

February 3rd, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 8th February 2021 at 6:00 pm** in **Microsoft Teams**.

Committee Membership:-

Councillor A McMurray (Chairperson)

Councillor M Ruane (Deputy Chairperson)

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor D Curran

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor R Howell

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor D McAteer

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Savage

Councillor G Stokes

Councillor J Tinnelly

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairpersons remarks.

2.0 Declarations of Interest.

3.0 Action Sheet: Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting - Monday 11 January 2021. (Attached)

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Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

4.0 Full Fibre NI - Operational Costs. (Attached)

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5.0 Warrenpoint Frontshore and proposed one way system. (Attached)

[ERT Report - Warrenpoint Front Shore PR Scheme T&F Group.pdf](#)

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6.0 Warrenpoint Municipal Park. (Attached)

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Tourism, Culture and Events Items

7.0 Hospitality Exchange Conference/Exhibition. (Attached)

[ERT Report - Hospitality Exchange Conference sponsorship support.pdf](#)

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Exempt Information Items

8.0 ERT Procurement Plan. (To follow)

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9.0 Marketing Framework Business Case. (Attached)


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[EXEMPT ERT Report - Marketing Framework.pdf](#)

Not included

10.0 Newry BID Revote. (Attached)

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 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Newry BID Revote 2021.pdf*

Not included

11.0 Newry Chamber Events Sponsorship. (Attached)

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 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Newry Chamber Sponsorship.pdf*

Not included

12.0 Rent Relief - Tourism Facilities. (Attached)

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 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Rent Relief.pdf*

Not included

13.0 Update re: Service Level Agreements. (Attached)

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 *EXEMPT ERT Report - KDA and DCDR SLA update.pdf*

Not included

14.0 Tourism Trading Pitches. (To follow)

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For Noting

15.0 Update re: Atlantic Culturescape. (Attached)

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16.0 Castlewellan Forest Park Task & Finish Working Group.

(Attached)

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17.0 Confucious Institute - Service Level Agreement. (Attached)

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18.0 ERT - Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)

 *ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet - for Feb Mtg 2021.pdf*

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**19.0 Labour Market Partnership & Towncentre Taskforce.
(Attached)**

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20.0 Planning Performance Figures - January 2021. (Attached)

 *JANUARY 2021 Planning Committee Performance Report.pdf*

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21.0 Restocking of Quoile River. (Attached)

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Ms Kate Bingham

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Roisin Howell

Mr Colum Jackson

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Miss Mary Lennon

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Sandra Magee

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Jonathan McGilly

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKeveitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Margaret Morrow

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTION SHEETENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/004/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: HOUSING SYSTEM	To adopt the Notice of Motion formally proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Harte regarding the Housing System. Mr Mallon Director ERT to contact Councillor Savage regarding a potential Social Housing Needs Symposium in 2021.	A McKay	Awaiting Full Council approval and expiry of call in period to 8 Feb.	N
ERT/005/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: NZEB CODE	To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding the Nearly Zero Energy Buildings Code (NZEB) which was formally proposed by Councillor P Brown, and seconded by Councillor Enright, with an amendment included that the Motion be copied to the other 10 Councils in Northern Ireland.	C Jackson	Awaiting Full Council approval and expiry of call in period to 8th Feb.	N
ERT/006/2021	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	1. Council now approve the Business Case for the Carlingford Lough Greenway 'Site Investigation Study' and issue the relevant Purchase Order, following tender assessment and award.	J McGilly	Work in progress.	N

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		2. Council asked to include funding towards the Carlingford Lough Greenway project within the Capital Programme for 2021/22.			
ERT/007/2021	ERDF RECOVERY PROGRAMME DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME	The Council work in partnership with 11 Councils to develop and submit bid to Invest NI by 31 January for a regional business support programme looking at digital transformation/ innovation for SMEs. As the application progresses further detail to be provided on likely number of participant companies for each Council area. Cost to Council is £25,000 over 2 financial years.	J McGilly	Application submitted	Y
ERT/008/2021	FORKHILL FORMER BARRACK SITE	<p>1. Council to note the Report of the meeting on the 17/11/2020 and acknowledge the work of the sub-group set-up to agree the community consultation questionnaire on the future of the Former Forkhill Barracks site. Subject to full partnership group sign off in January 2021, support the Public Consultation process in early 2021.</p> <p>2. Council agree to the putting in place/extension of the License Agreement between it and the Department for Communities for those pathway and play elements of the Forkhill Greenspace Site that it is currently responsible for.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		3. Council agree to the finalisation/extension of the License Agreement between it and Forkhill Parish to enable the Church Car Park Access point to the site to be maintained.			
ERT/009/2021	SRC BIG APPRENTICESHIP EVENTS	<p>The Council issue a Service Level Agreement to Southern Regional College for sponsorship towards the delivery of their Big Apprenticeship Event in April 2021.</p> <p>Mr C Mallon Director ERT to report back to Councillor H Reilly regarding access to the apprenticeship levy.</p>	J McGilly	completed	Y
ERT/010/2021	WARRENPOINT FRONTSHORE PR SCHEME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members area asked to accept the broad Concept Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with suggested adjustments and proceed to a Consultation Process in early 2021. Officers report on feedback from the consultation process to the Task and Finish Group, before proceeding to finalise the design for submission to planning. Officers complete and submit the Economic Appraisal to Council and the Department For Communities for 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>consideration of the funding package for the scheme.</p> <p>4. Members approve the Business Case to carry out a Site Investigation Survey and other smaller surveys costs as required to prepare for the planning submission.</p> <p>5. Once completed officers will present the DFI One Way system proposal for Warrenpoint at a future meeting of Crotlieve Cllrs in early 2021.</p>			
ERT/011/2021	FRAMEWORK: ACCOMMODATION /CATERING / VENUE HIRE	To accept a business case for a Framework appointment for a three-year accommodation/venue hire/ catering procurement for the entire Council valued at circa £165,000 per annum.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/012/2021	DAERA: RURAL TOURISM COLLABORATIVE EXPERIENCE PROG	To issue a tender for a Facilitator at a cost of £37,500 which includes market research.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/013/2021	(EXEMPT) ANNALONG NORTH PIER WALL RESTORATION	<p>1. Council approve the Business Case for the Annalong Harbour North Pier Project and issue the relevant Purchase Orders to Contractor and Consultant.</p> <p>2. Council include the necessary funding towards the Annalong North Pier project</p>	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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		within the Capital Programme for 2021/22, and seek funding through FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group)			
ERT/014/2021	(EXEMPT) CLOSING ORDER APPEAL – BAY OF BENGAL	To amend our Closing Order to permit the premises to open to 1am from Friday to Sunday and close the premises at 12 midnight on weekdays and, that the owner provides a self-closing device on the external door.	C Jackson	Notification received from the court 29/1/21 advising the council to amend the closing order as per the agreed terms.	Y
ERT/015/2021	(EXEMPT) CAR PARKS – FUTURE SERVICE PROVISION	Council officially inform the Department for Infrastructure of the Council's intention to test the market and seek options outside of the current Agency Agreement for the service delivery of the Off-Street Parking enforcement contract post October 2022.	C Jackson	In progress	N
ERT/017/2021	UPDATE RE: PROJECT STRATUM	Officials to invite representatives from Fibrus to attend a future meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee to give a presentation to Members on work they are carrying out in the District.	J McGilly	Work in progress, date to be agreed	N

