

May 13th, 2025

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on Monday, 19th May 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 28 April 2025

For Information

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For Discussion/Decision

4.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report

For Decision

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

5.0 Funded Programme Delivery

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.

 *Funded Programme Delivery - vf.pdf*

Not included

6.0 Disposal of Assets

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.

7.0 Facilities Service Provision

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.

8.0 Fitness Assets Service Provision

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.

9.0 Update Report - Digi-hub Project at Bessbrook Community Centre

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.

10.0 AHC Capital Project Delivery

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.

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

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Siobhan O'Hare

Mr Andy Patterson

Cllr Áine Quinn

Cllr Henry Reilly

Cllr Michael Rice

Ms Alison Robb

Cllr Michael Ruane

Cllr Gareth Sharvin

Donna Starkey

Nicola Stranney

Sarah Taggart

Paul Tamati

Cllr David Taylor

Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly

Cllr Jill Truesdale

Mrs Marie Ward

Cllr Helena Young

ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 28 APRIL 2025

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/029/2025	Action sheet of AHC Committee Meeting held on 18 March 2025	Noted It was agreed to include in the action sheet that an overview on the running track be provided to Members in May 2025.	A Patterson C Haughey	Noted	Y
AHC/030/2025	Notice of Motion - Trauma Informed Practice	It was agreed that Council commits to and continues to develop as a trauma informed organisation and that Council's Safeguarding Co-ordinator collaborates with the SBNI Trauma Informed Implementation Managers to identify opportunities for suitable training to Elected Members and Council Staff.	G Scott	In progress	Y
AHC/031/2025	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for: • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 11 March 2025. • Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 8 April 2025.	A Robb	Complete	Y
AHC/035/2025	RAISE Programme	It was agreed to note the contents of the response from the Minister of Education dated 31 March 2025.	A Robb	Noted	Y
AHC/036/2025	Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) & Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Report	It was agreed to note the following: • Action Sheet of Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on 15 January 2025 approved at Newry NRP held on 26 March 2025. • Action Sheet of Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Meeting held on 5 November 2024 approved at Downpatrick NRP held on 31 March 2025.	A Robb	Noted	Y

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 28 January 2025, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 25 March 2025.			
AHC/037/2025	Social Inclusion Update Report	It was agreed to note the Officer's report.	A Robb	Noted	Y

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

AHC/032/2025	Service Delivery Arrangements	It was agreed to approve the enhanced service delivery of programmes within facilities as set out within the Officer's report. It was also agreed that a report be brought to Committee within 3 months reviewing the operating model of the new service delivery arrangements.	C Haughey	In progress	Y
AHC/033/2025	Leisure Facilities Contract	It was agreed to approve the appointment of a contractor via Direct Award Contract to undertake essential servicing and maintenance in facilities as detailed within the Officer's report.	C Haughey	In progress	Y
AHC/034/2025	Facilities Seasonal Operatives	It was agreed to approve the appointment of a preferred operator for service delivery over a 5-year period, subject to annual review, as set out within the officer's report.	C Haughey	In progress	Y

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 May 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	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. <p>Background</p> <p>The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Note the report. ➤ Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 24 April 2025 ➤ Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 29 April 2025 ➤ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 1 May 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	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p>

	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation -n/a</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves.</p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks</p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
7.1	<p>Appendix 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rowallane DEA Private Forum Meeting held on 24 April 2025. ➤ Slieve Croob Private Meeting held on 29 April 2025. ➤ Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on 21 January 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 Thursday 24th April, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. Annexe Crossgar War Memorial Hall	
Chairperson:	Councillor Terry Andrews
In Attendance:	Councillors Callum Bowsie , Tierna Howie and David Lee-Surginor
Independent Members:	Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network Gareth Gordon, Ballynahinch Community Collective Robert Burgess, Rowallane & Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show, Saintfield Community Estates
Council Officials:	Ellen Brennan, DEA Co-Ordinator Catherine Hughes Acting Head of Performance and Improvement
Apologies:	Lise Curran, CDRCN and Joseph Deegan, Community Services

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/08/02/2025	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest.	No declarations of interest.

