

November 11th, 2025

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 17th November 2025 at 6:00 pm** in **Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Committee Membership 2025-26

Councillor C Bowsie **Chairperson**

Councillor M Gibbons **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor J Brennan

Councillor D Finn

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor R Howell

Councillor J Jackson

Councillor A King

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor O Magennis

Councillor A Mathers

Councillor L McEvoy

Councillor D Murphy

Councillor K Murphy

Councillor J Truesdale

Agenda

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

6.0 Programme Delivery Partner

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 and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

📎 *6. Programme Delivery Partner vf.pdf*

Not included

📎 *6a. Appendix 1 - Programme Delivery Partner Business Case - vf.pdf*

Not included

7.0 AHC Facility Framework Agreement

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 and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business

📎 **7. AHC Facility Framework Agreement - vf.pdf**

Not included

For Noting

8.0 Neighbourhood Renewal Update Report

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Cllr Jim Brennan

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Pete Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Mr Conor Haughey

Cllr Martin Hearty

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tierna Howie

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Cllr Cathal King

Cllr Aurla King

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Ms Kerri McConnell

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Cllr Kate Murphy

Cllr Selina Murphy

Cllr Declan Murphy

Mr Andy Patterson

Cllr Áine Quinn

Cllr Henry Reilly

Cllr Michael Rice

Ms Alison Robb

Cllr Michael Ruane

Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr Jill Truesdale
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Cllr Helena Young
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ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING – 20 OCTOBER 2025

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/085/2025	Action sheet from AHC Meeting held 15/09/25	It was agreed to note the action sheet	A Patterson	Noted	Y
AHC/086/2025	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Update	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Meeting held on 2 September 2025 • Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 11 September 2025 • Slieve Croob DEA Forum Meeting held on 23 September 2025 	A Robb	Noted and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/087/2025	Rowallane DEA Multi-Sports Hub Review	It was agreed to note the updated Multi-Sports Facilities Review for Rowallane DEA, and grant approval for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of the existing AstroTurf pitch at St Colman's High and Sixth Form College with a 3G surface. • Development of a new AstroTurf pitch at Langley Road Playing Fields, to accommodate Ballynahinch hockey club and to install any required infrastructure to assist with the future masterplan for Langley Road project. • Council to commission a masterplan for the Langley Road site and to engage the local constituted group, including sports clubs and representative sports bodies, to progress a lease of the site, 	C Haughey	Agreed and actions being progressed	Y

		allowing the group to seek external funding in order to develop the site for other sports usage.			
AHC/088/2025	Downpatrick DEA Multi-Sports Hub Review	it was agreed to appoint a specialist provider to undertake a new consultation process with local sports clubs and stakeholders within the Downpatrick DEA, and to identify viable sites and delivery models for the Multi-Sport Hub provision.	C Haughey	Agreed and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/089/2025	Leisure Centre Service Delivery	It was agreed to approve the enhanced service delivery arrangements within leisure facilities as outlined within the officer's report	C Haughey	Agreed and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/090/2025	Leasing Of Council Land	It was agreed to progress an Expression of Interest for Leasing of Council land via Councils Sport and Community Leasing Policy as outlined within the officer's report.	C Haughey	Agreed and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/091/2025	License Agreement For Programme Delivery	It was agreed to approve a license agreement for programme delivery as outlined within the officer's report.	C Haughey	Agreed and actions being progressed	Y
AHC/092/2025	Community Support Programme – Advice Services Funding	It was agreed to note the report and award additional funding from the Department for Communities (DfC) to Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down for enhanced provision of the Integrated Advice Partnership Fund in 2025/26.	A Robb	Noted	Y
AHC/093/2025	Ending Violence Against Women And Girls – Update On Council Programmes	It was agreed to note the update provided on Council Programmes on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls	A Robb	Noted	Y
AHC/094/2025	Policing And Community Safety Partnership Report	It was agreed to note the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on 29 July 2025, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on 30 September 2025.	A Robb	Noted	Y

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 November 2025
Subject:	Mid-Year Assessment of AHC Directorate Business Plan 2025-26
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Director AHC
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Director AHC

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	Directorate Business Plans form an essential part of the Council's Business Planning and Performance Management Framework, which drives and provides assurance that corporate objectives are being delivered.		
1.2	Directorate Business Plans demonstrate how planned activity during 2025-26 will contribute to the achievement of strategic outcomes in relation to the Community Plan, Corporate Plan, Performance Improvement Plan and other key strategies.		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	A Mid-Year Assessment of each Directorate Business Plan has been undertaken in order to provide an overview of progress between April-September 2025. This exercise is an important part of the Council's statutory obligations to strengthen the way performance is monitored, reviewed and reported at all levels across the organisation.		
2.2	The Mid-Year Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan is included at Appendix 1.		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	To consider and approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mid-Year Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2025-26 		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	There are no financial resource implications within this report.		
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)		
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations</p>		



5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> Consultation not required.</p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix 1 – Mid Year Assessment of the AHC Directorate Business Plan 2025-26
8.0	Background Documents
	Directorate Business Plan 2025-26

Active and Healthy Communities Directorate

Mid-Year Assessment Business Plan 2025-26

Introduction

This report provides an overview of progress in delivering the Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan 2025-26 between April-September 2025, across the following service areas:

- **Leisure and Recreation**
- **Local Parks and Open Spaces**
- **Sports Development**
- **Community Planning**
- **Evidence & Research**
- **Engagement and Community Development**
- **Community Services, Facilities and Community Events**

The delivery of the Active and Healthy Communities Directorate Business Plan 2025-26 supports the achievement of the following corporate objectives, and performance has been tracked using the legend below.




Improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the district

Empowering communities to play an active part in civic life

Represent the voice of the district with our partners

Deliver sustainable services

Legend

Status	
	Target or objective achieved / on track to be achieved
	Target or objective partially achieved / likely to be achieved / subject to delay
	Target or objective not achieved / unlikely to be achieved

Directorate objectives, supporting actions and measures of success

Key Directorate Objectives / Actions
<p>Leisure and Sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote increased levels of activity and develop targeted programmes to support improved health and wellbeing outcomes. <p>Community Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a strong base to engage, empower and build the capacity of local communities, ensuring their views inform the work of the Council and its partners.• Work with partners to lead the implementation of the Community Plan and deliver better outcomes for local people.• Develop a robust and reliable evidence base to underpin and inform future decision-making and policy development processes. <p>Delivery of key projects on Council’s Capital Programme - £36 million.</p>

Active and Healthy Communities			
AHC1 : Promote increased levels of activity and develop targeted programmes to support improved health and wellbeing outcomes			
Implement the existing sports and well-being strategic themes and their action plans, including the Sports Facility Strategy Review, Play Strategy, and Physical Activity, Health and Wellbeing Strategy (CPP)	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>Amber</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
Notes:	1 sports facility development and physical activity strategy complete play strategy works ongoing play strategy year 1 completed		
Deliver a range of targeted health programs, in collaboration with our Community Planning Partners, to encourage participation in physical activity and to improve health outcomes for all (CPP)	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>Green</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
Notes:	1 we have delivered targeted health and wellbeing programs with Community Planning Partners, including the Exercise Referral and Be Active for Life schemes, along with cancer-specific and inclusive one-to-one sessions for individuals with autism, to increase physical activity and improve health outcomes for all.		
Continuing to progress the delivery of key capital projects, including opportunities for digital innovation and transformation within key projects: • Newry City Park • Newcastle Rock Pool • Newcastle Centre • Play Park strategy upgrades • Kilkeel Leisure Centre • Multi Sports Hub project delivery	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>Amber</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
Notes:	1 we are progressing the delivery of key capital projects, including Newry City Park (planning permission submitted), Year 1 of the Play Strategy upgrades, and the refurbishment works at Kilkeel Leisure Centre, which are now underway. The Newcastle Rock Pool and Newcastle Centre projects have secured approval to appoint design and ICT teams, and the Multi-Sports Hub project continues to advance, incorporating opportunities for digital innovation and transformation across all developments.		
Continue to invest in community and sports facilities in line with Council's facilities management and maintenance objectives.	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>Amber</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
Notes:	1 we continue to invest in community and sports facilities in line with the Council's facilities management and maintenance objectives, ensuring assets are safe, sustainable, and accessible, and that investment supports long-term community use and improved service standards		
Review and implement a preventative maintenance program including pool plant and gym equipment to maximize customer usage of centres.	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>Amber</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
Notes:	1 we have implemented a preventative maintenance program to maximize customer usage of our centers, including appointing a five-year gym maintenance contractor and currently tendering for pool plant maintenance to ensure safe, reliable, and efficient facility operation.		

Support and protect everyone in our District from harm by working in partnership with other bodies, to implement and promote broader prevention measures, thereby continuing to mitigate existing and emerging safeguarding risks, for both Council & Citizens.		<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>Amber</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
	Notes:	1 We are reviewing and updating the NMDDC Safeguarding Policy to ensure robust protection for all in our District. By working in partnership with other organisations, we aim to implement and promote preventative measures that mitigate both existing and emerging safeguarding risks for Council staff and citizens.		
Sustain attendance figures in all indoor and outdoor leisure facilities.		<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>757,000 is the yearly target</div> <div>Green</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
	Notes:	1 Attendance figures in the first half of the year is 476,831 (above the half year target)		
Customer satisfaction levels at indoor and outdoor leisure facilities.		<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>Amber</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
	Notes:	1 We are preparing to carry out customer satisfaction surveys and a secret shopper review of our indoor and outdoor leisure facilities to gather feedback and identify opportunities for service improvement, with the aim of enhancing the overall customer experience.		
Number of participants engaged in physical activity programmes and health and wellbeing initiatives		<div>Target</div> <div>Actual</div>	<div>11000</div> <div>16384</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
	Notes:	1 target of participation Q1&Q2 is achieved with increased be Active classes with 22,000 target in 2025/26		
Positive health outcomes reported from participants in targeted health programmes.		<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>457 participant sin exercise</div> <div>Green</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
	Notes:	1 actual number of enrolled participants 246		
Increase the play value of all Council play parks across the district		<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>Amber</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div>—</div>
	Notes:	1 We have completed the initial five-year Play Strategy and delivered Year 1 of the current review, with Year 2 works now underway, to increase the play value and accessibility of all Council play parks across the district.		

