

**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: AHC/2023

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**Minutes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 21 August 2023 at 6.00pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic  
Centre and via Microsoft Teams**

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**Chairperson:** Councillor R Howell (Chamber)

**In attendance in Chamber:** Councillor L Devlin  
Councillor D Finn  
Councillor A Finnegan  
Councillor C Galbraith  
Councillor J Jackson  
Councillor D Lee-Surginor  
Councillor A Lewis  
Councillor A Mathers  
Councillor D Murphy  
Councillor K Murphy  
Councillor S O'Hare

**In attendance via Teams:** Councillor O Magennis  
Councillor A McMurray

**Non-Members  
in attendance on Teams:** Councillor T Andrews  
Councillor W Clarke  
Councillor O Hanlon  
Councillor G Sharvin  
Councillor J Tinnelly  
Councillor J Truesdale

**Officials in attendance  
in Chamber:**

Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport  
Mr C Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure and Sport  
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager  
Mrs D Starkey, Democratic Services Officer

**Also in attendance:** Mr P Weston, Outdoor Recreation NI

**AHC/078/2023: APOLOGIES & CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

An apology was received from Councillor Gibbons.

**AHC/079/2023: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**AHC/080/2023:        ACTION SHEET ARISING FROM ACTIVE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2023**

Read:                      Action sheet of the Active & Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 June 2023. **(Copy circulated)**.

*AHC/200/2022: Newry Leisure Centre Swimming Pool*

In response for an update in relation to the swimming pool at Newry Leisure Centre from Councillor Finn, Mr Tamati confirmed a report had been presented at the Strategy Policy and Resources Committee Meeting on 17 August 2023 and the Minutes of this meeting had been circulated to Members.

**Agreed:                      It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, to note the Action Sheet of the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting held on Monday 19 June 2023.**

**AHC/081/2023:        ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Read:                      Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding revised Terms of Reference for Active and Healthy Communities. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:                      It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Galbraith, to adopt the proposed changes of Active and Healthy Communities Committee Terms of Reference as detailed within appendix 1 of the officer's report.**

**AHC/082/2023:        PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY TRAILS OUTDOOR RECREATION NI**

The Chairperson welcomed Mr P Weston from Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI) to the meeting and invited him to make his presentation.

Mr Weston thanked Members for the opportunity to meet and proceeded to deliver the presentation on a review of the Service Level Agreement for 2022/23. (copy of which is attached to these minutes)

Following the presentation, the Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members as follows:

- A request was made for an update on Tipperary Wood, Newcastle and Lough Island Reavy, Kilcoo
- Does the review expedite Council policy for beach accessibility for all?
- Some villages in Rowallane were marked as priority 2 e.g. Darraghcross, Derryboye. What happened with villages such as that?
- The importance of trails within communities was highlighted and so too was the importance of trails linking communities with reference made to link from Portadown to Newry.
- What were the visitor numbers?

- Was there scope to hold a workshop?
- Does it need to be publicly owned land for community trails? Reference was made to examples in Fermanagh.
- Reference was made to a request from Councillor Tinnelly prior to the ORNI report being commissioned (in April 2022) that beach access at Rostrevor promenade be examined and it was disappointing that it was not contained within the report.
- Important to recognise that whilst Newcastle Harbour and sea swimming was included within the report all areas used by sea swimmers should be included.
- Disappointment at the Newcastle pump track at Islands Park being turned down due to it being within a floodplain despite £millions being provided for flood prevention scheme.
- Concerns were raised that the planning application for the community trail at Tipperary Wood, Newcastle would be turned for the same reason as it was within a flood plain and had ORNI any thoughts with regards to Planning and Rivers Agency.
- What did the prioritisation framework mean for those community trails that already had planning permission e.g. Bright GAC and Teconnaught GAC?  
Some priority 1 trails do not have planning permission.  
Should Council not proceed with those that did have planning permission in place and were shovel ready? And whilst there may be challenges around funding such trails they should be prioritised and funding from the SEUPP stream explored.

