

August 11th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 17th August 2026** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Committee Membership 2026-27

Councillor T Howie **Chairperson**

Councillor A Mathers **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor Jim Brennan

Councillor Philip Campbell

Councillor Mark Gibbons

Councillor Roisin Howell

Councillor Jonathan Jackson

Councillor Aurla King

Councillor Niall Lawlor

Councillor David Lee-Surginor

Councillor Alan Lewis

Councillor Oonagh Magennis

Councillor Kate Murphy

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

For Information

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on 15 June 2026

For Information

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For Discussion/Decision - Open Session

4.0 District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report

For Decision

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5.0 Cancer Exercise Referral and Move More Programme

For Decision

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6.0 Officer Report on Notice of Motion - Additional Training Provision for Gaelic Games

For Decision

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Attachment: Appx 1 - Summary of Existing and Planned Gaelic Games Provision by District Electoral Area - vf.pdf

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7.0 Officer Report on Notice of Motion - Special Education Needs (SEN) Provision

For Decision

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8.0 Service Level Agreement with the Education Authority

For Decision

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

Attachment: AHC Report - Education Authority SLA vf.pdf

Not included

9.0 Renewal of NI Mapping Agreement (NIMA)

For Decision

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Attachment: AHC Report - Renewal of NI Mapping Agreement (NIMA) 2026.pdf

Not included

For Noting

10.0 Funded Programme Delivery

For Information

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11.0 Get Active NI

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12.0 IPB Pride of Place Awards 2027

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13.0 Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

For Information

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ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 15 JUNE 2026

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/041/2026	Action sheet from AHC Meeting held 18/05/26	It was agreed to note the action sheet.	A Patterson	Noted	Y
AHC/042/2026	Agree Start Times for AHC Committee	The start times of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee for 2026/27 were agreed.	A Patterson Democratic Services	Agreed	Y
AHC/044/2026	Park Golf Newcastle	It was agreed to approve the development of a Park Golf facility at Island Park, Newcastle, in partnership with Royal County Down Golf Club, as set out within the officer's report and approve to procure and appoint contractors to undertake the necessary site works.	C Haughey	Agreed and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/045/2026	Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan	It was agreed to approve the Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2025-26 and the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2026-27.	A Patterson	Agreed	Y
AHC/046/2026	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Update	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for: • Slieve Gullion Forum Meeting held on 12 May 2026 • Mournes DEA Forum Meeting on 19 May 2026 • Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 21 May 2026	A Robb	Agreed and actions being progressed	Y

AHC/047/2026	Slieve Gullion Multi-Sports Hub Review	The following was agreed: 1. Members note the updated Multi-Sports Facilities Review for Slieve Gullion DEA, 2. Approval is granted for Council to enter a partnership agreement with Camlough Community Association, to progress the development of the new Community Centre with multi-sports hall at Camlough Village, utilising the allocated Sports Facility Capital Budget for the Slieve Gullion DEA.	C Haughey	Agreed and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/048/2026	Funded Delivery Programme	It was agreed to urgently write to First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Communities Minister, Justice Minister, Finance Minister and Departmental officials for urgent delivery of all the funding referenced within the officers report. It was agreed to continue with delivery of the funded programmes as detailed in this report to the end of September 2026, pending receipt of Letters of Offer from the Programme Funders (Department for Communities, Department of Justice and The Executive Office).	A Robb A Robb	Letters sent to First and Deputy First Ministers and Ministers for Finance and Communities. Letter of Offer received for PCSP (Department of Justice) and subsequently Community Support Programme and Good Relations Ongoing	Y
AHC/049/2026	Community Support Programme – Social Supermarket	It was agreed to proceed with delivery of the Community Support Programme - Social Supermarket Funding as set out within section 2.2 of the officer's report.	A Robb	Agreed	Y
AHC/050/2026	Expression of Interest – Meigh Community	It was agreed to note the contents of the officer's report and that Expressions of Interest for land at the rear of Meigh	A Robb	Noted	Y

	Centre	Community Centre, Dromintee Road, Meigh, Newry - Appendix 1, will progress to stage 3 of the Sport and Leasing Policy 2016.			
AHC/051/2026	PCSP & Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Update	It was agreed to note the following: • Minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 2 February 2026 and approved on 12 May 2026; • Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 18 February 2026 and approved on 20 May 2026; • Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 31 March 2026, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 26 May 2026.	A Robb	Noted	Y
AHC/052/2026	Summer Activity Programme	It was agreed to note the planned Summer Activity Programme for July and August 2026	C Haughey	Noted	Y

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 August 2026
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

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

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			<u>Purpose</u> - 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.
2.0			Key issues
2.1			None.
3.0			Recommendations
3.1			That the Committee: - ➤ Note the report. ➤ Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: - Crotlieve DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 June 2026 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 June 2026 - Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 16 June 2026 - Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting held on 16 June 2026 - Slieve Croob DEA Forum Meeting held on 23 June 2026 - Mournes DEA Forum Meeting held on 21 July 2026
4.0			Resource implications
4.1			Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA Action Plans.
5.0			Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)

5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☐ The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☐
5.3	<i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves. ☐ ☐ Consultation period will be 12 weeks ☐ Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☒
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix 1: - Crotlieve DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 June 2026 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting held on 9 June 2026 - Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 16 June 2026

	- Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting held on 16 June 2026 - Slieve Croob DEA Forum Meeting held on 23 June 2026 - Mournes DEA Forum Meeting held on 21 July 2026
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

**Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 09 June 2026 at 18.00 pm The Boardroom Warrenpoint Town Hall**

Chairperson:	Councillor Micky Ruane
In Attendance:	Councillor Mark Gibbons Councillor Selina Murphy
Independent Members:	Martina Byrne- Hilltown Community Association/Clonduff Development Enterprise/Women of Clonduff Cathy McMahon - Confederation of Community Groups Claire Shields- County Down Rural Community Network Keith Parke- Ardarragh Accordion Band/ Lisnamullion Rural Association/ Drumlough & Ballygorian RDA
Statutory Partners:	None in attendance
Council Officials:	Shirley Keenan-Hughes – DEA Co-ordinator Crotlieve Edel McGeeney – Peace Plus Officer Kerri Morrow -Community Engagement & Development Manager Sonya Stephenson- Head of Programmes Economy Growth & Tourism
Apologies:	Councillor Kate Murphy Councillor Declan McAteer Ciara Burns – Community Services Manager Sergeant Scott Mc Bride PSNI Annie Clarke – Promoting Wellbeing Team SHSCT Connaire McGreevy, Greater Newry Chamber of Commerce Colleen Tinnelly Dowdall- WBR Chamber of Commerce Carie Crawford – Education Authority

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/23/2026	Welcome and Apologies.	Councillor Ruane welcomed members and noted apologies.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/24/2026	Declarations of Interest.	Mrs M Byrne registered Declaration of Interest in respect of Agenda Item 5 Financial Assistance and Agenda Item 12 Community Centres Caretaking.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/25/2026	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held April 2026.	Action Sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/26/2026	DEA Co-ordinators Report.	Update from DEA Co-ordinator Mrs S Keenan-Hughes on projects, events and programmes organised and supported by Crotlieve DEA Forum that have taken place from the date of the last meeting; • Autism Reality Experience at St Marks School 16th April 2026 • Maternal Health Event 7th May 2026 • Walk for All Event marking World Mental Health Day 14th May 2026 • Rural Women's Programme Day 27th May 2026 • Child Safety Week Event & International Childrens Day with Homestart 1st June 2026 • EMPOWER Her Event in Hilltown 8th June 2026	NOTED.

		Members were also updated on upcoming DEA planned or supported events and programmes including: • Senior Summer Scheme June- July 2026 • Shed Fest 10th June 2026 • Marshalling Training 13th June 2026 • Connecting Communities Event Hilltown INF 16th June • Teens Programme at Fiddlers Green Festival July 2026 • Summer Splash Programme Warrenpoint July 2026 It was Proposed by Cllr S Murphy and seconded by Mrs M Byrne that the planned events should be supported from the DEA Budget.	
DEA/C/27/2026	Financial Assistance.	Previous Action Sheet: (DEA/C/21/2026). Mrs M Byrne raised concerns regarding the January 2026 Call 1 deadline and the proximity to Christmas Holidays impacting the ability of some groups to submit applications. Mrs S Stephenson explained that the 2025/26 call was extended to 7 weeks opening time to alleviate pressures but that the process required a series of internal deadlines which the team work towards in order to issue Letters of Offer to groups in a timely manner. She advised they were currently reviewing 2026/27 schedule and hoped to submit these for Committee approval in September 2026.	COMPLETED
DEA/C/28/2026	PEACEPLUS Update.	Mrs E McGeeney provided an update in respect of the delivery of the PEACEPLUS plan; Re-Imaging Project – Contractor working with local groups to progress.	COMPLETED.