AHC2 : Create a strong base to engage, empower and build the capacity of local communities, ensuring their views inform the work of the Council and its partners.			
Number of events and programmes including attendance levels	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div></div> <div>Green</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div></div> <div>—</div>
Notes: 1 7 Participatory Budgeting Events held across the District. Attendance of over 4,500 residents with 168 groups participating, 133 attending and 98 funded.			
Number of contacts recorded through the Ethnic Minority Support Centre	<div>Target</div> <div>Actual</div>	<div>1000</div> <div>1090</div>	<div></div> <div>—</div>
Value of external funding levered into Council	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div></div> <div>Green</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div></div> <div>—</div>
Notes: 1 PB funded through pooled budget from 7 partners totalling approx.£75k			
PCSP/Good Relations events delivered and participation levels.	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>2,000</div> <div>Green</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div></div> <div>—</div>
Notes: 1 3,200 attendees at 100 events			
Number of referrals to PCSP Home Secure & Social Alarm Schemes.	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div>115</div> <div>Amber</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div></div> <div>—</div>
Notes: 1 Decreased referral rate on 2024/25 (77 Home Secure referrals & 15 Social Alarm referrals by 30 September) - Home Secure criteria has been amended which may have had an impact. Contract meetings have been held with the provider and action points to increase referrals agreed.			

Number of cross-community safety events (minimum 2 per annum).	Target	1	2
	Actual	1	—
Progress Community Development Strategy and DEA Fora review aligned to the Community Plan (CPP)	Target		
	Progress	Green * 1	—
	Notes:	1 Consultant engaged to progress Community Development Strategy and Terms of Reference agreed. DEA Fora review ongoing	
Good Relations Success Stories Showcase Event – utilising the Café Conversations approach with community/ voluntary groups hosting on various themes (Q3)	Target		
	Progress	Green * 1	
	Notes:	1 Good Relations Showcase event took place in the Canal Court Hotel on 16 October 2025 - 150 people attended.	
Host a Community Connect Event in each DEA area in partnership with public facing Council services/Departments eg Funding, Leisure, Age Friendly, Registration, LMPs (what we do and what we might do for you) (Q3)	Target		
	Progress	Green * 1	
	Notes:	1 Planning underway for Connect Events in Q3 & Q4.	
Progress Capital Projects, including opportunities for digital innovation and transformation within key projects. (CWB) • Year 1 of the Mini-Digi Hub Project (Bessbrook Community Centre) • Annalong Community Centre • Cloughreagh Community Centre • Warrenpoint Health and Wellbeing Hub • Completion of Ballynahinch Community Centre	Target		
	Progress	Green * 1	—
	Notes:	1 Progress continuing on all capital projects.	

Work with internal and external partners to deliver Capacity Building Events and Funding Fairs for Community Groups	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div></div> <div>Green</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div></div> <div>—</div>
Notes: 1 Funding fair for all DEAs being progressed.			
Increased awareness of Council services/the functions of Council	<div>Target</div> <div>Actual</div>	<div>No</div> <div>No</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div></div> <div>—</div>
Notes: 1 Connect Events planned for Q3 & Q4.			
Positive impacts reported via delivery of events and programmes	<div>Target</div> <div>Progress</div>	<div></div> <div>Green</div> <div>* 1</div>	<div></div> <div>—</div>
Notes: 1 User comments and feedback was collected from the 7 Participatory Budgeting (PB) events. 92.01% felt the process made them feel like they had a say in local decisions. 96.61% agreed that it made them more aware of groups and activities in the area. 95.88% believed the projects they saw would make a real impact on health and wellbeing. 88.13% found the event enjoyable and easy to participate in. 92.25% felt the experience was worthwhile and would be happy to take part again.			

AHC3 : Work with partners to lead the implementation of the Community Plan and deliver better outcomes for local people			
Compliance with the statutory Duty of Community Planning.	Target	Yes	
	Actual	Yes	—
Number of Community Planning Actions co-designed and delivered.	Target	3	
	Actual	3	—
		* 1	
Notes:	1 Projects include: - Participatory Budgeting across the seven DEAs - Targeting Isolation and Loneliness workshops and webpage - Rural housing workshop in Slieve Croob DEA		
Work in partnership with statutory/community/voluntary sector colleagues to progress Participatory Budgeting Events across the DEA Fora (CPP)	Target		
	Progress	Green	—
		* 1	
Notes:	1 7 DEA voting events delivered with pooled budget from 8 partners and support from a further 4. 168 groups were engaged with over 4,500 in attendance at the voting events. 98 groups have been awarded funding to deliver health and wellbeing projects across the District		

AHC4 : Develop a robust and reliable evidence base to underpin and inform future decision-making and policy development processes		
Undertake a pilot to ascertain how we could utilise the concept of social value to measure our performance via the work we undertake (CWB)	Target	Pilot identified and commenced
	Progress	Amber * 1
Notes:		1 Discussions currently underway with statutory partners with regard to pilot opportunities

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 November 2025
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Alison Robb, Assistant Director: Community Development
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement

For decision	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below. 		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	None.		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	That the Committee: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Note the report. ➤ Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crotlieve DEA Forum Meeting held on 14 October 2025 - Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 14 October 2025 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting on 14 October 2025 - Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting on 21 October 2025 		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the DEA Action Plans.		
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)		
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i>		

	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	<p>Appendix 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crotlieve DEA Forum Meeting held on 14 October 2025 - Newry DEA Forum Meeting held on 14 October 2025 - Downpatrick DEA Forum Meeting on 14 October 2025 - Rowallane DEA Forum Meeting on 21 October 2025
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

**Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 18.00 pm in The Boardroom Warrenpoint Town Hall**

Chairperson: Councillor Kate Murphy

In Attendance: Councillor Micky Ruane
Councillor Declan McAteer
Councillor Selina Murphy
Councillor Mark Gibbons

Independent Members: Claire Shiels – County Down Rural Community Network

Statutory Partners: Annie Clarke - Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Carrie Crawford- Education Authority
Sergeant Conor Valentine- Neighbourhood Policing Team