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	FFNI Operational Costs
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Forster FFNI Operations Lead

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To highlight to elected members the additional contribution requested from Council to fund the FFNI Operations team.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The FFNI (Full Fibre Northern Ireland) Consortium is made up of the 10 rural councils outside of Belfast and another central government public body, the Business Services Organisation. The project is hosted by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p> <p>The Consortium has made a successful collective bid for £24m to support digital infrastructure development across Northern Ireland from two funding programmes managed by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).</p> <p>FFNI secured £15m of funding in February 2019 under the Local Full Fibre Networks Challenge Fund and in September 2019, the project made a further successful application for £9m of funding under the Rural Gigabit Capable programme.</p> <p>The LFFN & RGC project will connect approx. 969 public sector buildings, ensuring that almost all Council, Health, Fire and Rescue sites in Northern Ireland have access to future-proofed fibre connectivity. The commercial model offers FFNI partners the opportunities for improved digital transformation, service improvements and network cost savings through its design for each partner.</p> <p>Unlike project Stratum, which is a state aid project and fixes a major rural problem using government funding directly, FFNI uses these public-sector sites as hubs to further improve, accelerate and stimulate full fibre rollout by increasing the locations in scope for commercial fibre investment.</p>

	<p>The FFNI projects (LFFN & RGC) form a key part of a larger £52m intervention that will introduce ultrafast connections to members sites and will provide fibre connectivity to an estimated 368,594 premises across Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Within Newry, Mourne and Down, the project will deliver connectivity to 72 of the Council’s sites which is estimated to make Ultrafast fibre available to around 56,890 premises in or near the Council’s area.</p> <p>The FFNI Programme will bring several benefits to our residents and businesses and to the public sector partners:</p> <p>Improved economic performance: through better and more widespread digital infrastructure provision enabling more businesses to locate and grow, increasing sustainable employment opportunities, and attracting high value jobs for individuals who in turn make financial contributions into the local economy.</p> <p>Related benefit: An estimated GVA improvement of £180m in Northern Ireland’s economy over the next 15 years.</p> <p>Improved individual wellbeing & community cohesion: by enabling better and more digitally connected individuals, communities and society at large.</p> <p>Related benefit: Reduced social exclusion as more individuals and groups typically in rural areas will have the ability to digitally connect with each other.</p> <p>Improved Public Sector service efficiency and delivery: By enabling Newry, Mourne and Down to work more efficiently and cost effectively, confident in the knowledge that the council has enough bandwidth to support delivery, and citizens have enough bandwidth to receive the services.</p> <p>Related benefits: Reduced operating costs by moving more council services available online. Improved quality and customer satisfaction by creating more accessible services for users, as well as improving the ways in which citizens can contact the council. Improved delivery and quality of council services such as CCTV and telephony, and future smart technologies, which are reliant on high quality bandwidth.</p> <p>Greater environmental benefit: Through a reduction in the need to travel for work purposes.</p> <p>Related benefit: A reduction in CO2 emissions, which has not been quantified at this time.</p>
<p>2.0</p>	<p>Key issues</p>

2.1	<p>As the lead Council, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council manage the FFNI Operations Team which has been established to deliver the project at a central level and ensure the administration and drawdown of funding from DCMS.</p> <p>The FFNI Operations Team has been faced with a series of extremely complex and technical issues associated with the procurement process and risks in relation to the FFNI infrastructure. The impact of this has been that additional funding for the centralised operations team required is higher than the value originally anticipated.</p> <p>The programme end date has also been extended due to external delay from September 2021 to December 2021. Whilst this is to be welcomed in terms of a longer delivery period, funding for the Operations team (officers & consultancy) is not available for this extension.</p> <p>NMDDC has written to all of the FFNI Consortium members requesting that a further contribution of up to £19,853 is made towards the operations team and future management costs, in addition to the £50,000 (per Council) previously agreed in Sept 2019.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended that Council fund NMDDC's contribution of £19,853 towards the FFNI Operations Team to ensure delivery of the programme and sites by the programme end date (31 st December 2021)
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £19,853 to fund the NMDDC's proportion of the Operation Team costs. • NMDDC Officer time
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p>