		- Capacity Building - Tidy Town completed first aid training, study visit and now looking at equipment purchase; - Events Training - FFK appointed and programme scheduled for delivery - Cultural Programmes - Music and Poetry currently being delivered; - Food & Drink- FFK Solutions appointed and programme scheduled for delivery - Bloom & Branch- Event and programme details will be shared.	
DEA/C/29/2026	Community Services Update.	Update provided by K Morrow as follows: 16 The Square Rostrevor- outstanding issues have been referred to Capital Works Team.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/30/2026	Education Authority Update.	In absence of Mrs C Crawford an update report was given on Youth Service provision in the Crotlieve area. - Tuesday evening provision – Social Action Project. - Friday night provision until end of June 2026 with an average of 32 young people attending. - Summer 2026- 4 weeks provision. EA continue to work with DEA, PCSP, WBR Chamber, Local business and Community Stakeholders.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/31/2026	King's Lane Warrenpoint.	Residents have approached elected members regarding ongoing ASB. Gating the lane has been suggested as a way forward. It was proposed by Cllr Ruane and seconded by Cllr S Murphy that the forum refer the matter to Environmental Health.	DEA Co-ordinator to refer to Environmental Health.

DEA/C/32/2026	Action Cancer.	Previous Action Sheets: DEA/C/08/2026 & DEA/C/19/2026 Ms C Shiels advised there is no update with regards to acquiring the bus. She will revert to the Forum when Action Cancer advise of availability.	Noted.
DEA/C/33/2026	Christmas Lights Hilltown.	Previous Action Sheets: DEA/C/09/2026 & DEA/C/20/2026 Email update provided by Mr A Mallon that Mr S Smith is putting a programme of works together. Ms S Keenan-Hughes advised that a meeting had been organised to discuss the ASB in early September 2026.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/34/2026	Community Centres Caretaking.	M Byrne raised the issue of the disparity in relation to caretaker support across Council owned and managed sites in regard full time/part time and no support. Ms K Morrow advised that this was an operational matter which was currently under review.	Noted.
DEA/C/35/2026	Date of Next Meeting.	The next meeting date: Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 6pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance.

The meeting ended at: 18:55 pm

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held 9 June 2026 at 5.30pm via Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Oonagh Hanlon
In Attendance:	Councillor Cadogan Enright Councillor Philip Campbell Councillor Aurla King
Independent Members:	Jenny Lavery, NI Housing Executive Housing Community Network Daniella McCarry, County Down Rural Community Network Jim Masson, Down Business Connect, Down Community Health Committee
Statutory Partners:	
Council Officials:	Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement Kerri Morrow, Community Engagement & Development Manager Ciara Toman, Regeneration, Business Support and Development Officer
Others in Attendance:	Maureen O’Gorman, Education Authority
Apologies:	Councillor Conor Galbraith Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Housing Community Network Macartan Digney, Downpatrick Community Collective

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/26/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/26/02	Declarations of Interest	None were declared.	Noted
DEA/DPK/26/03	Appointment of Chair	Members agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Campbell that Councillor Hanlon assume the post of Chair	Noted
DEA/DPK/26/04	Appointment of Vice Chair	Members agreed on the proposal of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Hanlon that Councillor King assume the position of Vice Chair	Noted
DEA/DPK/26/05	Action Sheet of Meeting held 14 April 2026	The Action Sheet was noted.	Noted
DEA/DPK/26/06	Updated from ERT re a) Rally Lecale b) Church Street Project	Rally Lecale The Regeneration, Business Support and Development Officer provided details around the Rally Lecale taking place from 23-25 July 2026. This included rally times, activities, artisan market and traffic management. She also discussed the promotion and local engagement with businesses to increase economic impact. Members requested promotion be shared as early as possible and requested support of the PCSP in terms of the Community Safety Wardens.	Martina to consider

		Church Street Project The Officer provided an update on the public realm scheme which includes start and completion dates and advance works timetable of utility service providers. Following a request from members to keep businesses up to date, the officer advise that the Contractor will be providing this as well as having a base on site.	Noted
DEA/DPK/26/07	DEA Co-Ordinators Update	The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members, including detail on activities including – • A four-week health and wellbeing programme for Young Mothers, in partnership with Sure Start • In partnership with CDRCN a Recognition Event was held for volunteers involved with the Down Senior Forum • As part of Dementia Awareness Week an Arts, Craft and Music programme was rolled out in Strangford Court • In partnership with CDRCN the Action Cancer Bus was in Killough Upcoming Events: • In partnership with SEHSCT and Rowallane & Slieve Croob an Adult Carers Event is being held in Killough and a Young Carers Event in Streamvale Farm • In partnership with CDRCN, Mournes, Rowallane & Slieve Croob on 10 June a Men's Event is being held in Castlewellan Forest Park to mark Men's Health Week • On 13 June Health Checks are being provided to tradesmen over the age of 35 in Creative Construction • A four-week Identity Programme is starting in St Nicholas' Primary School, Ardglass which will focus on identity, diversity and acceptance • A four-part workshop is taking place with Year 8s in Lecale Trinity Grammar School focusing on diversity, culture and EVAWG	Noted

		- Downpatrick, Rowallane, Slieve Croob & Mourne DEA are offering a Summer Tourism Programme highlighting our local communities - On 20 July a Summer Safety Programme is being rolled out in partnership with the EA, PCSP, Rowallane, Slieve Croob & Mourne DEA - Supporting the EA's summer residential programme offering diversionary activities for young people in the Lecale area - Continue to support the monthly Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop in the Down Arts Centre	
	PCSP Update	The Head of Engagement advised members that engagement with relevant statutory and community organisations was ongoing in relation to summer celebration events and diversionary activities.	
	Education Authority Youth Service Update	The EA Officer provided members with an update on some good news stories in relation to the work of the 3 youth workers based in Downpatrick, Slieve Croob & Rowallane. She also highlighted the importance of the voluntary sector youth provision service that exists in the area. The Officer also informed members of the recent positive outcome of the DE/ETI inspection report for the EA Youth Service in the area. She noted that partnership working was identified as a key strength and had made a significant contribution to the findings of the report.	
DEA/DPK/26/08	Date of Next Meeting	The DEA Co-Ordinator advised members that the next meeting, has been scheduled for Tuesday 11 August at 10.00am	DEA Co-Ordinator

The meeting ended at: 10.50 am

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Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 4:00pm in Newry Leisure Centre

Chairperson:	Councillor Aidan Mathers
In Attendance:	Councillor Geraldine Kearns
Independent Members:	Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups Colin Hanna, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID Allison Slater, Bolster Community Ann Grant, County Down Rural Community Network
Statutory Partners:	Sergeant Warren Roberts, PSNI Pauline McQuillan, Education Authority
Council Officials:	Padraig Harte, Newry DEA Coordinator Edel McGeeney, Peace Officer
Apologies:	Councillor Valerie Harte Councillor Cathal King Thelma Thompson, Altnaveigh House Aisling Pryers, Housing Executive

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2026/2	Declarations of Interest	None.	
DEA/N/2026/3	Matters arising from Action Sheet	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record. An update was provided on concerns raised about the footpaths, particularly on Monaghan Street and where recent realm schemes have taken place – rubbish gathering on Hill Street, especially after the weekend.	Approved
DEA/N/2026/4	Peace Plus	PeacePlus Programme Update - 15 months of the programme remain. - Strand 2 continues to progress well and remains on schedule. - Significant progress is anticipated under Strand 3 over the coming months. - The Newry Gateway Project is progressing very well. - The Bloom and Branch community event was successfully delivered in Meigh. A recruitment drive is now required to encourage additional community participation. - The Reimaging Project, delivered by MayWe, is currently recruiting participants. Promotional flyers have been circulated to support engagement. - Commercial Property Grant Scheme opened today. - Information Session - Date: 23 June Venue: Killeavy Castle Estate Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm - Update on current Open Tendering Opportunities provided	Noted and Coordinator to progress

DEA/N/2026/5	Peaceplus Partnership – Rep Replacement	A nomination is required for a Newry DEA representative to sit on the Peace Plus Partnership Board. The next Partnership Board meeting will take place in July. The commitment involves bi-monthly meetings, with each meeting lasting approximately one hour. Colin Hanna has been nominated to represent Newry DEA on the Partnership Board.	Noted.
DEA/N//2026/6	Community Services	Drumalane Community Centre Ongoing concerns have been raised regarding Drumalane Community Centre. Cllrs expressed dissatisfaction with the responses received to date and have requested a comprehensive report on the current position, with the report to be circulated once available.	Noted and Community Services to update.
DEA/N//2026/7	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	<i>MEMBERS INFORMED ACTION PLAN HAS BEEN MOVED DRAFT AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO BUDGETS</i> Child Safety Week Workshop As part of Child Safety Week (1–7 June), Newry DEA, in partnership with the Home Safety Team, delivered the "Simple Steps to a Safer Home" workshop on 2 June at Tiddly Town Play Centre. The workshop provided practical guidance to families on common household risks. Men's Fest Newry, Slieve Gullion and Crotlieve DEAs successfully delivered Men's Fest on Wednesday 10 June at Newry Leisure Centre, with 200+ younger and older men from across the three DEA areas. The event promoted men's health, wellbeing and social connection through a range of activities. The event was well supported by Councillors, community groups and partner organisations and was a great success, providing valuable opportunities for men to connect, access support services and improve their overall wellbeing.	Noted and Coordinator to progress.