Council Officials: Shirley Keenan-Hughes – DEA Co-ordinator Crotlieve
Kerri Morrow -Engagement and Development Manager
Ciara Burns – Community Services Manager
Edel McGeeney – Peace Plus Officer
Shan McAnena – Museum Services

Apologies: Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly
Martina Flynn - Head of Engagement
Thelma Thompson Little - Altnaveigh House Trust
Martina Byrne- Hilltown Community Association/Clonduff Development Enterprise/Women of Clonduff
Connaire McGreevy, Greater Newry Chamber of Commerce
Maureen Larkin, Area Youth Worker EA

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/40/2025	Welcome and Apologies.	Councillor Ruane welcomed Members and noted apologies.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/41/2025	Declarations of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/42/2025	Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair.	Councillor Selina Murphy proposed Councillor Kate Murphy as Chairperson, this was seconded by Councillor Michael Ruane. Councillor Selina Murphy proposed Councillor Declan McAteer as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Mark Gibbons.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/43/2025	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 12 th August 2025.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C44/2025	DEA Co-ordinators Report.	<p>Update from DEA Co-ordinator Ms S Keenan-Hughes on projects, events and programmes supported by Crotlieve DEA Forum that have taken place from the date of the last meeting including:</p> <p>Baton of Hope Event 3rd September 2025 Donaghmore Historic Talk 18th September 2025 Participatory Budgeting Event 4th October 2025 Go Succeed Event with WBR 9th October 2025 Chinese Celebration Good Relations event 13th October 2025</p> <p>Members were also updated on planned events including: Funding Fair 22nd October 2025 Positive Ageing Afternoon Tea Dance 28th October 2025 Christmas Concert 1st December 2025 with Schools Joint GR project with Slieve Gullion DEA</p>	NOTED.

DEA/C/45/2025	Telephone Kiosks.	Ms K Morrow advised members about the Telephone Kiosk Adoption Scheme. Members were advised to revert if an area was interested in adopting a Kiosk.	NOTED.
DEA/C/46/2025	Newry & Mourne Museums Heritage Project.	Ms S McAnena updated members in respect of a new heritage project requiring community participation. She will email details for members to consider and circulate.	NOTED.
DEA/C/47/2025	CDRCN Update.	Ms C Shiels updated members in respect of funding opportunities. Members were reminded that the DFC Community Infrastructure Fund is open and the Changemaker Fund also.	NOTED.
DEA/C/48/2025	Peace Plus Update.	Ms E McGeeney provided an update in respect of the delivery of the PEACE PLUS plan. Potential areas for the Re-Imaging Projects were discussed. The First Aid Training has been advertised.	CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBERS.
DEA/C/49/2025	Education Authority Update.	Ms C Crawford provided an update on activity across Crotlieve area.	NOTED.
DEA/C/50/2025	Community Services Update.	Ms C Burns provided an update on FMA scheme opening next year and the maintenance issues in respect of 16 The Square Rostrevor.	NOTED.
DEA/C/51/2025	SHSCT Update.	Ms A Clarke reminded Members October is Positive Ageing Month and there are events across the District.	NOTED.
DEA/C/52/2025	PSNI Update.	Sgt. Conor Valentine provided members with an update on activity across the DEA.	NOTED.

DEA/C/53/2025	Date of Next Meeting.	The next meeting date: Tuesday 9 TH December 2025 at 6pm in Warrenpoint Town Hall.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance.
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The meeting ended at: 18:50

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 14 October at 1.30pm in Newry Leisure Centre

Chairperson:	Councillor Aidan Mathers
In Attendance:	Councillor Cathal King
Independent Members:	Cathy McMahon, Confederation of Community Groups Colin Hanna, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID Allison Slater, Bolster Community Noreen Rice, Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership
Statutory Partners:	Niamh Malone, Education Authority Youth Service Kelly Gibson, PSNI Aisling Pryers, NIHE
Council Officials:	Padraig Harte, Newry DEA Coordinator Edel McGeeney, Peace Officer Bebhínn Clarke, Social Inclusion Support Worker Claire Loughran, Regeneration, Business Support and Development Officer Shan McAnena, Curator Newry Museum
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Valerie Harte Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2025/1	Declarations of Interest	None.	
DEA/N/2025/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held	<p>Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Members were advised that the action sheet remains in draft form for this meeting, as it precedes the NMDDC Active and Healthy Communities Committee meeting.</p>	Approved.
DEA/N/2025/3	Patrick Street Site	Submissions made. Under review.	Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2025/4	Newry and Mourne Museum – S McAnena	S McAnena provided an update to the Forum members on current programmes and events, as well as plans for a range of exciting upcoming activities. The Museum is currently collaborating with the PeacePLUS programme and expressed a desire to strengthen engagement with the wider community. Information on upcoming programmes and events will be shared with forum members through the DEA Coordinator.	Noted and Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2025/5	Go Succeed Update – C Loughran	C Loughran provided an update on the Go Succeed Programme, highlighting the mentorship opportunities available for start-ups and individuals. She advised that a grant opportunity is currently open for businesses that have completed at least 60% of their mentorship, with the current	Noted and Coordinator to progress.

		round closing in November and a new round to follow thereafter. Claire will share electronic information for members to distribute within their organisations and networks. This information will be circulated via the DEA Coordinator.	
DEA/N/2025/6	Peaceplus Update – E McGeeney & B Clarke	<p>An update was received from E. McGeeney advising that tenders are now available, with a particular focus on Project 1.1: Reimaging Project. A total of 21 projects will be delivered across the seven DEA areas, with each DEA responsible for three. Forum members were asked to identify three suitable geographical areas within their locality. Following this decision a localised steering group will be established to take the project forward.</p> <p>The Journalism and Media Project tender has been confirmed, with a six-week programme scheduled to take place within the DEA.</p> <p>The tender for the delivery partner of the Social Housing and Culture Project will be going live shortly.</p> <p>The Change Makers Fund is currently open for grant applications through East Border Region.</p>	Noted.