	<p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p>Proposal initiating consultation</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>N/A</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p> <p>N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	Special meeting of Warrenpoint FS PR Scheme T&F Group with DFI held on 15/01/2021
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Seamus Crossey – Project Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To seek approval for the recommendations as set out in Section 3.1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that Councillors not in attendance were updated on the meeting. 2. Note the presentation and welcome the DFI proceeding to a further public engagement process on the study and its findings. 3. Ensure that Council and its consultants looking after the design of the Public Realm Scheme, remain in close contact with DFI to see how they plan to progress beyond the study. 4. Important that an overall approach to the traffic issues in Warrenpoint is looked at to include car-parking, park & share, cycling and public transport access. 5. Council utilise the existing Service Level Agreement (SLA) with County Down RCN to obtain their assistance with the upcoming Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Perception and Consultation Processes. <p><u>Background</u> As an outstanding action from a previous Task and Finish Meeting, DFI officials joined the Steering Group meeting to outline that their consultants had undertaken a traffic assessment and modelling exercise on the current traffic flows and proposed options to try and alter some of the traffic problems via a one-way system in Warrenpoint.</p> <p>The purpose of this meeting was very much about presenting the initial findings of the assessment and modelling to local councillors and those taking forward the Public Realm Scheme, prior to any public engagement process.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	DFI had commissioned Consultants to look at the overall traffic picture in Warrenpoint Town Centre. An in-depth assessment of traffic flow was undertaken

	<p>across all the main routes to and through the Town during a range of peak and non-peak periods.</p> <p>Those areas of concern causing the build-up across the town were clearly highlighted by the study.</p> <p>Applying a modelling tool, 2 different options were shown in regards how a one-way system could help to reduce congestion within Warrenpoint.</p> <p>The presentation also highlighted the potential for additional car parking, cycleways and green spaces, if a one-way system option were considered.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that Councillors not in attendance were updated on the meeting. 2. Note the presentation and welcome the DFI proceeding to a further public engagement process on the study and its findings. 3. Ensure that Council and its consultants looking after the design of the Public Realm Scheme, remain in close contact with DFI to see how they plan to progress beyond the study. 4. Important that an overall approach to the traffic issues in Warrenpoint is looked at to include car-parking, park & share, cycling and public transport access. 5. Council utilise the existing Service Level Agreement (SLA) with County Down RCN to obtain their assistance with the upcoming Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Perception and Consultation Processes.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Council have no available monies to assist with the one-way study and its future engagement or potential delivery.</p> <p>To assist with usage of the CDRCN SLA, Council have a Capital Budget in 2020/21 (50k) and 2021/22 (130k) to cover ongoing costs of RIBA stages 1-3 of the project. Longer term, an Economic Appraisal will be completed and submitted for main scheme funding from DFC and Council. A separate report on this will be taken back to Council when ready.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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7.0	Appendices
7.1	Report of Warrenpoint Front Shore PR Scheme Task & Finish Group Mtg with DFI 15 th Jan 2021
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Title of Working Group/Forum: Special meeting of Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme - Task and Finish Steering Group with DFI

Date/time/venue: Friday 15th January 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Cllrs present: Cllr M Gibbons, Cllr D McAteer, Cllr K McKeivitt, Cllr M Ruane

Other Attending: Ms C McInerney (DFC), Mr B Cunningham (DFC), Mr R Preston (Consultants), Ms E Rose (Consultants), Mr M Kelly (WBR Chamber), Mr V Russell (DFI), Mr D McCullagh (DFI)

Chaired by: Cllr D McAteer Officers present: Mr J McGilly, S Crossey

Apologies for non-attendance: Cllr J Tinnelly, Mr M Patterson, Ms S Keenan, Ms C Thornton

Agenda Item Number	Subject	Agreed way forward (if matter requires Committee/Council approval, a separate Report should be compiled and submitted to Committee)	Lead Officer	Actions taken/Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
1	Study Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DFI officials outlined that their consultants had undertaken a traffic assessment and modelling exercise on the current traffic flows and proposed options to try and alter some of the traffic problems via a one-way system in Warrenpoint. - He added that this meeting was very much about presenting the initial findings of the assessment and modelling to local councillors and those taking forward the Public Realm Scheme, prior to public engagement. 	S Crossey	1.)_Ensure that Councillors not in attendance were updated on the meeting.	N

2	Presentation by DFI on the completed draft study on the Warrenpoint Town traffic assessment and future options proposal	<p>Consultants were appointed and commissioned to look at the overall traffic picture in Warrenpoint Town Centre.</p> <p>In-depth assessment of traffic flow was undertaken across all the main routes to and through the Town during a range of peak and non-peak periods.</p> <p>Those areas of concern causing the build-up across the town were clearly highlighted by the study.</p> <p>Applying a modelling tool, 2 different options were shown in regards how a one-way system could help to reduce congestion within Warrenpoint.</p> <p>The presentation also highlighted the potential for additional car parking, cycleways and green spaces, if a one-way system option were considered.</p>	S Crossey	<p>2.)_Note the presentation and welcome the DFI proceeding to a further public engagement process on the study and its findings.</p> <p>3.) Ensure that Council and its consultants looking after the design of the Public Realm Scheme, remain in close contact with DFI to see how they plan to progress beyond the study.</p>	N
3	Key Discussion Items;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment clearly highlights the traffic issues Warrenpoint is facing particularly during peak periods. - Important that the overall town of Warrenpoint is considered in the context of any change to the current traffic flow system - Important discussions now need to 	S Crossey	<p>4.)_Important that an overall approach to the traffic issues in Warrenpoint is looked at to include car-parking, park & share, cycling and public transport access.</p>	N

		<p>be had with Translink and other key stakeholders around the study and its proposals.</p> <p>- Irrespective of traffic flows now or in the future, ensuring safer pedestrian access along and across the Front Shore is important.</p>			
4	AOB	<p>- With the upcoming business and public perception & consultation processes for the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme, Council officials sought approval to use the existing Service Level Agreement (SLA) with County Down RCN to obtain their assistance.</p>	S Crossey	5.) Council utilise the existing Service Level Agreement (SLA) with County Down RCN to obtain their assistance with the upcoming Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Perception and Consultation Processes.	N

