

August 12th, 2025

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 18th August 2025** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Committee Membership 2025-26

Councillor C Bowsie **Chairperson**

Councillor M Gibbons **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor J Brennan

Councillor L Devlin

Councillor D Finn

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor R Howell

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor O Magennis

Councillor A Mathers

Councillor L McEvoy

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor J Truesdale

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

Presentation

3.0 Presentation - NMD Strategic Stakeholder Forum - Social Supermarket Initiative

Presentation to be delivered by Liam Devine and Nicholas McCrickard NMD Strategic Stakeholder Forum.

For Information

4.0 Action Sheet arising from Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2025

For Information

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For Discussion/Decision

5.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report

For Decision

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6.0 Leisure Centre Closure Arrangements 2025/26

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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 2025/26 Community Support Programme and Community Development Service Level Agreements

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.

 **Community Support Programme and Community Development SLAs - vf (002).pdf**

Not included

For Noting - Exempt Information Items

8.0 Areas at Risk Programme Funding

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.

 **Areas at Risk Programme Funding - vf.pdf**

Not included

9.0 Community Festival and Events Programme Funding

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.

 **Community Festival and Events Programme Funding - vf.pdf**

Not included

For Noting

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

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11.0 Participatory Budgeting Events

For Information

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Fionnuala Branagh

Cllr Jim Brennan

Cllr Pete Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Ms Joanne Fleming

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Martin Hearty

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tiarna Howie

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Joanne/Noelle Johnston

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Josephine Kelly

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Cathal King

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Kate Murphy

Cllr Selina Murphy

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Siobhan O'Hare

Mr Andy Patterson

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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Conor Smyth
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Donna Starkey
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Sarah Taggart
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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 – 16 JUNE 2025

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/050/2025	Action sheet of AHC Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2025	Noted	A Patterson	Noted	Y
AHC/051/2025	To agree dates and times for Active and Healthy Committee Meetings 2025/26	It was agreed to approve the schedule of meetings for the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meetings 2025/26	A Patterson	Agreed	Y
AHC/052/2025	Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plans	It was agreed to approve the Assessment of Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan 2024-25 and the Active and Healthy Communities Business Plan 2025-26	A Patterson	Agreed	Y
AHC/054/2025	Council of Sanctuary	It was agreed that Council write to DfC/TEO to ask for an update on the new Strategy on Racial Equality, EVAWG, the Refugee Intergration Strategy and Race Law Reform in Northern Ireland. It was agreed to approve NMDDC to join the Local Authority Network and work towards formal recognition as a 'Council of Sanctuary'.	A Robb	Actioned – response to be tabled for noting at AHC Committee on 18/8/25 Agreed at Council Meeting on 7/7/25 that a report be brought back to AHC Committee outlining the process for Council of Sanctuary and what it meant including the Charter for the Council of Sanctuary to alleviate any concerns that people had	Y N
AHC/058/2025	Summer Activity Programme	It was agreed to note the planned Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2025 as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.		Noted	Y
AHC/059/2025	PCSP and Newry NRP Report	It was agreed to note the following: • Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on 26 March 2025 • Minute of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 5 March 2025, approved at the Policing	A Robb	Noted	Y

		Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 27 May 2025			
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ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014

AHC/055/2025	Event Support	It was agreed to approve Council support for the initiative as set out within the officer's report.	A Robb	Actioned	Y
AHC/056/2025	Community Support Programme	It was agreed to proceed with the Community Support Programme as set out within the officer's report.	A Robb	Actioned	Y
AHC/057/2025	Funded Programme Delivery	It was agreed to continue with delivery of the funded programme as detailed within the officer's report to the end of September 2025, pending receipt of a Letter of Offer from the Programme Funder.	A Robb	Actioned	Y

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 August 2025
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

For decision		X	For noting only		
1.0		Purpose and Background			
1.1		Purpose - To note the report. - To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. Background 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 Sheets attached for: ➤ Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting held on 10 June 2025 ➤ Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting held on 10 June 2025 ➤ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Meeting held on 17 June 2025 ➤ Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 8 July 2025 ➤ Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Meeting held on 1 July 2025 ➤ Mournes DEA Forum Meeting held on 22 July 2025			
4.0		Resource implications			
4.1		Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA Action Plans.			
5.0		Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)			
5.1		<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>			

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: 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	<i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> 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) ☐ <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
	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 ☒
7.0	Appendices
7.1	➤ Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting held on 10 June 2025 ➤ Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting held on 10 June 2025 ➤ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Meeting held on 17 June 2025 ➤ Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 8 July 2025 ➤ Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Meeting held on 1 July 2025 ➤ Mourne DEA Forum Meeting held on 22 July 2025
8.0	Background Documents

8.1	None.
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Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 6.00pm via Microsoft Teams	
Chairperson:	Councillor Callum Bowsie
In Attendance:	Councillor Terry Andrews Councillor David Lee-Surginor
Independent Members:	Robert Burgess, Rowallane & Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show, Saintfield Community Estates Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network
Council Officials:	Kerri Morrow, Engagement and Development Manager Theresa McLaverty, Peace Plus Officer Joseph Deegan, Community Facilities Manager (East)
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Jonny Jackson

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/08/09/2025	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	Cllr Bowsie declared his membership of Crossgar Historical Society.
DEA/ROW/08/10/2025	Action Sheet of meeting held on 24 April 2025	Approved as an accurate record.	Agreed.
DEA/ROW/8/11/2025	Chairperson Remarks	Chairperson thanked all members and the DEA Coordinator for the excellent work done in 20224/205	Noted
DEA/ROW/08/12/2025	Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson	Chairperson selected - Councillor Callum Bowsie on proposal of Cllr Andrew seconded by R Burgess. Vice Chairperson selected - Councillor David Lee-Surginor on proposal of Cllr Andrews seconded by R Burgess	Noted
DEA/ROW/08/13/2025	DEA Coordinator Report	The DEA Coordinator had earlier circulated copies of her report to members the contents of which were noted. Engagement Manager provided an update on the Participatory Budgeting Initiative being delivered within the Rowallane DEA area. Initiative to be launched by end June with an event date to be determined end September 2025.	Noted.

DEA/ROW/08/12/2025	PEACE Plus Update	Theresa McLaverty provided an update on the ongoing project proposals and delivery scheduled for the Peace Plus Programme in the Rowallane area and welcomed any further ideas that are identified. Theresa advised members on reimagining projects that are to be delivered in the Rowallane area and welcomed any suggestions the DEA could bring forward. Members suggested Crossgar and Kilmore for these projects.	Members to return suggested ideas through DEA Officer or Peace Plus Officer. Theresa to send reminder to DEA Coordinator to circulate to members to include her contact details.
DEA/ROW/08/06/2025	Update from Community Facilities.	Joseph Deegan provided an update on the programme for summer activity across the community centres in the Rowallane area. Promotional materials to be circulated to DEA Forum Members when available. An update on works being carried out at Ballynahinch Community Centre was also provided.	Joseph Deegan to circulate information to members through DEA Coordinator. Noted.
DEA/ROW/08/08/2025	Date of next meeting	TBC	Noted.

