney, Ballybot CA

Ms Lesley Hamilton, Southern Regional College

Vice Chairperson, NRP (Barcroft CA) Mr Collie Hanna. Ms Josephine Morgan, Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Ms Ruth Allen, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Matters Discussed

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome / Introductions	Paula Mc Guigan welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2.	Apologies	Recorded as above.		
3.	Minutes/matters arising.	Minutes agreed as accurate. Proposed by Maureen Ruddy and seconded by Joanne Markey. Matters arising: No matters arising		
4.	Conflict of interest	No conflicts of interest declared.		

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5. Electio Chairpe and De Chairpe	Chair are rotated between Statutory and Voluntary. No nominations received.	
	All the members agreed that Paula remain as Chairperson for 2024/25 and Collie Hanna remain as Deputy Chairperson for 2024/25.	
6. Subgroupdate	Capital: NIHE – No representatives attending. Paula gave a brief update on the information she had: • A lot of issues uncovered by NIHE. • Contractor on notice await the outcome • NIHE will update the CA and the members when there is more information. NMDDC. • 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. Revenue: • No Education update. Youth service:	

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 Youth programme on Tuesdays in Derrybeg – 15 young people. They are hoping to recruit more young people onto the programme. Continue to work in Newry High with Year 8's Youth workers meeting with Principals of St Joseph's and Newry High Schools Young people on the Horizons leadership programme in Newry going to France this summer Working with young people with Disabilities – mapping activity for services for young people with disabilities. Digital format along with a hard copy Summer programme for children with Disabilities. 	Circulated copies of the resource to members	Maureen
Health:		
No representatives from Health. Ruth Allen is leaving her post, and they await a replacement. NR programme updates Qtr 1. Ballybot – Couch 2 5k is finished Ballybot& GLHACA – Gymnastics finished		
 Carnagat – Kids multisport – finished 		
 Drumalane Chi Me and Kids multi-sports finished GLHACA kettle bells finished MARCA – kids multi-sport and Zumba finished Martins lane – Line dancing – last session 27th June Martins lane – Kids dancing – last session 8th July 		
Threeways - NICHS well checks finished		
Qtr 2		
Confirmed programme to date: Drumplene Multisport 9th July and 13th August		
 Drumalane -Multisport 8th July and 12th August 		

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- Carnagat Multisport 8th July
- Martin's Lane Dance 15th July
- Derrbeg Dance 29th July
- MARCA Multisport 5th August
- Carnagat Basketball 12th August
- GLACA Multisport 19th August
- Ballybot CA hoping to buddy up with another CA (Drumalane, Martin's Lane tbc)
- Threeways requested physical activity programmes from October.
- Awaiting request from Barcroft.
- Confirmed NICHS well checks- Derrybeg 13th August, Greater Linenhall Area – 30th September

Q3 PLANNING -

- Bolster Parents Plus ADHD programme and Schools Healthy Eating Programme set to commence in September.
- Awaiting available dates/costs for Action Cancer Big Bus
- Autism Reality Experience and Dementia Experience available dates and preferred venue to be discussed with groups when received.

SRC:

Update received from SRC

- 64 people enrolled for training.
- 59 completed training
- 56 achieved qualification 22 people received employment - in haulage, as machine operatives and in the security industry

NMEA:

 Organising summer camps – coding, Lego and numeracy catch up camps Planning for the new year – when CFF is confirmed Meet with the schools in September. NMDDC: Community Renewal- CCG delivering ongoing support to all the groups (governance, funding, training etc.) Working with NMDDC to support Derrybeg CA. DfC Hardship will not be continued. Social Supermarket to be continued. The Clanrye Group are leading on this. The 36 NRP forum waiting on CFF before they meet again They are requesting a meeting with the Minister Gordon Lyons 		
 Limited spend to date based on 1st Quarter budget spend 2023/24. We have supported some requests that were placed quite early. Await confirmation of Budget and Letter of Offer for 2024/25 before all requests can be confirmed Ask groups to submit their requests to allow us to move quickly when confirmation of continue budget received. Safer Stronger Communities: 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. 	Forward activity requests to Sean.	All NR Community groups

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		 Dangers of cold-water swimming/farm safety etc. Road safety – choices and consequences 		
7.	DfC Update	 DfC: Budgets are now subject to EQIA Anticipate a 5% increase on the budgets. Currently there are no Capital budgets. OBA framework reporting moving forward There will be an OBA for the Chairperson to be completed. 		
8.	A.O.B	Catherine asked for dates of respective community Summer programmes. She would like to visit over the Summer to show support. The People and Place Review will be presented to the DfC Minister October/December- what will happen in 2025/26 and the new proposed programme for 2026/27. No More Business • Everyone thanked for attending and NMEA and Sean thanked for the hospitality provided	Send details to Catherine	Sean
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 11 th September 2024 7.00pm in WIN business centre Action Plan review	Circulate details and all information	Sean McKevitt.