

September 16th, 2022

#### **Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Active and Healthy Communities Committee 2022/23 to be held on Thursday, 22nd September 2022 at 6:00 pm in Mourne Room, Downshire Civic

## Centre & MS Teams. **Chairperson Councillor Gallagher Deputy Chairperson Councillor Malone** Councillor Brennan **Councillor Casey** Councillor Finnegan Councillor Lee-Surginor Councillor Lewis Councillor McAteer

Councillor O'Hare

Councillor McEvoy

Councillor McKevitt

Councillor Ó Muirí

Councillor Owen

Councillor Sharvin

**Councillor Tinnelly** 

## **Agenda**

1.0	Introduction and Apologies					
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For Decision

## 7.0 Report on Financial Assistance. (Attached).

For Decision

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## 8.0 Ukrainian Crisis Report - September 2022 (Attached).

For Information

Ukrainian Crisis Report September 2022.pdf

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#### Health & Wellbeing

## 9.0 Consultation on management measures on the use of fast craft and personal watercraft (PWC) in marine protected areas

For Decision

AHC Sept22 Consultation on use of PWC in Marine Protected areas.pdf

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# 10.0 Consultation Response: The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023

For Decision

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#### Leisure and Sports

#### 11.0 Inclusive Beach - Newcastle

For Decision

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

## 12.0 Warrenpoint Community Centre. (Attached).

For Decision

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

Ď	AHC Report - Warrenpoint Community Centre - September 2022.pdf	Not included
D	Warrenpoint Stage 2 Report.pdf	Not included
D	Update on the Development of Warrenpoint Community Centre.pdf	Not included
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AHC - Donard Park - Car Parks Sept 2022.pdf

Not included

Appendix 1 Traffic Management Proposal.PDF

Not included

## 14.0 Kilkeel Leisure Centre - Capital Project

For Decision

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AHC - Kilkeel Leisure Centre Capital Project Sept 2022 (002).pdf

Not included

Appendix 1 Design Team Quotation.pdf

Not included

## 15.0 Leasing of Council Land and Facilities - Expressions of Interest

For Information

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△ AHC - Leasing of Council Land and Facilities - Expressions of Interest Sept 2022 (002).pdf

Not included

# 16.0 Expression of Interest for the leasing of land at Old Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick. (Attached).

For Decision

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

ם	AHC Report - 19 September 2022 JH final .pdf	Not included
D	Appendix 1 Business plan.pdf	Not included
ם	Appendix 2 Centre plans.pdf	Not included
ם	Appendix 3 Autism Support Centre Ghantt Chart.pdf	Not included
ď	Appendix 4 Costs for Autism Support Centre Downpatrick.pdf	Not included

#### ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 15 AUGUST 2022

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/128/2022	Action sheet Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 August 2022	The action sheet from the Committee Meeting held on 15 August 2022 was noted.  AHC/011/2022: Leasing of Council land, Expression of Interest, Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick Councillor Sharvin asked that completion of the assessment process be prioritised to establish if it met criteria.	All J Hillen	Assessment took place 1 <sup>st</sup> September  Approval to award a lease to the group going to AHC 19 <sup>th</sup> September	N
AHC/129/2022	Mae Murray Foundation – Inclusive Beaches	The presentation was noted with a report to be tabled at the Active and Healthy Communities Committee Meeting in September 2022.	P Tamati	Report to AHC Committee to follow	N
AHC/130/2022	Temporary gate access for a pedestrian route to the Windmill Field from Saintfield Community Centre	It was agreed to approve Saintfield Development Association (SDA) to install a temporary gate for pedestrian access from Saintfield Community site to Windmill Field.	J Hillen	Awaiting full council approval to inform the group to proceed with the installation	N
AHC/131/2022	Financial Assistance Report	It was agreed to approve the recommendations for Call 3 as contained within the officer's report and for Groups who were successful within the Defibrillator access theme to be scored and ranked with letters of offer to be issued as budget become available.  It was further agreed to seek to identify the shortfall in defibrillator funding to award all successful applicants for the defibrillator access theme.	J Hillen M Lipsett	Letters of offer issued for Call 3 - ongoing week beginning 13th September 2022. Review of budgets ongoing	N

AHC/132/2022	PEACE IV Local Action Plan	It was agreed that Committee agree to the recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership as set out within section 2.1 of the officer's report that the Shared Spaces & Services Discussions are ongoing with SEUPB with regards to budget, timescales and location of the remaining projects and Officers are fully engaged in consultation to inform the decision making process.	J Hillen	In Progress	N
AHC/133/2022	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions for:  •Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 14 June 2022.  • Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2022.  •Slieve Croob DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 21 June 2022.  •Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 30 June 2022.	J Hillen	All DEA Action Sheets being actioned accordingly.	Y
AHC/134/2022	Community Co- ordination Hub	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2022.	J Hillen	Action sheet being actioned accordingly.	Y
AHC/135/2022	Ship Sanitation Inspection Charges	It was agreed to implement the new pricing structure (2022/23) for charging for the issuing of Ship Sanitation Exemption and Control Certificates from 1 April 2022.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/136/2022	Request for support for Keep NI Beautiful in their bid for funding for a Climate Clever Communities Programme	It was agreed that Council pledge support and if needed provide a letter of support to Keep NI Beautiful's bid for funding for the Climate Clever Communities programme and that financial support was not required.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y

AHC/137/2022	Leisure Public	It was agreed to approve the leisure public holiday	P Tamati	Agreed	Υ
	Holiday and	and staff training arrangements for 2022 and 2023			
	Staff Training	as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.			
	Arrangements				
		Mr Tamati agreed to speak with Councillors	P Tamati	Agreed	Υ
		McAteer and McKee directly regarding any the			
		queries they had.			

### FOR NOTING

AHC/141/2022	Newry Neighbourhood Renewal	It was agreed to note the report and the Minutes of Newry Neighbourhood Renewal Meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022, approved at Newry NRP Meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2022.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/142/2022	Policing & Community Safety Report	It was agreed to note the report and the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2022, approved at the Policing Committee & PCSP Meeting on Tuesday 26 July 2022.	J Hillen	Noted	Υ
AHC/143/2022	Active Travel Update	It was agreed to note the Active Travel Update.	J Hillen		
AHC/144/2022	Newcastle Centre – Auditorium Demolition Works	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to note the report and the following:  1. The commencement of the demolition works of the Newcastle Centre auditorium extension area from the 5th September 2022.  2. Due to essential electrical works by NI Electricity (NIE) as part of the demolition, the Newcastle Centre will be closed for between 5-10 days from the 5th September 2022.  3. Due to contractor access requirements, the car parking next to the Newcastle Centre will also be closed during this period however public toilets in this car park will remain open.  4. Essential bookings (e.g. child care services) will not be disrupted, with alternative arrangements in place for all other bookings and services.  5. Signage as per appendix 1 will be erected to promote the commencement of the phase 1 development of the Newcastle Centre.	P Tamati		

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014					
AHC/138/2022	Request for approval and funding for Carbon Offsetting Feasibility Study	It was agreed to approve Council to contribute to funding the project as outlined within the officer's report.	E Devlin	Actioned	Y
AHC/139/2022	Mullaghbawn Community Centre – Termination of Lease	It was agreed to proceed to terminate the lease for Mullaghbawn Community Centre.	J Hillen	Awaiting Full Council Approval	N
AHC/140/2022	Ballynahinch Community Centre – Refurbishment	It was agreed to increase the capital budget required as outlined within the officer's report for:  - Completion of maintenance and repair work as per Condition Survey carried out by AECOM Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited in July 2022 (Appendix 1).  - Replacement of current PVC coated corrugated sheet metal covering at estimated costs.  - Carry out both necessary & desirable works at an estimated.  - Consultant Fees.	J Hillen	Awaiting Full Council Approval  JD informed Project Management	N

### ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MEETINGS

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ITEMS RESTRI	CTED IN ACCORDANCE	WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCA	AL GOVERNM	ENT ACT (NI) 2014	
AHC/168/2020	Warrenpoint Community Centre	Accept the business case for professional fees attached to the officer's report and proceed to develop the scheme to planning application stage.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/170/2021	Kilkeel Leisure Centre – Capital Build Project	It was agreed to:  Carry out essential and enhancement works for Kilkeel Leisure Centre at a cost as outlined within the officer's report;  Approve the business case for the project as per appendix 1 of the officer's report.	M Lipsett P Tamati	Planning permission for proposed extension approved. Preliminary internal design works complete. Appointment of integrated design team in progress.  Now on Council's Capital Programme	Υ
AHC/171/2021	Business Case – Minor Works Scheme at Cloughreagh Community Centre	It was agreed to:  • Approve the business case as attached to the officer's report for the upgrade work at Cloughreagh Community Centre;  • Approve to procure and appoint a consultant to complete a survey, including a bill of quantities;  • Approve to appoint and procure a contractor to carry out the necessary works.	J Hillen	Ongoing Survey is complete and report. has been provided to council. Updated business case to be drafted and brought to committee for approval.	N
AHC/207/2021	Request to Councillor Brown from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group to present to Council.	It was agreed to hold an information /education workshop to receive deputation from the Mid Down Integrated College Steering Group and invite other sectors of education along with 2 Councillors from each Political Party to attend also.	M Lipsett J Hillen	Scheduled for Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Y