DEA/N//2025/7	DEA Co-ordinator's Report.	<p>Newry Mela Festival - The Newry Mela Festival was a great success, supported and funded by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, Housing for All (NIHE, Arbour, Radius), and The National Lottery. Organised by the Newry Indian Community Arts Group, it took place at Newry Leisure Centre and featured a range of support services and cultural activities. Plans are underway to bring the event back in August 2026.</p> <p>Communities Leading Change - 13 Newry-based community groups received funding of up to £1,000 each for health and wellbeing programmes running until March 2026. The DEA supported several groups with EOIs and will assist those unsuccessful in seeking alternative funding.</p> <p>Seniors Programme - The Afternoon Tea Dance on 19 September at Newry Gateway was a great success. October focused on the Positive Ageing Celebration in The Quays Shopping Centre. Next event: 'Tea, Trivia and Times Gone By' on 21 November at Thomas Davis Complex. Supported by Arbour Housing and Radius Housing.</p> <p>Reimaging Project – St Mary's Youth Club - A partnership between Down Community Arts, St Mary's Youth Club, and Newry DEA. A facilitator is working with young people to design a mural for the community building on Boat Street. Funded by Down</p>	Noted and Coordinator to progress.
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		<p>Community Arts and part-funded by Newry DEA. Completion is expected from mid-November to early December.</p> <p>Teachers’ Speed Networking Event - The DEA is liaising with the Locality Planning Group to facilitate a networking event for principals and pastoral care leads to connecting schools with community and voluntary sector supports. Details to be confirmed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Shared Education Programme - Year 8 students from Newtownhamilton High School, St Paul’s High School Bessbrook, St Joseph’s High School Crossmaglen, and Newry High School took part in a Shared Schools Event on 3 September. The event, held at Newry Leisure Centre, featured sports and gaming activities that helped build friendships, promote inclusion, and develop new skills.</p> <p>Newry, Slieve Gullion & Crotlieve DEA Funding Fair - The Funding Information Event will be held on 22 October at Cloughreagh Community Centre from 2:00–7:00pm. This drop-in session will include key funders providing guidance on applications. Attendees are encouraged to share details widely.</p> <p>Diwali – Festival of Light - In partnership with the Swagath Indian Families Community Association, Newry DEA will host the Diwali Festival of Light on 26 October at Ballyholland Community Centre. The event will feature performances, cultural</p>	
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		workshops, and refreshments. The wider community is invited to join this celebration. Updates to follow at next meeting.	
DEA/N/2025/8	<p>Independent Members and Statutory Partners Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Health and Wellbeing (b) Environmental (c) Economic Development (d) Safety and Good Relations 	<p>(a) Bolster provided an update on current programmes: supporting young people with additional needs into apprenticeships; operating the Social Kitchen in Marcus Square every Thursday at significant growth; and hosting a Halloween Disco in the Canal Court Hotel on 22nd October for anyone aged 18+; older peoples survey taking place between now and end of March 2026 – A Slater to send information to forum members via DEA Coordinator.</p> <p>(b) Members raised concerns regarding the condition of the walls at Daisy Hill Gardens – Cllr Mathers agreed to explore the issue with DFI.</p> <p>It was noted that Newry BID is facilitating a planting initiative on Hill Street and is open to new ideas or support. Members are encouraged to engage directly with Newry BID to share suggestions or offers of assistance.</p> <p>An update was provided on the Newry Canal, with confirmation that a Task Group has been established</p>	<p>Noted and Coordinator to progress.</p> <p>Cllrs Mathers</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>

		<p>by the Council to collaborate with partners in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon (ABC) Council. A meeting date is to be confirmed, and a further update will be provided in due course.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that there is currently no directional signage for Newry Leisure Centre at key junctions such as corners and roundabouts – Cllr Mathers will explore this matter further with NLC team.</p> <p>(c) E Connolly updated members that DFC have confirmed funding for a light upgrade in the underpass at High Street and the installation in the vicinity close to W.I.N; Update provided following the recent storm – New flood warning system working well; There are currently 201 vacant properties and dereliction remains a concern.</p> <p>(d) PSNI Update – Following a query from members, it was confirmed that businesses in the vicinity of the recent viable pipe bomb incident have been contacted by the PSNI for reassurance, with CID leading the ongoing investigation.</p> <p>An update was provided on the recent increase in reported</p>	<p>Cllr Mathers</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
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		<p>burglaries. Members were reminded that the Council’s Home Secure Scheme is currently accepting referrals for individuals affected by burglaries or those considered vulnerable or at risk. Information on this initiative has previously been circulated to members.</p> <p>Shoplifting continues to be a concern within the DEA. While levels are lower compared to other areas, it remains a local policing priority.</p> <p>An increase in the use of fireworks has also been noted, particularly in the weeks leading up to Halloween, with reports received in the Damolly area. The PSNI are aware of the issue and have increased patrols in the area.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
DEA/N/2025/9	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 13 th November, 1:00pm, Newry Leisure Centre MP2	

