

April 18th, 2025

#### Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 28th April 2025 at 6:00 pm in Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre.

#### **Committee Membership 2024-25**

Councillor C Galbraith **Chairperson**

Councillor A Mathers **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor P Campbell

Councillor L Devlin

Councillor D Finn

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor R Howell

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor O Magennis

Councillor L McEvoy

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor H Young


# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

## 3.0 Action Sheet arising from Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 18 March 2025

*For Approval*

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### *For Discussion/Decision*

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## 4.0 Officer Report on Notice of Motion: Trauma Informed Practice

*For Decision*

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## 5.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report

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

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## 6.0 Service Delivery Arrangements

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

 *AHC Report - Service Delivery Arrangements - vf.pdf*

*Not included*

 *Appendix 1 - Service Delivery Arrangements - vf.pdf*

*Not included*

## 7.0 Leisure Facilities Contract

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

 **AHC Report - Leisure Facilities Contract.pdf** **Not included**

 **Appendix 1 -Leisure Facilities Contract - vf.pdf** **Not included**

## 8.0 Castle Park Licence Agreement

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

 **AHC Report April 2025 Castle Park Tender - vf.pdf** **Not included**

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### *For Noting*


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## 9.0 RAISE Programme

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

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## 11.0 Social Inclusion Update Report

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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

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Martin Hearty

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 Kate Murphy

Cllr Selina Murphy

Cllr Declan Murphy

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Siobhan O'Hare

Mr Andy Patterson

Cllr Áine Quinn

Cllr Henry Reilly

Cllr Michael Rice

Ms Alison Robb

Cllr Michael Ruane

Mr Gary Scott

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 – 18 MARCH 2025**

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/021/2025	Action sheet of AHC Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 February	Noted	A Patterson	<b>Noted</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/022/2025	Notice of Motion – Running Track in East Down	It was agreed that officers provide an update to AHC Committee as further progress is made on options for available land and suitable sites for the location of a running track as part of a multi-sports hub to be developed in partnership with a school or another statutory body, in line with the approved recommendations of the Councils Sports Facilities Review.	C Haughey	<b>In progress</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/023/2025	Leisure Centre Arrangements	It was agreed to approve the amended leisure centre closure arrangements for 2025 as per the officer's report.	C Haughey	<b>In progress</b>	<b>Y</b>
AHC/024/2025	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 25 February 2025.</li> <li>• Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 18 February 2025.</li> <li>• Slieve Croob DEA Private Forum Meeting held on 25 February 2025.</li> <li>• Downpatrick DEA Private Forum Meeting 11 February 2025.</li> </ul>	A Robb	<b>Complete</b>	<b>Y</b>

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

AHC/025/2025	Usage Agreement for AHC Facility	It was agreed to approve the sporting club's sole use of the Council facility for the duration of their development works, subject to agreed terms and periodic review.	C Haughey	In progress	Y
AHC/026/2025	Funded Programme Delivery	<p>It was agreed to proceed with the delivery of the funded programme as detailed within the Officer's Report to July 2025, pending receipt of a Letter of Offer from the programme funder.</p> <p>It was also agreed that Council send a letter urging the Department to consider sending a Letter of Offer as soon as possible.</p>	A Robb	In progress	Y

<b>Report to:</b>	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Trauma Informed Practice
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Gary Scott, Safeguarding Co-ordinator
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Gary Scott, Safeguarding Co-ordinator

<b>For decision</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>For noting only</b>	
<b>1.0</b>			<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1			<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to update members on a notice of motion to AHC Committee on Trauma Informed Practice, including NMDDC's commitment to being a Trauma Informed Organisation.</p>
1.2			<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>At the Council Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 the following notice of motion was tabled by Councillor Truesdale:</p> <p>"That this Council commits to becoming a trauma informed council. Trauma informed practice is grounded in the understanding that trauma has a significant impact on a person's life. The prevalence of trauma can have an impact on the emotional, physiological, and social well-being of a person. We live in a post-conflict society and we don't have a shared narrative of the troubles. Some of us have been impacted more than others but the trauma will have hit most families in the province and it can be passed down through the generations also. A trauma informed lens is one that means we all make the decision to avoid triggering others and are more conscious of sensitivities around troubles related incidents. A trauma informed approach has already been implemented in many councils across the water - but, in my mind, the need for it is higher here. As a Council we need to develop our understanding of what being trauma-informed means across councillors and council officers for this initiative to really benefit our residents. As a post conflict society we need to do better and that means being careful with others around sensitive anniversaries. There are organisations that do training in this area – I believe our Council would benefit from undertaking such training and moving forward to becoming more trauma-informed. You never know who you are speaking to or who may hear you and be triggered....".</p> <p>The Motion was seconded by Councillor Enright. It was agreed that the Motion would be referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6</p>
<b>2.0</b>			<b>Key issues</b>
2.1			<p>Trauma informed practice is a way of increasing the understanding of trauma and its potential impact on an individual's physical and psychological wellbeing through supporting the development of skills and knowledge throughout the workforce. Trauma informed practice also recognises the correlation between trauma and poorer health outcomes which may be caused by the direct impact of trauma, the impact of the trauma on a person's coping response or the impact of the trauma on a person's relationship with</p>



	<p>others. Once the impact of trauma is understood and how those experiencing it may express themselves through their behaviours, we start to appreciate the language of trauma for that individual and respond more effectively through the services that are provided - such as physical activity and wellbeing programmes, community outreach, home assessments, noise control, coaching etc.</p>
2.2	<p>When considering where Council sits on in the 'safeguarding continuum', while Council has an element of reactive response, this translates into a primary focus on promotion and prevention in developing trauma informed practice within the organisation. This is linked to Safeguarding through the impact of vicarious trauma on individuals and their work/work environment and the thresholding for adult safeguarding cases/referrals.</p>
2.3	<p>In 2018, the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) was funded through the cross-departmental Early Intervention Transformation Programme (EITP) to deliver the EITP Work Stream Four: Trauma Informed Practice Workforce Development Project across its 27 member agencies including SOLACE.</p>
2.4	<p>Through an 'Awareness of Trauma in children (Adverse Childhood Experiences)' and a 'Trauma Sensitive Approach to Practice' the key outcomes for SOLACE were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an awareness of the adverse childhood experiences which may cause trauma in a child's life</li> <li>• Be aware of the potential impact of these adversities on the development of a child and impact across the life course</li> <li>• Be able to identify what creates resilience to cope with adversity (including staff)</li> <li>• Be able to develop policies and practice to embed trauma informed practice in their work</li> </ul>
2.5	<p>NMD Council has been working and continues to work towards developing and integrating a Trauma Informed Approach through collaboration across departments including staff briefings, staff health and wellbeing, policy and staff training.</p>
2.6	<p>Developing trauma sensitive approaches within Council is vital to ensure that our elected members, staff and volunteers understand the importance of early intervention and prevention strategies to recognise and/or mitigate childhood adversity or the potential impact of such adversities during childhood or later in life for the individual and their family.</p>
2.7	<p>NMD Safeguarding Coordinator is a member of the SBNI Trauma Informed Practice Committee as a representative of SOLACE.</p>
2.8	<p>SBNI continues to deliver upon the Trauma Informed Practice Project systemically across Northern Ireland supporting organisations including Council to develop into trauma responsive organisation. This includes the provision of training which is provided by SBNI accredited trainers located regionally and additional support guidance and support advice, materials including the Trauma Informed Practice Tool Kit (see supporting documents).</p>
2.9	<p>The SBNI eLearning platform Trauma Informed Practice is currently subject to review and will be embedded into Council eLearning Safeguarding Portal once completed.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
3.1	<p>Council commits to and continues to develop as a trauma informed organisation.</p>