		Wildlife in the City Preparations are in the final stages for this week's Wildlife in the City event, taking place on Saturday 20 June at McClelland Park, Newry. Newry DEA is working closely with a range of partner organisations to ensure the event is a success. The free family event will promote environmental awareness, biodiversity and community engagement through a range of interactive activities, including face painting, arts and crafts, educational displays and live demonstrations. Seniors' Summer Scheme 2026 Newry, Slieve Gullion and Crotlieve DEAs are working in partnership to deliver the 2026 Seniors' Summer Scheme from 29 June to 3 July across venues in Silverbridge, Warrenpoint and Newry. Planning is progressing well, with activities including circus skills, bocchia, yoga, paint and sip, botanical bingo, a visit to Stormont and a theatre performance. Newry Water Festival Planning continues for the Newry Water Festival, taking place on Monday 31 August at Albert Basin, Newry. Newry DEA and Neighbourhood Renewal are working closely with stakeholders to deliver another successful event. Additional Engagement and Support Activities - Attendance at CRJI Human Faces Project Launch - Supporting and guidance for several groups in relation to funding opportunities and event planning. - Site meeting with Barcroft Community Garden and Community Association - Meeting with FFK Solutions – Peaceplus programme - Partnership meeting for Newry Mela 2026 - Attendance at Advisory Group meeting with Arbour/Radius Housing - Supporting Newry Pride with this year's festival - Attendance at Drumalane Interagency Estate Inspection - Train the Trainer Good Relations	
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DEA/N/2026/8	Independent Members and Statutory Partners Update (a) Health and Wellbeing (b) Environmental (c) Economic Development (d) Safety and Good Relations	<i>Health and Wellbeing Update</i> <i>CCG:</i> Concerns were raised regarding the experiences of newcomers to the Newry area, particularly those working within the health service. The Strategic Stakeholder Forum has issued a statement condemning the issues highlighted and reaffirming its commitment to promoting inclusion and community cohesion. An update was also provided on the Changemakers programme, delivered by WeWork, which is a CCG project partner supporting a cross-border intergenerational programme. Further information will be circulated in due course, with the official opening scheduled for 7 July. Members were also advised that there continues to be uncertainty regarding future CVS funding. <i>Education Authority:</i> An update was provided on T-Buc funding, with no confirmation yet received regarding applications. This uncertainty is impacting the delivery of planned projects, which were due to commence within the coming weeks. The Youth Pride event is scheduled to take place at the end of June and is being delivered in partnership with the Education Authority, The Magnet and Crisis Café. <i>Bolster:</i> Bolster Community has successfully secured PeacePlus Strand 2.6 funding to deliver 21 programmes across seven DEA areas over the next 18 months. The programmes are expected to commence in mid-July and will primarily target smaller youth clubs and community groups.	Noted
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		<i>Environmental Update:</i> <i>Newry BID</i> Newry BID provided an update on the Vacant Property Grant Scheme, with ongoing efforts to encourage greater uptake by local businesses and property owners. Newry BID also continues to work in partnership with the PSNI and Newry DEA to develop and deliver a range of initiatives aimed at supporting the city centre and enhancing community engagement. <i>Economic Update:</i> <i>NMEA</i> NMEA reported that the Go Succeed programme has supported 12 participants, including several late referrals. In addition, four established businesses are currently participating in the Growth Programme. The property is now fully occupied, with significant demand for larger business units. Members were also advised that Jennifer Malone has retired as Property Manager, with Carol Magee now taking over the role and becoming the main point of contact. <i>Newry BID</i> An update was provided by Newry BID RE: The Quays Shopping Centre and the Health in the City initiative. The programme continues to deliver a wide range of health and wellbeing activities and events, with strong levels of participation and positive feedback reported. The initiative has been highly successful to date and continues to make a valuable contribution to community wellbeing and engagement within the city. <i>Confederation of Community Groups</i> An update was provided on matters affecting the wider community and voluntary sector. Members were advised that no Executive decision has yet been made regarding future budget allocations. It was also noted	
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		that the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland consultation process has now concluded. Ballybot Community Association has indicated that it no longer wishes to continue operating. A community meeting will be convened in July 2026 to provide residents with an opportunity to consider the formation of a new management committee. Should there be insufficient interest in establishing a new committee, the dissolving the association will be completed. <i>Safety and Good Relations Update:</i> PSNI reported that a number of young people were involved in incidents in the Meadow area and noted that there have been no local issues associated with the recent regional protests. Ongoing concerns were raised regarding anti-social behaviour in the same area, including incidents of stone throwing. A fire appliance attended to extinguish a small fire and was also subjected to stones being thrown. The local Community Association has highlighted these concerns publicly.	
DEA/N/2026/9	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 4 th August @ 4:00pm	

The meeting ended at: 5:20pm

**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on 16 June 2026 @ 6pm in Ballynahinch Community Centre**

Chairperson: Councillor Callum Bowsie

In Attendance: Councillor Terry Andrews
Councillor Jonny Jackson
Councillor Tierna Howie

Independent Members: Kathy Black – County Down Rural Community Network
Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network
Robert Burgess - Rowallane & Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show, Saintfield Community Estates

Statutory Partners: Paul Innes – PSNI
Gerard Smith - NIHE

Council Officials: Nicola Whyte - DEA Coordinator Rowallane

Others in Attendance: Amanda Burns - Clanrye Group on Wellness Works Project

Apologies: Councillor David Lee-Surginor
Noel Maguire – EA
Kerri Morrow - Community Engagement Manager NMDDC
Theresa McLaverty - Peace Plus Officer NMDDC

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/25/2026	Welcome and Apologies	Councillor Bowsie welcomed Members and noted apologies.	COMPLETED
DEA/ROW/26/2026	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest given.	COMPLETED
DEA/ROW/27/2026	Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of DEA Forum	Councillor Jackson as Chairperson was proposed by Councillor Bowsie and seconded by Robert Burgess Councillor Howie as Vice Chairperson was proposed by Councillor Andrews and seconded by Raymond Cochrane.	NOTED
DEA/ROW/28/2026	Action sheet from previous meeting on 14.04.26	Action Sheet was proposed by Councillor Bowsie and seconded by Councillor Andrews	NOTED
DEA/ROW/29/2026	DEA Coordinators Report	DEA Coordinator delivered the Coordinator's Report including: Update on projects since last meeting: - Killyleagh Gathering Sunday in Bridge Centre supported by the DEA Forum. - Chest Heart & Stroke Health Checks – Bridge Centre, Killyleagh scheduled for May are now fully booked. - PB Funding Celebration Event was held in Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle – excellent turnout Ballynahinch Men's Shed & Community Collective presented their projects as result of the funding. - Volunteers Event with Down Senior Forum & DEAs – Preacher House Pottery 27 May 2026 - Carers celebration event with SE Trust & Slieve Croob, Downpatrick DEAs – Preacher House Pottery 10 June 2026 - Mens Health Week 15-21 June – Castlewellan Park inside Castle 11 June 6-9.30pm with DEA's & CDRCN	COMPLETED

		Upcoming Events: • Mens Health Event with Rowallane DEA & MDT Teams – Delamont Park Thursday 18 June 2026 • Action Cancer Bus – Killyleagh with CDRCN – inspection done on several sites in Killyleagh, Football Field with date TBC • Seniors Tourism Event with all 4 DEA's Mournes Tuesday 30 June Newcastle Community Cinema • Seniors Tourism Event Slieve Croob DEA Wednesday 29 July, Castlewellan Forest Park • Seniors Tourism Event Downpatrick DEA Tuesday 25 August • Seniors Tourism Event Rowallane DEA Monday 28 September, Delamont Country Park for foraging workshop & interactive digi-bus with 3D tourism experience • Summer Safety Event with PCSP & DEA's, Castlewellan Forest Park Monday 20 July, bringing young people through Education Authority from Crossgar & Killyleagh • Young Carers event supporting action for children with cancer with SE Trust and DEA's Other Updates: • Schools Update - St Patricks Primary School, BALLYNAHINCH - Building Resilience Programme to start in September/October • Digi-Bus – Interactive Hub – overview on health & tourism app given to all members, members to contact Coordinator for viewing of bus in September.	NOTED NOTED Members to follow up with Coordinator
DEA/ROW/30/2026	Update from EA - Youth Workers Maureen O'Gorman	Maureen O'Gorman gave apologies but provided a report for Members- Bethany McClune has returned from maternity leave and will provide an update at a future DEA Forum meeting. Successful youth work programmes have concluded in Ballynahinch High School and St Colmcille's, Crossgar, with planning underway for September 2026 and upcoming summer programmes for young people aged 9–18. Ongoing youth provision continues in Killyleagh and Crossgar, engaging approximately 82 young people weekly across the 9–15 age groups.	