Signed: _____ Seamus Crossey (Project Manager - Lead Officer)

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	Warrenpoint Municipal Park – National Lottery Heritage Fund
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh, Project Development Officer

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note and approve recommendations in 3.1:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To accept the extension from 30 June 2021 to 31 December 2021 by NLHF to deliver the approved purposes of the funding To approve part funding the “Friends of” first year of insurance costs at 43% NMDDC, NLHF 57% (budget available within the project) <p><u>Background</u> Council received funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) in 2016 to restore built heritage of Warrenpoint Municipal Park. To date the Park has hosted a wide range of activities and events in the Park, schools and online.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension to Letter of Offer The Letter of Offer is due to expire on 30 June 2021, however due to the impact Covid-19, NLHF has approved extending the project to 31 December 2021 at no additional cost to NLHF and NMDDC. NLHF has agreed to reprofile budgets to deliver the approved purposes of the Letter of Offer and to add value to the offering within the Park. Approved purposes of the Letter of Offer <i>“Friends” Group</i> One of the approved purposes of the project is to establish a “Friends” group. The Group has engaged with County Down Rural Community Network to form a constituted group. The NLHF has agreed to part fund the first year of insurance costs (professional, public and indemnity). This will ensure the group is eligible to apply for financial assistance from a range of sources.

	<p><i>Training placements/opportunities</i></p> <p>Another approved purpose of the project is to host training placements. A horticulture student post will be advertised to undertake a number of projects including recording and researching details of historical plants within Warrenpoint Municipal Park and developing information for interpretation panels to be located within the Park.</p> <p>Community Development/Active Citizenship training opportunities will be offered online to citizens that are interested in volunteering in the Park in the future.</p> <p>Officers are researching horticulture and tourism courses that can be delivered online and offered to citizens that are interested in volunteering in the Park in the future.</p> <p><i>Establish an interpretation space within restored pavilion.</i></p> <p>The pavilion has been restored as an interpretation space. It has been previously used as an outreach classroom, event and workshop space. To ensure the space is utilised going forward NLHF has agreed to fund a small kitchenette in the storage room. By providing this facility it means post project that the space can be used by a wide range of groups including schools, community groups, volunteers</p> <p><i>Reinstate authentic planting and landscaping</i></p> <p>Council Officers (Grounds Maintenance and ERT) are working with a landscape consultant to reinstate authentic planting and landscaping to the Seaview entrance of the Park. It is anticipated that this work will be undertaken in the Spring.</p> <p><i>Activities</i></p> <p>Activities in the Park have been interrupted due to Covid-19. Activities have moved online. Officers continue to work with NLHF and the community to deliver activities related to the heritage of the Park.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To accept the extension from 30 June 2021 to 31 December 2021 by NLHF to deliver the approved purposes of the funding 2. To approve part funding the "Friends of" first year of insurance costs at 43% NMDDC, NLHF 57% (budget available within the project)
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Funding is secured from NLHF 57% and NMDDC 43%.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

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

	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	Sponsorship for the "Hospitality Exchange" conference/ exhibition for the hospitality sector organised by the Northern Ireland Hotels Federation (NIHF)
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson Assistant Director of Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	x	For noting only	
1.0			Purpose and Background
1.1			<p><u>Purpose</u> To seek Council support in the form of sponsorship for "Hospitality Exchange" conference and exhibition 2021. This is Northern Ireland's largest conference and exhibition for the hospitality sector and is organised by the Northern Ireland Hotels Federation (NIHF).</p> <p><u>Background</u> Hospitality Exchange - The Business Outlook will be an online event and will take place on Tuesday 9th March 2021. This event will available on a fully supported online platform with the content will be recorded and available after the event. This year's conference working title is "The Business Outlook", there will be a focus on informing the industry through the difficult periods of survival, reopening and into recovery. The March event is aimed at all those in the tourism and hospitality sectors. There will be a range of presentations, insights and discussions as well as a look at the global status of the sector.</p>
2.0			Key issues
2.1			<p>Sponsorship presence at this event will build on the Council's brand recognition within the regional hospitality sector. The District has a growing reputation for improved product offering and investment in the sector</p> <p>It is also a key opportunity for Council to be involved in a conference which will help support the industry at this challenging time.</p> <p>Domestic tourism in 2021 is projected to be higher than in other years as the pandemic is still present. Due to this it is expected that learning at this event will provide valuable guidance for the 2021 tourism season.</p>
3.0			Recommendations

3.1	<p>To grant a one off sponsorship fee which will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Ticket access for the 9th March event with access log-ins. • All sponsors will be featured as part of the digital build and will feature on a sponsor reel that will be run over the course of the event. • All sponsors will appear on main programme for the event, which will feature in trade magazines and will also be emailed to industry database. This will be digital. • Sponsor logo on all promotional materials
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Sponsorship fee of £1,000 + VAT for the Hospitality Exchange conference and exhibition. The budget is available within revenue budgets
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> N/A</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)
	<i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	Business Case
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council SUPPORT PROPOSAL

Hospitality Exchange - The Business Outlook 2021 (Working Title)

The Business Outlook will be an online event and will take place on Tuesday 9th March 2021. This event may be available on a fully supported online platform with the content will be recorded and available after the event.

Background

Hospitality Exchange is Northern Ireland's largest conference and exhibition for the hospitality sector. It is organised by the Northern Ireland Hotels Federation (NIHF). The pandemic saw the 2020 event move online with a plan to hold a series of events under the Hospitality Exchange banner over the course of 2020-21. These events will remain online until it is permitted to hold meetings and conference. There focus will be on informing the industry through the difficult periods of survival, reopening and into recovery. The March event is aimed at all those in the tourism and hospitality sectors. There will be a range of presentations, insights and discussions as well as a look at the global status of the sector.

Newry Mourne & Down District Council have a considerable interest in the tourism and hospitality industry and have shown innovative leadership for the sector. We would be keen for the Council to have a presence this year as a sponsor of the overall event.