3.2	Council's Safeguarding Coordinator to collaborate with the SBNI Trauma Informed Implementation Managers to identify opportunities for suitable training to Elected Members and Council staff.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Officer time in organisation and delivery of training events and administration of same. Elected Member time No wider resource implications
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service

	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>
	N/a
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Trauma informed Practice Tool Kit - <a href="#">Trauma Informed Toolkit</a></li></ul>

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 April 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b> The purpose of this report is for members to consider and agree the recommendations set out in section 3.1 on the actions arising from recent DEA Forum Meetings.</p> <p><b>Background</b> The information in Appendix 1 and 2 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.</p>
2.0	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	None.
3.0	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p>That the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note the report.</li><li>• Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 11 March 2025.</li><li>2. Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 8 April 2025.</li></ol></li></ul>
4.0	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA Action Plans.
5.0	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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5.3	<p><b>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p><b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b></p>
.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
7.1	<p>Appendix 1 - Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 11 March 2025. Appendix 2 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 8 April 2025.</p>
8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 @ 5.30 pm in Newtownhamilton Community Centre**

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- Chairperson:** Councillor David Taylor
- In Attendance:** Councillor David Taylor  
Councillor Declan Murphy  
Councillor Aine Quinn
- Independent Members:** Cathy McMahon, Independent Member, Confederation of Community Groups  
Teresa Nugent, Independent Member, Rural Health Partnership  
Clare Convery , Independent Member, Clanrye Group
- Statutory Partners:** Maureen O’Gorman, EA Youth Services  
Barry Trainor, Southern Health & Social Care Trust  
Denise Magill, Southern Health & Social Care Trust  
Josephine O’Hare ,NIHE
- Council Officials:** Aoife McComiskey, Slieve Gullion DEA Coordinator  
Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager
- Apologies:** Councillor Oonagh Magennis  
Briege Boyle, NMDDC Facilities

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
<b>DEA/SG/33</b>	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
<b>DEA/SG/34</b>	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Action Sheet confirmed as true and accurate record.  David Taylor welcomed the new DEA Corordinator Aoife McComiskey and thanked Claire Loughran for her work.	Approved.  Noted.
<b>DEA/SG/35</b>	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator delivered the Coordinator's Report including  Recruitment of Independent Members – Coordinator to send follow up email to all members.  Multiply Programme – delivery well on track and outcomes have been excellent. Programme ends 31 <sup>st</sup> March.  DEA Action Plan – DEA coordinator handed out hard copies of the draft Action Plan for consideration. Members were reminded that this is a live document and can be amended as and when the needs of the DEA change.  An overview of upcoming events was provided.  Request for assistance with from Dungormley and Lir Grove Community Association to support an Intergenerational Community event.	Noted.  DEA Coordinator to resend email to all Forum Members regarding suggestions received and request additional suggestions  Noted.  DEA Coordinator to email copies of the draft Action Plan to members for consideration. Comments to be returned by 11 <sup>th</sup> April.  Noted.  Agreed.
<b>DEA/SG/36</b>	Community Safety & Good Relations Update	This agenda item is to be removed. Community Safety and Good Relations staff will be invited to present as and when required.	Agreed.

<b>DEA/SG/37</b>	Community Facilities Update	<p>Councillor Aine Quinn raised the issue of faulty Wi-Fi at Dorsey CC. Teresa Nugent raised the same issue for Cullyhanna CC.</p> <p>Councillor Murphy noted the good community use of Bessbrook CC and Bleach Green.</p>	<p>Aoife McComiskey to follow up with Briege Boyle regarding these issues as well as maintenance at Newtownhamilton Community Centre.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<b>DEA/SG/38</b>	Emerging Issues	<p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing –</b> Deirdre Magill has moved role temporarily to MDT manager – Barry Traynor has replaced her as CDW. Deirdre provided an update on the Verve Network; the MDT for Slieve Gullion and the support which the Promoting Wellbeing Team can provide.</p> <p>Teresa Nugent provided an update for Rural Health Partnership including info. on a pilot social prescribing project in Mullaghbawn Surgery; plans for the final year of lottery funding and raised the need for more long term drugs/alcohol and mental health services in the area.</p> <p>It was noted that resuming the Community Development Workers meeting would be useful to aid collaboration and avoid duplication.</p> <p><b>Education Authority Youth Services-</b> Maureen O’Gorman provided an update on her work including youth programmes running in St. Pauls Bessbrook, Jonesborough and Mullaghbawn as well as a Roma/Bulgarian project with young people aged 12-17 in Newtownhamilton.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Deirdre to send Verve members list and Slieve Gullion MDT information to DEA Coordinator for circulation.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>DEA Corordinator and Kerri Morrow to follow up and circulate meeting date.</p> <p>Noted.</p>



		<p><b>Environment –</b> Members raised concerns about the condition of local roads. Elected members are and will continue to raise reported issues to DfI. Members requested this issue remains on action sheet.</p> <p><b>Community Update-</b> Teresa Nugent provided information on Bryson House’s £200 electricity voucher scheme which remains open.</p> <p>Ann Grant provided an update on CDRCN including support provided with micro grant applications; upcoming men’s shed programme and upcoming resilience group work.</p>	<p>Issue to continue to remain on Action Sheet.</p> <p>Teresa to provide info. to DEA Coordinator for circulation.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<b>DEA/SG/39</b>	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 @ 5.30pm – Cullyhanna	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 6.40pm