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 10 June 2025 via MS Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Gareth Sharvin
In Attendance:	Councillor Oonagh Hanlon Councillor Conor Galbraith
Independent Members:	Jim Masson, Down Business Connect, Down Community Health Committee, Macartan Digney, Downpatrick Community Collective
Statutory Partners:	None
Council Officials:	Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator Theresa McLaverty, Peace Plus Officer Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement Jacqueline Urey, Policing & Community Safety Officer
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Cadogan Enright Jenny Laverty, NI Housing Executive Housing Community Network Daniella McCarry, County Down Rural Community Network Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Housing Community Network

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DEA/DPK/25/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/25/02	Appointment of Chair	It was agreed by members that Councillor Sharvin assume the position of Chair	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/03	Appointment of Vice Chair	It was agreed by members that Councillor Hanlon assume the position of Vice Chair	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/04	Declarations of Interest	None were declared	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/05	Action Sheet of Meeting held 8 April 2025	The Action Sheet was Noted	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/06	Update on Peace Plus Programme	The Peace Plus Officer updated members on progress of the Programme. She provided members with an updated report of proposed programmes for the DEA. In order to fill the gaps in sections, she requested members seek further proposals from groups.	Peace Plus Officer All Members
DEA/DPK/26/07	Update from ERT re Environmental/Regeneration Schemes	The DEA Co-Ordinator provided members with an update on the current and future schemes in the Downpatrick area.	Noted
DEA/DPK/26/08	DEA Co-Ordinators Update	The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to Members.	Noted

DEA/DPK/26/09	Request to use Lower Green, Strangford for Funfair Site	The DEA Co-Ordinator referred to a request from Bells to use the Lower Green, Strangford for their funfair. She referred members to an issue regarding length of stay and noise. Members requested that the Officer consult with the parties concerned to establish an agreeable solution.	Assistant Tourism Development Officer
DEA/DPK/25/0	Date of Next Meeting	Date of Next Meeting has been scheduled for 12 August 2025 at 10.00am	DEA Co-Ordinator

The meeting ended at: 6.35 pm

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 17th June 2025 at 4.30pm at Castlewellan Community Centre**

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Chairperson:	Councillor Alan Lewis
In Attendance:	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
Council Officials:	Alan Beggs, Head of Evidence and Research Elaine Carr, Peace Officer (Programmes Unit) Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator Lauren McMenamy, Partner Development Officer Michael McQuiston, Senior Planning Officer
Others:	Sinead Collins, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) Anita Conway, Radius Housing Association Claire Crainey, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) Pamela Johnston, Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) Seamus Leheny, Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations (NIFHA)
Apologies:	Councillor Jim Brennan Councillor Roisin Howell Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager Councillor Siobhan O'Hare

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SC/3/2025	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SC/4/2025	Action Sheet of meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2025	Action Sheet of Slieve Croob meeting held on Tuesday 29 th April 2025 was adopted as a true record.	Noted.
DEA/SC/5/2025	Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair	Postponed to September DEA meeting.	Noted.
DEA/SC/6/2025	Peace Plus Update	Peace Officer provided update on Peace Plus programmes. Members to forward community groups interested in projects to Peace Officer.	Noted. All members.
DEA/SC/7/2025	Action Plan Update	Forum members unanimously approved Action Plan programmes 2025/2026 and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/8/2025	Slieve Croob Housing Needs	Circulate presentations and follow up information to members. Housing organisations encouraged members to share their knowledge about available land that could be acquired for housing development.	DEA Coordinator. Members.
DEA/SC/9/2025	Date and time of next meeting	Next DEA Forum meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 23 rd September 2025 at 4.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at 5.55pm

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**Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 8th July at 1.00pm in Newry Leisure Centre**

Chairperson:	Councillor Aidan Mathers
In Attendance:	Councillor Cathal King Councillor Valerie Harte Councillor Geraldine Kearns
Independent Members:	Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups Colin Hanna, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network
Statutory Partners:	Maureen O’Gorman, Education Authority Youth Service
Council Officials:	Kerri Morrow, Community Engagement and Development Manager Padraig Harte, Newry DEA Coordinator
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement Pauline McQuillan, Education Authority Youth Service Edel McGeeney, Peace Plus Officer Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2025/1	Declarations of Interest	Declaration of Interest from Cllr Harte.	Completed.
DEA/N/2025/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet of meeting held on 3 June 2025	Action Sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2025/3	Patrick Street Newry	Coordinator advised that submissions have been received and are under review.	Noted.
DEA/N/2025/4	Antisocial Behaviour Issues	Members raised concerns relating to the increase in community tension in relation to recent racist incidents. Members welcomed any work that officers can do collaboratively with communities to alleviate this.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2024/4	Pride of Place	Engagement and Development Manager updated all members on PofP – Davina's Ark selected as agreed. Invite to be sent to all members for the judging day on 28 th August 2025 to show their support for this year's nominee.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2024/5	Peace Plus	Engagement and Development Manager updated all members on the ongoing progress of the programme and advised that there is still opportunity to develop new projects – Members request Coordinator and Peace Plus officer link with community	Coordinator to progress.

		groups. Members to promote and signpost towards the programme.	
DEA/N//2024/6	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	Update from Engagement and Development Manager on projects and programmes that have taken place and those planned for July – August 2025. Newry Water Festival scheduled for 25 August 2025, details to be circulated. Seniors Programme in collaboration with Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership being developed for a 9-month period. Funding Fair to be scheduled October 2025, details to be circulated. Participatory Budgeting Community Leading Change Initiative has been launched - information regarding expressions of interest and event date to be circulated with members Newry Mela Festival being supported by Newry DEA on 20th September 2025.	Noted.
DEA/N/2024/7	Independent Members and Statutory Partners Update (a) Health and Wellbeing (b) Environmental (c) Economic Development (d) Safety and Good Relations	Update from Colin Hanna, NMEA, in relation to successful uptake of the Go Succeed Programme - Colin's details to be circulated amongst members. Growth programme has few referrals – LMP is completed – NMEA property at full capacity.	Noted

		Update from Raymond Jackson, CCG on the Utility Fund, still available to provide support - CCG will progress with this. Social supermarket has moved into An Storas, Cornmarket. Update provided on environmental projects with Newry BID. Car parking and litter picks need to be revisited. Members noted their congratulations to Carnagat Community Association on the official reopening of their community facility. Members highlighted the importance of PSNI in attendance at DEA Meetings and were advised to report an ASB issues during Summer period to both PCSP and PSNI for follow up.	
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The meeting ended at: 2.15pm. Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

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Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2025 @ 5.30 pm in Jerrettspass Community Hall