AHC/220/2021	Lease of commercial space at the McGraths Centre	It was agreed that as per the Acquisition and Disposal of land procedure to approve the use of an Agent to market and lease the commercial ground floor space at the McGrath Centre, Newry.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/234/2021	No 16 the Square, Rostrevor	It was agreed to note the contents of section 2.7 of the officer's report.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/011/2022	Leasing of Council Land - Expression of interest, Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick	Amendment to report noted.  It was agreed to approve the following:  • An expression of interest process be carried out for the land at Old Killough Road Community Centre, Downpatrick.  • A valuation being sought for the leasing of this site over a 21-year period.  • The EOI process be publicly advertised for a period of two weeks.	JH	Stage II Underway Report to AHC on completion of assessment process	N
AHC/020/2022	Kilbroney Pitches – Capital Project	It was agreed to approve the following:  • To appoint an economist to complete an Outline Business Case for the Kilbroney Playing Pitches Project.  • To allocate an additional £50,000 to Councils Capital Programme to accommodate point 1 and support any works required to complete the Outline Business Case.	P Tamati	Planning permission submitted. OBC consultant appointed. Commissioning and submission of requested additional surveys on going.  Now on Council's Capital Programme	Y

ITEMS RESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NI) 2014							
AHC/060/2022 Mullaghbawn Community Centre – Roof Repair	It was agreed that Mullaghbawn Community Centre remained closed for the foreseeable future or until the roof repair works were completed, as the building was a health and safety risk and currently not fit for purpose. It was further agreed Council gave the Landlord a reasonable timeframe (12 weeks) to complete the structural repairs and in the event that this was not complied with that Council take actions to terminate the lease.	J Hillen	Legal department have written to the parish to advise of council recommendation.	N			

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AHC/074/2022	Cross Sector Sustainable Food Training Initiative	In response to query raised by Councillor Sharvin, Mr Devlin confirmed that part of the further work to be done would be how best to identify the most useful organisation bodies to partake and he would revert back to Councillor Sharvin in due course.	E Devlin	Procurement taking place	N
		It was agreed to approve Officers procuring an educational provider to develop, recruit and deliver training for a cohort of local stakeholders re: sustainable food. Trainer to create a digital forum as a legacy follow up to maintain the network and seek funding for follow up support.	E Devlin		

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AHC/075/2022	Feasibility Study for Community Social Farm	Mr Devlin stated that officers were currently looking at the feasibility of the project at this stage and he would circulate further information to Members in order to provide more background on the initiative and level of funding required.	E Devlin	Ongoing	N
		It was agreed to approve Officers procuring an initial feasibility study for development of a social farm on identified land at Castlewellan Forest park. Scope of the study will be to provide a general report for consideration of need and community support for a farm facility on council land.	E Devlin	Procurement exercise underway	N
AHC/076/2022	Edible Landscapes 'We can grow' Pilot Programme	It was agreed to increase the scope of the scheme to have 6 community projects in order that each DEA would benefit from one of the schemes.	E Devlin	ongoing	N
		It was agreed to approve officers procuring one or more horticultural contractors to supply and deliver 6 community projects with follow up support for one growing season.	E Devlin		

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AHC/080/202	Business Case  - Hilltown Car Park and AAR letter of offer	It was agreed to approve the following recommendations:  • Accept the business case for the external works at Hilltown Community Centre including the associated professional fees. • Determine whether potential scheme can be funded from capital underspend within the 22/23 financial year or include for consideration in the 23/24 rate estimates. • If suitable funding is secured proceed with the procurement of a suitably qualified design team and contractor to carry out the necessary works.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/081/202	Down High School Lights and 3G Pitch	It was agreed to approve the following recommendations:  To progress a planning application for enhanced sports facilities at Down High School as per 2.1 of the officer's report.  To approve a budget spend as outlined in section 4.1 of the officer's report.	P Tamati	On going	N

ITEMS RESTRI	CTED IN ACCORDA	NCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCA	AL GOVERNME	NT ACT (NI) 2014	
AHC/095/2022	Donard Park Artificial Pitch Upgrade	It was agreed to approve to upgrade the artificial pitch at Donard Park as part of a contribution funding opportunity with the Department of Education as per the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.	P Tamati	On going Now on Council's Capital Programme under Sports Hubs	Υ
AHC/096/2022	Dunleath Park Enhancement	It was agreed to establish a skate park and pump track at Dunleath Park as part of a phase 1 development as per the budget outlined in 4.1 of the officer's report.	P Tamati	On going	N
AHC/098/2022	Leasing of Council Land – Expressions on Interest	It was agreed to progress an Expressions of Interest (EOI) Process in line with NMDDC Sports and Community Facility Management and Leasing Policy (2016) for:  1. Lisdrumgullion Recreation Area Armagh Road, Newry  2. Annsborough Playing Fields, Castlewellan  3. Station Avenue, Castlewellan	P Tamati	Ongoing	N

#### ACTIONS ARISING FROM ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 20 June 2022

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/105/2022	To agree start times for AHC committee Meetings 2022- 2023	It was agreed that the start time for AHC Committee Meetings 2022/2023 will be 6.00 pm.	M Lipsett	Noted	Y
AHC/106/2022	Action sheet Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 June 2022	The action sheet from the Committee Meeting held on 16 June 2022 was noted.	All	Noted	Υ
AHC/107/2022	Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland (ORNI) Service Level Agreement	It was agreed to table the issue of Hilltown Pump Track onto a future Crotlieve DEA forum meeting to ensure all possible locations in Hilltown were exhausted and if not feasible, that other locations in the DEA be investigated, potentially beside the mountain bike trails in Kilbroney.	P Tamati	Complete	Y
AHC/108/2022	Tiered Insurance Levels for Council Hirers (Public Liability & Product Liability)	It was agreed to approve Appendix 1 – adoption of a tiered level of indemnity insurance for 3 <sup>rd</sup> party hirers/users Councilwide.	K McNiff	Approved	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
AHC/109/202	Active and Healthy Communities Business Plan	<ul> <li>Assessment of the Active &amp; Healthy Community Directorate Business Plan 2021-22;</li> <li>Active &amp; Healthy Community Directorate Business Plan 2022-23</li> </ul>	M Lipsett	Agreed	Y
AHC/110/2022	PEACE IV Update	It was agreed that Mrs Hillen would circulate the list of locations for the Multi-Cultural Summer Scheme to all Members.	J Hillen	Information forwarded to Members on Peace IV summer schemes.	Y
		The recommendations of the PEACE IV Partnership were agreed as per 2.1 of the officer's report.	J Hillen	Work ongoing as per report	Y
AHC/111/2022	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions for:  • Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 25 May 2022;  • Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 1 June 2022;  • Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 31st May 2022.	J Hillen	All DEA Action Sheets being actioned accordingly	Y
AHC/112/2022	Community Engagement regarding an update report for the Community Co- ordination Hub	It was agreed to note the report and approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022.	J Hillen	Action sheet being actioned accordingly.	Y

AHC/113/2022	Sustainability and Climate Change Forum	It was agreed to note the report and approve the action contained within the action sheet from the Sustainability & Climate Change Forum which took place on Thursday 19 May 2022.  NCE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCA	E Devlin  AL GOVERNMI	Actioned  ENT ACT (NI) 2014	Y
AHC/114/2022	Sports Facility Strategy/Sports Hub Review	It was agreed to approve the following:  The Executive Summary and Strategic Recommendations of the completed Sports Facilities Strategy - Multi Sports Hubs Review.  To support the Strategic Recommendations of the Sports Facilities Strategy - Multi Sports Hubs Review as per 4.1 of the officer's report.	P Tamati	See minute reference AHC/017/2021	Y
AHC/115/2022	Water Bill Cullyhanna GFC/Cullyhanna Community Centre.	It was agreed to approve the following:  To pay a one-off contribution to Cullyhanna GFC towards the water bill.  To appoint a contractor to carry out the necessary works to separate the water supply between Cullyhanna GFC and Cullyhanna Community Centre.	J Hillen	Ongoing	N
AHC/116/2022	Market House Refurbishment	It was agreed to approve the following:  The business case contained within the officer's report for the internal refurbishment of the Market House Ballynahinch (Appendix 1 Business Case)  To procure and appoint a contractor to carry out the refurbishment works immediately (in advance of full council approval in July)	J Hillen	Ongoing	N