Mr Weston and Mr Tamati responded to queries as follows:

- Lough Island Reavy would need to be revisited to establish where it was in the hierarchy. It was not one identified in the last year and trails had not been identified within the framework as yet.
- ORNI had been working with both ERT and AHC departments regarding the development of an accessible trail to link Kinghill Road through to Tipperary Wood, Newcastle. A flood risk assessment was being undertaken and it was progressing well with the hope to have it to Planning Department in next two weeks.
- The review would help inform Councils position on beach access across the District and the findings of the Beach Access Framework reinforced some of the work already ongoing by Council.  
It was important to note that not every beach had the ability to become an inclusive beach. There was one in Cranfield, there were aspirations through the public toilet strategy to deliver one in Newcastle and through ERT and capital projects there were aspirations to deliver one at Tyrella Beach.
- Priority 1 trails would be worked on first and ORNI would develop and/or exhaust all the options within that and once that was done work would move to the areas within priority 2.  
Priority 1 included areas where the main focus was on settlements with no trails within 5km radius.
- ORNI Visitor numbers were not to hand however Council performance indicators had shown a huge increase in community trail usage during and since Covid (215,000 annually) and with more emphasis on health and wellbeing and the change in peoples mindset community trails were a great asset for Council and well used.
- The framework showed where there was a need to target the highest priority areas but that did not mean other trails could not be investigated.
- The Community Trail Development Plans were related to each of the 7 DEA forums. DEAs were the forum to have discussions and ORNI regularly attended those forums and would continue to do so if the new Service Level Agreement was endorsed.
- Public and private land were both welcome however private lands had more constraints. There were successful community trails on private land including Tivenadarragh in Seaforde.
- ORNI to come back to Councillor Tinnelly directly asap in relation to his previous

query regarding access at Rostrevor promenade and reasons as to why it had been excluded from the report.

- There were two issues in relation to the pump track in Newcastle including drainage and that the development of a children's play facility within a floodplain was against current policy.  
Mr Weston confirmed he would check the detail and come back to Councillor Clarke directly in relation to the constraints for the pump track.
- The Community Trail at Tipperary Wood was considered differently than the pump track within policy and the provision of recreation facilities. A submission to Planning and carrying out flood risk assessment was being undertaken and a response from Rivers was awaited.
- The Prioritisation framework should not be used as a tool to say no or to hinder progress but rather prioritise trails. Any trail including those at Bright GAC for example, could be looked at on a case by case basis, with as much focus as possible given to priority 1 settlements. There was a period of transition in terms of prioritisation and a positive for those trails already identified such as Bright GAC was that they had planning permission. Council would continue to work towards the delivery of those projects and work with the community, ORNI and examine different options on how to progress those and external funding.

The Chairperson advised Members items 16, 17 and 18 on the agenda would be taken after item 9 on the agenda later in the meeting.

**AHC/083/2023:**

### **COMMUNITY TRAILS UPDATE**

Read: Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding an update on Community Trails. **(Copy circulated)**

The Chairperson highlighted the importance of including sea swimming within the report with increased numbers of sea swimmers at the likes of Rostrevor, Kilclief, Tyrella and Ballyhornan.

Reference was made to Newcastle Harbour and how there were a collection of activities not just sea swimming to be facilitated. The Chairperson highlighted that there was lack of a holistic approach and a need for a Harbour Management Plan.

The Chairperson, Councillor Howell proposed a Task and Finish Group for Newcastle Harbour be established to include DEA Councillors from the area, local businesses and stakeholders to take the masterplan forward as a matter of priority.

Councillor Howell's proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Hare.

Councillor Devlin spoke at length about Newcastle Harbour and thanked ORNI for the research undertaken, however she felt it was not massively further forward and supported the conclusion that a Harbour Management Group be formed. She stated she recognised the issues associated with the slip at the Harbour and asked that access to the water and the introduction of benches, hooks and huts in another area to entice some people away from the slip area be examined. She asked if this aspect could form part of the recommendation of the Coastal Access and Water Based Recreation Strategy.