The meeting ended at: 2.40pm

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

**Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on Tuesday 14 October 2025 via MS Teams**

Chairperson:	Councillor Conor Galbraith
In Attendance:	Councillor Cadogan Enright Councillor Philip Campbell Councillor Aurla King
Independent Members:	Jim Masson, Down Business Connect, Down Community Health Committee, Jenny Lavery, NI Housing Executive Housing Community Network Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Housing Community Network Macartan Digney, Downpatrick Community Collective Breige Jennings, County Down Rural Community Network
Statutory Partners:	Maureen O’Gorman, Education Authority
Council Officials:	Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator Kerri Morrow, Community Engagement Manager Barbara Fleming, Assistant Tourism Development Officer Sinead Bailie, Project Support Officer
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor Oonagh Hanlon Daniella McCarry, County Down Rural Community Network Mel Murray, Education Authority

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/25/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/02	Declarations of Interest	None were declared	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/03	Action Sheet of Meeting held 12 August 2025	The Action Sheet was Noted	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/04	Telephone Kiosks	The Community Engagement Manager gave an overview on adopted Telephone Kiosk scheme and recommended members contact her directly with any recommendations on those being currently considered for ownership by community groups.	
DEA/DPK/25/05	Update from ERT re Environmental/Regeneration Schemes	<p>The Project Support Officer gave members an update on the projects within the Downpatrick area. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement works on the Grove area • Irish Street PSNI Site – Tender process currently being undertaken • Church Street/De Courcy Place – NIE/NIW currently completely underground cables with a view to regeneration scheme being completed by 2026 • Market Street toilets – relocation site being identified 	Noted

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Campaign – shops supporting the 'No Place Like Home' theme throughout the centre <p>DEA Co-Ordinator to provide members with number of anti-social behaviour complaints relating to the Urban Sports Park.</p>	DEA Co-Ordinator
DEA/DPK/25/06	Request DfI to consider 20mph Speed Limit for Strangford Village	<p>A discussion ensued regarding the implementation of the 20mph speed limit by DfI outside schools. The following actions were agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Enright, seconded by Councillor Campbell that that the DEA Co-Ordinator write to DfI requesting they consider implementation of the speed limit outside St Joseph's Primary School, Strangford.</p> <p>It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor Galbraith, seconded by Dan McEvoy that DfI consider the issue of parking on John Street, Downpatrick.</p>	DEA Co-Ordinator
DEA/DPK/25/07	DEA Co-Ordinators Update	The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members.	Noted
DEA/DPK/25/08	Date of Next Meeting	Date of Next Meeting has been scheduled for 9 December 2025 at 10.00am.	DEA Co-Ordinator

The meeting ended at: 10.50 am

**Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting
held on 21st October 2025 at 18.00 in Ballynahinch Community Centre**

Chairperson:	Councillor Callum Bowsie
In Attendance:	Councillor Terry Andrews Councillor Johnny Jackson Councillor Tierna Howie
Independent Members:	Robert Burgess, Rowallane & Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, Saintfield Horse Show, Saintfield Community Estates Raymond Cochrane, Frontier Support Network Lise Curran – Co Down Rural Community Network
Council Officials:	Nicola Whyte, DEA Coordinator Rowallane Kerri Morrow, Engagement & Development Manager
Others in Attendance:	None
Apologies:	Councillor David Lee-Surginor

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/17/2025	Welcome and Apologies	<p>Councillor Bowsie welcomed Members and noted apologies. He also introduced Nicola as new DEA Coordinator for Rowallane. He thanked Ellen for her service and wished her well on her retirement.</p> <p>Councillor Bowsie congratulated all involved in the PB Funding workshop.</p> <p>Councillor Bowsie attended the awards for Best Kept Village with NI Amenity Council and congratulated Killyleagh on winner the runner up for best kept village.</p>	NOTED
DEA/ROW/18/2025	Declarations of Interest	There were no declarations of interest given.	COMPLETED
DEA/ROW/19/2025	Action sheet from previous meeting on 10/06/25	Action Sheet was proposed by Councillor Andrews and seconded by Councillor Jackson.	NOTED
DEA/ROW/20/2025	DEA Coordinators Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicola gave an introduction and brief summary of her past experience. Update on projects since last meeting: Coffee & Craic – Saintfield Community Centre on 9/10 as part of world mental health week in partnership with CDRCN. Participatory Budgeting Funding Event – Ballynahinch Community Centre on 9 October, where 10 groups received funding. The 3 groups that did not funding have been contacted by Coordinator and signposted to other funding. Good Relations Historical Tour of Slieve Croob on 15 October. PR & photos circulated following the event. Upcoming Events: Careers Family Halloween Cinema in Down Arts Centre on 30 October with DEA Downpatrick & Slieve Croob. Funding Workshop on 04 November in Owenbeg Bowling Club from 4-7pm 	NOTED