ITEMS RESTRI	CTED IN ACCORDAN	CE WITH PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 6 OF THE LOCA	AL GOVERNME	NT ACT (NI) 2014	
AHC/117/2022	Update on Delivery of Affordable Warmth Scheme	It was agreed to approve the signing of the Service Level Agreement with Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council in relation to the provision of the Affordable Warmth Scheme.  It was further agreed to write to the Minister of the Department for Communities to investigate the possibility, in the absence of a functioning executive, of additional funding to offset the shortfall in the Affordable Warmth Scheme	E Devlin	SLA signed and letter to DFC sent	Y
FOR NOTING AHC/118/2022	- ITEMS RESTRICT  Upgrade Works at Barcroft and Three Ways Community Centre	It was agreed to note the revised estimated costs for completion of upgrade works to Barcroft and Three Ways Community Centres from previously approved Business Case (January 2022), subject to consultation with the user groups in the centre.	J Hillen	THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (N	N N
		FOR NOTING - OPEN SI	ESSION	•	
AHC/119/2022	Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRO) Report	It was agreed to note the contents of the report and the minutes of the Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership (NRP) Meeting held on Tuesday 18 January 2022.	J Hillen	Noted	Y

AHC/120/2022	Summer Activity Programme	It was agreed to note the planned Summer Scheme activities within the Community Services Department.  In response to a query from Councillor Sharvin, officers advised they would investigate mid-year budgets in order to operate similar schemes at Halloween and Christmas holiday periods.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/121/2022	Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)	It was agreed to note the report and the Minutes of the Policing Committee & PCSP Meetings held on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022 and Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022.	J Hillen	Noted	Y
AHC/122/2022	Ukraine Assistance Centre.	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	J Hillen	Work ongoing as per report	N
AHC/123/2022	Peace Plus Update	It was agreed to note the contents of the report.	J Hillen	Work ongoing as per report	N
AHC/124/2022	Letter from TEO Permanent Secretary Re: Ukraine Assistance Centres	It was agreed to write to The Executive Office to request the payment of £350 for those assisting with the Ukrainian Refugees.	M Lipsett	Actioned	Y
AHC/125/2022	Letter from Private Office, DfC Re: Meeting to discuss Child Poverty	It was agreed to note the contents of the letter.	M Lipsett	Noted	Y

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 September 2022
Subject:	District Electoral Area (DEA) Forums Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

Confirn	n how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -
For d	ecision X For noting only
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<ul> <li>Purpose</li> <li>To note the report.</li> <li>To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached from the DEA Forum Private Meetings listed in 3.1 below.</li> <li>Background         The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.     </li> </ul>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul> <li>That the Committee: -</li> <li>Note the report.</li> <li>Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheets attached for:</li> <li>Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 9 August 2022.</li> <li>Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 18 August 2022.</li> <li>Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2022.</li> <li>Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 6 September 2022.</li> <li>Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2022.</li> <li>Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2022.</li> </ul>
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)

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5.1	General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, speeduality and good relations outcomes	cific
	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations	$\boxtimes$
5.2	Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision	e
	Yes □ No ⊠	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	
5.3	Proposal initiating consultation	
	Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves	
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	
	Rationale:	
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service	
	Yes □ No ⊠	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	$\boxtimes$
7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix 1: Update on the ongoing work of the DEAs.  Appendix 2: Action Sheet of Downpatrick DEA Forum Private Meeting, 9 August 2022.  Appendix 3: Action Sheet of Newry DEA Forum Private Meeting, 18 August 2022.  Appendix 4: Action Sheet of Rowallane DEA Forum Private Meeting, 25 August 2022.  Appendix 5: Action Sheet of Crotlieve DEA Forum Private Meeting, 6 September 2022.  Appendix 6: Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion DEA Forum Private Meeting, 13 September	

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	> Appendix 7: Action Sheet of Mournes DEA Forum Private Meeting, 14 September 2022.
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

#### Appendix 1

The following information is provided to update the Committee on recent DEA activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the DEAs.

#### All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Enjoy Good Health and Wellbeing:

#### Level of Health Status:

Crotlieve DEA supported a DO IT FOR DANIEL event in Rostrevor in August. The sporting event raised awareness of Stem Cell donations to fight Leukaemia. The event had swabbing stations on site and was extremely well attended with money also being raised for the relevant charities.

Downpatrick DEA, in partnership with CDRCN and Downpatrick Suicide Prevention Task Group, held their annual 'Walk for Life' this year in Killough on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The event was organised to mark World Suicide Awareness Day and encompassed a community walk and family event, along with information stands offering advice on mental health and bereavement.

In partnership with the Mournes DEA and CDRCN, Slieve Croob DEA are hosting a Walk for Life Event on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September in Mount Panther. This event is being held to mark World Suicide Prevention Day and will be an opportunity for people to hear about local services, come together to raise awareness and try to create a world where fewer people die from suicide. This free event is open for everyone and pre booking is essential.

During the month of September, the Downpatrick DEA, in partnership with CDRCN, are rolling out Coffee & Connect mornings in Kilclief and Downpatrick. The project is aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness by encouraging people to come together for a walk and a chat. It will also be an opportunity for participants to be made aware of groups in the area that they may be able to join.

#### All People in Newry, Mourne and Down Live in Respectful, Safe and Vibrant Communities

#### Level of Civic Participation and Good Relations:

Newry DEA in partnership with Iuir Cinn Fleadh festival supported a Children's Street Festival event on Hill Street, Newry, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August. The event brought together local people with traditional musicians and artists, showcasing culture through music. The interactive workshops were enjoyable for all the family, giving participants a chance to explore new traditions such as drumming, henna art and poetry.

Newry DEA in partnership with the Council's Ethnic Minority Support Centre hosted 100 people from Newry to attend the MELA Festival in Belfast on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August. This fantastically run family friendly event showcases the diversity of people living here as well as providing a space for people to have new experiences with traditional foods, arts and music.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August, Newry DEA in partnership with the Department for Communities, Newry BID and the SHSCT hosted a water festival on Newry Albert Basin site to promote water safety, cultural celebration and good wellbeing. Activities were provided free to all participants and included canoeing, wall climbing, arts and crafts, music etc. On the day there were representatives from NIFRS and RNLI who provided excellent water safety advice to all in attendance. The event showcased Newry City Centre as a prime location for community festivals.

Newry DEA in partnership with Arbour Housing and the Education Authority Youth Service has supported a TBUC Mega Camp Event in Newry Leisure Centre which celebrated young people and their understanding of tradition and heritage. The event also raised awareness of young people's mental health and supported local charity PIPS Hope and Support.

Slieve Gullion and Newry DEAs supported 4 local post primary schools across the respective areas to access and deliver a TBUC Camps Programme to support 80 young people from these schools to engage with young people from other community backgrounds from within the area. Activities include multi-sports days, historical walks, and will culminate in an upcoming social action project design in partnership with the young people.

During August and September, Newry DEA in partnership with the Council's Health Inequalities Coordinator and Promoting Wellbeing Team at the SHSCT coordinated a series of English language classes for newcomer Ukrainian families in order to support integration and promote good relations.

Over 40 participants from across the 7 DEAs will engage in a 4-week photography programme in September/October. The programme funded by Good Relations will be an opportunity for people to make new connections, share history and experiences and learn new skills. The participants will learn how to capture photographs using mobile devices and how to use and download apps to enhance photographs. On the final week of the programme all participants will go on a historical guided bus tour in Belfast visiting International Wall Murals and Belfast Peace Walls. The participants are aged 21 years old and over.

### Level of Personal Safety and Crime:

Pupils from St Patrick's Grammar and Down High School will take part in the Downpatrick DEA's Young Driver's Initiative in Bishopscourt Racing Circuit. The initiative which is being held in conjunction with Drive Techniques Driving School, PSNI, PCSP, NIFRS and New Drive will give young people an opportunity to experience driving for the first time or to gain some advanced driving skills. It will also offer advice on the dangers of speeding and careless driving and the basic maintenance of their car. The NIFRS and the PSNI will also provide a car cut out demonstration.

Crotlieve DEA is supporting Halloween in Rostrevor to ensure a fun filled but safe event for the whole community.

### **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**

Action Sheet of Downpatrick District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 4.00 pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor Oonagh Hanlon

In Attendance: Councillor Dermot Curran

Councillor Cadogan Enright Councillor Gareth Sharvin

Independent Members: Jim Masson, Down Business Connect

Daniella McCarry, County Down Rural Community Network

Jenny Laverty, Housing Community Network
Dan McEvoy, Downpatrick Community Collective

**Statutory Partners:** None

Council Officials: Katrina Hynds, Downpatrick DEA Co-Ordinator

Aisling Rennick, Engagement and Development Manager

Aveen McVeigh, Regeneration, Business Support and Development Officer

Rodney McBride, Sustainable Food Co-Ordinator

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Lisa Perry, Downpatrick Neighbourhood Renewal

**Councillor John Trainor** 

Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Maurice Denvir, East Lecale Communities

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION — including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/DPK/22/01	Apologies	As recorded above.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/22/02	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/22/03	Action Sheet of Meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Curran, seconded by Councillor Sharvin to adopt the action sheet.	Noted.
DEA/DPK/22/04	Update on Church Street Project	The Regeneration, Business Support & Development Officer gave members an update on the progress of the Church Street Project. A meeting with the Department for Communities is to be organised to discuss the possibility of future funding packages.	Regeneration, Business Support & Development Officer.
DEA/DPK/22/05	Update on Strangford/Killough Rural Development Programme	The DEA Co-Ordinator advised members that letters had been delivered to businesses within the two villages requesting expressions	Regeneration, Business Support & Development Officer.