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting  
held on Tuesday 8 April 2025 via teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor Phillip Campbell

**In Attendance:** Councillor Oonagh Hanlon  
Councillor Gareth Sharvin

**Independent Members:**

Jim Masson, Down Business Connect, Down Community Health Committee,  
Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Housing Community Network  
Macartan Digney, Downpatrick Community Collective  
Jenny Laverty, NI Housing Executive Housing Community Network  
Daniella McCarry, County Down Rural Community Network

**Statutory Partners:** None

**Council Officials:** Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator  
Kerri Morrow, Community Engagement and Development Manager  
Ciara Toman, Regeneration, Business Support and Development Officer  
Elaine Carr, Peace Officer  
Catherine Hughes, Acting Head of Performance and Improvement

**Others in Attendance:** None

**Apologies:** Councillor Cadogan Enright

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/25/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/25/02	Declarations of Interest	None declared	Noted.
DEA/DPK/25/03	Action Sheet of Meeting held 11 February 2025	The Action Sheet was Noted	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/04	Update from ERT re Environmental/Regeneration Schemes	The Regeneration, Business Development and Support Officer gave members an update on the current ongoing improvement schemes in Downpatrick, including The Grove, Lynn Doyle, Church Street and resurfacing work	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/05	Update on PeacePlus Programme	The Peace Plus Officer updated members on progress of the Programme. She advised members that an updated report of proposed programmes for the DEA will be brought to the next DEA meeting. In the interim she requested members encourage groups to submit proposed projects to the Department	Peace Plus Officer All members
DEA/DPK/25/06	Draft Performance Improvement Objectives	The Acting Head of Performance & Review presented the proposed Draft Performance Improvement Objectives to members and informed them that they	All members

		are now out for public consultation. She requested that members complete the online survey.	
DEA/DPK/26/07	DEA Co-Ordinators Update	The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members	Noted
DEA/DPK/26/08	Independent Member Review	The Community Engagement and Development Manager requested that members consider the independent vacancies on the Forum and consider suitable applicants for these vacancies wherein there is considered a gap in representation.	All members
DEA/DPK/25/09	Date of Next Meeting	Date of Next Meeting has been scheduled for 10 June 2025 at 5.30 pm via Teams	DEA Co-Ordinator

The meeting ended at: 10.45 am

<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 April 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	RAISE Programme – Response from Minister of Education
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development

For decision		For noting only		x
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the response from the Minister of Education in relation to the RAISE Programme.			
1.2	<b>Background</b> At a Meeting of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee on 16 December 2024 members agreed to ask the Minister of Education to scrap the RAISE programme and to implement something that would target the objective need in areas of social deprivation.  This was ratified by Council at its Meeting on 13 January 2025.  A letter was sent by the Director Active & Healthy Communities to the Minister of Education setting out Council’s position in relation to the RAISE programme.			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	A response has now been received by the Minister of Education dated 31 March 2025.			
2.2	The response is attached for noting by members.			
3.0	Recommendation			
3.1	That the Committee note the contents of the response from the Minister of Education dated 31 March 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	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>			

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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7.0	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	Letter dated 31 March 2025 from Minster of Education: RAISE Programme
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

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31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Your Ref: RAISE PROGRAMME  
CORR 0360-2025

Dear Andrew

### RAISE PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letter of 19 March 2025 regarding the motion passed by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Active and Healthy Communities Committee on 16 December 2024 about the RAISE Programme.

The RAISE Programme is about promoting a whole community approach to education through place-based partnerships in specific geographic localities. It will be expected to improve educational outcomes for children and young people through joint working across schools, communities and wider partnerships in those localities.

Each of the Super Output Areas included within the RAISE programme across Northern Ireland has met a threshold of need under a wide range of criteria. These include criteria based on socio-economic disadvantage. The seven criteria are –

- free school meal entitlement,
- special educational needs,
- pupil attendance,
- GCSE attainment,
- income deprivation affecting children<sup>1</sup>,
- health deprivation and disability<sup>1</sup>, and
- Crime and anti-social behaviour.

These indicators were tested with a stakeholder reference group over two years and reflect the fact that children and young people face different barriers to success in education. The methodology used to select localities was objective and data informed with all areas having to demonstrate objective need.

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<sup>1</sup> These are Domains/sub-domains of the NISRA's NI Multiple Deprivation Measure

I decided that the programme should be a regional programme which will invest in disadvantage across all Local Government Districts in Northern Ireland, including Newry, Mourne and Down. This will embed collaborative working in a high number of localities that can be a long-lasting legacy after funding ends.

I appreciate we have not been able to include all areas of educational disadvantage within Northern Ireland and that there will always be areas that would wish to be included. I would have liked to stretch the programme further but the funding available is finite and therefore an approach to prioritisation has been necessary. I have prioritised investment in those areas with the lowest levels of educational attainment so that all children and young people can reach their potential. Ultimately, the success of the programme will be determined on how well it improves educational outcomes, so it is right that I am investing in areas with the lowest levels of attainment.

I am delighted that the programme will have a significant presence in Newry, Mourne and Down District. This is a very important programme with significant potential to do things differently, to facilitate greater collaboration across government, local government and in partnership with the voluntary and community sector and many other partners, including schools. I welcome the ongoing engagement with the RAISE Programme team towards the development of a Strategic Area Plan for Newry.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely



**Paul Givan MLA**  
**Minister of Education**



<b>Report to:</b>	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 April 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and Newry & Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement

<b>For decision</b>		<b>For noting only</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>		
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b> To update members on the actions arising from the recent Newry and Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meetings and the Policing Committee &amp; PCSP Meeting.</p> <p><b>Background</b> The attachments referenced above are provided to update the Committee on the ongoing work of the PCSP and Newry &amp; Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships.</p>		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>		
2.1	None.		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>		
3.1	<p>That the Committee note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action Sheet of Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 15 January 2025 approved at Newry NRP held on 26 March 2025.</li> <li>• Action Sheet of Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Meeting held on 5 November 2024 approved at Downpatrick NRP held on 31 March 2025.</li> <li>• Minutes of the Policing Committee &amp; PCSP Meeting held on 28 January 2025, approved at the Policing Committee &amp; PCSP Meeting on 25 March 2025.</li> </ul>		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>		
4.1	None.		
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>		
5.1	<b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b>		

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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7.1	<p>Appendix 1: Action Sheet of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 15 January 2025.</p> <p>Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on 5 November 2024.</p> <p>Appendix 3: Minutes of the Policing Committee &amp; PCSP meeting held on 28 January 2025.</p>
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None.