Councillor Devlin voiced her concerns for the safety of young people using the Newcastle pier and asked Council to consider as part of the estimates process the provision of a lifeguard for the pier in the summer period during times of high tide.

Councillors Devlin and McMurray mentioned the rock pool in Newcastle with Councillor McMurray commenting that Council did need to take account of it and as part of the solution along with the need for inland waterways to be included.

Councillor O'Hare welcomed the Beach Access Report and spoke of the need for capital to be ringfenced and a timeline developed to deliver the recommendations within it.

Councillor Clarke spoke of the need for urgency with regards to the Harbour Management Forum and the need to link in with the ERT department which was leading on the Regeneration and Management Forum. He also highlighted the need to link to north and south pier in Newcastle as a priority.

In welcoming the reports finding in relation to Newcastle beach, Councillor Clarke spoke of the frustration at how long the process was going on in relation to inclusive beaches having brought a motion to Council in 2019.

Mr Tamati thanked Members for their comments and pointed out it was important to note that these were documents that Council did not have before and were now a foundation to build upon.

Members were advised that endorsing the report included the formation of the Harbour Management Forum as per the recommendation of Sea Swimming review at the Newcastle Harbour and that was key to what was a cross departmental forum.

Mr Tamati advised a report would be brought back to Committee on any further engagement regarding the wider beach access issues that had been raised.

Councillor McMurray pointed out there were many issues aside from Newcastle Harbour and whilst the establishment of the group was important there were so many other issues to be taken into account e.g. quality of bathing water.

Councillor Devlin asked that timeline be presented to Members as soon as possible and reiterated the need for a lifeguard at the pier in Newcastle.

Mr Tamati advised lifeguards for the following year were under the ERT Directorate.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Howell that provision be made for a lifeguard at the Newcastle pier in the summer period during times of high tide within the estimates and that request be forwarded to the ERT Directorate.

Mr Tamati confirmed all feedback would be considered and a report brought back to Committee.

**Agreed:**

**It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, that AHC Committee:**

- **Consider Outdoor Recreation NI's (ORNI) presentation on the 2022/23 SLA.**
- **Agree Community Trail Development Priorities as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.**

- Agree the NMDDC Beach Access Framework as per appendix 2 of the officer's report.
- Agree the Review of Sea Swimming at Newcastle Harbour as per appendix 3 of the officer's report.

It was agreed that a report would be brought back to Council to consider the feedback from the report including:

- proposal of Councillor Howell, seconded by Councillor O'Hare, that a Task and Finish Group for Newcastle Harbour be established to include DEA Councillors from the area, local businesses and stakeholders to take the masterplan forward as a matter of priority.
- proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Howell, that provision be made for a lifeguard at the Newcastle pier in the summer period during times of high tide within the estimates and that request be forwarded to the ERT Directorate.

Mr Weston from ORNI left the meeting at this stage.

**AHC/084/2023:      COMMUNITY TRAILS – OUTDOOR RECREATION NORTHERN IRELAND SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2023/24**

Read:                      Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding a Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland for 2023/24. **(Copy circulated)**

In response to a query from Councillor McMurray, Mr Tamati confirmed that whilst there was a prioritisation plan for community trails as outlined in the presentation from ORNI, Members were able to put forward proposals through the their DEA Forums for consideration.

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor Lewis, to enter into new Service Level Agreement with ORNI for the 2023-2024 financial year as per appendix 1 and the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.**

**AHC/085/2023:      NOTICE OF MOTION – INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE LEISURE FACILITIES**

Read:                      Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding a Notice of Motion regarding inclusive and accessible leisure facilities. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to note the contents of the officer's report which reaffirmed Council's commitment to ensuring all leisure facilities were inclusive and accessible for everyone in our community.**

**AHC/086/2023:        LEISURE CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS 2023/24**

**Read:**                      Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport regarding Leisure Closure Arrangements for 2023/24. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the approval of Councillor D Murphy, seconded by Councillor Howell, to approve the leisure closure arrangements for 2023/24 period as per appendix 1.**

**AHC/087/2023        EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – LEASING OF COUNCIL LAND**

**Read:**                      Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding expressions of interest for leasing of Council land at Cloughreagh Playing Fields & Car Park, Millvale Road, Bessbrook, BT35 7NL. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Mathers enquired if a community group who leased land from Council would be able to have land extended or would they have to go through the process of applying to Council.