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		of interest re the shop front scheme. The closing date for receipt of same is 19 <sup>th</sup> August, following which a steering group will be established. Councillors requested that the Regeneration, Business Support & Development Officer organise a visit to the local businesses to identify their needs for the area.	
DEA/DPK/22/6	Regeneration of The Grove, Downpatrick	Following a discussion regarding improvement work required in the vicinity of the Grove leading up to the Railway Site: Recommendation - On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin, Seconded by Councillor Hanlon it was recommended that the Council carry out the necessary repairs to the steps and lights adjacent to the St Patrick Centre.  It was also recommended that the vegetation and overgrowth around this vicinity be cut back and removed.  It was requested that the relevant Council Officers inspect this site and prepare design options for improvement of this area.	DEA Co-Ordinator to refer to relevant Council department.

DEA/DPK/22/7	Introduction of Allotments within the District to Tackle Food Poverty	The Sustainable Food Co-Ordinator presented members with an update on the sustainability projects being facilitated by Council.  The Edible Landscape Project, which is being rolled out on a pilot basis, will offer community groups the opportunity to plant and maintain a garden of edible plants which can be accessed by the public. This is being introduced to one area within each DEA and needs to be managed and led by a community group. Permission to proceed with the project will be required from the landowner.  Local communities can also avail of free Grow Your Own Kits.  In relation to allotment space on Council ground, interested groups can submit an expression of interest to Council which will be considered under Council's protocol.	Members are to provide the DEA Co-Ordinator with possible sites and groups that could be considered for the project.
DEA/DPK/22/8	Report on DEA/Good Relations Initiatives	The DEA Co-Ordinator presented her report to members.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 4.55 pm

### **Newry, Mourne and Down District Council**

## Action Sheet of Newry District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 1.00pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor Gary Stokes

In Attendance: Councillor Charlie Casey

Councillor Valerie Harte Councillor Gavin Malone Councillor Roisin Mulgrew Councillor Michael Savage

**Independent Members: Raymond Jackson, CCG** 

Noreen Rice, Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership

Colin Hanna, NMEA

Statutory Partners: Martin Connell, SHSCT Promoting Wellbeing Team

Council Officials: Kerri Morrow, Newry DEA Coordinator

Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager

Sonya Burns, Head of Programmes

Conor Haughey, Head of Outdoor Leisure

**Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer** 

Others: None

Apologies: Donna Weir, EA Youth Service

Brian Lockhart, Orange Order Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID

Catherine McInerney, Dept for Infrastructure

Niall Fitzpatrick, NIHE Kelly Gibson, PSNI

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
DEA/N/2022/1	Declaration of Interest	No declarations made.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2022/2	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	COMPLETED.
DEA/N/2022/3	Camlough Road Wall damage	Determine agency responsible and request immediate measures be taken to assess the safety risk.	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2022/4	Vandalisation at Arch at Greater Linen Hall area	Liaise with appropriate stakeholders regarding cleansing of site.	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2022/5	BMX/Multisports Track, Newry	Recommendation to carry out a community consultation.  Provide updates to Newry DEA Forum on the progress of the project.	Progress to relevant department for consideration.
DEA/N/2022/6	Road maintenance Killean/Meigh/Flagstaff areas	Contact DFI to request lines are repainted in middle of road at upper Clontigora road up to Flagstaff Road.  Repainting double yellow lines at Meigh Pharmacy.	Progress to relevant agency for consideration.
DEA/N/2022/7	Reimaging Bicycle area at Corry Park, Newry	Funding be sought to carry out a reimaging project at this site using perimeter walls.	DEA Coordinator to progress.
DEA/N/2022/8	Newry Canal Upgrade	Recommendation to set aside a budget to maintain/close Victoria locks to safeguard Newry Canal.	Progress to relevant department for consideration.
DEA/N/2022/9	Electric Scooters	Recommendation that materials be drawn up and circulated regarding dangers of electric scooters.	Progress to relevant department for consideration.

The meeting ended at: 2.30pm

### Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Rowallane District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting via Microsoft Teams held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 4.00 p.m.

Chairperson: Councillor Robert Burgess

In Attendance: Councillor David Lee-Surginor

**Councillor Terry Andrews** 

Independent Members: Brian Gamble, SDA

Statutory Partners: None

Council Officials: Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager

Ellen Brennan, DEA Co-Ordinator

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Richard Orme, Ballynahinch Community Collective

**Rosie Daly, Community Facilities Manager** 

**Lise Curran, CDRCN** 

**Councillor Kathryn Owen** 

**Bethany McClune, Education Authority** 

**Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer** 

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION — including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/ROW/14/2/2022	Chairperson's Remarks	Councillor Burgess welcomed Councillor Lee-Surginor to his first DEA meeting. Congratulations were also extended to Councillor Owen on having successfully completed her Doctorate.	Forum congratulations to be extended to Councillor Owen.
DEA/ROW/14/3/2022	Declarations of Interest	Councillor Lee-Surginor declared an interest in DEA Coordinator report as he had been approached to provide a quotation for food at the event.	Noted.
DEA/ROW14/4/2022	Propose and Second Action Sheet of meeting held on 1st June 2022	On the <b>proposal</b> of Councillor Andrews and <b>seconded</b> by Brian Gamble the action sheet from 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022 was approved as a true record.	Action sheet of 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022 adopted as true record.
DEA/ROW/14/5/2022	Updates from Community Services, Education Authority and PCSP	In the absence of Community Services, the Education Authority (EA) and PCSP, the DEA Co- ordinator advised that work was expected to commence on the Market House early September and reported on the joint PCSP and EA	All updates noted.

		events in Saintfield, Crossgar, Killyleagh and Ballynahinch.	
DEA/ROW/14/6/2022	Killyleagh Festivals	Councillor Lee-Surginor suggested that Killyleagh should reinstate their Chocolate Festival and members <b>Recommended</b> that a DEA meeting in public be held in October/November bringing together community groups and representatives from Council Directorates, Tourism NI and other appropriate bodies to identify opportunities for such events within Rowallane.	The DEA Coordinator to organise a DEA meeting in public in October/November with Council Directorates, Tourism NI and local community groups to identify opportunities for development of events to enhance Rowallane.
DEA/ROW/14/7/2022	Signage at junction of Main Belfast Road and Crossgar Road Junction, Ballynahinch	<b>Recommended</b> a letter be sent to DfI asking for improved signage at this location and also ask the PCSP to consider the installation of a Speed Indicator Sign.	· ·
DEA/ROW/14/8/2022	Translink signage at Johnston's Lane, Crossgar Road, Saintfield	<b>Recommended</b> that a request be sent to Translink to have the Bus Stop Sign reinstated at this location.	DEA Co-ordinator to prepare and forward letter to Translink.
DEA/ROW/14/9/2022	Installation of accessible parking space at The Hub, Saintfield	Recommended there being an identified need for wider accessible parking at The Hub, Saintfield, a letter seeking the installation of same to be forwarded to DfI. Councillor Burgess advised he had	DEA Co-ordinator to prepare and forward letter to Trevor Maxwell, DfI.

		met with Trevor Maxwell, DfI, on this.	
DEA/ROW/14/10/2022	cellular mast between Crossgar/Downpatrick	Coordinator agreed to raise this	DEA Co-ordinator to email FFI Lead Officer to determine best way forward and report back to the Forum at next meeting.
DEA/ROW/14/11/2022	(copy had been circulated	The DEA Coordinator provided a verbal update on work that had been undertaken and that which was planned.	Noted.

The meeting ended at 4.40 p.m.

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Crotlieve District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 18.00 pm via Microsoft Teams:

Chairperson: Councillor Gerry O'Hare

In Attendance: Councillor Karen McKevitt

Councillor Declan McAteer Councillor Michael Ruane

Independent Members: Thelma Thompson Little - Altnaveigh House

Statutory Partners: Deirdre Magill - Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Council Officials: Shirley Keenan – Crotlieve DEA Co-ordinator

**Shannon Creaney - PCSP Officer** 

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillor Mark Gibbons

**Councillor Jarlath Tinnelly** 

Damien Brannigan - Head of Engagement

Aisling Rennick – Engagement & Development Manager Tania Baille – Confederation of Community Groups

Carie Crawford - Education Authority

Clare Shields – County Down Rural Community Network

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/C/21/2022	Declaration of Interest.	There were no declarations of interest declared.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/22/2022	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held June 2022.	Action sheet confirmed as a true and accurate record.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/23/2022	DEA Co-ordinator's Report/ Spend and Action Plan.	Planned projects agreed by Forum Members along with associated budget.  Projects include: Good Relations Events to mark Good Relations week and beyond, Positive Ageing/rural isolation targeted events, requested youth activities, GR Historical Programme at Donnaghmore.	DEA Co-ordinator to continue with delivery and implementation.  Proposed by Cllr McAteer and seconded by Cllr McKevitt.