		The Rowallane Horizons Leadership Programme is preparing for its summer programme in France. Participants recently completed barista training and raised several hundred pounds for Daisy Lodge through Changemaker Markets in Belfast. EA will support the Summer Safety Event (20 July) in partnership with NMDDC and PCSP to promote key safety messages to young people.	NOTED
DEA/ROW/31/2026	Update from PSNI Sergeant Paul Innes	Sergeant Innes is the new neighbourhood Sergeant for Rowallane and Downpatrick area. He introduced himself to all members, and advised no issues had been reported. He confirmed gaming bus for Festival of Hope on 10 October in Ballynahinch. He advised that a meeting to take place with PCSP in Crossgar on ASB on 23 June.	NOTED
DEA/ROW/32/2026	Update from Theresa McLaverty, Peace Plus Officer NMDDC	Theresa gave apologies but provided a report for Members- Arts Ekta have been appointed as the facilitator for Cross Community Festival Programme Rowallane & Beyond – Tastes and Traditions. Recruitment will commence in July 26, project will be completed by Dec 26. Overview of the project was discussed. CRAIC NI have been appointed as the facilitator for a cultural programme – Rowallane People & Places. Recruitment will commence in July 26, project will be completed by Dec 26. An overview of the project was discussed.	Coordinator to forward project overview to all members Coordinator to forward project overview to all members
DEA/ROW/33/2026	Update from Amanda Burns, Clanrye Group – Wellness Works PeacePlus Programme	Amanda gave an update on the Wellness Works programme, noted that they got the most applications from Rowallane DEA. Letters of Offer have been sent to all groups they will start in the next few weeks. Amanda informed all that Clanrye Group are moving to 4 th Floor in SERC, Downpatrick - this will be a new community hub.	NOTED
DEA/ROW/34/2026	Update from Kathy Black, CDRCN	Kathy provided an update on CDRCN projects and funding. Working in partnership on projects with Coordinator. Overview of the Festival of Hope from 3-10 October was shared with Members.	NOTED

DEA/ROW/35/2026	Update from Gerard Smith, NI Housing Executive	Gerard introduced himself and gave an update on his work to date. Funding schemes with community involvement are now open across all areas with £25K funding available. New IT system for funding applications now in place, Gerard asked all to ensure groups contact Housing Executive well in advance for Halloween and Christmas festivals.	NOTED
DEA/ROW/36/2026	Killyleagh Wastewater Strategy Review – Cllr Terry Andrews	Cllr Andrews updated the asked the Forum to request a meeting with the Minister for Infrastructure, Liz Kimmins MLA, on behalf of the residents of Killyleagh with the ongoing wastewater infrastructure problems and request for upgrade. All Forum members approved this request.	Coordinator to follow up with Democratic Services.
DEA/ROW/37/2026	AOB	Cllr Terry Andrews requested that a bereavement card be sent to Nicholas McCrickard on the passing of his mum and sister, this was approved by all Forum Members. Cllr Jackson thanked everyone for their update and reminded members about the event in Killyleagh for 13 July.	Coordinator to progress
DEA/ROW/38/2026	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting date: 18 August in Ballynahinch Community Centre at 1pm.	DEA Coordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance.

The meeting ended at: 7.30pm

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**Action Sheet of Slieve Croob District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 via Microsoft Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Alan Lewis
In Attendance:	Councillor Helena Young Councillor Siobhán O’Hare
Independent Members:	Heather Holland, County Down Rural Community Network (CDRCN) Kenny Baxter, Frontier Support Network
Council Officials:	Elaine Carr, PEACEPLUS Officer Priscilla McAlinden, Slieve Croob DEA Coordinator
Apologies:	Councillor Jim Brennan Councillor Roisin Howell Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager 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/3/2026	Declarations of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SC/4/2025	Action Sheet of meeting held on Tuesday 21 st April 2026	Action Sheet of Slieve Croob meeting held on Tuesday 21 st April was adopted as a true record.	Noted.
DEA/SC/5/2026	PEACEPLUS Update	Strand 1 - Transformation and Reimagining Programme MayWe have been appointed as facilitator and the programme has commenced. Slieve Croob DEA areas include Drumaness, Drumaroad, Annsborough. Strand 2 2.1 Collaborative and Capacity Building projects Nature and Heritage harmony programme: Slieve Croob DEA. CDRCN appointed to deliver this programme. Capacity Building Programme: Leitrim Men's Shed. Currently sourcing the required equipment for the group, before commencement of capacity building workshops. Create & Connect Ballykinlar (adult summer scheme): 20 people currently participating. Voices & Traditions, shared summer scheme (young people): Ciara McCrickard appointed to deliver this programme in Drumaroad.	Noted. Forum members.

		2.4 Community Action Programmes (District wide) Health & Wellbeing: Clanrye Group appointed to deliver this programme. Recruitment of participants is underway. Civic Pride: Contract awarded to The Conservation Volunteers. Recruitment ongoing. Sites identified. 2.5 Community led shared history and culture programmes – Martin Waddell Project: Contract awarded to Kieron Black – Delivery underway. Castlewellan Peace Maze Project: Contract awarded to CDRCN. Recruitment and delivery underway. 2.6 Social and Emotional Support Programmes (District wide) Intergenerational Programmes: EVAWG procurement completed. Contract awarded to Women's Aid Armagh Down. Arts and Crafts procurement completed. Contract awarded to CDRCN. Men's shed tender documents are currently being finalised. Social and Emotional Support Programme: Contract awarded to Bolster Community. 2.7 Social Prescribing Programme: Maywe Events Ltd & Clanrye Group have been appointed as the successful suppliers and programmes have commenced.	
DEA/SC/6/2026	CDRCN Update	CDRCN supports, develops, and represents voluntary and community groups across County Down. They empower local people to tackle poverty, reduce social isolation, and improve overall health and wellbeing.	Noted.

		Community Development Support: Offers practical, start-up, and governance advice for voluntary groups, including help with charity registrations, business planning, and funding applications. Grants Management: Administers vital funding schemes to local groups, such as the DAERA Rural Micro Capital Grants Scheme. Voice and Representation: Ensures rural voices are heard in regional policy-making and community planning. Current Programme Delivery in Slieve Croob: 10-week Pain management, Men’s Resilience programme through Homestart, Menopause Workshop, Mental health workshop with Annsborough Youth Group and Action Cancer Bus. Partnership involvement: Down Senior Forum, South Eastern Domestic Violence Partnership and Newcastle & Greater Newcastle Suicide Task Prevention Group. Groups currently working with in Slieve Croob DEA include:- Men’s groups - Ballykinlar, Castlewellan, Clanvaraghan and Dundrum. Women’s groups - Clanvaraghan Oasis Crafters, Clough Movement to Music Group, Seaforde W.I., Seaforde Singing & Fitness Groups. Senior groups – Annsborough, Ballykinlar, Castlewellan, Clough and Drumaness.	
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		Community Associations: Ballykinlar & Tyrella Community Association, Creative Village Dundrum, Drumaness Community Association, Dundrum Village Association and Seaforde Community Association Youth Groups – Annsborough, Castlewellan, Clough GB and Dundrum. Allotments – Ballykinlar, Castlewellan and Loughinisland.	
DEA/SC/7/2026	Action Plan Update 2026-2027	Forum members unanimously approved Action Plan programmes 2026/2027 and associated budget. Programmes completed since previous meeting include: - • Action Cancer Bus was held in Leitrim fully booked in collaboration with CDRCN • Volunteer Recognition Event hosted in Killough in partnership with Down Senior Forum and DEA Coordinators • Carer's Festival in partnership with SEHSCT Carers Team with 50 people attending. • Men's Mental Health Event was a partnership event with DEAs and CDRCN with 120 people attending • Dementia Friendly week DEA hosted a musical workshop in Castlewellan Care Home Upcoming programmes from July to end September include: • Senior Summer Scheme a collaboration with DEAs in Slieve Croob, Downpatrick, Rowallane, and Mourne highlighting local visitor attractions for older people. • Summer Safety Event in partnership with DEAs and PCSP - this event will focus on risk taking and general summer safety messaging.	DEA Coordinator.