Mr Haughey advised he would come back to Councillor Mathers on the matter of extending footprint as he would have to take guidance from the legal department.

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Mathers, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to progress an expression of interest process in line with Councils Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy (2016) for Cloughreagh Playing Fields & Car Park, Millvale Road, Bessbrook, BT35 7NL.**

**AHC/088/2023        COMMUNITY COORDINATION HUB (CCH) UPDATE REPORT**

**Read:**                      Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement and presented by Mr P Tamati, regarding an update on the Community Coordination Hub. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Finn voiced her disappointment at there being no Community Assistance Centre for Ukrainian Refugees in Newry and that the Welcome Hub at Newry Leisure Centre not having attendees and enquired if the facilities could be better advertised.

Mr Tamati advised that in Mrs Robb, Assistant Director Community Engagement's absence, he would request Mrs Robb to get back to Councillor Finn directly on the matter.

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finn, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to note the report and approve the actions in the action sheets attached to the officer's report for the following:**

- **Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 21 June 2023.**
- **Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2023.**

**AHC/089/2023**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES  
FOR FRONTLINE ADVICE SERVICES**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement and presented by Mr P Tamati, regarding additional funding from the Department for Communities for frontline advice services. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Devlin, to note the report and to award the additional funding of £135,147.68 from the Department for Communities (DfC) to 'Community Advice Newry, Mourne and Down', alongside funding of £292,539.00 for Generalist Advice Services for 2023/2024.

**AHC/090/2023:**

**DISTRICT ELECTORAL AREA (DEA) FORUMS UPDATE REPORT  
INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO  
DEA FORUMS**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement presented by Mr P Tamati regarding an update on the District Electoral Area Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Andrews asked for the opportunity to thank former independent Members to DEA Forums.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Howell to send letters of thanks to former independent members DEA Forums.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Devlin, to note the update report on the DEA Forums.

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

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Lewis it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on items 19 and 20 which related to exempt information by virtue of para. Three of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local /Government (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Devlin, it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.



The Chairperson advised the following had been agreed whilst in closed session:

**AHC/091/2023                    APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO DEA FORUMS**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement presented by Mr P Tamati regarding the appointment of independent members to DEA Forums. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor Devlin, to approve the recommendations of the Assessment Panel in Appendix 2 in respect of the appointment of Independent Members to the DEA Forums.**

**AHC/092/2023                    LEISURE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING CONTRACTS**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding the Leisure Maintenance and Servicing Contracts. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor McMurray, to approve the additional spend on servicing and maintenance contracts as per section 4.1 of this report.**

**AHC/093/2023                    FITNESS EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING - PUBLIC TENDER**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding the Leisure Maintenance and Servicing Contracts. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                                **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McMurray, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to approve the following:**  
**1. The Business Case as per appendix 1 for Fitness Equipment Maintenance, Servicing and Software upgrades and approve procurement via a public tender for these services and supplies.**  
**2. To progress a Public Tender in line with Councils procurement policy, appoint a preferred bidder and enter into a contract for up to 3 years.**

**AHC/094/2023                    PROGRAMME DELIVERY PARTNER**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding Programme Delivery Partner. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor D Murphy, to approve the additional spend as outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.

**AHC/095/2023      PROCUREMENT OF METAL FABRICATION**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding procurement of metal fabrication. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to approve the spend for metal fabrication works as per section 4.1 of the officer's report.

**AHC/096/2023      NEWCASTLE CENTRE – EXTERNAL PAINTING**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mr P Tamati, Assistant Director, Leisure and Sport, regarding external painting for the Newcastle Centre. **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Lee-Surginor, to progress the external painting of the Newcastle Centre as per 4.1 of the officer's report and approve the business case as per appendix 1 of the report.