Chairperson:	Councillor David Taylor
In Attendance:	Councillor David Taylor Councillor Declan Murphy Councillor Mickey Larkin Councillor Aine Quinn Councillor Martin Hearty
Independent Members:	Cathy McMahon, Independent Member, Confederation of Community Groups Claire Convery, Independent Member, Clanrye Group Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network
Statutory Partners:	Ryan Crilly, EA Youth Services Aisling Pyers, NIHE
Council Officials:	Aoife McComiskey, Slieve Gullion DEA Coordinator Briege Boyle, Community Facilities Manager Elaine Carr, Peace Officer, Bebhínn Clarke, Social Inclusion Support
Apologies:	Paul Connolly, PSNI Councillor Oonagh Magennis Councillor Pete Byrne Barry Trainor, Southern Health & Social Care Trust Teresa Nugent, Independent Member, Rural Health Partnership

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DEA/SG/47	Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SG/48	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 13 th May 2025	Slieve Gullion Men's Health event has taken place – successful event attended by over 100 men. Cllr David Taylor congratulated the DEA Coordinator on the event.	Noted.
DEA/SG/49	Peace IV Update	Elaine Carr provided an update on Peace Plus identified projects for the Slieve Gullion area and advised that additional project suggestions are welcome. Bebhínn outlined her role as Social Inclusion Officer working on Strand 3 of Peace Plus – minority support.	Noted. Members to email Elaine Carr / Bebhínn Clarke if they wish to arrange a meeting to discuss project ideas.
DEA/SG/50	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator delivered the Coordinator's Report including: Recruitment of Independent Members – No suggestions have been received. If members have identified gaps and there is a person / organisation you feel should be represented, they can be recommended to the DEA Coordinator for further follow up Upcoming Events- ➤ Participatory Budgeting will launch at the end of July. Groups can complete an EOI for up to £1,000 for a health and wellbeing project to be delivered by end March 26. Slieve Gullion event will take place in Lislea	Noted. Members to email nominations to DEA Coordinator. Noted. DEA Coordinator to circulate details for members to promote.

		Community Centre on Sat 13th Sep 11am-2pm. ➤ Good Relations Week begins on 13th October – events planned include a Good Relations Funding Fair (Cloughreagh Community Centre 22nd Oct.), ladies joint bus trip to Malahide Castle and a shared film screening for Primary School children. ➤ Slieve Gullion Falls Prevention Workshop – Crossmaglen Community Centre Thu 25th Sep 2-4pm. Speakers from Ambulance service; NMDDC Home Safety; SHSCT teams. ➤ Collaboration with partners re. the Baton of Hope visit on Wednesday 3rd Sept. Follow-on activities will take place in Crossmaglen and Cullyhanna. ➤ Project planning for upcoming Positive Ageing Month in October – working in collaboration with Age Friendly team. ➤ Request for annual Action Cancer Bus visits to recommence in Slieve Gullion DEA area – starting with Cullyhanna (in partnership with RHP) March 26 and rotating around the DEA each subsequent year. ➤ Currently working with several groups across the DEA providing support including identifying funding sources and supporting their programme planning (e.g. recycling sessions, safety sessions, scam/ crime prevention; mindfulness activities and health awareness sessions) ➤ Shared Schools programme – ongoing.	Noted. DEA Coordinator to circulate funding fair details for members to promote. Noted. DEA Coordinator to circulate event details for members to promote. Noted. DEA Coordinator to circulate details when available. Noted. Approved. Noted. Noted.
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		DEA Action Plan – Many targets have been met. Midway review update to be presented at next meeting. Participatory Budgeting to be added in to Action Plan.	DEA Coordinator to prepare mid-year progress update for next meeting.
DEA/SG/51	Community Facilities Update	Briege Boyle provided an update in relation to IT provision in council facilities and advised that the 10minute timer on NMDDC public Wi-Fi is a security measure and cannot be adjusted. Briege updated on CC maintenance issues- - Cullyhanna CC works have been approved. Felt and tiles have been replaced on roof and ventilation measures are planned to prevent/reduce mould and damp issues. Repainting inside centre is scheduled for Winter months. - Newtownhamilton CC works have been approved. Repainting of outside of building has been complete. Further works planned for Winter months including installation of trickle vents for improved air flow and works to resolve damp issues. Briege updated on Areas at Risk projects in Bessbrook and Crossmaglen (planned for Jul/Aug) inc. fishing, fitness and STEM camps. – uptake very good. Call 2 for additional capital minor works will be open in September. Ciara Burns has been appointed as Communities Services Manager (temporarily covering Michelle McKeown)	Briege Boyle to send joining instructions to DEA coordinator for circulation. Wi-Fi issues to be reviewed at next meeting. Noted. Noted. DEA Coordinator to circulate information when received. Noted.

DEA/SG/52	Emerging Issues	Education Authority Youth Services- Ryan Crilly provided an update on the youth provision for summer intervention and engagement projects across the Slieve Gullion area including interventions in Bessbrook and Jonesborough. Ryan requested a location be considered in the Slieve Gullion area to bury a time capsule as part of the project. Members discussed the need for a Slieve Gullion water safety event. Environment – Discussion regarding Council maintenance schedule (e.g. grass cutting) – schedule availability. Ann Grant noted Bessbrook as an example of great use of wildflower borders. Community Update- Cathy McMahon provided an update on the NI Rural Women’s Network ABC programme.	Noted. DEA Coordinator to link in with Ryan. DEA Coordinator to link in with EA re. planning for a Summer 2026 event. DEA Coordinator to follow up. DEA Coordinator to circulate info.
DEA/SG/53	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025 @ 5.30pm – Clanrye Courtyard Slieve Gullion.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 6.40pm

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**Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 22 July at 4.00pm via MS Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Glyn Hanna
In Attendance:	Councillor Michael Rice
Independent Members:	Lloyd Douglas, Alan Knox
Statutory Partners:	Annie Clarke, Southern Health and Social Care Trust Paula Nixon, County Down Rural Community Network Kenneth Gracey, PSNI
Others in Attendance:	None
Council Officials:	Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator, The Mournes Theresa McLaverty, PEACE Plus Officer
Apologies:	Councillor Laura Devlin Councillor Jill Truesdale Councillor Henry Reilly Councillor Leeanne McEvoy

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/MOU/1/2025	Welcome/Apologies	Welcome by Cllr Hanna.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/2/2025	Declarations of Interest	None	Noted.
DEA/MOU/3/2025	Action Sheet 20 May 2025	Brief update of the actions from the previous Forum meeting was given.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/4/2025	DEA Coordinator's Update	DEA Coordinator update on upcoming programmes and initiatives.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/5/2025	Agency Updates	Update on upcoming programmes and initiatives.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/10/24	Donard Car Park	Anti-social behaviour and traffic issues at Donard Car Park.	PSNI provided an update and are scheduled to conduct checks at end of summer.
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.	Updates to be provided quarterly on progress. Site visit for work has been organized for 1 August.
DEA/MOU/13/2024	Business Representation on Forum	A need for Business representation on the DEA Forum was identified. Forum members to put forward nominations for Kilkeel and Newcastle areas.	Cllr. Devlin to contact Newcastle Chamber of Commerce for nomination and update at next meeting. Kilkeel Chamber of Commerce has been elected on to the Forum.
DEA/MOU/14/2025	Kilkeel Leisure Centre	Update on Kilkeel works	Works due to start in September.