DEA/C/24/2022	SHSCT Update.	Update provided by Ms D Magill, Health and Wellbeing SHSCT.	COMPLETED.
DEA/C/25/2022	PCSP Update.	Update provided by Ms S Creaney, PCSP Officer.	COMPLETED. Ms Creaney to speak to relevant working group regarding traffic calming measures in Crotlieve.
DEA/C/18/2022	Environmental & Spatial Development.	Request from Cllr McAteer that Council Contribute more funding to the Eco Schools Project.	DEA Coordinator to forward recommendation to Eoin Devin Assistant Director.  COMPLETED.
DEA/C/19/2022	Warrenpoint Mens Shed.	WMS are seeking a home for the Windmill Model. Request from Cllr McAteer to house this in the pavilion building at Warrenpoint Municipal Park.	DEA Coordinator to send request to Mr J Ellis.  COMPLETED.
DEA/C/08/2022	COVID-19 Pandemic Impact – Loneliness.	Request from Cllr McAteer to address loneliness as an issue in the DEA.	To be included in DEA action plan. Ongoing.

DEA/C/07/2020	Warrenpoint Town FC.	Request from Warrenpoint Town Football Club via Cllr Mark Gibbons for Council to erect lighting inside Council property boundary.	DEA Co-ordinator to refer matter to relevant Council department. COMPLETED. ITEM TO REMAIN ON AGENDA.
DEA/C/09/2020	Update on Toilets in Warrenpoint Park.	DEA Co-ordinator to obtain update.	Request from Cllr McAteer to ascertain from relevant officer what the timeline is for resolving this issue and what engagement there has been with NI Water. COMPLETED.
DEA/C/69/2021	Update on Warrenpoint Baths.	Item to remain on agenda.	Councillors were recently updated by ERT Department and will continue to be updated.
DEA/C/26/2022	Date of next meeting.	The next meeting date: 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022.	DEA Co-ordinator to forward papers and Teams Link.

The meeting ended at: 18:40 pm

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# Action Sheet of Slieve Gullion District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 4.30pm via Teams

Chairperson: Councillor Declan Murphy (Vice Chair)

In Attendance: Councillor Pete Byrne

**Councillor Mickey Larkin** 

Independent Members: Teresa Nugent, Rural Health Partnership

Cailin McParland, Saint Oliver Plunket's Youth Club

Statutory Partners: None

Council Officials: Taucher McDonald, DEA Coordinator Slieve Gullion

Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Councillor David Taylor (Chair)

**Councillor Oonagh Magennis** 

Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
DEA/SG/38/2022	Declaration of Interest	No Declarations of Interest were made.	Noted.
DEA/SG/39/2022	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 31st May 2022 via Teams	Accepted.	Noted.
DEA/SG/40/2022	Rural Health Partnership Update	Healthy Living Alliance Presentation to be delivered at next Forum meeting.  Addiction Service Support Event 18 <sup>th</sup> October.	Rural Health Partnership to invite representative from Healthy Living Alliance to the next meeting.  Event to be supported by DEA Forum.
		Active Ageing Event.	RHP & DEA Coordinator to support.
DEA/SG/41/2022	Youth Work Update	Cailin McParland updated on the success of programmes to date. Coming up there will be 2 weeks of Summer schemes for Primary (6-11 year olds). A Get Set For Summer scheme for aged 16+.	Cailin to forward posters to T Nugent for onward circulation to her database. Completed.

DEA/SG/42/2022	Transport for Community Groups	Possible support for transport links for groups to be identified.	DEA Coordinator.
DEA/SG/43/2022	Halloween Provision	Links to be made with Education Authority and PCSP regarding provision of activities in Newtownhamilton and Jonesborough.	DEA Coordinator to make links and promote.
DEA/SG/44/2022	Date of next meeting	Next meeting to be an in-person planning session. South Armagh Business Improvement Group to be invited to attend. Date to be announced.	Noted.

The meeting ended at: 5:12 pm.

## Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Action Sheet of Mournes District Electoral Area (DEA) Forum Private Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 2pm via Microsoft Teams

Chairperson: Councillor Laura Devlin

In Attendance: Councillor Leeanne McEvoy

**Councillor Michael Rice** 

Independent Members: Andy Hall, SANSA

**Donna McConnell, Kilkeel Development Association** 

Statutory Partners: Deirdre Magill, Southern Health & Social Care Trust

Council Officials: Aisling Rennick, Engagement & Development Manager

**Taucher McDonald, District Electoral Area Coordinator, The Mournes** 

Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement Laura Sage, Community Facilities Manager

Others in Attendance: None

Apologies: Paula Nixon, CDRCN

Ann Grant, Rural Housing Network Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	FOR COMPLETION — including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed
MOU/2022/20	Welcome/Introductions		Noted.
MOU/2022/21	Declarations of Interest	None made.	Noted.
MOU/2022/27	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	Councillor Reilly nominated for Chair by Councillor Devlin and seconded by Councillor Rice.	Agreed.
		Vice Chair nominated as per rotation.	Agreed.
MOU/2022/24	Action Sheet 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	DEA Coordinator give a brief update and overview of the actions from the previous Forum meeting.	Noted.
MOU/2022/22	DFI – Roads Update for Southern Mournes Division	Noted that DFI had commenced works on Greencastle Street and other areas in the District.	Noted.
MOU/2022/23	PCSP Update	PCSP to provide and update at next Forum meeting.	Noted.
MOU/2022/25	DEA Coordinator's Update	DEA Coordinator provided an update on proposed programmes and initiatives for the 2022/23 Mournes DEA budget and ongoing work in the Mournes area.	DEA Coordinator to circulate dates and venues for upcoming programmes.

MOU/2022/26	Burrendale Estate	Schedule for works at the Burrendale Estate, Newcastle, provided to the Forum.	DEA Coordinator to send Schedule of Works for action to the relevant departments. Update and progress of works to be reported back to the next Forum meeting.
		Councillor Devlin to forward on outstanding works for Burrendale Park Road to DEA Coordinator.	DEA Coordinator to update on progress at next Forum meeting.
MOU/2022/18	AOB	Councillor Rice raised concerns regarding Dog Fouling at the Aughrim Hill.	DEA Coordinator to seek update on action through the relevant department. Woodland Trust and relevant Council department to be invited to attend the next Forum meeting.
		A new time of 4pm for future Mournes DEA Forum meetings to accommodate other members who cannot attend the 2pm meetings was proposed.	The Forum agreed to the new proposed time of 4pm for future Mournes DEA Forum meetings. Council Diary to be Updated.
MOU/2022/19	Date of Next Meeting	Next Forum Meeting.	DEA Coordinator to confirm date of next meeting.

The meeting ended at: 14.35

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 September 2022
Subject:	Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Update Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director Community Engagement

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -For decision x For noting only 1.0 Purpose and Background 1.1 Purpose To note the report. To consider and agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet of the Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 17 August 2022. Background The information in Appendix 1 attached is provided to update the Committee on recent CCH activity and on activity planned to be undertaken by the CCH and its member organisations. 2.0 Key issues 2.1 To coordinate actions to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on individuals and groups in the community. 3.0 Recommendations 3.1 That the Committee: -Note the report. Agree to approve the actions in the Action Sheet attached for: Community Coordination Hub (CCH) Meeting held on Wednesday 17 August 2022. 4.0 Resource implications 4.1 Support and assistance from partners to deliver actions in the CCH action sheet. 5.0 Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) 5.1 General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of  $\boxtimes$ opportunity or good relations

5.2	Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision		
	Yes □ No ⊠		
	If yes, please complete the following:		
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened		
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation		
5.3	Proposal initiating consultation		
	Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves		
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks		
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)		
	Rationale:		
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)		
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service		
	Yes □ No ⊠		
	If yes, please complete the following:		
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed		
7.0	Annondicae		
7.0	Appendices		
7.1	Appendix 1: Action sheet of the CCH Meeting held on Wednesday 17 August 2022.		
8.0	Background Documents		
8.1	None.		