**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 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)
Mrs Joanne Markey,	Carnagat CA
Mr Paul Magennis,	Barcroft CA
Mr Malachy Maguire,	Ballybot CA
Ms Maeve McParland,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt,	Newry Mourne and Down District Council (minutes)
Mr Raymond Jackson,	Confederation of Community Groups
Mrs Janet Naughton,	Community Restorative Justice Ireland
Mrs Maureen Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA
Mr Aiden McCabe,	Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Ms Noreen Rice,	Meadow Armagh Road CA
Ms Heather Kavanagh,	Southern Regional College
Ms Francine Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA
Mrs Catherine O'Hanlon,	Area Manager Department for Communities
Ms Maureen O'Gorman,	Education Authority NI Youth service
Mrs Patricia O'Gorman,	Threeways CA
Ms Orlagh Morgan,	Greater Linenhall area CA
Ms Diana O'Hanlon,	Greater Linenhall Area CA

***Others attending:***

Charlene O'Hara,	Raise Programme, EANI
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***Apologies:***

Ms Kerri Morrow,	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Ms Bernie Mooney,	EANI
Dr Conor Patterson,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Ms Josephine Morgan	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Ms Kathleen Magee,	Derrybeg CA
Ms Roisin Boyle,	Derrybeg CA
Ms Shauna McCourt,	Drumalane Quayside CA

### ***Matters Discussed***

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Charlene O'Hara – RAISE Programme
4. Minutes/Matters arising.
5. Conflict of Interest.
6. Expression of Interest
7. Sub-group updates
8. DfC update.
9. A.O.B
10. Date of next meeting.

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	<b>Welcome / Introductions</b>	Paula Mc Guigan welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2.	<b>Apologies</b>	Recorded as above.		
3.	<b>Charlene O'Hara (RAISE Programme)</b>	<p>The RAISE programme has been developed to tackle educational disadvantage and underachievement. Creating a place-based approach and links with local communities.</p> <p>10 SOA's across Newry – 2666 pupils at risk of not achieving or under achieving.</p> <p>Build partnerships between schools and the communities across N. Ireland. Work with people closest to the ground. Children spend more time within the community than at school.</p> <p>£18m budget over 2 years funded through the Shared Island</p>		

		<p>Fund.</p> <p>We want to visit and meet with the groups – hear your thoughts and bring forward your ideas. Collect as much information as possible. Present it at a large event and feed back to the communities.</p> <p>The members thanked Charlene for her presentation.</p>		
4.	<b>Minutes/matters arising.</b>	<p><b>Minutes agreed as accurate.</b> Proposed by Joanne Markey and seconded by Maureen Ruddy</p> <p><b>Matters arising:</b> Paula, on behalf of the Partnership, offered her sincere condolences to Sean on the recent death of both his brother and his brother-in-law.</p> <p>Also to thank Sean for organising the Christmas event.</p> <p>Diana raised the issue of the homework club being delivered within the Community House. Need to speak to Bernie for clarity</p> <p>All members agreed</p>		
5.	<b>Conflict of interest</b>	No Conflicts of interest declared		
6.	<b>Expression of Interest/Proposal</b>	<p>The proposals set before the members would not be discussed. The proposals had to be submitted by EANI and not the individual schools. Once they are amended, they will be circulated to the members for their approval.</p> <p>Only a small capital budget available and all proposals will not</p>	Contact Bernie Mooney and advise that they be amended to	Sean to contact Bernie

		be approved by DfC.	reflect an EANI proposal	
7.	<b>Sub Group updates</b>	<p><b>Capital:</b>  <b>NIHE – Carnagat Extension</b>  Additional costs to be signed off and agreed  No further updates</p> <p><b><u>Revenue:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>EANI:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Update</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth service:</b>  <b><u>Youth Engagement Funded Programmes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Newry High School Project-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newcomer Programme- going well with 12- 15 young people attending weekly. Language barriers so programme has had to be adapted to meet the needs of group.</li> <li>More visual activities added as opposed to discussion groups. Young people use phones and iPads to translate.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Derrybeg Youth Group-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 young people are participating in Health Matters Programme. To date they have had workshops on Body image and positive mental health. A residential is planned for February 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Boys Zone Young Men's group</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 young men aged 11-13 years.</li> </ul>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To date they have participated in team building and personal safety workshops.</li></ul> <p><u>Young Womens Group-</u></p> <p>16 young women aged 13-16 are taking part exploring Healthy Lifestyles and they have a residential planned for February 2025.</p> <p><u>St Joseph's Boys HS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supported some senior staff in the school in training on EVAWG- Ending Violence Against Women and Girls.</li><li>Peer mentoring qualification</li></ul> <p><u>Newry Young Men's Group- Age 14 plus.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12 young men, engaging in health and well-being programme.</li><li></li></ul> <p><u>Horizons Cohort 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>14 young people – 1 year programme, delivered in partnership with Magnet YAC. International experience Summer 2025.</li><li>Young people (SEN) require additional support – aged 12+</li></ul> <p><b>Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Action Cancer</b> bus not available until July.</li><li><b>Cancer focus</b> – no mammograms.</li><li>Health checks – BMI, Blood pressure etc.</li><li>Cancer prevention nurse provides an individual 15-minute session to look at possible risks.</li><li>Can flag up concerns to be referred to your doctor.</li></ul>		
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		<p><b>Autism Bus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 days with 24 places per day. SRC campus</li><li>• Dates - 20/21 March</li><li>• Times – 1.30pm – 4.30pm and 5.00pm – 8.00pm</li></ul> <p>• <b>First Aid:</b> 2 courses to be delivered</p> <p>• All programmes moving forward – on target to complete</p> <p>• Launch of Tackling Isolation and Loneliness initiative (TILT) in February</p> <p>• Walk Leader training available</p> <p>• N.I Boxing to contact groups re: Boxercise.</p> <p>• Community Health Training – OCN Level 3 – 8 groups have joined.</p> <p><b>SRC:</b></p> <p><b>Tops</b> on track meeting targets, 44 residents enrolled to date</p> <p>Courses -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cat C and Cat C+E</li><li>• Level 2 Defib</li><li>• SIA Door Security</li><li>• PSA Door Security</li><li>• CSR Card</li><li>• Level 2 World Host/Customer Services</li><li>• Tipper / Dumper</li><li>• Forklift /Telescopic Forklift</li><li>• Street Works.</li></ul> <p>As part of the <b>OCEANS project</b>, we are running the GWO wind turbine sea survival course in February 2025.</p> <p>It is a one-day course, students are staying in a hotel the night</p>		
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	<p>before. Coach travel and catering are provided. Dates 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p>For further details contact Heather or Jim Cunningham</p> <p>We ask that you promote through your social media platforms and within your centres.</p> <p><b>NMEA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital Wellbeing Programmes in St Joseph’s High School in November and St Mary’s High School in March.</li><li>• Year 11 work placements for St Joseph’s High School</li><li>• Study visits and mock interviews</li><li>• We are researching new Business Champions, new motivational speakers and new materials to be included in the E2E Career Pathways event in March 2025 – to be held at WIN.</li></ul> <p><b>NMDDC:</b></p> <p><b>Community Renewal-Running costs programme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quarter 3 claims are now required. Ask groups to complete their claims ASAP. No reports required until 31 March 2025</li><li>• All groups working to capacity. Delivering a wide range of activity within their respective communities.</li><li>• We congratulate all the volunteers on their continued hard work in supporting others.</li></ul> <p><b>Community Renewal support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CCG delivering ongoing support to all the groups (governance, funding, training etc.)</li></ul>	Contact	All the
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing groups for any upcoming AGM's.</li> <li>• Financial Assistance claims – any issues speak to Sean and Cathy</li> <li>• No Hardship Fund</li> <li>• Bryson scheme – emergency fuel support</li> <li>• Funding support for anyone who is severely impacted.(Heat or Eat)</li> <li>• Social Supermarket may continue through the Clanrye group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outdoor activity –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All targets met – Budget on course to spend</li> <li>• All NR Community groups/user groups and other organisations have availed of the programme</li> <li>• IFA NCC Level 1 course commences Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January in NLC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Safer Stronger Communities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank the members for their support in their successful application to DfC</li> <li>• OCN Level 2 in Restorative practices - Presentation 1<sup>st</sup> February</li> <li>• Fixing Things Programmes for St Malachy's and St Patrick's Primary Schools for 6 weeks rather than 4 weeks</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> February engagement event. Restorative cases ongoing</li> </ul>	Raymond Sean or Cathy	CA's
8.	DfC Update	<p><b>DfC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New digitalisation platform launch has been delayed.</li> <li>• The Minister is considering the priorities for DfC Shortfall of £400million. No budgets yet for 2025/26</li> <li>• All 3<sup>rd</sup> Round monitoring completed</li> </ul>	Send email to Sean for circulation to members.	Janet.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raymond informed members that under CIF there are no guarantees on any funding</li> </ul>		
9.	A.O.B	<p><u>No More Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone thanked for attending and NMEA and Sean thanked for the hospitality provided</li> </ul>		
9.	Date of Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 26th March 2025 7.00pm in WIN Business Centre</p>	<p>Circulate details and all information</p>	<p>Sean</p>