***End of Closed Session***

**FOR NOTING**

**AHC/097/2023      POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (PCSP) REPORT**

**Read:** Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement and presented by Mr P Tamati, regarding the Policing and Community Safety Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Lewis advised he was no longer on the PCSP and took the opportunity to thank Council staff and the PCSP team for their work.

Councillor Lewis enquired about the upcoming recruitment campaign for PCSP Members and explained the number of independent members had dropped in the last term and asked if there had been any discussions with the Department of Justice about extending the reserve list for independent members to avoid this happening again.

Mr Tamati advised he would ask Mrs Robb to get back to Councillor Lewis in relation to the his query regarding PCSP on her return.

**Agreed:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Lewis, to note the report and the

**Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held  
on Tuesday 28 March 2023, approved at the Policing  
Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 25 July 2023.**

**AHC/098/2023      NEWRY NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP (NRP)  
REPORT**

Read:                      Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement and presented by Mr P Tamati regarding Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Finn enquired about the Ballybot Community Association being charged £247 per day and asked if they had received clarity on what the charges were for as it was a lot of money to be charged especially given the cost of living crisis.

Mr Tamati advised he believed the cost was related to the community centre scale of charges however he would ask Mrs Robb to get back to Councillor Finn in relation to the her query.

Councillor Murphy mentioned problems Members were having in sharing posters from Council for community groups and such like that were in pdf format and asked if this could be changed to assist Members being able to circulate such information. Councillor Finnegan suggested posters such as that should go on to the Councils Facebook page for Members to share and that there should be more emphasis on social media.

Mr Tamati advised he would ask Mrs Robb to revert to members regarding the points raised from Councillors Murphy and Finnegan on her return.

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Lewis, to note the report and the Minutes of Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2023, approved at Newry NRP meeting held on Wednesday 28 June 2023.**

**AHC/099/2023      DOWNPATRICK NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PARTNERSHIP  
(NRP) REPORT**

Read:                      Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement and presented by Mr P Tamati regarding Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership **(Copy circulated)**

**Agreed:**                      **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Lewis, to note the report and the following:**

- **Minutes of Downpatrick NRP Meeting held on Tuesday 29 November 2022, approved at Downpatrick NRP meeting held on Wednesday 29 March 2023.**
- **The Downpatrick NRP Action Plan for 2019-2022 (updated November 2022).**

Read: Report dated 21 August 2023 from Mrs A Robb, Assistant Director, Community Engagement and presented by Mr P Tamati regarding 2023/2024 DfC Areas at Risk Funding for Bessbrook and Crossmaglen. **(Copy circulated)**

Councillor Finnegan enquired if local communities had any input into the types of educational programmes for residents through consultation with local groups and suggested that this should happen.

Councillor Finnegan commented that the Area at Risks Programme should complement the DEAs Action Plans and that the DEA Forum should agree the content of courses offered. She added some programmes were already funded through the areas of need funding however there were additional charges for participants. She asked if those charges could be lifted to make sure the people who needed the programmes delivered to them were able to go to them.

Mr Tamati advised he would ask Mrs Robb to get back to Councillor Finnegan on the points raised on her return.

**Agreed: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lee-Surginor, seconded by Councillor Lewis, to note that NM&DDC have received letters of offer from the Department for Communities for a continuation of the Areas at Risk programme for the period 2023 / 2024 - Council have secured £24,000 per location to run community educational programmes for residents of the Crossmaglen and Bessbrook areas, a total of £48,000.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.01pm.

For adoption at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 4 September 2023.