		• ASD & ADHD Summer Programme in partnership with Housing for All and CDRCN and Mournes DEA • Teenage Disco providing important information on alcohol/drugs awareness Other Events being organised: • Senior Citizens Tea Dance • Warm Place • Festival of Light • Carer’s Event	
DEA/SC/10/2026	Date and time of next meeting	Next DEA Forum meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22 nd September 2026 at 4.30pm.	DEA Coordinator.

The meeting ended at 4.35pm

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Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at 4.00pm via Teams

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Chairperson:	Councillor Laura Devlin
In Attendance:	Councillor Jill Truesdale Councillor William Clarke
Independent Members:	Paula Nixon, County Down Rural Community Network
Statutory Partners:	Annie Clarke, Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Others in Attendance:	
Council Officials:	Taucher Murphy, DEA Coordinator, The Mournes Declan Crilly, Head of Outdoor Leisure Theresa McLaverty, PEACE PLUS Officer
Apologies:	Cllr Niall Lawlor Lloyd Douglas, Independent Member Alan Knox, Independent Member Sergeant Kenny Gracey, PSNI

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/MOU/1/2026	Welcome/Apologies	Welcome by Cllr Devlin	Noted.
DEA/MOU/2/2026	Declarations of Interest	None	Noted.
DEA/MOU/3/2026	Action Sheet 19 May	Brief update of the actions from the previous Forum meeting was given.	Noted.
DEA/MOU/4/2026	DEA Coordinator's Update	Update from DEA Coordinator on projects and programmes that have taken place and those planned for June 2026 - August 2026. June : <u>Men's Health Events</u> Three Men's Health events were delivered throughout the Mournes with 1 in Newcastle and 2 in Kilkeel to promote men's health. <u>Senior Historical Tour Event</u> An event showcasing the Mournes with talks and archive footage was delivered on 30 June in the Newcastle Community Cinema and the Newcastle Harbour Generator House.	Noted and Coordinator to progress.

		<u>Senior Summer Schemes</u> Mournes have been linking Luncheon and Over 50's Clubs to help deliver interactive health and wellbeing focused workshops. July: <u>Summer Safety Event</u> Mournes, Slieve Croob, Rowallane, and Downpatrick DEA's in partnership with PCSP delivered the Summer Safety Event on 20 July in Castlewellan Forest Park. The event brought together young people ages 13-15 to take part in safety workshops and talks with PSNI, NIFRS, drugs and alcohol awareness, and sport activities. <u>Senior Summer Schemes</u> Mournes DEA will be delivering and supporting a number of Summer Schemes in partnership with CDRCN including YMCA summer support, Leitrim Festival, and ADHD Summer Schemes. <u>It's a Knock Out</u> Mournes DEA will be supporting the EA's It's a Knock Out Event taking place in Kilkeel on 14 August.	
DEA/MOU/10/2024	Donard Carpark	Anti-social behaviour and traffic issues at Donard Park.	Head of Outdoor Leisure provided the following update in Donard Carpark: Meeting with Mournes Councillors has been scheduled for 29 July.

			- Bollards and Lighting for the area has been approved. - Costing and timing to be approved - Raised barriers to be installed in overflow carpark and main carpark to be closed at 10pm. Signage to be onsite prior to implementation.
DEA/MOU/11/2024	Kilkeel Feasibility Study	Appointment of consultant and working group.	Task and Finish Group has been set up. Update on progress to be provided at the next DEA Meeting.
DEA/MOU/13/2024	Business Representation on Forum	A need for business representation on the DEA Forum was identified.	Nomination Forms have been forwarded to Newcastle Chamber of Commerce. DEA Coordinator to link in and see if there is any capacity building needed.
DEA/MOU/22/2025	PEACE PLUS	DEA Forum to suggest 3 areas for Peace Plus Reimaging Project.	PEACE Plus Officer attended the meeting and informed the Forum that the nominated areas have been contacted and they have had good engagement from the Newcastle and Annalong areas, but engagement in the Bryansford area is low. Mournes Councillors to reach out to groups to encourage uptake in the project.

			Projects to be agreed by September with delivery in January.
DEA/MOU/11/2026	Dog Fouling Campaign	Issue regarding dog fouling and placement of bins in Bryansford was raised.	DEA Coordinator contacted the relevant officer in Environmental Health regarding bins and possible dog fouling campaign. Contact details have been passed on.

The meeting ended at 16.55pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 th August 2026
Subject:	Cancer Exercise Referral and Move More Programme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Assistant Director, Healthy Living
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Robert Geary, Sports Development Manager

For decision	x	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<u>Purpose</u> Members to consider and approve the recommendations in section 3.1 of this report on the Cancer Exercise Referral and Move More Pathway. <u>Background</u> Move More was originally established with support from Macmillan Cancer to support people living with and beyond cancer to become more physically active. Following the end of external funding, Council retained the permanent officer post and continued the provision. Over time, Move More has developed into an ongoing physical activity class, with participants remaining within the programme for extended periods and the classes becoming accessible to a wider range of participants. As part of the review of Sports Development health and wellbeing provision, officers considered participant attendance, current delivery arrangements and similar cancer physical activity referral models operating elsewhere in Northern Ireland. The review identified an opportunity to re-establish a structured cancer referral and progression pathway, while retaining the existing Move More classes as an ongoing physical activity opportunity. The proposed model supports the Council's Healthy Living objectives by promoting long-term physical activity and providing structured opportunities for people living with and beyond cancer to remain active within their local community.		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	The Cancer Exercise Referral Programme will provide a structured 12-week pathway for appropriate adults living with and beyond cancer, aligned with the principles of the Council's existing PARS model.		

	- Move More will be retained within the Be Active for Life timetable as an open, lower-level physical activity and progression class, with provision maintained at similar times and locations in Newry Leisure Centre and Down Leisure Centre, subject to final timetable arrangements. - Detailed referral, eligibility, screening and operational arrangements will be finalised by officers in consultation with relevant Health and Social Care partners. Appropriate governance, information management and safe delivery requirements will be incorporated prior to implementation. - The revised model will provide a clear pathway. Further detail on the proposed programme and progression pathway is provided at Appendix 1
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended that the members: Approve the introduction of the revised 12-week Cancer Exercise Referral Programme from September 2026 and allow for the retention and integration of Move More within the Be Active for Life timetable as an ongoing physical activity and progression class.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The revised model will be delivered through existing Sports Development staffing resources and existing programme delivery arrangements. There are no additional revenue implications identified. There are no capital implications arising from this report.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☐
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☒

	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☐
5.3	<i>Proposal initiating consultation -N/a</i> Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves ☐ Consultation period will be 12 weeks ☐ Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) ☐ <i>Rationale:</i> Not applicable. This report does not initiate a public consultation.
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☒
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 – Cancer Exercise Referral Programme and Progression Pathway
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Appendix 1 – Cancer Exercise Referral Programme and Progression Pathway

Proposed Pathway

Healthcare Professional Referral → Assessment → 12-week Cancer Exercise Referral Programme → Move More / Be Active for Life/Walking for All/other appropriate physical activity

Cancer Exercise Referral Programme

The proposed programme will:

- Operate through appropriate healthcare professional referral.
- Provide a structured 12-week physical activity programme for people living with and beyond cancer who are suitable for community-based exercise.
- Align with existing PARS processes where appropriate.
- Include assessment, supported physical activity, monitoring and progression.
- Operate with a maximum of 20 participants per programme, subject to safe delivery and facility capacity.
- Not provide cancer prehabilitation or replace clinical rehabilitation services.

Detailed eligibility, referral and screening arrangements will be finalised with relevant Health and Social Care partners.

Move More

Move More will transfer into the Be Active for Life timetable as an open, ongoing lower-level physical activity class.

Provision will remain at Newry Leisure Centre and Down Leisure Centre at similar times to the existing classes, subject to final timetable arrangements.

Move More will provide an ongoing physical activity opportunity for existing participants and a progression route for people completing the Cancer Exercise Referral Programme and other appropriate health pathways.