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silver Screening for over 55's on 04 December in Omniplex Downpatrick • Rowallane Chamber of Commerce – Coordinator to meet with all groups and organise information event and flyers. • Ulster Scots Week - Coordinator to plan event in Killyleagh on 27 November supported by Ulster Scots Agency. • Ecumenical service to celebrate 50th Anniversary – Killyleagh Church Jan 26 to be supported through Councils Good Relations Programme 	
DEA/ROW/21/2025	Update from CDRCN – Lise Curran	<p>Lise gave update on the success of the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festival of Hope • Walk for Hope • Big Bus in Saintfield <p>Lise provided dates for the planned Interagency meetings and noted that Nicola be added to the mailing list.</p>	NOTED
DEA/ROW/22/2025	Telephone Kiosks – Kerri Morrow	Kerri gave an overview about BT boxes which were no longer in use asked if any groups would be interested in adopting a phone box to make contact with her directly if support was needed.	Kiosk List to be circulated.
DEA/ROW/23/2025	AOB	Members thanked Ellen Brennan for her service and dedication to the DEA Rowallane Forum and wished her best of luck in her retirement. Members requested that the Forum send Ellen flowers, this was agreed and approved.	Coordinator.
DEA/ROW/24/2025	AOB	Councillor Jackson reported on the good news from Council AHC Committee that Ballynahinch was approved for a multi-sports hub, noted that this was excellent news for the area. This was seconded by all members.	NOTED
DEA/ROW/25/2025	Date of Next Meeting.	The next meeting date: 16 th December in Ballynahinch Community Centre at 12.30pm to include Christmas Lunch.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward agenda and papers in advance.

The meeting ended at: 7.20pm

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	17 November 2025
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

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1.0	Purpose and Background			
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To note the report.To note the attached Minutes of the Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on 25 June 2025, approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on 8 October 2025.To note attached Minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Meeting (NRP) held on 24 June 2025, approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on 15 October 2025.			
2.0	Key issues			
2.1	None.			
3.0	Recommendations			
3.1	<p>That the Committee: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the following NRP minutes as attached;<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 25 June 2025 approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on 8 October 2025Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on 24 June 2025 approved at the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on 15 October 2025.			
4.0	Resource implications			
4.1	None.			
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)			
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations</p>			
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p>			

	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation – N/a</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix 1 - Minutes of the Newry NRP Meeting held on 25 June 2025 approved at the Newry NRP Meeting held on 8 October 2025. Appendix 2 - Minutes of the Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on 24 June 2025 approved at the Downpatrick NR Meeting held on 15 October 2025.
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>



**Minutes of the Newry NR Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 25th June 2025
At 7.00pm
Room 1, WIN Business Centre**

In Attendance:

Mrs Paula McGuigan	Chairperson, NRP (Carnagat CA)
Ms Alecia Leddy,	Carnagat CA
Mrs Joanne Markey,	Carnagat CA
Ms Bernie Mooney,	Education Authority N.I
Ms Claire Crainey,	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Mr Sean Mc Kevitt,	Newry Mourne and Down District Council
Mr Raymond Jackson,	Confederation of Community Groups
Mr Aidan McCabe,	Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Ms Josephine Morgan	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Ms Noreen Rice,	Meadow Armagh Road CA
Ms Aileen O'Callaghan,	Education Authority NI Youth service
Dr Conor Patterson,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Mrs Maureen Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA
Mrs Catherine O'Hanlon,	Area Manager Department for Communities
Ms Orlagh Morgan,	Greater Linenhall Area CA
Ms Denise Fearon.	Greater Linenhall Area CA
Ms Maeve McParland,	Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency
Mr Pat Gorman,	Dromlaane Quayside Close CA
Mr Calvin Gorman,	Dromalane Quayside Close CA

Apologies:

Ms Kerri Morrow,	Newry Mourne & Down District Council
Mr Paul Magennis,	Barcroft CA
Ms Heather Kavanagh,	Southern Regional College
Mr Ewan Morgan,	Community Restorative Justice Ireland
Mr Ryan Morgan,	Community Restorative Justice Ireand
Mrs Patricia O’Gorman,	Threeways CA
Mrs Amy Fearon,	Threeways CA
Ms Maureen O’Gorman,	Education Authority Youth Service.
Ms Francine Ruddy,	Martins Lane CA

Others Attending:

Mr Tony Lavery,	Apex Housing Association
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Matters Discussed

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	MATTERS ARISING/UPDATE	ACTIONS	By Whom
1	Welcome / Introductions	All welcomed to the meeting Collie Hanna has decided to resign from Barcroft CA and step down as Deputy Chair of the Newry NR Partnership. We truly thank Collie for all his hard work and support both to		

		the Partnership and within his community. We wish him well for the future. All members offered their sincere thanks to Collie – he will be missed.		
2.	Apologies	Recorded as above.		
3.	Tony Lavery Apex Housing	<p>Progressing with the local development. Noreen raised the issue of the people breaking the fence to make a right of way at the rear of the Church. Children going to school use this as it shortens their journey to the local Primary School. Others just use it to go through the Meadow or up into Derrybeg Apex are working with the school to find a solution and meeting with other agencies to address the problem. Speaking to residents to make them aware of this issue. Noreen had received complaints from local people - Tony asked that Noreen send him the details so he can try and address any concerns.</p> <p>Members thanked Tony for attending.</p>	Forward Tony's email to Noreen	Sean
4.	Minutes/matters arising	<p>Minutes agreed as accurate. Proposed by Noreen Rice and seconded by Joanne Markey</p> <p>Matters arising: No Matters arising</p>		
5.	Conflict of interest	No Conflicts of Interest declared		