#### **NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## Minutes of Community Coordination Hub Meeting Wednesday 17 August 2022 @ 2:00pm

In Attendance: Chair: Damien Brannigan, Engagement

Sonya Burns, Programmes Unit

Raymond Jackson, Confederation of Community Groups and Strategic Stakeholder Forum (SSF)

Nicholas McCrickard, County Down Rural Community Network and Strategic Stakeholder Forum (SSF)

Aisling Rennick, DEAs

Lauren McMenamy, Community Planning Eamon Keaveney, Sustainability Officer

Richard Patrick, DfC Aidan McCabe, SHSCT

Julie-Anne Harte, Programmes Unit

**Apologies:** Michael Lipsett, Active & Health Communities

Janine Hillen, Community Engagement Justyna McCabe, Programmes Unit Sarah McClory, Programmes Unit Eoin Devlin, Environmental Health Alan Beggs, Community Planning

Martina Flynn, PSCP

Julie McCann, Community Services, Facilities & Events

Rosemarie McDonnell, Community Advice NM&D and Strategic Stakeholder Forum (SSF)

Gerard Rocks, SHSCT James Elliott, DfC

Item	Issue Raised	Agreed:	Referred to	Action taken
1.	Welcome & Apologies	Everyone welcomed to the meeting and apologies given.	All	
2.	Actions from last meeting	Actions from last CCH meeting held attached.	All	
3.	Funding Opportunities	<ul> <li>Funding Opportunities for NI Community. Copy attached for information and distribution as appropriate.</li> </ul>	All	
4.	Community Assistance Centre for Ukrainian Refugees Update	<ul> <li>Opening hours have now been amended to every other Tuesday, 9.30am – 1.00pm and this will be continually reviewed.</li> <li>7 new families attended the Centre for support and help provided by the Council and external agencies.</li> <li>There continues to be a demand and the Assistance Centre will continue to operate as is until September.</li> </ul>	SB/JAH	
5.	Update from DFC	<ul> <li>No new funding is available at present due to Stormont having no sitting government.</li> <li>DfC are considering what Cost of Living Crisis support could become available should funding come available.</li> </ul>	RP	
6.	Social Supermarket (SSM)	<ul> <li>SSM Letter and SSM Report from SSF (copy attached).</li> <li>DfC MoU for 2022/2023 Social Supermarket Support Fund (copy attached).</li> <li>DfC are awarding £100,414.94 to support roll out/design of the SSM.</li> </ul>	All	

		<ul> <li>DfC advised no guarantees on timeframe of operation due to no Stormont.</li> <li>SSM pilots have been rolled out since 2017 – delayed due to Covid but pilots were funded. They will continue to bid for existing award to continue.</li> <li>Proposal made that the £100,414.94 be allocated in principal for SSF to roll out recommendations in the SSM Report, subject to approval of today's action sheet at September AHC Committee Meeting. SSF will refer to CCH to confirm any elements regarding locations etc. Proposed: Damien Brannigan Seconded: Sonya Burns and Aisling Rennick</li> </ul>	RP
7.	Update from Community, Trusts, Council	<ul> <li>Community</li> <li>SSF meeting to be held 9 September regarding SSM Report and finalising details.</li> <li>Cost of living crisis and fuel poverty is the largest issue impacting on families at present and will only increase as the year continues.</li> <li>Eamon encouraged looking at overall picture and explore any grants available for long term fixes such as installing solar panels etc.</li> <li>Trusts</li> <li>SHSC Trust is preparing for the next round of Covid vaccinations and winter flu jabs.</li> <li>They estimate 4/10 families are struggling with fuel poverty and this could increase to 7/10. The concern is this will lead to isolation issues and are examining forming social hubs and alternative solutions to combat this within the community.</li> </ul>	AMcC

		<ul> <li>The Ukrainian Club based at Homestart in Newry is going from strength to strength, families are integrating into the community and children are getting ready to attend local schools.</li> <li>Council</li> <li>Addendums still to be issued regarding funding allocated to CDRCN Hardship Fund and Bolster Community Hardship Fund (£10,522.66) and Rural Health Partnership and Bolster Community (£4,431.00).</li> <li>RJ/NMcC to provide breakdown/split for the £10,522.66.</li> <li>Promotion of the Sustainable food programme is ongoing.</li> <li>On 10 August Council officers met with DfC who are meeting with individual councils to get an understanding of the current needs and future priorities at a local level as opposed to regional level.</li> </ul>	SB  RJ/NMcC EK DB
8.	A.O.B	No other business.	All
9.	Date and time of next meeting	Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 2.00 pm.	

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 2.00 pm

Report to:	Active Healthy Communities
Date of Meeting:	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Subject:	Financial Assistance
Reporting Officer	Janine Hillen
(Including Job Title):	Assistant Director Community Engagement
Contact Officer	Sonya Burns – Head of Programmes
(Including Job Title):	Ciara Burns – Programmes Coordinator
	Sarah McClory – Programmes Coorordinator

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<ul> <li>Call 3 for financial assistance 2022-2023 opened June until July for the following themes:</li> <li>Community Capital</li> <li>Community Events &amp; Festivals at Halloween, Christmas and St. Patrick's Day</li> <li>Community Facilities Minor Capital Items</li> <li>Defibrillator access</li> <li>A total of 131 applications were received across all themes. At the time of writing the report the Community Events and Festivals and Defibrillator Access had been assessed and letter of offers being issued from 13th September 2022.</li> <li>The Minor Capital and Community Capital Items will be brought to October AHC Committee. As per Policy groups which failed stage 1 have been notified, groups still in</li> </ul>
	the process will be contacted for further evidence regarding application process and results will be brought to the next AHC Committee to approve spend.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	• n/a
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul> <li>For noting with Capital report(s) to be brought to October AHC.</li> </ul>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue/Payroll: Capital:
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes  It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations
5.2	Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision

	Yes □ No ⊠	
	If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	
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5.3	Proposal initiating consultation	
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	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	
	Rationale:	
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service  Yes No	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	
7.0	Appendices	
8.0	Background Documents	

Report to:	Active & Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	19 September 2022
Subject:	Ukraine Assistance Centre - Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Janine Hillen, Assistant Director: Active & Healthy Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Justyna McCabe, Programme Coordinator

For d	ecision	For noting only	×	
1.0	Purpos	e and Background		
1.1	The Council is working with The Executive Office and other government departments to support the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in our local district and established the Ukraine Assistance Centre (AC) in Newry Leisure Centre in April 2022.			
	designed to listen	d to be a safe space a to the needs of those	nd ho atter	nent of the integration of Ukrainian refugees. It is sts a number of key public services. Staff are available adding and provide advice on how they might be met, r engagement with the appropriate public service.
	• M	ocation/logistics; Core agency assessme	ents: lealth enefits ucatio ousing egal ac providual	n Authority, g Executive, dvice – Law Centre,
2.0	Key iss	ues		
2.1	T a	Feam in order to enhant ettending the ACs. From 1st August a new O Monday	nce and l	iewed by the Ukraine Refugee Operational Support and provide a better service to those working in and edule has been introduced for August and September: Friday in Belfast 0930 to 1600, Tuesday in Newry 0930 to 1300,

	<ul> <li>every other Wednesday in Craigavon 0930 to 1300,</li> <li>and every Thursday in Ballymena 0930 to 1300.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Arrangement from October are under review.</li> <li>Information as to opening days and times is regularly updated on Council webs</li> </ul>	site
	and social media channels: www.newrymournedown.org/ukraine	5100
	and on www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/ukraine-assistance-centres	
3.0	Recommendations	
3.1	To note the contents of this report	
4.0	Resource implications	
4.1	The Executive Office is expected to cover the costs of the planning, set up, establishm management and resourcing of the Ukraine Assistance Centres.	nent,
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complet the relevant sections)	te
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	Rationale:	
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	

6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service
	Yes No 🗵
	If yes, please complete the following:
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	None

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 September 2022
Subject:	Consultation on management measures on the use of fast craft and personal watercraft (PWC) in marine protected areas.
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Danielle Begley Biodiversity Officer

For decision	X For noting only
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That the Committee consider and agree to return the attached Consultation response.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	The Department consulted on its proposed management measures in marine protected areas designed to reduce the risk of disturbance to marine species from fast craft and personal watercraft.  • Marine wildlife is vulnerable to disturbance any time people are in its immediate area, there is a further risk of disturbance when our presence is accompanied by the noise or speed of a motorised vessel or when there
	<ul> <li>There are ways in which people can enjoy the marine environment and view marine wildlife without causing disturbance to the animals encountered.</li> </ul>
	The Department is proposing management measures to protect marine wildlife from disturbance that may be caused by:
	<ul> <li>Commercial tour operators</li> <li>Leisure users of fast craft including PWC.</li> </ul>
	The Department's goal is to ensure that commercial operators in marine protected areas are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to provide their customers with an experience that allows them to enjoy the marine environment in a sustainable fashion while protecting marine wildlife from disturbance.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee agree to approve the attached Consultation response. The response was submitted by the required date (1st September) on the proviso that it would be subject to Council Approval.
4.0	Resource implications

4.1	None	
5.0	Equality and good relations implications	
5.1	No equality or opportunity or good relations adverse impact is anticipated.	
6.0	Rural Proofing implications	
6.1	This report has not been subject to a rural needs impact assessment.	
7.0	Appendices	
	Appendix 1: Consultation response on management measures on the use of fast craft and personal watercraft (PWC) in marine protected areas.	
8.0	Background Documents	
	Consultation on the management of fast craft and PWC in marine protected areas.PDF (daera-ni.gov.uk)	

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Submitted to Consultation on the management of fast craft and personal watercraft (PWC) in marine protected areas. Submitted on 2022-08-22 16:28:35

#### Introduction

1 What is your name?

Name:

Danielle Begley

2 What is your email address?

Email:

Danielle.begley@nmandd.org

3 Are you responding on behalf of an organisation? If so please provide details in the "additional information" box below

Yes

additional information:

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

4 What are your areas of interest? (select all that apply)

Marine Conservation

additional information:

This response is subject to Council approval.

#### **Commercial Tour Operators**

5 Do you agree with the Department's definition that a Commercial tour operator is, "anyone who uses their vessel to carry fee paying customers for leisure purposes including, but not limited to, activities such as, diving, angling, wildlife tour and thrill rides"?