Implementation

The revised model is proposed for implementation from September 2026. Sports Development will finalise the operational arrangements with relevant Health and Social Care partners prior to implementation and review the model following the initial programme block.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 August 2026
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Additional Training Provision for Gaelic Games
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey Assistant Director – Active and Healthy Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey Assistant Director – Active and Healthy Communities

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<u>Purpose</u> For members to consider the Notice of Motion regarding additional training provision for Gaelic Games and to approve the recommendation at section 3.1 on this report. <u>Background</u> At its meeting held on 6 July 2026, Council considered a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Rice, which highlighted the importance of additional training provision for Gaelic Games across the district: <i>"This Council recognises the significant growth in participation levels across Gaelic Games within the district and acknowledges that a number of clubs are experiencing increasing pressure on existing training and playing facilities.</i> <i>We would ask that Council Undertake a review of Council owned sporting facilities and land assets to identify opportunities for additional training provision for Gaelic Games. Engage with clubs that have demonstrated, through membership figures, participation rates, facility demand and development plans, that their existing sporting infrastructure is insufficient to meet current need.</i> <i>Explore options for the temporary, seasonal or permanent use of underutilised Council facilities and lands to accommodate training activity where such use is compatible with existing operational requirements and community need.</i> <i>Consider such arrangements as an interim measure to support clubs experiencing capacity pressures until the completion and full operation of the Down GAA Centre of Excellence at Ballykinlar."</i>		

	In accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6, the Motion was referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee for consideration. The Notice of Motion provides an opportunity for Members to consider how Council can continue to work with clubs, governing bodies and stakeholders to support access to suitable training opportunities, encourage participation and make effective use of existing and future sporting facilities.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Existing Council Sporting Facilities The Council has undertaken a comprehensive assessment of its outdoor sporting facilities through the adopted Sports Facilities Strategy and subsequent Multi Sports Hub Reviews. These assessments were informed by consultation with sports clubs, the GAA governing body and key stakeholders and considered: • existing sporting facilities; • club membership and participation; • current and future demand; • facility condition and capacity; • geographical accessibility; and • future investment priorities. The assessment of the Council's existing sporting facilities provides the evidence base for future investment and opportunities to increase sporting participation across the district.
2.2	Assessment of Need The assessments indicate that there is a continued need to consider how training capacity can be supported across the district, including for Gaelic Games, alongside the effective use of existing natural grass pitches. The adopted approach seeks to make best use of existing sporting facilities while also directing investment towards strategically located multi-sport artificial surfaces where appropriate. This approach supports additional training opportunities, helps protect the condition of natural grass pitches and assists in maintaining their availability for competitive fixtures.
2.3	Current Delivery The adopted Sports Facilities Strategy and Multi Sports Hub Review identify a range of Council capital investment, partnership projects and Financial Assistance opportunities intended to support a range of sports, including Gaelic Games training and playing capacity, across all seven District Electoral Areas. In addition to supporting clubs through investment in pitches, floodlighting, changing accommodation and training facilities, officers have progressed the proposed change

2.4	of use at Dunleath Park to accommodate youth Gaelic Games. This is intended to provide further opportunities for youth fixtures and may also support clubs in managing training and player development activity across their own facilities. A summary of the strategic investment supporting Gaelic Games across each District Electoral Area is provided in Appendix 1. Officer Assessment Officers recognise the importance of continued dialogue with clubs, governing bodies and stakeholders in considering how best to support Gaelic Games and wider sporting participation across the district. Through ongoing engagement, officers will seek to identify practical opportunities to make effective use of existing Council sporting facilities, support local club development and inform future capital investment and the periodic review of the Sports Facilities Strategy.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended to: 1. Note the Notice of Motion and the issues raised in relation to additional training provision for Gaelic Games. 2. Recognise the work already undertaken through the adopted Sports Facilities Strategy and Multi Sports Hub Reviews to assess existing sporting facilities and current and future Gaelic Games facility requirements. 3. Acknowledge the programme of strategic investment supporting Gaelic Games across the district, as summarised in Appendix 1 of this report. 4. Support continued engagement between officers, clubs, governing bodies and other stakeholders to identify practical opportunities to make effective use of existing Council sporting facilities, to support increased participation and to inform the future implementation and periodic review of the Council's Sports Facilities Strategy.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	There are no additional financial, staffing or resource implications arising directly from this report. Delivery will continue through existing approved capital programmes, partnership projects and Financial Assistance budgets.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☐ The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☐
5.3	<i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i> Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves ☐ Consultation period will be 12 weeks ☐ Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) ☐ <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☐
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 - Summary of Strategic Investment Supporting Gaelic Games by District Electoral Area

8.0	Background Documents <i>(available on request)</i>
	• Sports Facilities Strategy • Multi Sports Hub Review – Strategic Recommendations.

Appendix 1

Summary of Existing and Planned Gaelic Games Provision by District Electoral Area

District Electoral Area	Existing / Planned Provision	Strategic Outcome
Newry	Proposed Jennings Park Multi-Sport 3G Hub. Continued access to Gerry Brown Playing Fields.	Increases floodlit training capacity and provides additional match provision while reducing pressure on club grass pitches.
Slieve Gullion	Access to Jennings Park Multi-Sport Hub. Camlough Community Centre will provide indoor training opportunities for underage activity.	Supports additional capacity for clubs within the DEA through shared facilities.
Crotlieve	Proposed St Mark's Multi-Sport facility. Development of Council facilities in the DEA for training and competitive fixtures.	Increases training capacity while enabling greater use of grass pitches for competitive matches.
The Mournes	Donard Park Multi-Sport Hub.	Provides dedicated floodlit training provision for Gaelic Games and other field sports within the DEA.
Slieve Croob	Down GAA Centre of Excellence at Ballykinlar – delivery supported through the Council's Financial Assistance Programme.	Provides significant additional training capacity and supports long-term facility development.
Rowallane	Proposed redevelopment of the existing synthetic surface at St Colman's High School, which is being progressed as part of a split-site multi sports for the DEA.	Improves access to suitable training facilities for Gaelic Games clubs within the DEA.
Downpatrick	Financial Assistance support for community multi-sport projects. Access to Ballykinlar 3G. Developments at Dunleath Park to accommodate youth Gaelic Games.	Increases both training and match capacity, allowing club pitches to be prioritised for training and development.

District-wide Support

In addition to the above projects, the Council's annual Financial Assistance Programme provides capital investment to sporting clubs across the district, including Gaelic Games clubs, supporting improvements to pitches, floodlighting, changing accommodation, training facilities and associated infrastructure. This complements the strategic delivery of the Sports Facilities Strategy and Multi Sports Hub Review by enabling clubs to enhance their own facilities and increase participation opportunities.

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 August 2026
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Special Educational Needs (SEN) Provision
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development

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

For decision	x	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<u>Purpose</u> The purpose of this report is for members to consider the Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor C King regarding SEN provision. <u>Background</u> At the Council Meeting on 6 July 2026 Councillor C King tabled the following Notice of Motion: <i>"This Council notes the urgent need for increased SEN provision across Newry, Mourne and Down and South Armagh, particularly for rural families who face barriers accessing support and services.</i> <i>Council welcomes the £27.5 million allocation in March 2025 by Finance Minister O'Dowd SEN allocation secured to develop pilot programmes in early intervention and workforce training but expresses concern at the how the Department of Health, Communities and Education are administering this within our constituency.</i> <i>Council therefore agrees to write to the Departments of Education, Health and Communities seeking a breakdown of SEN funding and investment allocated to the Newry, Mourne and Down and South Armagh areas, including support for rural families, specialist provision and summer schemes.</i> <i>Council also agrees to develop a local action plan recognising the growing need for SEN provision across the district, with a focus on improving support, accessibility, and opportunities for children and families."</i> The Notice of Motion was referred to the Active & Healthy Communities Committee for consideration.

2.0	Key issues
2.1	In Northern Ireland, Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision is a shared responsibility primarily split between the Department of Education (which sets policy and law) and the Education Authority (which manages operational delivery and assessments), working alongside individual schools and health trusts. The Department of Education makes regional policies, sets laws, and designs the legal framework and codes of practice for children with SEN. The Education Authority handles formal statutory assessments, issues statements of SEN, and arranges specific special educational and non-educational provisions. Schools and Boards of Governors manage day-to-day support, identify needs via teachers, and appoint Learning Support Co-ordinators to oversee individual plans. Health and Social Care Trusts cooperate with the Education Authority on joint health, therapeutic, and social care assessments required for children with complex needs. Whilst SEN provision is not a direct statutory function of local government, Council has a vital role to play as civic leader, advocate and service provider. There is a growing demand for SEN support across the district, creating opportunities for Council to assist families through its own strategic frameworks. Council's Disability and Equality Action Plans are due for review next year which includes a 12-week public consultation. The Corporate Policy Section could integrate the core objectives of this Notice of Motion into the upcoming review. This will ensure Council actively addresses the rising need for SEN support, improves facility accessibility and creates targeted opportunities for families. This aligns with the current action to promote positive attitudes and increase participation in public life. This Section have been made aware of the Notice of Motion and are content with the proposed approach. Council can also leverage its leadership role within the Community Planning Partnership to influence regional service delivery. It could formalise a request through the Partnership asking statutory partners in Health and Education to provide a comprehensive update on current SEN provision across the District. This update should identify local service gaps and outline how statutory, community and voluntary partners can collaborate to better support families. In terms of Financial Assistance Community Development can continue to raise awareness of the potential for Financial Assistance grants to support local community and voluntary groups delivering SEN-focused initiatives. Belfast City Council currently provides funding for Summer Schemes for children and young people (5-17 years of age) with disabilities and/or additional needs who have restricted/limited access to any other summer scheme, programmes, or services during the summer months due to support needs. This is open to formally