6.	Subgroup updates	<p>Capital:</p> <p>NIHE – Carnagat Extension completed, handover to NIHE this week Reopening launch on the 4 July – all members welcome to the event. Members congratulated all involved.</p> <p><u>Revenue:</u></p> <p><u>EANI:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final reports received – OBA completed • Education meeting in February – issues with the homework clubs • Greater Linenhall Area have located someone to deliver their programme – Shannon Magill • Exploring blended options to make it more attractive for children and young people • Try to market the after-schools programme. • Revisit this at the next Education meeting in October. • Declan Murray is leaving St Joseph's and we wish him well in his new post. • St Mary's will now lead on the summer scheme payments. <p>EA Youth Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed the work in the schools (Newcomer, Peer mentoring, targeted Key Stage 3 work). Meet with principals and staff to discuss new programmes for 25/26. • Derrybeg programme continues to run one evening per week. Good support from the CA. Planning for summer provision, aged 11 plus, 15 young people - 4 weeks - 4 evenings and 2 day time sessions. 	Invite to be circulated	Sean
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning for the summer programmes includes youth engagement proposals based on assessed need.• Some programmes open for recruitment, some closed, oversubscribed high demands• Young women’s work ages 13 – 15• Young men’s ages 14 plus• Big summer fun 4 - 8 August, target 13 – 16-year-olds• Reviewing some targeted engagement opportunities in summer• Partnership with the SHSCT to work with SEN young people• Group of young people from the Magnet YAC and Newry area going to France as part of Horizons project• Newry and Mourne Youth Voice membership is now open for recruitment. They would like to recruit young people from NR areas to represent their areas.• TBUC mega camp recruitment – 130 + applicants• Review of Audit ongoing• 5 young women in Shannaghmore – OLS Programme• Funding Voluntary Sector Core funded youth work – July and August• Follow Facebook page for more information <p>Health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical activity booked in Greater Linenhall and Carnagat• Noreen to speak to Aiden about MARCA• Adult activity programmes – September onwards – feed into one programme rather than individual programmes• Summer programmes for children – sports week - £700 + £100 for healthy snacks/water for the groups		
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		<p>Health Screening –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waiting on Cancer Focus – focus on skin cancer July/August• 2 Well Checks confirmed – October/November day – Breast screening and health checks in the local community• February 2026 - Cardiac Screening – 16 Health checks• March 2026 – International Women’s Day – breast screening and health checks in the local community• Autism reality – October (TBC) 2 days• Community Health Champions – NRA students from SRC• Healthy Eating in Schools Programme• Ask if any community would like to facilitate the health checks – Carnagat are keen to host.• Activities – Chi Mi (a gentle, low-impact class that combines movements from Tai Chi with a focus on breathing and body energy to improve strength, balance, flexibility, and coordination, ultimately promoting mental and physical well-being). To be run in Carnagat – this is a pilot for all areas. <p>SRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All programmes ended 31 March 2025• No further update since the last meeting as the current project had ended, hoping to have the new year's funding approved shortly.• Heather will then begin promoting training opportunities over the summer months. <p>NMEA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hannah Murtagh from FITHEAD to deliver 2 sessions		
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		<p>on Confidence and Mindset and Motivation to all incoming Year 8's at St Joseph's High School Summer scheme which starts on 7th July 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The annual Summer Numeracy Camp booked for 14th – 18th July 2025 – 5 days for 1 hour• Computer and Lego Camps booked for 9th July and 10th July from 10.30am – 2.30pm (6 places left) at Enterprise House, WIN Business Park.• DJ Academy session booked for St John Bosco Summer Scheme in July, all NR children/young people welcome <p>NMDDC:</p> <p>Community Renewal Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Running costs programme ongoing.• Require all receipts and bank statements for April to June period for your claim• Report not required until end of September <p>Community Renewal Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCG delivering ongoing support to all the groups (governance, funding, training etc.)• Martins Lane AGMs completed – 10 members elected• Derrybeg's AGM this coming Monday evening.• CAs planning their summer programmes• Newsletter to be developed promoting community activity.• Welcome the Dromalane members to the meeting this evening• Dromalane Men's shed 75th Anniversary event taking place – lots of activities.• As Collie has stepped down from NRP we require		
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		<p>another rep to attend the 36 NRP forum. Paula was nominated by the members, and she accepted the nomination to represent the Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minister for DfC has not made a decision on the 'People and Place review' <p>Outdoor Activity –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">When planning your programmes look at the gaps that you can't fund and forward your requests to Sean.A lot of requests have been submitted to date and are currently being considered. <p>Safer Stronger Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">No Report – planning for the year ahead upon confirmation of funding.		
7.	DfC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Letter of Offer issued 13 June 2025.All projects funded as 2024/25. Voluntary and community sector additional 9% flexible award an increase of 4%.Statutory sector will see a 5% flexible award.Grant funding award will go to the CEO.Email notification on the Aims system4 weeks return period then a reminder after 2 weeksThe OBA cards will follow.Final annual OBA by 30 April 2026.		

8.	A.O.B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newry City Park stakeholders – out for planning consultation• Members encouraged to feed into the consultation.• NIHE community involvement panel on 3rd July• Wish all members well for the summer and good luck to the communities with their planned summer programmes• Reminder that the Newry Water Festival takes place on 25th August at the Albert Basin <p><u>No More Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone thanked for attending and NMEA and Sean thanked for the hospitality provided		
9.	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 24 th September 2025 7.00pm in WIN Business Centre	Circulate details and all information	Sean

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**Action Sheet of Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Meeting held on
24 June 2025 at 4.00pm via Microsoft Teams**

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DNRP/01/2025	Welcome and Apologies	The Chair welcomed members to the meeting	
DNRP/02/2024	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	None declared	
DNRP/03/2025	Action Sheet	Members unanimously agreed to adopt the Action Sheet of 31 March 2025	Technical Officer
DNRP/06/2025	Promoters’ Reports	The Promoters’ Reports were presented to members and noted	Technical Officer
DNRP/07/2026	Update from Department for Communities	The Officer advised members that no reduction has been made to the 25/26 budget – Funding agreements to be issued shortly	Funders