DEA/MOU/16/2025	Newcastle Leisure Centre	Update on Lift and works	DEA Coordinator to contact relevant department and provide update.
DEA/MOU/18/2025	Trailer Marking for Kilkeel	Trailer Marking Event for Kilkeel	PCSP to provide update on next event.
DEA/MOU/19/2025	Clare Lodge	Possibility of Council purchasing Clare Lodge	DEA Coordinator to contact relevant department
DEA/MOU/2025	Giant for Dickens Day	Possible use of Giant Puppets used for Wake the Giant for Kilkeel Dickens Day Event.	DEA Coordinator to link Chamber with relevant department.

The meeting ended at 16:51pm. Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 th August 2025
Subject:	Leisure Closure Arrangements
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Assistant Director: Healthy Living
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinéad Geary, Head of Indoor Leisure

For decision		X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	Purpose The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the proposed leisure centre closure arrangements for the 2025/26 period, as outlined in Appendix 1. Background On various public holidays leisure facilities have historically closed or operated in a reduced capacity to reflect customer demand during these periods, and to balance the operational requirements of the service.			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	Council Leisure and Sports Section currently employees approx. 200 permanent and casual staff across several facilities, many of which are open 7 days a week, up to 15 hours per day with x3 staff shifts on designated days. Scheduled closures are required to complete planned facility maintenance and to ensure staff training can be completed to the required operating standards. Kilkeel Leisure Centre will follow the closure arrangements as set out in appendix 1 on reopening of the Centre in 2026 following refurbishment.			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	Approval of the leisure closure arrangements for the 2025/26 period as detailed in this report.			
4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	All budget requirements have been accounted for within the AHC Departmental Budget.			
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 ☒			

5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: 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	<i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i> 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). ☐ <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☐ If no, please complete the following: The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs ☐
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1: Leisure Closure Arrangements 2025-2026
8.0	Background Documents
	None.

Appendix 1 Leisure Public Holiday Arrangements 2025/2026

Newry, Down and Leisure Centre

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Wednesday 24 th December 2025 (Christmas Eve)	Closed	Closed
Thursday 25 th December 2025 (Christmas Day)	Closed	Closed
Friday 26 th December 2025 (Boxing Day)	Closed	Closed
Saturday 27 th December 2025	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Sunday 28 th December 2025	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 29 th December 2025 (Statutory Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 30 th December 2025	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Wednesday 31 st December 2025	Reduced hours	9:30am – 4:00pm
Thursday 1 st January 2026 (New Year's Day)	Closed	Closed
Friday 2 nd January 2026	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Tuesday 17 th March 2026 (St Patricks Day)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 5 th April 2026 (Easter Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 6 th April 2026 (Easter Monday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm
Tuesday 3 rd April 2026 (Easter Tuesday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm
Monday 4 th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm
Monday 25 th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm
Sunday 12 th July 2026 (12 th July Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 13 th July 2026 (13 th July Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm
Tuesday 14 th July 2026 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm
Monday 24 th August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Reduced Hours	9:30am – 4:00pm

Ballymote and Newcastle Centre

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Wednesday 24 th December 2025 – Thursday 1 st January 2026	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 17 th March 2026 (St Patricks Day)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 5 th April 2026 (Easter Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 6 th April 2026 (Easter Monday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 3 rd April 2026 (Easter Tuesday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 4 th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 25 th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 12 th July 2026 (12 th July Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 13 th July 2026 (13 th July Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 14 th July 2026 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 24 th August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed

St Colman's and Outdoor Leisure Facilities

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Wednesday 24 th December 2025 – Friday 26 th December 2025	Closed	Closed
Saturday 27 th December 2025 – Sunday 28 th December 2025	Open as per booking demand	Open as per booking demand
Monday 29 th December 2025 (Statutory Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 30 th December 2025 – Wednesday 31 st December 2025	Open as per booking demand	Open as per booking demand
Thursday 1 st January 2026 (New Year's Day)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 17 th March 2026 (St Patricks Day)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 5 th April 2026 (Easter Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 6 th April 2026 (Easter Monday)	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 3 rd April 2026 (Easter Tuesday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 4 th May 2026 (Early May Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 25 th May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Sunday 12 th July 2026 (12 th July Holiday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 13 th July 2026 (13 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Tuesday 14 th July 2026 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Closed	Closed
Monday 24 th August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Closed	Closed

Seasonal Facilities

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Sunday 12 th July 2026 (12 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 13 th July 2026 (13 th July Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Tuesday 14 th July 2026 (Moved for 12 th July Holiday falling on a Sunday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours
Monday 24 th August 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)	Open Normal Hours	Open Normal Hours

Leisure Staff Training Arrangements 2025/2026**Down Leisure Centre, Newcastle Centre and Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre**

Day	Opening Arrangement	Opening Times
Monday 15 th December 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Tuesday 16 th December 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Friday 19 th December 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Thursday 25 th June 2026 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Friday 26 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 17 th December 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Thursday 18 th December 2026 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Friday 19 th December 2025 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover
Wednesday 24 th June 2026 (Staff Training Day)	Reduced Hours	6.00pm to 10.00pm – subject to staff cover

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 August 2025
Subject:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and Newry & Downpatrick 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

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	- To note the report. - To note the attached Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 28 May 2025 and approved on 25 June 2025. - To note the attached Action Sheet of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 31 March 2025 and approved on 24 June 2025. - To note the attached Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 27 May 2025, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 29 July 2025. Background The attachments referenced above are provided to update the Committee on the ongoing work of the PCSP and Newry & Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	None.				
3.0	Recommendations				
3.1	That the Committee note the following: - Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 28 May 2025 and approved on 25 June 2025. - Action Sheet of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 31 March 2025 and approved on 24 June 2025. - Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 27 May 2025, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 29 July 2025.				
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	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 ☒
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: 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 ☐
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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 ☒
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix 1: Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 28 May 2025. Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on 31 March 2025. Appendix 3: Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP meeting held on 27 May 2025.
8.0	Background Documents

8.1	None.
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**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 26th March 2025
At 7.00pm
Room 1, WIN Business Centre**

In Attendance:

Mrs Paula McGuigan	Chairperson, NRP (Carnagat CA)
Mr Collie Hanna,	Vice Chairperson, NRP (Barcroft CA)
Mr Paul Magennis,	Barcroft CA
Mrs Joanne Markey,	Carnagat CA
Ms Kerri Morrow,	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt,	Newry Mourne and Down District Council (minutes)
Mr Raymond Jackson,	Confederation of Community Groups
Mr Ewan Morgan,	Community Restorative Justice Ireland
Mr Ryan Morgan,	Community Restorative Justice Ireland
Mr Aiden McCabe,	Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Ms Josephine Morgan	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Ms Noreen Rice,	Meadow Armagh Road CA
Ms Maureen O'Gorman,	Education Authority NI Youth Service
Dr Conor Patterson,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Ms Heather Kavanagh,	Southern Regional College
Mrs Patricia O'Gorman,	Threeways CA
Mrs Amy Fearon,	Threeways CA