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

### Action Sheet of Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 5 November 2024 via Microsoft Teams

<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Nicholas McCrickard</b>	<b>County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>	<b>Brian Morrow</b> <b>Jenny Lavery</b> <b>Dan McEvoy</b> <b>Macartan Digney</b> <b>Seamus Blaney</b> <b>Anthony Trainor</b> <b>Alison McCarthy</b> <b>Jeanette McCarthy</b> <b>Doreen Brown</b> <b>Kathy Mullan</b> <b>Maria Kelly</b> <b>Catherine Shipman</b> <b>Donna Marks</b> <b>Mel Murray</b>	<b>Department for Communities (DfC)</b> <b>County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)</b> <b>Downpatrick Community Collective</b> <b>Downpatrick Community Collective</b> <b>Stream Street Residents Association</b> <b>Stream Street Residents Association</b> <b>Tosu Ur</b> <b>Tosu Ur</b> <b>Tosu Ur</b> <b>Flying Horse Ward Community Forum</b> <b>Surestart, Downpatrick</b> <b>SERC</b> <b>Marian Park Residents Association</b> <b>Education Authority</b>
<b>Council Officials:</b>	<b>Katrina Hynds</b>	<b>Technical Officer, Downpatrick NHR</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Mary Cahalane-Woodward</b>	<b>South Eastern Trust</b>

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DNRP/01/2024	Welcome and Apologies	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting	
DNRP/02/2024	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	No declarations were declared	
DNRP/03/2024	Action Sheet	Members unanimously agreed to adopt the Action Sheet of 4 June 2024	Technical Officer
DNRP/04/2025	Promoters' Reports	The Promoters' Reports were presented to members and noted	Technical Officer
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

**POLICING COMMITTEE AND POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP****Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing Committee and Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
at 6.00pm via MS Teams****In attendance via Teams:**

Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC (Chair)  
 Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI  
 Chief Inspector Tori Anderson, PSNI  
 Chief Inspector Joe Tierney, PSNI  
 Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI  
 Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI  
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI  
 Sergeant Conor Valentine, PSNI  
 Sergeant Warren Roberts, PSNI  
 Joanne Malone, PBNI  
 Philip Mageean, NIFRS  
 Councillor D Finn, NMDDC  
 Councillor C Galbraith, NMDDC  
 Councillor H Reilly, NMDDC  
 Councillor D Taylor, NMDDC  
 Councillor A Mathers, NMDDC  
 Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC  
 Councillor K Murphy, NMDDC  
 Councillor A Mathers NMDDC  
 Councillor J Truesdale, NMDDC  
 Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC  
 Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member  
 Niall Lawlor, PCSP Independent Member  
 Louise Kennedy, PCSP Independent Member  
 Colleen McCreesh, PCSP Independent Member  
 Anne Sheridan, PCSP Independent Member  
 Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member (Vice Chair)  
 William Slater, PCSP Independent Member  
 David Vint, PCSP Independent Member  
 Aidan McCabe, Southern Health Trust  
 Michael Heaney, YJA  
 Aileen O Callaghan, EANI  
 Josephine Morgan, NIHE

**Officials in attendance via Teams:**

Martina Flynn, Acting Head of Engagement  
 Shannon Creaney, Acting Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager  
 Amy McKeown, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, PCSP and Good Relations  
 Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer  
 Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer  
 Kaitlyn Hanna, PCSP Officer

## 1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

Councillor Andrews welcomed Members to the Partnership meeting.

Councillor Andrews noted that we look forward to a busy and successful year as a Partnership with a wide range of events and programmes taking place.

Councillor Andrews noted the impact that the recent Storm Eowyn has had across our District. He extended his thanks and appreciation to the Emergency Services and frontline workers for their ongoing work to support local residents during this difficult time.

Councillor Andrews advised the Partnership that Inspector Sheila Loughran would soon be retiring and extended thanks for her contribution to the PCSP in recent years.