Yes

Question 5 additional information:

6 Are there any other activities that you feel should be included under this definition?

No

Question 6 additional information:

7 Do you support the proposal, "Permitted access to marine protected areas for all commercial tour operators, conditional on the vessel's skipper gaining certification in the WiSe Scheme"?

Yes

Question 7 additional information:

It is extremely important that commercial tour operators are aware of the protected species in our waters and know how to behave appropriately around them to prevent disturbance.

8 If you are a commercial tour operator, what impact would this proposal have on your business?

Question 8 response.:

N/A

9 Do you have any evidence or points of view that you wish the Department to consider relevant to this proposal?

Question 9 Response:

I am interested in how you chose the designated species at risk of disturbance for each area? For example, in Strangford Lough the Common seal was chosen. Surely cetaceans and seabirds also have potential for disturbance in this area?

Skerries and Causeway SAC.

10 Do you support the proposal, "Provision of Advisory Notice for the operation of fast craft in the SAC"?

Yes

Question 10 additional information:

11 Do you support the proposal, "DAERA plans to commission a site specific survey to determine the level of risk of disturbance experienced by sensitive marine species"?

Yes

Question 11 additional information:

12 Do you support the proposal, "DAERA will continue to work with harbour masters and local authorities around the issues of slipway access"?

Yes

Question 12 additional information:

13 Do you have any evidence or points of view that you wish the Department to consider relevant to these proposals?

Question 13 response.:

No

Rathlin Island SPA / SAC

14 Do you support the proposal, "Provision of Advisory Notice for the operation of fast craft in the SPA / SAC"?

Yes

Question 14 additional information:

15 Do you support the proposal, "DAERA will continue monitoring the risk of disturbance to sensitive species within the SPA/SAC"?

Yes

Question 15 additional information:

16 Do you have any evidence or points of view that you wish the Department to consider relevant to these proposals?

Question 16 response:

No

Strangford Lough SAC.

17 Do you support the proposal, "The Department is proposing four Prohibition zones in Strangford Narrows (Cloghy Rocks, Granagh Bay, Bar Hall Bay and Angus Rock). The prohibition will apply to PWC and other leisure craft not used in navigation"?

Yes

Question 17 additional information:

18 Do you support the proposal, "Permitted access to the SAC for PWC users, conditional on the user's agreement to abide by a code of practice for the operation of PWC in Strangford Lough SAC"?

Yes

Question 18 additional information:

This proposal is important however how will it be enforced? And by whom?

19 Do you support the proposal, "Provision of Advisory Notice for the operation of fast craft in the SAC"?

Yes

Question 19 additional information:

20 Do you have any evidence or points of view that you wish the Department to consider relevant to these proposals?

Question 20 Response:

No

North Channel SAC.

21 Do you support the proposal, "The Department will maintain its monitoring programme and continue to gather evidence to help inform future decision making processes throughout the SAC"?

Yes

Question 21 additional information:

22 Do you support the proposal, "Provision of Advisory Notice for operation of fast craft in the SAC"?

Yes

Question 22 additional information:

23 Do you have any evidence or points of view that you wish the Department to consider relevant to these proposals?

Question 23 response:

Nο

Murlough SAC - Minerstown.

24 Do you support the proposal, "The Department will continue its programme of outreach and engagement with recreational users of the Minerstown area to increase awareness of the risk of disturbance to marine wildlife"?

Yes

Question 24 additional information:

What outreach are the Department doing at Minerstown? I am aware of signage at the beach but am not aware of engagement with recreational users.

25 Do you support the proposal, "Provision of an Advisory Notice for the operation of fast craft in the SAC"?

Yes

Question 25 additional information:

26 Do you have any evidence or points of view that you wish the Department to consider relevant to these proposals?

Question 26 Response:

No

Murlough SAC - Ballykinlar

27 Do you support the proposal, "Provision of Advisory Notice for the operation of PWC and fast craft in the SAC, this advisory note will offer guidance on the use of speed for planing craft including PWC approaching and travelling through the channel between Inner and Outer Dundrum Bay"?

Yes

Question 27 additional information:

28 Do you have any evidence or points of view that you wish the Department to consider relevant to these proposals?

Question 28 Response:

No

#### **Equality and Human Rights**

29 Do you feel that any or all of the proposed measures will have an effect on your equality of opportunity based your equality group? If you select yes please provide your explanation in the additional information box below giving details of how your equality group is affected.

No

Question 29 Additional Information:

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 September 2022
Subject:	Consultation Response: The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Eoin Devlin Assistant Director of Health and Wellbeing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sinead Trainor Head of Environmental Health (Commercial)

Conf	irm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -
For	decision X For noting only
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	That the Committee consider and agree to return the attached Consultation response. The response has been submitted by the required date (9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022) on the proviso that it is subject to Council Approval.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is seeking views and comments from stakeholders on the draft Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 and the potential impact on food businesses and district councils.
	The FSA's assessment of the impact of the proposed regulations is provided below in the background documents. This document sets out the expected impacts of the proposed regulations and the associated costs and benefits for different stakeholders.
	The FSA are seeking feedback on this assessment and any further evidence on the impacts (costs and benefits) that should be taken account of.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee agree to return the attached Consultation response. The response has been submitted by the required date (9 September 2022) on the proviso that it is subject to Council Approval.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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	Rationale: N/A	
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service	
	Yes □ No ⊠	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	
	If no, please complete the following:	
	The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs	$\boxtimes$
7.0	Appendices	

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	Appendix 1: NMDDC Response to Consultation on the Food Standards Agency's Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (NI) 2023
8.0	Background Documents
	Draft Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 <a href="https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Annex%20A">https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Annex%20A</a> Draft%20Food%20Hygiene%20Rating%20Online%20Display%20Regulations%20Northern%20Ireland%202023.pdf
	Impact Assessment for the Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 <a href="https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Annex%208_Impact%20Assessment%20for%20the%20FHR%20online%20display%20regs_Accessible.docx">https://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/media/document/Annex%208_Impact%20Assessment%20for%20the%20FHR%20online%20display%20regs_Accessible.docx</a>



## Consultation on the Food Standards Agency's Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (NI) 2023

## **Newry Mourne and Down District Council Response**

**Document:** The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 | Food Standards Agency

Newry Mourne and Down District Council welcomes the opportunity to provide the comments below on The Food Hygiene Rating (Online Display) Regulation (NI) 2023. While it should be anticipated that these regulations will ensure consistency of Food Hygiene Rating display across all platforms and provide authorised officers with the appropriate tools for enforcement, Newry Mourne and Down District Council has some reservations in respect of being able to enforce this piece of legislation.

#### **Question 1:**

Do you agree with the proposed commencement date which will be immediately following the legislative process (est. April 2023)? If you consider an alternative date appropriate, please specify this and provide a rationale.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council are aware that District Councils are addressing the backlog of inspections that resulted from the pandemic and would point out the focus for the last quarter of the 22/23 year will be on working to the FSA recovery milestone of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Promotion of the FHRS online display regulations is not a priority in the current FSA recovery plan and it may be likely that DC's will not have the resources to support a PR campaign at that time.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council are also aware that should the appropriate legislative processes not be in place then it is likely that the suggested commencement date above may have to be extended. Newry Mourne and Down District Council would point out that the impact assessment refers to additional funding given to all DC's for the 22/23 year for use towards the costs of implementing these regulations. Consideration needs to be given to the possibility that not all work in this regard will be undertaken in the 22/23 financial year. Newry Mourne and Down District Council would welcome further updates in regard to changes to the proposed commencement date and expectations on DC's during the lead up period.

#### Question 2:

Do you have any comments regarding the definition of an "online facility" which will bring certain businesses within scope of this requirement? If you think this definition has included or excluded certain business in the scheme that should or should not be, please provide details and a rationale of why they should be included or excluded.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council do not have any comments regarding the definition of an "online facility".

#### Question 3:

Do you agree with the proposed specified relevant period of 7 days (beginning on the day the rating is published on www.food.gov.uk/ratings) for online display? If not, please state why and provide a rationale for an alternative period.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council are in agreement with the proposed specified relevant period of 7 days for online display as all businesses will have been through the appropriate notification and appeal period prior to publishing.

#### Question 4:

Do you have any comments regarding the definition of the "relevant point" which defines the location of where the food hygiene rating icon must be displayed?

Newry Mourne and Down District Council have no comments in relation to the definition of the "relevant point" as it is clearly explained in the interpretation section of the draft regulations.

#### Question 5:

Do you have any comments regarding the definition of a "social media service?"

Newry Mourne and Down District Council do not have any comments regarding the definition of a "social media service".