Apologies:

Ms Francine Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA
Mrs Maureen Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA
Mrs Catherine O’Hanlon,	Area Manager Department for Communities
Ms Orlagh Morgan,	Greater Linenhall area CA
Ms Diana O’Hanlon,	Greater Linenhall Area CA
Ms Maeve McParland,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency

Matters Discussed

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome / Introductions	All welcomed to the meeting		
2.	Apologies	Recorded as above.		
3.	Minutes/matters arising.	Minutes agreed as accurate. Proposed by Paul Magennis and seconded by Patricia O’Gorman		

		Matters arising: No Matters arising		
4.	Conflict of interest	No Conflicts of interest declared		
5.	Subgroup updates	Capital: NIHE – Carnagat Extension Programme on schedule to complete. Possible hand over in 2 weeks time Carnagat ask for a date when they can empty the containers. <u>Revenue:</u> <u>EANI:</u> - No Update EA Youth service: - Completing the work in the schools. Meet with Principals and staff to discuss any issues - Newcomer programme now completed. - Derrybeg programme runs one evening per week. Good support from the CA - Planning for the Summer programmes - Partnership with the SHSCT to work with SEN young people - Work with young men and young women - Group of young people from the Magnet YAC and Newry area going to France as part of Horizons project - Updating the mapping of youth services resource across Newry and Mourne. Launch in September.	Get a date for the CA Circulate the details	Josephine Maureen

		• Newry and Mourne Youth Voice is now open for recruitment. They would like to recruit young people from NR areas to represent their areas. Health: • Cancer Focus health awareness programme. 24 female and 17 male attended • 40% referred to their GP's • Early intervention Action Cancer 21st May – 22 places and 86 requests. • Second date 12th June – Go back to people placed on the waiting list who previously applied. • Heart screening – 20 people booked. • Huge uptake on our health intervention programmes. • Waiting on confirmation of further funding to enable us to progress with Physical activity programmes. • TILT event – Thursday 29th May in the Canal Court Hotel – focus on Carers SRC: • All programmes ended 31 March • Await update on funding for 2025/26 • OCEANS programme -no enrolments from Newry. • Training in jobs working offshore. When completed – work on any vessels/Trawlers, Cruise ships. • Training covers working at heights/firefighting/security and safety awareness, • 5 days training in Belfast. Transport and meals supplied. • GWO Training course – Wind turbine safety course		
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		• On shore training – 2 days in Donegal • Sall costs covered – accommodation etc. • Full 4 days 9 – 5pm • 1 day for offshore – sea survival course. • Renewable sector is a growing industry NMEA: • Hannah Murtagh from FITHEAD to deliver 2 x sessions on Confidence and Mindset and Motivation to all incoming Year 8's at St Joseph's High School Summer scheme which starts on 7th July 2025 • The annual Summer Numeracy Camp and Computer Coding and Lego camps have provisionally been booked for July 2025 at Enterprise House, WIN Business Park. • DJ Academy session provisionally booked for St John Bosco Summer Scheme in July all NR kids welcome * Further information will be emailed to all community groups after funding is secured. NMDDC: Community Renewal- • Currently funded to end of June – Running costs confirmed until that date. • Await confirmation of continuation of the funding. Community Renewal support • CCG delivering ongoing support to all the groups (governance, funding, training etc.) • 3 AGM's postponed due to delay in getting accounts ready.	Recirculate details through the community groups	Heather/Sean
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		• No further information on the D1 process in terms of Raymond McCreesh park • Utility fund still open for hard to reach people Outdoor activity – • Small number of programmes delivered • Limited budget - based on previous years 1st quarter spend. • Ask the groups to plan as per normal. It is business as usual until we are told anything different. Safer Stronger Communities: • Ewan has returned to the post vacated by Janet • Spike in cases in April • Closed 1 case in the Ballybot area • Certificate presentation for the OCN level 3 – in the Think lab in WIN. Kerri Morrow – DEA • Financial Assistance - Kerri will organise a workshop on completing applications to Council. • Forthcoming programmes: • Intercommunity senior programme - meeting tomorrow to plan for the year ahead. Details will follow. • Wildlife in the City - 8th June • Newry Water Festival 25th August • Drumalane 75th Anniversary events. Dates and details to be circulated. • Community clean ups. Any spaces need to be cleaned, contact Kerri • Family Connection event next week		
			Circulate details	Kerri/Sean

7.	DfC Update	No report No news on future funding yet		
8.	A.O.B	36 NRP Forum is planning to meet to discuss response to consultation on the DfC budget and to the People and Place review position. Noreen raised an issue about the new Craigmore Development. People are breaking through the fence at the rear of St Brigid's church to gain access to the Meadow. Ask that we invite Apex to the next meeting to provide clarity on this <u>No More Business</u> Everyone thanked for attending and NMEA and Sean thanked for the hospitality provided	Contact Apex	Sean
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 25 th June 2025 7.00pm in WIN business centre	Circulate details and all information	Sean

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on
31 March 2025 via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Nicholas McCrickard	County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)
In Attendance:	Brian Morrow Jenny Lavery Dan McEvoy Macartan Digney Maria Kelly Catherine Shipman Donna Marks Kieran Teggart Mary Cahalane-Woodward Gerard Smith Emma Bohill	Department for Communities (DfC) County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) Downpatrick Community Collective Downpatrick Community Collective Surestart, Downpatrick SERC Marian Park Residents Association Education Authority South Eastern Trust NIHE Down Business Centre
Council Officials:	Katrina Hynds	Technical Officer, Downpatrick NHR
Apologies:	Seamus Blaney Anthony Trainor Alison McCarthy Jeanette McCarthy Doreen Brown	Stream Street Residents Association Stream Street Residents Association Tosu Ur Tosu Ur Tosu Ur

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DNRP/01/2025	Welcome and Apologies	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting	
DNRP/02/2024	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	Nicholas McCrickard declared a conflict of interest re awarded Capital Projects	
DNRP/03/2025	Action Sheet	Members unanimously agreed to adopt the Action Sheet of 5 November 2024	Technical Officer
DNRP/04/2025	Review of Action Plan	An update was provided to members on recent capital projects secured & completed – these included: Toilet Facilities – Owenbeg Bowling Club Laptops – CDRCN Irrigation Scheme – Downpatrick Allotments	

		Resources & IT Equipment – Speech & Language Programme Amendments to Action Plan: Add: – Playpark Equipment to Ballymote - Boiler Replacement Patrician Youth Club - Storage Container – Scout Hall Remove - Naiscoil Dun Padraig – New Premises	
DNRP/05/2025	Request from Patrician Youth Club to include work on Action Plan	Members agreed that the replacement of existing boiler at the Patrician Youth Centre be placed on Action Plan. Technical Officer to support group with form for DfC	Technical Officer
DNRP/06/2025	Promoters' Reports	The Promoters' Reports were presented to members and noted	Technical Officer
DNRP/07/2026	Update from Department for Communities	Members to submit final claim form to DfC	Funders