Councillor Andrews thanked the members for completing and sharing the PCSP Members Survey and the PCSP Community Safety Survey.

Councillor Andrews advised that PCSP Financial Assistance is now open for applications until noon on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and that information and guidance notes can be found on the Council website. Councillor Andrews asked Members to raise awareness of this to encourage applications from local community and voluntary groups.

Apologies were received from Alison Robb, Martin Healy and Roisin Leckey.

## 2 Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

## 3 Draft Minutes of previous PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2024

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

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

## 4 Matters Arising

Councillor Andrews noted an item from the previous Action Sheet, where it was agreed to write to the Lady Chief Justice on behalf of the Partnership regarding the assault of a police officer. Councillor Andrews advised that a letter was sent, and a response received from the Lady Chief Justice on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This response was circulated to Partnership Members.

Anne Sheridan noted that the Lady Chief Justice acknowledged the level of violence but there was a lack of committal. Louise Kennedy stated that the response is not surprising due to the law of the presumption of innocence and the right to freedom if no conviction is in place. Councillor Reilly said he felt that it was a weak response but understands that under the judicial system you are innocent until proven guilty, but voiced concerns about

violent offenders who are prepared to attack police officers. Superintendent Haslett thanked the Partnership for raising the issue and advised that the officer is now back to work.

Louise Kennedy suggested that this may require a legislative change to the Bail Law and suggested that the Partnership write a letter to question the right to object to bail conditions on the grounds of safety.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Truesdale, seconded by Colleen McCreesh it was agreed to compose a letter questioning the laws of objecting to bail conditions, to the relevant body.**

### **Policing Committee Business**

## **5 District Commander's Report – Period 4**

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 4 (copy circulated)

Superintendent Haslett provided the District Commander's Report to the Partnership, highlighting the following points:

### **Engagement**

Superintendent Haslett advised that there are significant pressures on resources within the PSNI in the District. He advised that Neighbourhood officers are abstracted from their normal duties to support frontline PSNI response service. Mr Haslett advised that this is directly affecting officer levels of engagement. However, Superintendent Haslett expressed that where possible, there are still significant levels of engagement by the Neighbourhood Teams. This was highlighted by examples given such as events and meetings attended by Newry City Neighbourhood Team, East Down Neighbourhood Team, South Down Neighbourhood Team and the Slieve Gullion Neighbourhood Team.

### **Social Media**

PSNI NMD have over 75,000 followers on Facebook, over 9,000 followers on Twitter and 15,818 members on the NextDoor App. 105 posts on this app during 2024 to date.

### **Hate Crime**

Superintendent Haslett advised that all types of hate crime have continued to reduce in Newry, Mourne and Down within the last 12 month rolling period, with the exception of racial hate crime which has increased by 4 incidents.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Superintendent Haslett stated that ASB levels in Newry, Mourne and Down have continued to remain below average for the time of year. Mr Haslett advised that there are locations with 4 or more records of ASB from December 2024 including, Merchants Quay Newry, Clanrye



Avenue Newry, Newry Road Kilkeel & Kitty's Road Kilkeel. He stated that they have not seen any major peaks of hotspots for ASB in the District.

## **Domestic Abuse**

Superintendent Haslett provided an update on domestic abuse & ending violence against women and girls and advised that these incidents continue to decrease in Newry, Mourne and Down from the last rolling 12-month period. Superintendent Haslett noted that domestic incidents have decreased by 206 incidents and domestic offences have decreased by 308 incidents. Mr Haslett stated he believes there is a greater confidence in Domestic Abuse victims reporting incidents to the PSNI, Women's Aid, Men's Advisory Project, other charities, or via a third party. Mr Haslett added that local PSNI Officers have been trained by Women's Aid to deal with Domestic Abuse incidents appropriately.

Superintendent Haslett also commented on PSNI participation in the Women's Aid led "One Stop Shop" initiative in Newry for potential domestic violence victims and advised that to date 17 women have attended this initiative. Mr Haslett also stated that Op Encompass remains active, with Police attending 308 domestic incidents where the Op Encompass criteria has been met and referring almost 600 children to schools or colleges as a result so far in the 2024/25 school year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

## **Road Safety**

Superintendent Haslett provided an update on the number of fatalities in the Newry, Mourne and Down District due to Road Traffic Collisions, noting a total of 8 for 2024. 4 of these fatalities were pedestrians, the remaining 4 were drivers & a motorcyclist, all males of varying ages. Mr Haslett regrettably added that since the last PCSP meeting there had been 3 fatal RTCs in Newry, Mourne & Down.

Superintendent Haslett confirmed that Road Safety continues to be a priority for the PSNI. In November officers focused on the fatal 5 offences, targeting the main cause of road traffic collisions. In December, Officers focused on Operation Season's Greetings.

Superintendent Haslett stated that his officers have worked on enforcement events during this reporting period including the Cool FM Road Show in St Paul's High School, Bessbrook. Officers across the District participated in a service wide Road Safety Week, conducting anti-speeding operations, anti-drink-driving & drug driving checkpoints and liaising with pedestrians around hi-vis clothing and road safety. During the operation Mr Haslett confirmed that they had 5 road safety related arrests and a further 8 prosecution files forwarded to the PPS. Officers from Slieve Gullion Neighbourhood Teams conducted a joint operation with colleagues in An Garda Siochana's Roads Policing Unit carrying out a number of vehicle checkpoints across several border crossing points, focusing on breathalyser tests and checking vehicles for road worthiness.

Superintendent Haslett advised that during the reporting period there were 41 speeding detections, 40 detections for careless & dangerous driving, 45 arrests for drinking or drug driving and 8 detections for using a mobile phone or not using a seatbelt. Officers detected a further 47 vehicles being driven with no insurance.

During November, the Road Safety Partnership speed camera van was deployed in the District 40 times with 450 speeding detections made. In December it was deployed 33 times with 359 speeding detections.

## **Drugs**

Superintendent Haslett informed the Partnership that in a rolling 365-day period, by the end of September 2024, 568 drug seizures and 207 drugs arrests had been made in Newry, Mourne & Down.

Superintendent Haslett advised that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 PSNI had conducted 64 inspections of 21 Rapid Bins across the District. He confirmed that almost 30,000 items have been recovered and subsequently safely disposed of.

Superintendent Haslett confirmed that during the reporting period there had been 3 drug related deaths in the District. Superintendent Haslett also advised that there had been a number of significant drug detections during the reporting period.