Summary of programme to date:

The Business outlook will run throughout the morning and will be hosted by veteran BBC journalist, Mark Simpson. The event will look at the effects of the COVID19 crisis to date on the tourism and hotel sectors. The event will also look at the coming year with an outlook on the sector, the route to recovery and the changes for the industry in the long term.

The programme is currently being finalised and the themes will include:

- **The Economic Landscape**, Gareth Hetherington, Director of the Ulster University Economic Policy Centre will examine the effects of the pandemic on the local economy particularly on hotels, tourism and hospitality. How this think this will play out in the coming year and what can be done to assist recovery.
- **Hotel Insights** with performance and recovery in mind. Sarah Duignan, Director of Client Service at STR will look give their forecast on 2021, how recovery in going on a global basis and an in depth look at the local hotel scene.
- **What's next for Destination Marketing?** Justin Reid, Director of Destination Marketing (EMEA), TripAdvisor will speak what's being going in the world of travel. Using their considerable market intelligence, he will outline what should a region highlight to speed recovery and what how will post pandemic travel unfold.
- **Reawakening** - bringing your brand/business back to life – a post COVID insight to recovery with tips from leading marketing and branding expert. A great session planned with practical tips, industry insights and
- **Consumer sentiment** - are customers keen to travel again, what are the looking for and what are the barriers to travel. Neil Aulton, Head of Strategy & Insights at Tourism Ireland will report their latest research into the consumer psyche.
- **Embracing our Giant spirit**, bringing Northern Ireland to market, deploying the new brand and how to get standout in the marketplace. Tourism Northern Ireland will speak about bring the brand to life and how this can help your business
- **A Success Story** - an insight from a leading industry figure on their journey through expansion, recession and survival.
- **Globetrotting: A Return to Travel** – leading travel journalist, Simon Calder in conversation will give his thoughts on travel ,tourism and what in store for 2021.

- **The Future of Tourism Panel Discussion** with thoughts on the coming season and the support the industry requires.

Benefits in relation to the Summit:

- Digital Ticket access for the 9th March event with access log-ins. The package would include ten unique log-in codes.
- All sponsors will be feature as part of the digital build and will feature on a sponsor reel that will be run over the course of the event.
- All sponsors will appear on main programme for the event, which will feature in trade magazines and will also be emailed to industry database. This will be digital.
- Sponsor logo on all promotional materials

Costs

The sponsorship for this event is £1,000 + VAT

The final programme for The Business Outlook 2021 (please note this is a working title) is under development and will be released at the February 2021

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	AONB and Geopark AtlanticCultureScape Project – Extension
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the update provided on the AtlanticCultureScape project.</p> <p><u>Background</u> This report summaries the project, progress to date, the implications of pandemic restrictions, and the recommended 6-month extension.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>AtlanticCultureScape project background and update</p> <p>Newry Mourne and Down DC are lead partner with seven partners across Europe</p> <p>The project is a 3 year project – April 2019 to March 2022. Total project budget is funded at 75%: €1,989,845 (€1,492,384)</p> <p>The aim of the project is to stimulate economic development through the support of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) and creation of saleable ICH tourism experiences across the 7 partner regions.</p> <p>There are 29 Work Packages; 11 completed, 13 partially complete and 5 not started. There are currently 21 businesses in NMDDC receiving support through the project.</p> <p><u>Challenges to the project delivery</u> The 7 regions across Europe taking part in this project are similar to NMDDC; on the periphery of large urban centres and rural, so while NMDDC has been able to adapt to the restrictions of 2020 and move everything online with participants with minimum</p>

	<p>disruption, other partners have struggled. Some regions have insufficient internet and phone signal capabilities to deliver the project to project partners. With continued restrictions across Europe, and the uncertainty of restrictions being continued through into 2021, there is an impact on work packages not progressed according to timescale as they require face to face interaction, i.e. the ICH Tourism Experiences that have been developed online over this past 6 months now need to be field and market tested.</p> <p>The programme funder (Atlantic Area) has put in place a 6-month time only extension for the programme which will now be integrated into the programme timescale. This will allow NMDDC and the other partners to deliver the project aims as set out in the application form and letter of offer. A 6 month extension would take the project from March 2022 to September 2022, however the additional time will be managed within existing budgets by agreeing a modification request to move budgets accordingly. Staff contacts will be managed within existing budgets to ensure an appropriate level of resource for the extension period.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the update provided on the Atlantic Culture Scape project.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Council contributions are agreed and in place for the programme. Programme activity and subsequent will be managed within agreed budgets.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>5.3</p>	<p>Proposal initiating consultation</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p><i>Rationale:</i> NA</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
<p>6.1</p>	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>N/A</p>
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	Castlewellan Forest Park
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh - Project Development Officer

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the contents of the report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Council has been progressing the vision to create a heritage led destination at Castlewellan Forest Park by connecting people with the natural and built heritage of the historic Demesne with several stakeholders.</p> <p><u>DAERA</u> Council is in receipt of a LoO from DAERA for £500,000 for the construction and restoration of several historic structures at the Bothy Yard and to improve access. A licence agreement has been agreed with Forest Service and a contractor appointed.</p> <p><u>NLHF</u> Council applied to NLHF on 23 November 2020 for partnership funding to restore and protect the woody plant collection, open the Rhododendron Wood and reinstate the Bothy Yard as a working hub of the Arboretum. Planning consultation is live.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p><u>Board meetings</u> Task and Finish Board meetings are continuing bi-monthly.</p> <p><u>DAERA</u> Contractor is on site at The Bothy under the supervision of an archaeologist and ecologist due to the historic setting and presence of wildlife. It is envisaged that work will be complete by July 2021.</p>