DNRP/04/2023	Update from Department for Communities	• Expression of Interest for any Small Capital Projects were successfully submitted and awarded	Technical Officer / Department for Communities
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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 27th May 2025 at 6.00pm at Council Chamber, Monaghan Row, Newry and remotely via MS Teams

In attendance in Chamber:

Cllr Terry Andrews, *Chair*
 Cllr Aidan Mathers, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Declan Murphy, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Kate Murphy, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Henry Reilly, *NMDDC*
 Chief Inspector Adam Ruston, *PSNI*
 Sergeant Robin Blair, *PSNI*
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, *PSNI*

In attendance via Teams:

Cllr Conor Galbraith, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Oonagh Hanlon, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Doire Finn, *NMDDC*
 Cllr David Taylor, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Jill Truesdale, *NMDDC*
 Inspector Kelly Gibson, *PSNI*
 Inspector Paddy Heatley, *PSNI*
 Martin Healy, *NIFRS*
 Aileen O Callaghan, *EANI*
 Michael Heaney, *YJA*
 Roisin Leckey, *PBNI*
 Josephine Morgan, *NIHE*
 Martina Byrne, *PCSP Independent Member*
 Louise Kennedy, *PCSP Independent Member*
 Niall Lawlor, *PCSP Independent Member*
 William Slater, *PCSP Independent Member*
 Tara Campbell, *PCSP Independent Member*
 Anne Sheridan, *PCSP Independent Member*
 Jacki Urey, *PCSP Officer*

NMDDC Staff Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement
 Shannon Creaney, Acting Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
 Kaitlyn Hanna, PCSP Officer
 Shane McGivern, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer

1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

The Chair welcomed Members to the Partnership meeting.

Apologies were received from Aidan McCabe, Gerard Kearney, Michelle Osborne, Superintendent Norman Haslett and Chief Inspector Joe Tierney.

The Vice Chair thanked members for attending the meeting. He remarked that this was the first meeting of the 2025/26 financial year and that he looks forward to a busy and successful year as a partnership working across the thematic areas of the PCSP action plan.

The Chair advised members that the PCSP has recently received a letter of offer and funding agreement from the Joint Committee from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 and that the budget is confirmed to remain the same as the previous financial year.

The chair noted that applications for PCSP Financial assistance are now closed, and all applications have been assessed, over £75,000 has been awarded to a total of 42 projects. The chair noted that this is a considerable investment in local community activity and an excellent way to raise awareness of the PCSP across the district. He added that PCSP staff have been in contact with successful groups and that further information on the projects will be sent to members.

The Chair discussed housekeeping rules before the formal business of the meeting began.

2 Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

3 Draft Minutes of previous PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 25 March 2025

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 25 March 2025 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor H Reily, seconded by Councillor K Murphy it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 25 March 2025 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

Cllr Reily asked if there had been any response from the correspondence to the Minister of Justice.

Shannon Creaney advised that a letter was sent on 12th May and to date, no response had been received. She advised that the PCSP are working with colleagues in DOJ to explore other avenues that the letter can be sent through to ensure a response is received as soon as possible.

The Chair confirmed that as per the action sheet, a letter has been sent to the Minister of Justice and advised that when a response is received it will be circulated with members.

Policing Committee Business

5 District Commander's Report – May 2025

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

Chief Inspector Adam Ruston began by offering condolences to An Garda Siochána regarding their colleague Kevin Flatley who was tragically killed in a motorbike accident.

Chief Inspector Adam Ruston provided the District Commander's Report to the Partnership, highlighting the following points:

Chief Inspector Ruston noted that it has been a busy period for the PSNI and the district. In respect of Victim of crime updates, PSNI are currently sitting at 93.2% regarding updates within the 10-day target and they continue to strive to improve this figure. He noted that this figure is moving in the right direction.

Engagement

Chief Inspector Ruston noted that it is a busy time for Neighbourhood teams with continued engagement, he highlighted - East Down Neighbourhood Policing Team between 10th & 14th March were engaged in the BEE Safe Initiative with the EA NMDDC and local primary schools, meeting a significant number of school children and engaging with them about topics such as Road safety, Stranger danger & Internet Safety. Slieve Gullion Neighbourhood officers on 7th April attended St Joseph's High School and covered the topic of Internet Safety, Cyber Bullying & Cyber Crime. Detectives from the PSNI Cyber Crime Branch also were in attendance.

Social Media

Chief Inspector Ruston highlighted social media as a great tool for sharing good news and keeping people updated. Currently this district's PSNI page has 77,000 followers with a reach of 649,000 people. This is one of the best performing districts in the PSNI for social media reach and for the number of messages being released via social media. He noted that Newry, Mourne and Down PSNI are one of the only districts who actively engage via social media replies/comments.

Hate Crime

Chief Inspector Ruston noted the recent social media attention around hate crimes and noted that this is a major topic at the moment especially regarding Daisy Hill Hospital and some of the incidents involving staff. He added that hate crime figures are actually down for this period with incidents down by 15% and crimes down by 28% - a reduction in comparison to the previous reporting period. In respect of the recent incident in Newry involving staff from Daisy Hill Hospital, Chief Inspector Ruston provided some background information where he noted that a Muslim family were enjoying a family day in the park and that a confrontation took place due to rubbish with a separate party. Subsequent to this, abusive posts were made via social media by an individual towards the family. He added that nothing further came from this particular incident but added that they have engaged with the head of the Muslim Staff Association and that they have an event planned for June in partnership with PCSP to engage with this community. He added that the Newry area in particular is a welcoming and well-integrated area and that these incidents are not very common compared to other areas around racial hate crime.

Vulnerability

Chief Inspector Ruston commented on vulnerability and added that Ryan is in attendance from the Support Hub who are currently are working with 10 cohorts who have been supported via the Hub and with 47 vulnerable people who have been identified and are being reviewed on a daily basis.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Chief Inspector Ruston stated that PSNI figures have seen an increase in 1% of recorded ASB crimes, but this is only an increase in 46 incidents. The key locations where reports are coming from are Saul Street Downpatrick, King's Lane Warrenpoint and Daisy Hill Hospital. In particular with Daisy Hill Hospital, the reports appear to be more frequent on Saturdays & Sundays, with incidents mainly involving individuals being aggressive towards staff. He added that they have seen a rise in ASB near Barbican service station, Newcastle and noted that scrambler & quad bikes continue to be an issue. Chief Inspector Ruston also added that the PSNI Neighbourhood Team in Newry recently had success in stopping and seizing a scrambler & a quad and also confirmed that in Slieve Gullion the Dungormley estate sees officers continue to do more regular patrols to target ASB.

Domestic Abuse

Chief Inspector Ruston stated that in this reporting period, Domestic incidents decreased by 123 incidents for the last rolling 365-day period, and domestic recorded offences decreased by 135 incidents. He noted that education work, increased reporting & the one stop shop initiative has been reflected in these figures. Chief Inspector Ruston commented on OP Encompass; and stated that this year there has been 565 domestic incidents where the Op Encompass criteria has been met and referred. 1110 children have been referred to schools/further education following exposure to these incidents.