#### Question 6:

- a) Does the wording in regulation 3 (2)(a) make it clear who the regulations apply to?
- b) Do you have any comments regarding regulation 3 (2)(a)?
- a) Newry Mourne and Down District Council interprets the wording in regulation 3 (2)(a) to apply to those food business operators who use their own online facility from which food can be purchased and to online facilities that are used by one or more food business operators to sell their foods.
- b) Newry Mourne and Down District Council have no further comments regarding regulation 3(2)(a)

#### Question 7:

- a) Does the wording in regulation 3 (2)(b) make it clear who the regulations apply to?
- b) Do you have any comments regarding regulation 3 (2)(b)?
- a) Please see comments in b)
- b) Newry Mourne and Down District Council are aware of the Food Standards Agency's work with online aggregators and welcome the opportunity for District Council's to participate in such workstreams. The willingness of online aggregators to display prescribed and valid food hygiene ratings is an important factor in the implementation of the online display regulations. Newry Mourne and Down District Council would seek clarification on whether a failure to display a prescribed and valid FHR on an aggregator site constitutes an offence that can be enforced by a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN), in that failure to display an icon at the relevant point is an offence by the FBO. As there does not appear to be any legal

requirement in the draft regulations for aggregators to display ratings, Newry Mourne and Down District Council are concerned that there may be some reluctance from aggregators to do so. FBO's could be committing offences through no fault of their own.

Clarification is being sought on the offence of failure to display a prescribed valid online food hygiene rating. The wording of the fixed penalty notice in Schedule 2 of the Food Hygiene Rating Regulations (NI) 2016 refers to the offence as failure to display an 'online link' contrary to section 10 (1) of the Food Hygiene Rating Act (NI) 2016. The draft online display regulations reference an 'icon'. It is the understanding of Newry Mourne and Down District Council that a link is only to be used by food business operators that have a chain of establishments as detailed in section 3(3) of the draft regulations.

In Schedule 2 Part A of the Food Hygiene Rating Act should the FPN reference section 7(3) in the alleged offence for online display, in a manner similar to the reference of 7(1) in the alleged offence of failure to display a sticker?

Newry Mourne and Down District Council would welcome further engagement by the FSA with social media platform providers in order to address ongoing difficulties District Councils are experiencing with food traders using such platforms. It is envisaged that there may be an increase in complaints from consumers with regard to the display of a FHR by businesses selling via social media. Businesses may not provide all the necessary information on these platforms to enable District Council's to identify where the business is operating from, leaving them unable to register the business or take appropriate enforcement actions.

#### Question 8:

Do you have any comments regarding regulation 3 (3)?

Newry Mourne and Down District Council would bring to the attention of the FSA that as per Regulation 3, a facility that operates in respect of an operator's chain who is permitted to provide a hyperlink to the required information should be encouraged to do so in a way that does not provide an overwhelming amount of information to the consumer on establishments that it would not be possible for them to order from. For example, a UK wide chain listing the FHR of all its establishments including those in mainland GB.

#### **Ouestion 9:**

- a) Do you foresee issues with any of the proposed prescribed key branding parameters in Regulation 4? In particular, do you have any issues with the specification of the colour Green Pantone 376?
- b) Do you foresee any issues with the rating being within the rating scale (0 to 5), to provide some context to consumers, as shown in the FHR images in Figure 2 and Figure 4?
- c) Do you have any other comments on Regulation 4?

Newry Mourne and Down District Council do not have any comments to question 9 or foresee any issues with the questions asked in parts a) and b).

#### Additional comments

Newry Mourne and Down District Council would welcome guidance and/or training in evidence gathering for FHR offences committed online, particularly to ensure compliance with RIPA. Currently RIPA investigations require the agreement and sign off by a magistrate.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council would bring to the attention of the FSA that not all District Councils can carry out online monitoring checks due to internal security restrictions on their IT systems. The use of personal technology would not be acceptable for enforcement purposes. Newry Mourne and Down District Council acknowledges that the additional funding can be used to facilitate exploration into overcoming these barriers however there are still concerns that District Council's will have difficulty enforcing this legislation.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council would welcome further guidance on the use of fixed penalty notices to ensure consistency of enforcement among District Councils. Currently District Councils may operate different time scales for the enforcement of FPN's based on internal procedures.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council are largely in agreement with the assessment of the potential impact and costs of implementation on food businesses and District Councils. Newry Mourne and Down District Council acknowledge the additional funding given to District Councils for the 22/23 financial year is to accommodate the estimated costs. Newry Mourne and Down District Council agree that the scoping estimate of 26% of businesses in NI that use an online ordering facility is low and would suggest a much greater per centage of food businesses will be required to display an online FHR. Newry Mourne and Down District Council note this is acknowledged by the FSA in the impact assessment in that the most up to date data is pre-pandemic and may not reflect the changes to consumer behaviour which resulted from the pandemic.

Newry Mourne and Down District Council also agree that in order to minimise impacts on District Councils in the monitoring and enforcement of the online display regulations, they should adopt a risk based and proportionate approach and target resources to focus on businesses that are non-broadly compliant.

Report to:	Active and Healthy Communities (AHC)
Date of Meeting:	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
Subject:	Inclusive Beach – Newcastle
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Lipsett, Director: Active and Healthy Communities
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paul Tamati, Assistant Director: Leisure and Sport

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-For decision x For noting only Purpose and Background 1.0 1.1 The purpose of this report is for AHC Committee to consider and agree that infrastructure and resource to upgrade Newcastle to 'Inclusive beach' status should be established as per the recommendations of the Mae Murray Foundation (MMF) and be progressed as part of Council's Public Toilet strategy via Neighbourhood Services department. In September 2019 Councillor Clarke tabled the following notice of motion: "This Council provides disability access on to Newcastle beach to enable the facility to be inclusive, which will enhance the visitor experience for all, this initiative will build upon the successful partnership between the Mae Murray Foundation (MMF) and Council in providing an inclusive destination at Cranfield beach". In August 2021 the Councillor Brown tabled the following notice of motion: "This Council supports accessibility for all our residents and notes the lack of accessibility onto beaches for those in wheelchairs in the Newry, Mourne and Down (NMD) area. Therefore, Council will trial the provision of beach wheelchairs, 'floating' wheelchairs and beach access matting on Newcastle beach, with the intention of expanding to other beach areas in due course." On behalf of Council the MMF has completed district wide feasibility work in relation to identifying opportunities to establish 'inclusive beaches' in the Council area. As part of this work the MMF has established an inclusive beach in Cranfield which has been a very successful pilot that has led to a significant increase in inclusive access opportunities and overwhelming support from the public at this beach. 2.0 Key issues 2.1 A. The MMF presented their findings of their feasibility work on inclusive beaches in the NMD Council area to AHC Committee in August 2022. The key findings and recommendation of this presentation outlined the following: B. Not every beach can provide the necessary resources and/or infrastructure to become an inclusive beach. To establish 'Inclusive Beach' status key components must be in place or have the potential to be established including: 1. Access Parking

- 3. Connectivity
- 4. Toileting
- 5. Lifting and Handling
- 6. Participation
- C. The NMD review considered Murlough, Kilclief, Ballyhornan, Tyrella, Cranfield and Newcastle beaches with Cranfield now established as an 'Inclusive Beach'.
- D. The MMF in consultation with officers have identified the area incorporating Downs Road Public Toilets as a preferred location/option to establish inclusive beach infrastructure including:
  - Priority of establishment of 'changing places' toilet facilities.
  - Establishment of storage space of up to 20 sqm.
  - Establishment of bespoke inclusive beach car parking arrangements in the Downs Road car park next to the proposed public and changing places toilet facilities.
  - Establishment of staffing resources to carry out inclusive beach access related work which could be combined with any planned public toilet resource provision.
  - Currently there is good beach access near this site with the above also complimenting the newly established inclusive play park at Downs Road.
- E. Currently Neighbourhood Services are undertaking a 'Public Toilet Strategy' which is considering the provision for 'changing places' facilities and staffing resources for public toilets in Newcastle, given the high usage statistics in this area.
- F. It is proposed that the preferred option as per point 2.1.D is progressed through Neighbourhood Services directorate as part of the Council's Public Toilet strategy.

#### 3.0 Recommendations

3.1 That AHC Committee consider the contents of this report and agree:

Officers have now completed feasibility and scoping work in relation to 'Inclusive Beaches' and recommend the preferred option as outlined in 2.1.F of the officer's report is now progressed.

### 4.0 Resource implications

4.1 **Revenue**: There are payroll resource implications relating to the recommendation outlined in the report however it is anticipated that these will be considered as part of the wider implementation of the Public Toilet Strategy.

**Capital**: There are Capital resource implications relating to the recommendation outlined in the report however it is anticipated that these will be considered as part of the wider implementation of the Public Toilet Strategy.

- 5.0 Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
- 5.1 General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations	$\boxtimes$
5.2	Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision	e
	Yes □ No ⊠	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	
	Anticipated to be completed as part of the implementation of the Public Toilet Strategy.	
5.3	Proposal initiating consultation	
	Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves	
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	
	Rationale: Anticipated to be completed as part of the implementation of the Public Tol Strategy.	ilet
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service	
	Yes □ No ⊠	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	
	If no, please complete the following:	
	The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs	

	Anticipated to be completed as part of the implementation of the Public Toilet Strategy.
7.0	Appendices
	None
8.0	Background Documents
	Notice of Motion September 2019
	Notice of Motion August 2021
	AHC Presentation August 2022