	<p><u>NLHF</u> The development phase of the NLHF project closed in December 2020 with Council receiving £247,000 of funding from NLHF over a two-year period.</p> <p>To enable Council to apply for planning permission for the proposed plans, a Planning Application Notice opened on 21 December 2020 and will close on 15 March 2021. Virtual online public consultations took place during the last week of January 2021 accompanied by public notices in papers and online promotion. Following the completion of the public consultation the findings will be provided to the Integrated Design Team for review and consideration. Planning application will be submitted if the application for funding to NLHF is successful.</p> <p><u>Draft Lease – DAERA Forest Service</u> A draft lease has been agreed in principle and negotiations between Council and DAERA Forest Service are continuing.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the Planning Application Notice To note the action report from the Task and Finish Board meetings held on 15 January 2021
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>£500,000 funding secured from DEARA through the Rural Development tourism measure.</p> <p>It is anticipated that NLHF will provide match funding at 49% of £5.5 million. Council has provision in the capital plan to provide match funding to NLHF project. Match funding will also be secured through the provision of volunteer and staff time.</p>
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7.0	Appendices
	Appendix 1 - Report of Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board meeting held on 15 th January 2021
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report of Castlewellan Forest Park Task and Finish Project Board meeting held on Friday 15th January 2021 hosted via Remote Video Conference on Microsoft Teams.

Attendees:

Chair: Dr S Montgomery

Councillors: Cllr W Clarke, Cllr R Howell and Cllr A McMurray

In Attendance:

Others: J J Cassidy and I Irwin (Forest Service)

Council Officials: J Ellis, A Magee, A Mallon, J McGilly A McVeigh, A Patterson, C Quinn and K Scullion

Apologies: Cllr L Devlin, Cllr H Gallagher, Cllr G Hanna, Cllr A Lewis and Mr M Carey (MHT)

Item 1. Welcome:

S Montgomery wished attendees a Happy New Year.

Item 2. Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

Item 3. Report from Previous Meeting on 6 November 2020	Action
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The report was agreed as true and accurate record on the proposal of Cllr McMurray seconded by Cllr W Clarke	
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Item 4. Matters arising and Actions	Action
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Public communications to coincide with application submission.	Complete
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Public notice and press release were issued to Mourne Observer and Down Recorder to publicise the Planning Application Notice.	
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A Magee to arrange for photographic records.	Complete Images to be emailed to members
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A Magee to provide regular updates and ensure that appropriate handover documentation is provided to Neighbourhood Services.	Ongoing
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S Montgomery to liaise with Cllr Howell on securing support letters from local school.	Complete
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<p>Appreciation was extended to Cllr Howell for organising letters of support from the Primary Three to Primary Seven children of St Malachy's Primary School to support the application to the NLHF. A letter of appreciation was issued to the Principal and children of the School from Conor Mallon.</p> <p>G Shaw to liaise with S Montgomery & J Ellis on the co-ordination of a photographic presentation as part of the NLHF R2 application.</p> <p>A McVeigh to follow-up with Forest Service and confirm Co-Chair role for Advisory Committee. This has been agreed and forms part of the draft lease agreement between NMDDC and DAERA FS.</p> <p>C Quinn to convene an internal forum to review development phase processes. C Quinn has commenced the internal review. The process will coincide with the review of the procurement framework. He welcomed members of Task and Finish to forward any thoughts. The Chair raised the issue of continuity of staff/knowledge.</p> <p>A McVeigh to liaise with T&F Project Board Members if an assessment visit is requested by NLHF.</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>C Quinn will engage with key stakeholders, document and present the findings at the next meeting</p> <p>Monitor. If required S Montgomery, J Ellis and representatives from NMDDC SMT and FS will attend.</p>
<p>Item 5. Lease / Licence for Works Update</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Licence agreement Licence agreement for the works at The Bothy was signed before Christmas to enable to the contractor to move onsite and commence works.</p> <p>I Irwin expressed sincere thanks to C Quinn for his assistance in the preparation of the plans for the works area.</p> <p>Lease Draft lease was agreed between NMDDC and DAERA FS and it was submitted to NLHF to support the application. Outline of the below agreement is subject to NMDDC receiving funding: 1 April 2021 – Bothy Yard 1 October 2021 – Arboretum 1 January 2022 – Wider Park including the lake.</p>	<p>Complete</p>

<p>The Lake was discussed. Note: The lake is not part of the NLHF project, however, it is an integral part of the recreation use in the Park. A Patterson advised that a survey has been conducted and has raised some concerns and findings recommend that further CCTV investigations in the culvert are carried out.</p> <p>I Irwin informed members that NIEA is continuing testing on the lake due to the recurrence of a blue green algae bloom. Discussion surrounded its presence and origin. It was noted that it can occur naturally.</p>	<p>CCTV survey to be commissioned by Council and findings shared with FS and Task and Finish. Discussions to continue with FS.</p> <p>FS to share NIEA findings with Council</p>
<p>Item 6. Update on DAERA works</p>	
<p>A Magee provided an update. The Contractor was appointed (H J O'Boyle), and contract signed in December 2020.</p> <p>An archaeologist programme of work was undertaken and approved by NIEA. An ecologist report found a presence of bats in the Gardener's shed. Work in the building will commence when the bats become active in warmer weather. Bat boxes have been installed to provide an alternative roost. The Gardener's Shed proposed work is scheduled for March 2021.</p> <p>Vegetation has been removed from the propagation house.</p> <p>Historical pipe work has been found in the Glasshouse which the contractor hopes to retain.</p> <p>FS gifted the more modern greenhouse to ARK, a community gardening group in Newcastle.</p> <p>Building control approval had been received. They and will be invited onto site week beginning 18 January 2021 to inspect the foundations of the Bothy House extension.</p> <p>S Montgomery enquired if FS required a copy of the Building Control approval. FS does not require a copy but it would be beneficial to share information.</p> <p>Drainage system survey will also take place week beginning 18 January 2021.</p> <p>The contractor continues to take photographs of the site. S Montgomery enquired about the urn that is onsite. A Magee has informed the contractor of the location and significance of the urn.</p>	<p>A Magee to send I Irwin a copy of Building Control approval.</p> <p>Images to be shared at the next meeting. A Magee to provide further information at the next meeting</p>