Signed: Councillor R Howell  
Chairperson

Signed: Paul Tamati  
Assistant Director Leisure and Sport

# Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

## Active and Health Communities

### Review of Service Level Agreement

(2022-23)

August 2023  
Philip Weston



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### SLA 2022-23



#### ITEM 1

Develop a community trail management and prioritisation framework for the Council area

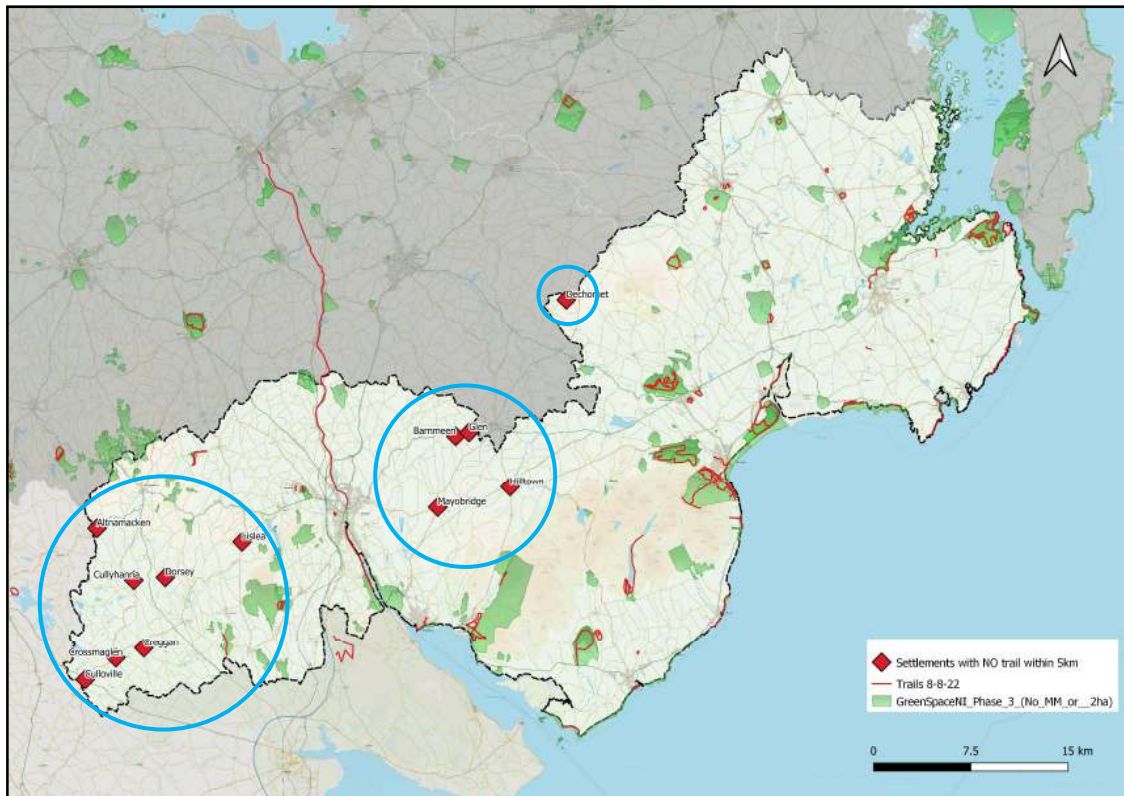
- Develop a district-wide planning tool to inform community trail development priorities
- Sets out a long-term plan for development aligned with Government targets
- Methodology:
  - Understand current position
  - Overlay settlements
  - Carry out proximity and population analysis
  - Prioritisation for future development

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Settlement	Area	Trail	Trail ID	Trail Name	Trail Type	Trail Length	Trail Status	Trail Notes
1. Carrickmacross	Carrickmacross	Trail 1	1001	Carrickmacross Trail	Trail 1	1.0 km	Open	Trail 1 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickmacross and ends at Carrickmacross.
2. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 2	1002	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 2	1.0 km	Open	Trail 2 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
3. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 3	1003	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 3	1.0 km	Open	Trail 3 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
4. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 4	1004	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 4	1.0 km	Open	Trail 4 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
5. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 5	1005	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 5	1.0 km	Open	Trail 5 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
6. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 6	1006	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 6	1.0 km	Open	Trail 6 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
7. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 7	1007	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 7	1.0 km	Open	Trail 7 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
8. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 8	1008	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 8	1.0 km	Open	Trail 8 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
9. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 9	1009	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 9	1.0 km	Open	Trail 9 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
10. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 10	1010	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 10	1.0 km	Open	Trail 10 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
11. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 11	1011	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 11	1.0 km	Open	Trail 11 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.
12. Carrickfergus	Carrickfergus	Trail 12	1012	Carrickfergus Trail	Trail 12	1.0 km	Open	Trail 12 is a 1.0 km trail that starts at Carrickfergus and ends at Carrickfergus.