Road Safety

Chief Inspector Ruston noted the tragic fatality in Hilltown involving a young man. He noted that this is the 2nd fatality this year, which is a reduction from 4 in the previous year. He added that the PSNI have been doing a number of road safety operations this month, and highlighted OP Lifesaver on 16th April which was a joint operation with An Garda Síochána. During this operation there was 47 anti-speeding operations including the joint operation with An Garda Síochána. 6 penalty notices were given out and 2 report files.

During this reporting period Chief Inspector Ruston advised there had been 89 speeding detections, 74 detections for careless and dangerous driving, 55 arrests for drink or drug driving and 21 detections for using a mobile phone, with a further 14 detections for not using a seatbelt. 28 fixed penalties and referrals were made to the courts for defects with vehicles and a further 77 vehicles were detected having no insurance. The safety partnership speed van was deployed 37 times in the district making 440 speeding detections. Chief Inspector Ruston noted that road safety continues to be a district priority for the PSNI.

Drugs

Chief Inspector Ruston noted that drugs continue to be a priority for PSNI, and noted some significant seizures. In Kilkeel in April 2025, £860,000 worth of drugs were seized. In Meigh in April 2025 there was £60,000 worth of herbal Cannabis seized. He noted that out of all PSNI districts, Newry, Mourne & Down district continues to have high seizure rates.

Chief Inspector Ruston reported that 549 seizures were made during the rolling period which is the 4th highest performing district out of all of the PSNI with 194 drug arrests. From 1st April 2024 to 30th March 2025 the RAPID bins have been emptied and counted by PSNI, with 38,494 items recovered and disposed of. Chief Inspector Ruston noted that they have had significant stops of vehicles and subsequent seizures in this area.

Crime

Chief Inspector Ruston noted the largest decrease across the PSNI in crime was Newry, Mourne & Down with a 14.7% reduction in recorded crime. He stated that Burglary continues to show a reduction, however there was an upsurge last month from a travelling gang from Dublin targeting South Armagh & Newry. Chief Inspector Ruston also noted shoplifting has shown a reduction of 10%, and said he believed the the work of the Newry BID and their joint work with the PSNI Neighbourhood team has had an impact on these figures. Mr Ruston also stated violence against the person had shown a 10% decrease and noted that they are currently sitting with a clearance rate of 32.2% for crimes – above the PSNI average at 31.3%.

Chief Inspector Ruston noted some of the main incidents which has seen good results within the district. In particular there was an armed robbery at the Casino in Monaghan Street Newry on 27th April. The male involved was located quickly by PSNI and was interviewed and charged and has been remanded in Prison. Mr Ruston also commented on an indecent behaviour and sexual incident at Merchants Quay Newry, where a 48 year old male was swiftly arrested and charged with a number of offences confirming he remains remanded in Prison.

South Armagh Policing Review

Chief Inspector Ruston noted that there has been no significant change since the last meeting and added that he was hopeful that work would have started in Newtownhamilton by now in terms of the new PSNI Station. He also added that the Cross Border Pursuit policy is still outstanding and noted the increase in ramming incidents.

General

Chief Inspector Ruston touched on one example of good policing work which received a lot of media attention. This incident was a stabbing which took place on Murlough Beach Newcastle in April 2025, where 2 males were promptly arrested. Mr Ruston commented on the great work from the PSNI crews in locating the suspects, and confirmed one male was charged overnight and then remanded in Prison. He added that CID continue to investigate this.

Chief Inspector Ruston noted that since the last meeting they have seen a further 32 officers assaulted while on duty, he added that they are seeing significant levels of violence from people. He added that thankfully in the majority of cases the officers have been able to continue their duty. Mr Ruston also confirmed that since the last report, PSNI had seen a drop in ramming incidents, however in the last few weeks they have seen an increase with 5 separate incidents in the last few weeks. In particular, he raised concerns that from an incident last week they now have an officer who has a fractured vertebrae in his back and is likely to be off work for several months. He noted that a series of ramming's took place following burglaries in the South Armagh area which involved a gang from across the border. He added that a push is needed on the cross-border pursuit policy to tackle and prevent these incidents of people fleeing across the border following a crime.

Finally, Chief Inspector Ruston commented on the gorse fires that took place in April 2025 around Hilltown & Newcastle which took a significant amount of police resources along with the Fire service. He noted that one male was arrested on suspected arson.

This concluded the PSNI report from Chief Inspector Ruston.

Cllr Aidan Mathers asked if there was an update on PSNI Newry, Mourne and Down liaising with their colleagues in Belfast PSNI who had recently carried out an operation to seize scramblers. Chief Inspector Ruston acknowledged that some work had been done on this. Inspector Kelly Gibson noted that they had been successful in getting one of the perpetrators but further operations that had been planned, did not go ahead as the TSG unit that had been bid for had been pulled away to another incident. She noted that work is still ongoing on this and advised that a full update will be sent on to Cllr Mathers following the meeting.

Roisin Leckey advised the partnership that she recently received an email advising that a particular batch of cannabis circulating in NI at the moment is deemed by the PHA as dangerous due to supplies being mixed with other toxic substances. Mrs Leckey advised that she would send the partnership members the PHA information on this via email.

Louise Kennedy asked if the policing act includes rammings to be considered under the assault of police officers. Chief Inspector Ruston advised that it was discussed recently at a federation conference where assaults and rammings were mentioned. He advised that it would be covered as an assault on police.

Cllr Doire Finn indicated towards the subject of race and hate crimes. She noted the rise in attention of this subject in the media and asked if reports are being made of these crimes as the figures are decreasing. Cllr Finn queried if this could be due to intimidation. Cllr Finn also asked if any community event details could be circulated with Councillors. Chief Inspector Ruston noted that the recent social media post regarding the incident in a park in Newry reference in his report resulted in a number of reports to PSNI. Mr Ruston indicated that they intend to encourage making reports to PSNI at upcoming events and noted that these incidents are not reflective of the Newry community as generally it is a very welcoming community.

Cllr Henry Rielly thanked the PSNI for their comprehensive report and the work being done across the district. He asked in relation to the racial and hate crime assaults on Daisy Hill Staff if those committing the assaults were local people on drugs. He also noted the tragic fatal road traffic collision and stated that it shocked the Mourne community. He commended the PSNI campaign against speeding and noticed the difference this campaign made on the roads. He also asked if the 47 weapons offences recorded were in regard to firearms or knives.

Chief Inspector Ruston advised that this would commonly be knives, not live firearms.

Cllr Conor Galbraith noted the recent stabbing incident which had happened the previous night. He asked if any of the partners are aware of any educational programmes that are offered to cover topics such as knife crimes. Aileen O'Callaghan from EA advised that EA would work with the PSNI and PCSP with the guns and knives workshop but noted that this depends on the available resources of the PSNI. She added that this is definitely a partnership approach to educate and roll out. She advised she would work with Cllr Galbraith on this further.