<p>A McVeigh informed members that DAERA has not formally issued an extension beyond 31 March 2021 however it will be granted and that she is working closely with DAERA officers on budget profiling, claims and an extension.</p>	
<p>Item 7. NLHF</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>• Application Submission</p> <p>A McVeigh outlined that the application was submitted on 23 November 2020 and an acknowledgement letter has been received from NLHF. Council should find out on 9 March 2021 if the application is successful.</p> <p>S Montgomery expressed her thanks to members of the Task and Finish for their continued support and thanked officers that have worked on the Round 1 project to bring the submission to fruition.</p> <p>• Budget</p> <p>Total project cost £5,513,470.15 NLHF grant request £2,695,817.15, the variance is a combination of NMDDC match funding, volunteer and staff time.</p> <p>• Finance update</p> <p>Round 1 project is closed with the progress report, final claim and evaluation submitted in December 2020 and the final payment received prior to Christmas. NMDDC received £247,000 from NLHF.</p> <p>S Montgomery requested to know which department, within Council, is continuing with the development of the project and will be accountable for the delivery of the project.</p> <p>Discussion surrounded the proposed operating model for the project e.g. daily operations of the Park and project will rest with Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism and Neighbourhood Services Directorates.</p> <p>It was noted that there are current internal changes at Assistant Director level and it might be beneficial to include this responsibility within the JDs.</p> <p>Cross departmental working was discussed, and it will be required throughout project planning phase.</p>	<p>Assistant Directors will present a structure of accountability at the next meeting this will include liaison with FS. Interdepartmental meetings to continue.</p>
<p>Item 8. Planning – Online Public Consultation</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>A McVeigh informed members that a Planning Application Notice was lodged with NMDDC Planning Department and accepted prior to Christmas. Virtual public consultations have been scheduled week beginning 25 January 2021. The consultation sessions will be chaired by S Montgomery</p>	<p>A McVeigh and S Montgomery to meet to finalise the detail of the virtual consultations.</p>

<p>and pre-recorded presentations will be delivered by the on architectural, civils, historical landscaping and landscaping consultants/specialists.</p> <p>A privacy notice has been approved by the NMDDC Compliance Department as the meetings will be recorded and data issued to the Planning department to support a full planning application.</p>	
Item 9. Approvals or Recommendations	Action
None reported	
Item 10. Any Other Business	Action
<p>A McVeigh informed members that a request was made to FS from NMDDC/MHT regarding installing a weather station in Castlewellan Forest Park. It was recommended that the Bothy area is preferable. A McVeigh has asked H J O'Boyle to accommodate a meeting with NMDDC and MHT to identify a suitable location that will not interfere with the ongoing restoration and construction in The Bothy. Members were enthusiastic</p>	An update will be brought to the next meeting.
Item 11. Date of Next Meeting	Action
12 March 2021 at 2.00 p.m. MS Teams	Invite to be issued via MS Teams and placed in Council diary for elected members.

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	MOU with Confucius Institute at Ulster University
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note that Council will sign an MOU with the Confucius Institute at Ulster University at a cost of £5,000 for a 12-month period. Purpose of the MOU is to promote co-operation and the advancement of understanding between Confucius Institute at Ulster University and Council under Council's Friendship arrangement with China. This will ensure the support of Confucius Institute resources for all translation services, planning and implementation of any correspondences, events and activities either direct from Council or as part of the wider NI to China connections.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Council have from 2019 an established Friendship Agreement with the City of Changchun, in the Jilin Region of China. Council have through it's International Relations Forum, committed to progressing areas of co-operation, particularly around trade, investment, skill and culture. Crucial to progressing relations is the support of the Confucius Institute at Ulster University.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Confucius Institute at Ulster University is a key resource for Council in progressing International relations with China, and in order to engage the services of the Confucius Institute for 2021, Council will sign a MOU for a 12-month period at a cost of £5,000. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is intended to promote co-operation and the advancement of understanding between Confucius Institute at Ulster University and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to their mutual benefit. The MoU will be effective for 12 months from the date of signing. This will ensure the support of Confucius Institute resources for all translation services,

	<p>planning and implementation of any correspondences, events and activities either direct from Council or as part of the wider NI to China connections.</p> <p>Approval was obtained in March 2020 for the signing of this MOU, however as all engagements and activities during 2020 did not proceed, the implementation and signing of the MOU was delayed to March 2021. Plans are being progressed to reignite engagements with Changchun, and to take forward cultural events and business focused events in line with the trade agreement in place.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note that a MOU with the Confucius Institute at Ulster University at a cost of £5,000 for a 12 month period.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	£5,000 which is available within budgets
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p>

	<i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

HISTORIC**ACTION TRACKER SHEET****ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE****(For Noting at ERT February 2021)**

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ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		SEPTEMBER 2019			
ERT/119/2019	PUBLIC REALM SCHEME PHASE III HILL STREET NEWRY	The Council accept the Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities (DFC) totalling £1.6 million and proceed to deliver the next stages of the Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme	J McGilly	Implementation ongoing – due to complete spring 2021	N
		October 2019			
ERT/138/2019	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	(a) The Council proceed to commence the PQQ contractor procurement stage for the Northern section of the Carlingford Lough Greenway. (b) Council Officers to update Councillor McMurray regarding plans for Greenways at Comber/Downpatrick.	J McGilly	Negotiations ongoing with landowners and funder. Revised submission submitted to funders May 2020. Planning submitted and awaiting	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
				decision. SEUPB considering additional funding bid	
		DECEMBER 2019			
ERT/194/2019	MASTERPLANS: PRIORITY ACTION PLANS	To approve the updated content and actions outlined in Priority Action Plans for each of the following 4 No. Master Plans: - Newry City Master Plan - Ballynahinch Master Plan - Downpatrick Master Plan - South East Coast Master Plan	J McGilly	Ongoing implementation – updates provided through DEA Priority actions to be reviewed by respective DEA commencing December 2020	N
		(MARCH 2020)			
ERT/043/2020	MEETING: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FORUM – 25 FEBRUARY 2020	To approve the following recommendations arising from the Report of the International Relations Forum Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2020: <u>China</u> (a) To note update provided to the	J MC GILLY	Southern Pines and Russia: Engagement has been ongoing; new proposals for further international relations activity to be received by both	N