	constituted local community, voluntary and statutory organisations whose primary purpose is to support children who have disabilities and/or additional needs. Additionally, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council invited Expressions of Interest in May 2026 inviting organisations to act as a delivery partner to expand or develop inclusive summer scheme provision in that Council area. The pilot aimed to provide safe, inclusive and enjoyable summer activities for children and young adults with additional and complex needs. The aim is to create a welcoming, person-centred programme offering meaningful activities and social connection, while ensuring safety, dignity and wellbeing. Members may wish to consider whether a similar Scheme could be piloted in the District as a means of opening up summer scheme opportunities alongside those which are open to children without disabilities/additional needs. As there is currently no budget for a pilot this would have to be considered as part of Community Development's budget estimates for 2027/28. Community Development has sought to make programmes more widely available to the SEN sector and seek opportunities to increase provision in its facilities through upgrades and new builds eg. Meigh Community Centre sensory room and Bessbrook Digihub project. Officers will continue to identify opportunities to support and promote the SEN sector where possible.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee agree to: i. Write to the Departments of Education, Health and Communities seeking a breakdown of SEN funding and investment allocated to the Newry, Mourne and Down and South Armagh areas, including support for rural families, specialist provision and summer schemes; ii. Corporate Policy Section to integrate the core objectives of this Notice of Motion into the upcoming review of Council's Disability and Equality Action Plans. This will ensure Council actively addresses the rising need for SEN support, improves facility accessibility and creates targeted opportunities for families. This aligns with the current action to promote positive attitudes and increase participation in public life; iii. Formalise a request through the Community Planning Partnership asking statutory partners in Health and Education to provide a comprehensive update on current SEN provision across the District. This update should identify local service gaps and outline how statutory, community and voluntary partners can collaborate to better support families; iv. Community Development can continue to raise awareness of the potential for Financial Assistance grants to support local community and voluntary groups delivering SEN-focused initiatives; v. Consider whether a Summer Scheme for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs could be piloted in the District as a

	means of opening up summer scheme opportunities alongside those which are open to children without disabilities/additional needs. Budget provision to be considered as part of Community Development's budget estimates for 2027/28; vi. Officers will continue to identify opportunities to support and promote the SEN sector through facilities and programme provision where possible.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Budget provision for a pilot Summer Scheme for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs to be considered as part of the budget estimates for 2027/28.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☐ The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☐
5.3	<i>Proposal initiating consultation – n/a</i> Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves. ☐ Consultation period will be 12 weeks ☐ Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) ☐ <i>Rationale:</i>

6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☒
7.0	Appendices
7.1	None.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 August 2026
Subject:	Funded Programme Delivery Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement

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

	For decision	For noting only	x
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<u>Purpose</u> The purpose of this report is to update members on Funded Programme delivery. <u>Background</u> At the Active & Healthy Communities Committee on 15 June 2026 members considered a report on Funded Programme delivery. It was agreed to urgently write to the First and Deputy First Ministers and Ministers for Communities, Justice and Finance for urgent delivery of all the funding referenced within the report. It was further agreed to continue with delivery of the funded programmes as detailed in the report to the end of September 2026, pending receipt of Letters of Offer from the Programme Funders (Department for Communities, Department of Justice and The Executive Office).		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	Letters were issued to The Office of the First and Deputy First Minister and Ministers for Communities and Finance. A letter was not issued to the Minister for Justice as the Letter of Offer in respect of PCSP funding was received on 30 June 2026. Responses have been received from the Department for Communities and the Office of the Minister of Finance which are attached at Appendix 1. No response has been received from The Executive Office, but a further reminder was issued on 4 August 2026.		

	For information the Letters of Offer for Good Relations Funding was received on 4 August 2026 and EVAWG on 5 August 2026.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee note the attached responses.
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 ☒
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)

6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☒
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appx 1 – Letter from Department for Communities 03.07.2026 Appx 2 – Letter from Department of Finance 20.07.2026
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.



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Our ref: TOF - 0686 -2026
Date: 3 July 2026

From: Nichola Creagh

Alison Robb

Via email: Alison.Robb@nmandd.org

Dear Alison,

Council requests Timeline for budget confirmation – (TOF-0686-2026)

Thank you for your letter dated 30 June 2026 to Minister Gordon Lyons, on behalf of the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's Active and Healthy Communities Committee regarding a report on funded programme delivery, noting that it provides essential support for the Neighbourhood Renewal programme and requesting intervention in matters regarding the Executive Draft Budget 2026-2030.

As an official with responsibility for oversight of the Neighbourhood Renewal programme, your correspondence has been passed to me for response.

In the continuing absence of an agreed Executive Budget for 2026-27, the Department has provided a further interim allocation to the Voluntary and Community Sector for the period 1 July to 30 September 2026. This allocation is intended to support the continuation of essential services and has been determined on the basis of the opening 2025-26 funding allocation.

Grant Funding Agreements issued to our statutory partners from 1st April 2026, and six-monthly claims are due for submission by 30 September 2026. These will be actioned accordingly as is normal practice.

I appreciate that this is not an ideal situation but in the absence of an agreed budget this unfortunately is the position we find ourselves in. As a Department we will continue to provide further information on the 2026-27 Budget once the Department's allocation has been set and allocations agreed.

Yours sincerely,

Nichola Creagh
Director, Community Empowerment Division

From the Office of the Minister of Finance

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Our reference: COR-0343-2026
Date: 20 July 2026

Dear Alison,

BUDGET 2026-27

Thank you for your letter of 30 June 2026, highlighting the challenges arising from the delay in confirming budget for the 2026-27 financial year. The Finance Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Minister shares your concerns regarding the continued absence of an agreed Executive Budget and recognises that the longer this situation persists, the more challenging the position becomes with the potential for more significant and potentially disruptive decisions later in the financial year.

The Minister also recognises the significant impact this is having across all public services including the delivery of essential programmes and associated costs.

The Executive have been clear around a shared determination to progress a multi-year budget. Achieving this ambition will depend on securing adequate funding from Westminster to ensure the sustainability of services and improved outcomes for workers, families and businesses.

While the Executive's funding is currently sitting at around the current assessment of its level of relative need, Scotland and Wales are currently funded well above their estimated level of need. With Scotland 20 percentage points above and Wales 8 Percentage points above, providing them with significantly more capacity to manage emerging pressures.

The Finance Minister continues to engage with Treasury and the Secretary of State to ensure the Executive's funding position and priorities are clearly articulated and progressed at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



**PAULA DAWSON
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO JOHN O'DOWD MLA**

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 th August 2026
Subject:	Sport NI Get Active NI 2026/27 Funding Application
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Haughey, Assistant Director
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Robert Geary, Sports Development Manager

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

For decision	For noting only	x
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<u>Purpose</u> To note that officers intend to submit an application to Sport NI under the Get Active NI 2026/27 funding programme seeking up to £49,000 to pilot the Council's Be Active Pathways participation framework. <u>Background</u> Sport NI has launched the Get Active NI 2026/27 funding programme to support projects that increase participation in sport and physical activity. Officers have developed Be Active Pathways following a review of existing Council physical activity programmes. The framework has been designed to strengthen progression from introductory participation into existing Council programmes, community sport and lifelong physical activity. It builds upon existing programmes and partnerships, enhancing current provision rather than creating a standalone service.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	• Sport NI has launched the Get Active NI 2026/27 funding programme to increase participation in sport and physical activity. • Officers have developed Be Active Pathways to strengthen progression into existing Council programmes, local sports clubs and wider community opportunities. • The application proposes two connected delivery pathways: ○ Be Active Local Pathway – Community Outreach. ○ Be Active for Schools Pathway – School to Community. • Delivery will focus on women and girls, children and young people, people with disabilities, rural communities and those experiencing the greatest barriers to participation.