Cllr Terry Andrews thanked the PSNI for their ongoing work on the discussed issues and acknowledged the partnerships support. He thanked the PSNI and Chief Inspector Ruston for their detailed report.

PCSP Business

6 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Shannon Creaney advised that the PCSP Officer Report is for noting. She reiterated that the PCSP welcome the Letter of Offer and the finding agreement for this financial year from Joint Committee. She advised that a list will be sent to members of the successful PCSP Financial Assistance groups. She noted that many projects cover diversionary activities over the summer months and invites members to attend where appropriate.

In addition, Ms Creaney advised the PCSP will be attending many of the upcoming agricultural shows and festivals throughout the district and welcomed members to join PCSP Staff at these events to see what advice and support is being given to the community.

Cllr Reilly asked if there was an update on the mobile SID's.

Ms Creaney advised that PCSP have been in contact with PWS who supply the mobile SID units, and they had confirmed that the order should arrive by end of June 2025.

Ms Creaney confirmed that when the Mobile SIDs become ready for use, members will be made aware via email.

7 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: ASB Sub Group Reports (copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Cllr Kate Murphy, seconded by Anne Sheridan was agreed the Committee:

- **Approve the report**
- **Approve the Action Sheet for the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 15th April 2025**

8 Date of Next Meeting

Cllr Andrews confirmed the next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held on 29th July 2025 in Civic Centre Downpatrick.

Before closing the meeting, Cllr Terry Andrews noted since being nominated by SDLP Council Group to serve as Chair of the Newry Mourne and Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership, he has been honoured and privileged to serve in the role. Cllr Andrews thanked his Vice Chair Michelle Osborne who had chaired meetings in his absence and thanked her for her support during his term. He noted the busy year as Chair of PCSP, and his frequent visits to events and schools which he found beneficial. He noted in particular the joint effort from multiple services after the effects of Storm Eowyn and thanked the work of the PCSP staff led by Martina and Shannon for their support to his role. Cllr Andrews also noted his congratulations to PCSP staff member Amy Mckeown on the recent birth of her daughter.

To conclude, Cllr Andrews thanked both elected members, Independent members and statutory members for their help and support throughout his term as Chair and wished success to the incoming Chair and Vice Chair of PCSP as they take on their new role.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6:50pm

Report to:	Active and Health Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 August 25
Subject:	Participatory Budgeting Events
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb - Assistant Director, Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Alan Beggs - Head of Evidence and Research Martina Flynn - Head of Engagement

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<u>Purpose</u> The purpose of this report is to inform Members about the upcoming Participatory Budgeting events scheduled to take place across the seven District Electoral Areas (DEAs). These events have been organised through the District’s Community Planning Partnership." <u>Background</u> Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process that enables citizens to directly decide how to allocate a portion of public funds. It empowers communities to influence spending in their area, promoting fairness, transparency, and local ownership in decision-making. In 2017, the Community Planning Partnership Board agreed to adopt a collective PB strategy under the banner “Communities Leading Change.” This strategy outlined an approach where partners would pool budgets to pilot a series of grant-making projects across the district. So far, the Community Planning Partnership has overseen 7 PB projects distributing £87,000 of funding.				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	At the February Meeting of the Community Planning Partnership, it was agreed that in 2025/26 a PB process would be brought forward within the district, it was agreed that: • A pooled budget be established to enable a series of PB events to take place in the 2025/26 financial year. • That PB projects will be brought forward within each of the Districts DEAs in conjunction with the existing DEA forums. These PB projects will include the awarding of small grants through a public vote, similar to previous PB projects in the District. • That PB projects will be overseen by the PB steering group which will establish the project parameters and determine broad project themes to be addressed, based on emerging evidence.				

	It was also agreed that each small grants process will be supplemented with a “mainstream PB” element, whereby participants are asked to identify local needs and priorities. The results of this will be used to inform DEA action plans and shared with Community Planning Partners, to enable them to better appreciate local need and shape services accordingly. Following this decision, the PB Steering Group agreed that the theme for this year’s Participatory Budgeting (PB) process would be “Health and Wellbeing.” It was recommended that seven “Community Market Stall” events be organised—one in each District Electoral Area (DEA). At these events, funding from the pooled budget will be distributed to local projects selected by public vote. The current pooled budget stands at £95,970, with financial contributions from: • Newry, Mourne and Down District Council • Public Health Agency • Southern Health and Social Care Trust • South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust • Northern Ireland Housing Executive • Department for Communities • Ark, Radius, Arbour, and Clanmil Housing Associations (Shared Housing Program) In-kind support has also been committed by the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and our Community and Voluntary Sector partners.
2.2	Applications Now Open for "Communities Leading Change" Grants Community groups across the Newry, Mourne and Down District can now apply for grants of up to £1,000 as part of the Communities Leading Change initiative. These grants are intended to support projects that promote good health and wellbeing within local communities. Groups wishing to apply should complete an Expression of Interest form, providing their group name and project details. Applicants should clearly explain how the funding will be used and how the project will benefit the wider community. Application forms and further information, including a detailed FAQ on the Participatory Budgeting process, are available at: www.newrymouredown.org/communities-leading-change The closing date for applications is 25th August 2025
2.3	Participatory Budgeting Market Stall Events The community will decide which projects receive funding through a public vote at a Market Stall event. One event will take place in each of the seven District Electoral Areas (DEAs), with details listed below. These events provide a valuable opportunity for local residents to have their voices heard by voting for the projects they believe will most benefit their area. Each participating

	group will showcase their project idea at the event, allowing the public to learn more before casting their vote.			
	DEA	Date	Time	Venue
	Slieve Croob	Thursday 25 September 2025	5pm - 8pm	Seaforde Young Farmers Hall 205 Newcastle Road, Seaforde, Downpatrick, BT30 8NU
	Slieve Gullion	Saturday 13 September 2025	11am - 2pm	Lislea Community Centre 14 Mountain Road, Newry, BT35 9UG
	Crotlieve	Saturday 4 October 2025	11am - 2pm	Warrenpoint Town Hall Church Street, Warrenpoint, Newry, BT34 3HN
	Downpatrick	Monday 29 September 2025	6pm - 9pm	Ballymote Sports Centre 96 Glebetown Drive, Downpatrick, BT30 6PX
	Newry	Friday 26 September 2025	6pm - 9pm	Newry Gateway 20 Kilmorey Street, Newry, BT34 2DE
	Mournes	Wednesday 15 October 2025	6pm - 9pm	The Nautilus Centre Rooney Road, Kilkeel, Newry, BT34 4AG
	Rowallane	Thursday 9 th October 2025	6pm - 9pm	Ballynahinch Centre 55 Windmill Street, Ballynahinch, BT24 8HB
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	To note the contents of this report, including the upcoming PB events in each of the 7 District Electoral Areas.			

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	All budget requirements have been approved and profiled within the AHC Departmental Budget, as part of the rates setting process.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: 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	<i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i> 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). ☐ <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☐ If no, please complete the following:

	The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs	☐
7.0	Appendices	
	None.	
8.0	Background Documents	
	None.	