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## SLA 2022-23

**ITEM 2**

**Extension of Corry Wood Community Trail - Secure Planning Permission and take project through to delivery on the ground**

- Planning permission secured
- Project delivery on hold until availability of funding

**ITEM 3**

**Delivery on the ground of an extension to Drumkeeragh Car Park and trail upgrade**

- Procurement documents and specification completed
- Project delivery on hold until availability of funding

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## SLA 2022-23

**ITEM 4**

**Project development work of a further 4 Community Trails to 'shovel ready' status - Teconnaught GAC, Bright GAC, Jacksons Folly (Glendesha) and Glendesha Link**

- Concept and specifications developed
- Planning permission secured or in progress

**ITEM 5**

**Project development work of a pump track in Island Park to 'shovel ready' status**

- Project identified as unfeasible due to flooding constraints

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## ITEM 6

## Project development work of a water access facility at Jane's Shore to 'shovel ready' status

- Concept and specifications developed
- Planning permission in progress



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## ITEM 7

## Feasibility Study on Beach Accessibility across the Council area

- Development of a framework to inform the development of beaches based on accessibility
- Methodology:
  - Benchmarking – current trends and practice - Cranfield
  - Baseline review of current position
  - Preparation of recommendations for future development and prioritisation

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- Baseline Review included tiering each beach into;
  - Flagship
  - Inclusive Destination
  - Local Accessible Beach
  - Limited Accessibility

	Quality and Services										
	Blue Flag	Accessible Connection to Beach	Toilets (Accessible)	Changing Places	Car Parking (Blue Badge)	Attractive Location	First Aid	Well connected	Local attractions (inclusive access)	Lifesaving Facilities	Equipment Hire
Tier 0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tier 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Tier 2		✓			✓	✓					
Tier 3											

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**ITEM 8** A review of sea swimming at Newcastle Harbour

- To assess current sea swimming at Newcastle Harbour and explore opportunities for improvement
- Surge in sea swimming at Newcastle Harbour has created a demand for improvements and created issues of user conflict and congestion
- Review allowed for a greater understanding of the site and its issues and potential:
  - Intensive use of the main slipway – referred to as Slipway B
  - Lack of management of access - no partnership approach amongst landowners and managers

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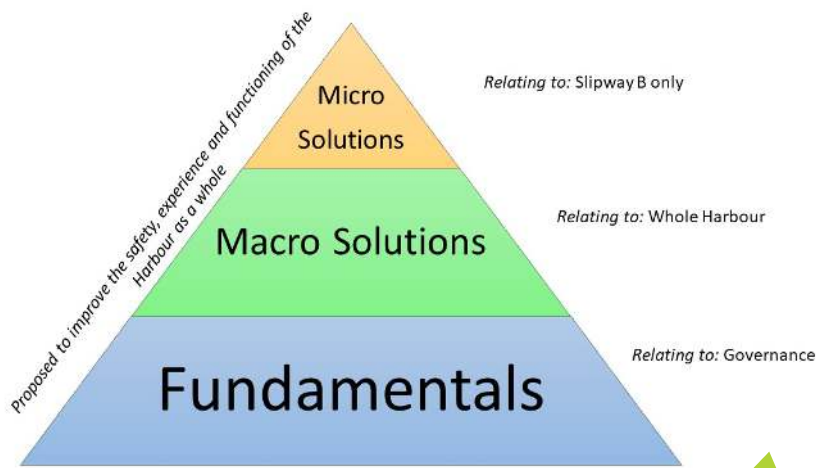


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- Recommendations were made in relation its management



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<b>ITEM 9</b>	<b>Data collection for all community trails (14 sites)</b>
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- Monthly visitor counter data ongoing at all sites

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