## **South Armagh Policing Review**

Superintendent Haslett discussed the South Armagh Policing Review which was published in August 2021 with 50 recommendations to improve policing in the South Armagh area/ Slieve Gullion DEA. Mr Haslett advised that he has written to the PCSP Chair in respect of recommendation 46 regarding a cross-border accountability mechanism. The proposal is that, once a year, colleagues from An Garda Síochána would attend a PCSP meeting where they would do a joint presentation to the PCSP regarding cross-border policing. Likewise, PSNI would attend the equivalent Community Safety Partnership in County Louth and make a similar presentation. Mr Haslett acknowledged that this letter was now with the PCSP Chair and he would await the response.

Superintendent Haslett advised that as a temporary measure he has decided to amalgamate the two Slieve Gullion Neighbourhood Teams into one. Mr Haslett informed the Partnership that one team had 7 constables while the other team only had 4 constables. Mr Haslett reassured the Partnership that this was only a temporary measure until other officers return.

## **General**

Superintendent Haslett stated that there has been a 16% decrease in overall crime in the District over the past year. The District clearance rate is 33% with the service average at 31%. Mr Haslett clarified that essentially 1 in every 3 victims is receiving a positive justice outcome when they report an incident to the PSNI.

Mr Haslett noted that the only crime type that increased this period was residential burglaries which increased by 11%. However, he confirmed that these levels have reduced in November and now sit at an average with a downward trend.

Superintendent Haslett noted multiple success stories regarding burglaries and arrests made in relation to these crimes during the reporting period.

Superintended Haslett returned to the subject of assaults on police officers. In this reporting period from December to January there have been 25 separate incidents with 43 officers having been assaulted. The most serious incidents involved ramming of police vehicles, including an incident in Crossmaglen on 14 December where a Neighbourhood Team were rammed 4 times by a white VW Golf which then made its way across the border.

Superintendent Haslett advised that the PSNI are assessing their patrol strategy as a result of these incidents. Mr Haslett advised that he intends to explore Recommendation 45 of the South Armagh Policing Review which looks at hot cross-border pursuit from one jurisdiction into the other

Superintendent Haslett discussed significant incidents including an attempted murder in Downpatrick on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and an aggravated burglary on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Superintendent Haslett advised that the PSNI is currently conducting a recruitment campaign from 12<sup>th</sup> February. He stated that they require 7,000 officers and currently they only have 6,300. This will be the first recruitment campaign since 2021. Mr Haslett asked the Partnership for any assistance possible in terms of promoting this recruitment campaign.

Superintendent Haslett thanked the Chair for his comments on Inspector Sheila Loughran's retirement and advised that he would pass the good wishes on to Sheila.

To conclude his report, Superintendent Haslett advised the Partnership about familiarisation events for Members planned for the Ardmore and Downpatrick Station. Dates will be issued to Members in due course.

Superintended Haslett concluded his report and welcomed any questions from the Partnership.

Councillor Andrews welcomed the work in the District Commander's report and opened the floor to Members.

Councillor Taylor offered his and the Partnership's condolences to those who have been affected by Road Traffic Collisions in the NMD District. Councillor Taylor thanked Superintended Haslett for his comprehensive report. Councillor Taylor expressed his concerns regarding the ramming incidents in the area and noted that he hopes to see a reduction or eradication of this type of incident. Councillor Taylor asked Superintendent Haslett if due to extremely limited resources and high pressures if the PSNI can seek resources from other PSNI Districts. Superintendent Haslett thanked Councillor Taylor for his comments and advised that other Districts face the same pressures as NMD, however, he advised that they regularly tap into PSNI Headquarters for specialist assistance e.g. Interceptors. Superintendent Haslett stated that despite pressures he acknowledges their positive clearance rate locally.

Councillor Hanlon commended all agencies for their efforts during Storm Eowyn. Councillor Hanlon shared her concerns about road safety due to debris and damage from the storm. She asked if the PSNI could convey a road safety message to slow down & take time. Councillor Hanlon stated her concerns regarding the burglaries in Downpatrick and asked if the PSNI could highlight the importance of home safety. Superintendent Haslett advised that the PSNI would share social media posts regarding this and asked the partners to reinforce this message. Councillor Hanlon noted her concerns about drug use across the District. Superintendent Haslett advised that education on drugs is key for young people.

It was agreed that the idea of replicating the 'One Stop Shop' by Women's Aid in other areas should be taken forward.

Louise Kennedy questioned the changes to how statistics are recorded by the PSNI in regards to Domestic Violence. Superintendent Haslett noted that he would get back to Mrs Kennedy with an answer regarding this. Mrs Kennedy asked Superintendent Haslett if he felt that there were less applications of non-molestation orders being received. Superintendent Haslett advised that he has not noticed a reduction in this District but advised he would look further into it and advise accordingly.

Anne Sheridan asked Superintendent Haslett what percentage of his workforce were on sick leave as a direct result of injury in the workplace and the details of long-term sickness absence. Mr Haslett advised he would revert to the Member with a response.

Councillor Galbraith raised concerns from constituents in Downpatrick regarding how easy it is to access illegal substances. Councillor Galbraith asked Superintendent Haslett what the PSNI are doing to remove drugs within the community. Mr Haslett stated that officers are visually present in the area and have a very pro-active District Support Team who develop community intelligence. He advised that this has been successful in other areas of the District but requires information and co-operation from the community so that the police can act appropriately.

Councillor Truesdale commended the PSNI report in the face of reduced resources. Councillor Truesdale condemned the ramming incidents recently in Newry & Bessbrook. Councillor Truesdale noted the impact of the recent storm on road safety, noting that hat potholes are prevalent in many areas. Councillor Truesdale also raised concerns regarding illegal taxi runs which are occurring from Newcastle to Kilkeel and that parents need to be made aware of this. Superintendent Haslett advised Sgt Conor Valentine will look into this issue. Councillor Truesdale addressed concerns about ASB in Donard Park and thanked the PSNI for attending a recent incident. Superintendent Haslett advised that PSNI resources are not the solution to this issue and urged Council to address this concern.

### **PCSP Business**

## **6 PCSP Officer Report**

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Shannon Creaney advised that the PCSP Officer Report is for noting. Ms. Creaney added that PCSP Financial Assistance is now open for groups to apply to. Ms. Creaney advised that there is information on the Council website about this and PCSP would also have social media posts promoting this. Ms. Creaney asked Members to share these posts so that local groups are aware that Financial Assistance is open.

Ms. Creaney added that the PCSP have organised a Community Safety & Wellbeing Event on 4 March 2025 in Newry Leisure Centre. Ms. Creaney requested that Members share detail about this event on social media to ensure the public are aware.