DEA/ROW/08/03/2025	Action Sheet of meeting held on 30 th January 2025	On the proposal of Councillor Bowsie and seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor it was recommended that the action sheet from 30 th January 2025 meeting be approved as a true record.	Agreed.
DEA/ROW/08/04/2025	DEA Coordinator Report	The DEA Coordinator had earlier circulated copies of her report to members the contents of which were noted.	Noted.
DEA/ROW/08/05/2025	Health and Wellbeing workshop for Rowallane DEA Forum.	Following discussion, it was agreed that the workshop should take place on a date to be agreed with the Performance Improvement Department.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/ROW/08/06/2025	Update from Community Facilities.	The DEA Coordinator provided an update on the current position regarding the renovation works to the Ballynahinch Centre following which members asked for a tour of the facility to be organised by the Community Services Manager (East) as soon as possible.	Tour of Ballynahinch Centre to be organised by Community Services Manager (East) as soon as possible.
DEA/ROW/08/07/2025	Draft Performance Objectives 2025/26	The Acting Head of Performance and improvement presented the current Draft Performance Objectives 2025/26 and following discussion	Noted
DEA/ROW/08/08/2025	Date of next meeting	Following discussion, it was agreed that the next meeting take place on a date to be agreed in June following the Council AGM.	Coordinator to progress.

The meeting concluded at 7.30pm

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 4.15pm via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Alan Lewis
In Attendance:	Councillor Jim Brennan Councillor Helena Young
Independent Members:	Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN)
Council Officials:	Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator
Others:	Elaine Carr, Peace Officer (Programmes Unit) Catherine Hughes, Acting Head of Performance and Management
Apologies:	Kenny Baxter, Frontier Support Network Councillor Roisin Howell Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager Councillor Siobhan O'Hare Richie Shilliday, Dundrum Village Association, Dundrum Cricket Club, RIOT Community Hub

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 25th February 2025	Action Sheet of Slieve Croob meeting held on Tuesday 25 th February 2025 was adopted as a true record.	Noted.
DEA/SC/5/2025	Draft Performance Improvement Objectives 2025-2026	Acting Head of Performance Management presented the draft performance improvement objectives and report findings. Clarification requested on staff vacancies within Planning Department.	Noted. Acting Head of Performance and Improvement.
DEA/SC/6/2025	PeacePlus Update	Peace Officer provided update on PeacePlus programmes. Members to forward project ideas 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	Multiply Programme	DEA Coordinator updated members on Multiply Programme and associated budget.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SC/9/2025	Date and time of next meeting	Next DEA Forum meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 17 th June 2025. Venue to be confirmed.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at 4.58pm.

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**Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Thursday 1st May 2025 at 1.00pm in Newry Leisure Centre**

Chairperson:	Councillor Aidan Mathers
In Attendance:	Councillor Valerie Harte
Independent Members:	Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups Eamonn Connolly, Newry Business Improvement District Allison Slater, Bolster Community Colin Hanna, Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency
Council Officials:	Kerri Morrow, Community Engagement & Development Manager Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement Gerard Byrne, Assistant Director Finance
Others in Attendance:	Josephine Morgan, NIHE Warren Roberts, PSNI
Apologies:	Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network Thelma Thompson, Altnaveigh House Trust Cllr Geraldine Kearns

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	No declarations made.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2025/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 18 th February 2025	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	Approved.
DEA/N/2025/3	DEA Coordinator's Report	DEA Coordinator's update report given.	Noted.
DEA/N/2025/4	Patrick Street Site	Update requested in relation to current D1 process.	Engagement & Development Manager to progress.
DEA/N/2025/5	Selection of DEA Chairperson and Vice Chairperson	Members discussed and agreed to reappoint Councillor Aidan Mathers as Chairperson and Councillor Doire Finn as Vice Chairperson.	Noted
DEA/N/2025/6	Draft Performance Improvement Objectives	Gerard Byrne provided an update on the draft performance improvement objectives for 2025/2026. It was agreed that the consultation link would be circulated for completion and onward sharing.	Noted
DEA/N/2025/7	Pride of Place	Members discussed a nomination for Pride of Place City Category 2025 Community Wellbeing Initiative. Several groups were considered.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2025/8	Coordinators Report	Coordinator reported on recent and upcoming activity including Wildlife in the	Noted.

		City, Event Management Training and other planned programmes.	
DEA/N/2025/9	Member Update.	<p>Members provided updates as follows:</p> <p>Eamonn Connolly provided an update on Flood Resilience Partnership.</p> <p>Raymond Jackson provided an update on funding being coordinated through CCG and partners to support people struggling financially. He made members aware of the relocation of the Social Supermarket to Ballybot House.</p> <p>Colin Hanna provided an update on the Go Succeed Programme and Business property sites.</p>	Noted.
DEA/N/2025/10	Environmental	Members requested a continued effort be made and where possible coordinated to support learning and volunteering opportunities to create cleaner more vibrant community urban spaces.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2025/11	Safety and Good Relations	W Roberts provided an update on recent activity within Newry City area and reiterated that live reporting is essential to progressing any incidents. Members discussed ASB hotspots and agreed EA Youth Service be notified of these in advance of summer intervention preparations.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 2.30pm