	• Subject to funding approval, delivery will be supported by Healthy Kidz, National Governing Bodies, Disability Sport NI, schools, Health and Social Care Trusts and local community organisations. • Officers consider the proposal aligns with the published objectives of the Sport NI Get Active NI programme by creating sustainable participation pathways for priority groups and strengthening progression into existing opportunities. • The application seeks the maximum available grant of £49,000, with delivery proposed between October 2026 and March 2027. The programme has been designed as a pilot. Participation, progression and partnership outcomes will be monitored and evaluated to inform future programme development. Should the application be successful, a further report will be presented to Committee outlining the funding award, delivery arrangements and programme implementation.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the contents of this report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue Subject to a successful application, the Council will receive up to £49,000 of external funding from Sport NI to deliver the Be Active Pathways pilot. Existing Sports Development staff will provide project management, governance and performance monitoring, with programme delivery supported through external partners. Any future revenue implications beyond the pilot period will be subject to separate consideration by the Council. Capital 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 ☒
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒

	If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☐ The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☐
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☒
7.0	Appendices
	N/a
8.0	Background Documents
	N/a

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 August 2026
Subject:	IPB Pride of Place Awards 2027
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement Kerri Morrow, Engagement and Development Manager

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

	For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<u>Purpose</u> The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the hosting of the Pride of Place Awards in the Council District.		
1.2	<u>Background</u> IPB Pride of Place, in association with Co Operation Ireland, is a competition which acknowledges the efforts and endeavours of communities throughout the island of Ireland to make their place the best place in which to live.		
1.3	The competition is open to all community groups through a range of categories. The common thread to applications is the impact and difference made in people's lives. Entry to the competition is through Council nominations only.		
1.4	Officers had engaged with IPB officials with a view to the 2026 ceremony being held in the NMDDC area – acknowledging this is a significant opportunity to bring this prestigious event to our District, creating positive profiling opportunities for the area and Council. The proposal to host the 2026 Awards event in our District was approved by the AHC Committee on 16 June 2025.		
1.5	Council has recently been advised that the 2026 Pride of Place event will now take place in the Convention Centre, Dublin on 24 October 2026. The 2026 event will mark the 100-year anniversary of the headline sponsor, IPB Insurance, and so a bigger venue than anticipated is required to host this year's Awards (800 guests are expected to attend the 2026 event compared to 400 in other years).		
1.6	It is therefore proposed that NMDDC will host the Pride of Place Awards in our Council District in Autumn 2027 – further details are to be confirmed and updates on key areas of progress will be provided to Committee in advance of the event. The 2027 event is particularly significant as it is the 25 th Anniversary of the Pride of		

	Place Awards – with the first event hosted by Newry & Mourne District Council in Newry in 2002.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	The Road Ahead NI has been agreed as Council's nomination to this year's Pride of Place Awards. Judging will take place in Newry on 12 August 2026.
2.2	Council and partners will have appropriate representation at the Awards event in Dublin on 24 October 2026. Attending this event will provide valuable learning which will be incorporated into the planning of the 2027 event in our District.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That Committee note the update regarding this initiative as set out in this report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Council contribution to event costs was previously agreed by the AHC Committee on 16 June 2025. No further approvals are required.
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 ☒
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	☐ Consultation period will be 12 weeks ☐ Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
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7.0	Appendices
7.1	None
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 17 August 2026
Subject:	Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement

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

	For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	<u>Purpose</u> To note the report. <u>Background</u> To note the attached Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 20 May 2026, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on 24 June 2026.		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	None.		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	That the Committee: - - Note the following NRP minutes as attached; - Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 20 May 2026, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on 24 June 2026.		
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 ☒
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.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☒
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix 1: Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 20 May 2026, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on 24 June 2026.

8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.



**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 20th May 2026
At 7.00pm
Room 1, WIN Business Centre**

In Attendance:

Catherine O'Hanlon	Department for Communities (Chairperson)
Sean Mc Kevitt	Newry Mourne and Down District Council
Raymond Jackson,	Confederation of Community Groups
Aiden McCabe,	Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Maureen O'Gorman,	Education Authority NI Youth Service
Padraig Harte	Newry Mourne and Down District Council
Maeve McParland,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Paul Magennis,	Barcroft CA
Noreen Rice,	MARCA
Diana Marie O'Hanlon,	Greater Linenhall area CA
Denise Fearon.	Greater Linenhall Area CA
Teresa Dillon,	Drumalane Quayside close CA
Heather Kavanagh,	Southern Regional College

Others Attending:

Ann O'Brien,	Breast Mates
Annmarie Sheridan,	Breast Mates
Sharon Turley,	Breast Mates

Apologies:

Paula McGuigan	Carnagat CA
Joanne Markey,	Carnagat CA
Amy Fearon,	Threeways CA
Patricia O’Gorman	Threeways CA
Dr Conor Patterson,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Jim Brennan,	Community Restorative Justice Ireland
Bernie Mooney,	Education Authority N.I
Ewan Morgan,	Community Restorative Justice Ireland
Maureen Ruddy,	Martin’s Lane CA
Francine Ruddy,	Martin’s Lane CA

Matters Discussed

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome / Introductions	In the absence of our Chairperson Paula McGuigan, Catherine O’Hanlon agreed to chair the meeting. All welcomed to the meeting.		

		For the benefit of the Breast Mates group Catherine asked for a round of introductions from all attending.		
2.	Apologies	Recorded as above.		
3.	Breast Mates	- The group support people with breast cancer and support them through their journey - offer social events and provide a safe space. - Also progressing cancer work in schools and advising on how to check for any signs or changes. Also talks to community / women's groups. - The group were thanked by the members for their presentation.	Contact details were circulated.	
4.	Minutes/matters arising.	Matters arising: None Minutes agreed as accurate. Proposed by Noreen Rice and seconded by Paul Magennis		
5.	Conflict of interest	No Conflicts of interest declared		
6.	Subgroup updates	<u>Revenue:</u> <u>EANI:</u> - All programmes have completed. - Collating all the information for the OBA reports. <u>EA Youth Service:</u> - Finishing the Newry High and St Joseph's High School programmes.		

		- Continuing support in Derrybeg. - Youth Work team preparing for the Summer. - Transition work and support in St Malachys P.S. - Commencing programme in Drumalane. - SEN provision in partnership with the SHSCT – 12 – 17 years. Planning for summer programmes. Health: - Ready to book for Summer physical activity programmes. - Health checks planned. - Skin Scan event planned. - Demetia and Autism programmes planned. - Heart screening – 90 places. - Waiting to get confirmation of Breast Screening/Action Cancer bus. NMEA E2E programme - Organising Summer activities. - DJ academy in one of the communities – successful in the Bosco last year. - We can also offer the Chill Skills programme within the communities. NMDDC: Community Renewal Programme. 2025/26 running costs programme completed - OBA reports and claims completed Community Renewal Support - CCG delivering ongoing support to NR groups. - Funding secured for several programmes.	Circulate details	Maeve
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		• AGM 's planned - Threeways completed, Barcroft and Derrybeg to follow. • Drumalane progressing following their AGM • Hoping to hold a public meeting in the Ballybot area to see if there is any appetite for the Community Association to reform – leaflets to be circulated across the community. A process will be put in place to dissolve the association if there is no community interest. • Youth Action offering membership to the groups at a cost of £30. They can access £500 for youth support. Outdoor activity • 2025/26 programme completed • 2 activities planned to date in 2026/27: St Malachy's Nursery and Windmill Playgroup • Ask groups to plan as normal and send requests to Sean. Remember to look at the gaps in their funding and their provision. Safer Stronger Communities • No Report SRC • All programmes were completed at the end of March. • Ongoing review – await outcome. • LMP runs programmes through SRC. DEA • Wildlife in the City event on Saturday 20th June – 10.00am – 1.00pm		
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		• Men's Fest event – 10th June in Newry Leisure Centre • Child Safety Week events • Newry Water Festival on 31 August (Bank Holiday Monday). Road closure in place as it will take place on the Quayside. • Seniors Summer Scheme over 4 days - limited spaces in each area: target age group is 60+ • Most groups successful with funding applications to Council. MARCA • Women's Tec once a week in the Centre, Indian Forum meet once a week. Bingo is held every Sunday. • AGM held in January. • Planning for our Summer Programme. • CA meets monthly. • CCG have been very helpful. Barcroft • Parent and Toddler twice weekly – very well attended. • Every 2nd week we hold bingo for our community. • Older People programme meets weekly. • Centre is undergoing a refurbishment programme. • AGM planned. GLACA: • We gained 2 new volunteers at our recent AGM. • Planned Safeguarding and First Aid training for our Committee and volunteers. • Monday Club runs from 5pm – 7pm. • Thursday Youth programme. • Application submitted to Council to fund part of our		
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		summer programme. • We hold monthly meetings. • Planning for our Summer programme. Drumalane Quayside Close: • Held our AGM and we secured several new younger members. • Hoping to start a Parent & Toddler group and a youth programme. • We host bingo weekly. • We also have the Drumclose Crafters and Men's Shed.		
7.	DfC Update	• No agreed budget to date. • GFA's issued - 2 or 3 not issued yet. • Awaiting Deloitte review update - hope to know outcome by middle of June and the way forward. • Required to set up working groups, still under review. • Thank everyone for their continued hard work in these uncertain times.		
8.	A.O.B	<u>No More Business</u> • Everyone thanked for attending and NMEA thanked for the hospitality provided		
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 24 June 2026 7.00pm in WIN Business Centre	Circulate details and all information	Sean