Councillor Truesdale asked if more specific detail on locations could be provided in the Community Safety Warden report. Councillor Truesdale asked if the Wardens are collecting the geographical locations of repeated incidents. Ms. Creaney advised that the Wardens provide time stamped photos with their reports and also wear body-worn cameras to assist

with recording and reporting incidents. Mrs Flynn added that Talon Security log any incidents and that there are protocols in place in terms of how these are reported. Mrs Flynn also added that the Warden reports have noted fewer incidents recently and that this is reflective of a noted decrease in ASB in some areas across the District. Mrs Flynn advised that more detail will be included in the Warden report where possible.

Councillor Reilly advised that there had recently been an increase in ASB in the Kilkeel area and that the PSNI officers brought in teams to suppress this. Councillor Reilly added that he was advised that the Community Safety Wardens may be deployed in the Kilkeel area. Councillor Reilly asked Ms. Creaney if the Wardens have any power to apprehend people if they are committing offences. Ms Creaney advised that the Wardens do not have any power in terms of arrest but instead they act as a deterrent by speaking to people and advising them about their behaviours. Ms. Creaney added that in an incident where someone would need to be apprehended the Wardens would contact the PSNI. Ms. Creaney advised that she was not aware that the Wardens had been asked to go to Kilkeel. Mrs Flynn advised that she is unsure why it would have been suggested that the Wardens would be going to Kilkeel as it is not an area that they are deployed to. She added that this can be considered if there is significant evidence of need and that PCSP rely on PSNI advising on emerging issues of areas that require focus. Mrs Flynn confirmed that the Wardens do not have any powers in terms of arrest or enforcement but that they are largely present as a deterrent and to work with young people or others to disperse ASB or potential ASB. Mrs Flynn confirmed that currently there has been no request to deploy the Wardens to the Kilkeel area.

Aileen O'Callaghan noted that the Community Safety Warden reports contain recurring references to incidents involving teenagers. She asked Mrs Flynn if the Wardens could be linked to the EA to provide information. She added that in some areas there is funded youth provision which could be utilised to provide safe spaces for young people. Ms O'Callaghan added that tailored programmes such as scooter safety could be organised to support young people. Mrs Flynn noted that linking with the EA on this would be very valuable. Mrs Flynn also added that there are incidents which may not be included in the Warden reports in order to protect the integrity of information, including where the Wardens have attended risk to life incidents.

## 7 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: ASB Sub Group Reports (copy circulated)

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Hanlon, seconded by Anne Sheridan it was agreed the Committee:**

- **Approve the report**
- **Approve the Action Sheet for the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**

Aileen O'Callaghan advised that there was an outstanding action for EA from the 8<sup>th</sup> of October meeting in regard to youth provision in the Clough area. She confirmed that she has been able to recruit a member of staff for Clough and they will be commencing post very shortly. She advised that youth provision will be resuming soon.



## 8 SIDs Update.

Read: SID Update Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn advised that the report relates to the procurement of mobile SIDs. Mrs Flynn said that Members will be aware that the Action Sheet from the most recent SIDs Task & Finish Sub Group was approved at the November PCSP meeting. She advised that this included a recommendation that the relocation of the fixed SIDs be stalled because of the increased costs from DfI which were becoming prohibitive. Mrs Flynn advised that this process would not have been feasible within the financial year and the budget available. Mrs Flynn advised that officers have looked at what other PCSPs have done to address this issue along with liaising with colleagues in the PSNI. Based on this Mrs Flynn advised that the proposal was now for the PCSP to purchase 5 mobile SIDs at an approximate cost of £14,000. Mrs Flynn advised that there is an underspend in the Council PCSP budget due to an underspend in staff costs and emphasised that the opportunity to purchase these Signs only exists in his financial year. Mrs Flynn advised that they have been discussing the proposed terms & conditions for deployment of use with the PSNI. The PCSP would purchase the Signs and the PSNI will take ownership of them to be deployed across the District based on data from PSNI & the PCSP. PSNI have agreed to take responsibility for insurance and for downloading data and preparing reports for PCSP Members. Mrs Flynn commented that this should be considered a reasonable compromise to the issue and offers an opportunity to profile positive road safety messaging across the District.

Councillor Andrews thanked Mrs Flynn for her update and commented on the good work of the SIDs Sub Group.

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

- **Approve the report**
- **Approve the procurement of 5 Mobile Speed Indicator Signs**

Councillor Oonagh Hanlon thanked Shannon Creaney & Shane McGivern for their hard work on this. She also thanked Inspector Paddy Heatley for the data that he provided to the team when making this difficult decision. Councillor Hanlon added that deciding on locations is very difficult as many areas wish to have these signs in place and that she feels that this is a great compromise as they will be rotated around the District. She added that there will be challenges in managing the distribution. She added that the relocation costs of the fixed SIDs would have taken majority of the PCSP Road Safety budget and could not have been justified.

## 9 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 6pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7:28pm.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 April 2025
Subject:	Social Inclusion Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Projects Coordinator

For decision		For noting only		X
1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<b>Purpose of the Report:</b> The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the Council’s ongoing social inclusion work, highlighting key developments and emerging issues. The report is for noting.			
1.2	<b>Background:</b>  The Council's social inclusion work continue to focus on three main areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing advice and support to minority ethnic residents through the Ethnic Minority Support Centre.</li><li>• Implementing projects to address the needs of asylum seekers and refugees who are accommodated in the Council area.</li><li>• Facilitating the Traveller Forum, which aims to champion Traveller rights and improve current provisions for the Traveller community within the District.</li></ul>			
2.0	Key issues			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 2024/25, the NMD Ethnic Minority Support Centre recorded a total of 2,343 visits in Newry and Downpatrick. Additionally, the centre handles between 20 to 40 phone calls daily, addressing various concerns and enquiries.</li><li>• 65% of the clients are Romanian and Bulgarian Romas, 20% are Polish, 13% are Ukrainian, Lithuanian, and Latvian and 2% are Syrian and from other backgrounds.</li><li>• Monthly Newcomer Stakeholder Forum meetings with statutory and community partners are held to collaborate, share information and plan services.</li><li>• Continuous assistance is provided to asylum seekers and refugees, including one-to-one support, weekly pre-ESOL classes, orientation programmes and cultural activities.</li><li>• Some families live in isolated areas where bus services may be infrequent, making it difficult for them to engage.</li><li>• There is a need for continued investment in newcomer support. Council is awaiting confirmation of funding from the Executive Office for 2025/26.</li></ul>			

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	That the Committee note the report.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Funded by the Executive Office and through Social Inclusion budget.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p>



	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	None
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None