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		<p>International Relations Forum on recent activity with China.</p> <p>(b) To continue to progress opportunities to strengthen the relationship between Newry, Mourne & Down and China and facilitation of international exchanges for purposes of economic and trade growth, investment, education/skills development and growth of tourism industry.</p> <p>(c) To approve the participation in an NI Innovation Mission China, in partnership with Invest NI, NI Bureau, other NI Councils, Colleges and Universities</p> <p>(d) To approve the delivery at a local level a series of Spot Light in China Business workshops, promoting trade opportunities with China and building capacity among local businesses to engage in these opportunities.</p> <p>(e) To discuss further with NI Bureau in China, and write to Changchun FAO regarding the potential of upgrading the Council to Changchun City partnership from a Friendship Agreement to a full Sister Cities agreement</p>		<p>partners and assess against adopted policy for International Relations Activity</p> <p>China: Proposals for Spotlight in China workshops and an Innovation Mission to China were postponed as a result of Covid-19. Engagement on-going with NI Bureau in China, with a view to delivery of workshops in 2021, seeking alternative methods of delivery of an Innovation Mission, and revisiting the upgrading of the Council to Changchun City</p>	

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		<p>(f) To renew for a further 12 months the MOU between Council and the Confucius Institute at Ulster University for support in China – NMDDC relations (translation services, interpretation services, support in cultural activities etc.</p> <p>Russia, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and <u>Aberdeen</u></p> <p>(g) Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor McKeivitt and seconded by Councillor Tinnelly that Officials would share Council's International Relations Strategy with representatives of Kirovsk and Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen. Any proposal to then to be assessed against the International Relations Strategy.</p> <p>(h) As the International Relationship with both Russia and Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen have expired, the relationship will not be renewed until a further proposal is submitted and assessed.</p> <p><u>Lamorlaye, France</u></p>		<p>partnership from a Friendship Agreement to a full Sister Cities Agreement.</p> <p>North East America: Proposal for attendance as a platinum sponsor the New York-New Belfast Conference in New York in June 2020 was postponed as a result of Covid-19. Officers will continue to explore through alternative channels the opportunity to establish an international relationship with an appropriate region in North East America</p>	

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		<p>(i) To establish a new International Relations Agreement with Municipalité de Lamorlaye, North of France, on the basis that this proposal meets the essential criteria and at least 2 primary criteria as detailed in the strategy.</p> <p>(j) Council to explore the opportunity to establish an international relationship with an appropriate region in North East America that would complement our international strategy. The Council engages in the opportunity to attend as a platinum sponsor the New York-New Belfast Conference in New York on 11-12 June 2020 at a cost of £5,000 (+ flights / accommodation) as the first step in exploring this potential.</p> <p>To appoint 1 No. Officer only, to attend the New York – Belfast Conference to be held in New York on 11-12 June 2020 at a cost of £5,000, plus flights and accommodation.</p>			
		(JUNE 2020)			
ERT/064/2020	(Exempt) WARRENPOINT BATHS	(a) Council formally concludes the current EOI process.	J MC GILLY	EOI process concluded.	N

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		(b) Officer review the above options and forward recommendations on the options outlined in the Report.		Following September Council meeting considering options to progress project in line with planning approval.	
		(AUGUST 2020)			
ERT/083/2020	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: ENVIRONMENTAL WARDENS	To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding Environmental Wardens, and that Officials prepare a report outlining options towards the establishment of Environmental Wardens, including delivery model, resource implications and partnership opportunities with existing organisations, to be tabled at a future meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee.	A Patterson	In Progress	N
ERT/089/2020	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	It was agreed as follows regarding the Carlingford Lough Greenway: (a) Council to note submission of the	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>Formal Planning Application for the Carlingford Lough Greenway (Northern Section) and Council Officials to follow-up with Planners to ensure progress and a decision by early 2021.</p> <p>(b) Council to note the submission of an amended Business Case to the Interreg funder seeking the required additional funding to deliver the project.</p> <p>(c) Council to enter into the required legal tenure agreements with Land Owners along the Northern Section of the route.</p> <p>(d) Subject to SMC approval, phase 1 repairs to be agreed with Council and its consultant, with the existing Contractor to proceed with completion of the works.</p>			
ERT/090/2020	PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME	It was agreed as follows regarding the Public Realm Enhancement Scheme:	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>(a) Subject to final approval of the funding application and confirmation from the funder, Council proceed to accept the relevant Letter Of Offer once received from DFC for £500,000 for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme'.</p> <p>(b) Council approve relevant Business Cases in association with the carrying out the required procurement/appointment of consultants/contractors/suppliers for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme'.</p> <p>(c) Council proceed to carry out the required procurement exercises for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme' and following assessment and award, appoint relevant suppliers, if within available sectional programme budgets.</p>			
ERT/093/2020	WARRENPOINT BATHS	(a) Council to note the ongoing progress on looking at options for the Warrenpoint Baths site	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>and identification of learning from other similar projects.</p> <p>(b) Council consider including £10,000 funding for the 21/22 financial year to progress options and carry out consultations within the local community.</p>			
ERT/094/2020	CAR PARK MARKET STREET DOWNPATRICK	To approve the business case for the projected spend of approximately £45,000 to carry out the resurfacing project for the Market Street access roadway.	C Jackson	Tender process ongoing & Contractor appointed for completion in Feb 2021	N
ERT/095/2020	CAR PARK BANN ROAD CASTLEWELLAN	To progress the proposed redevelopment of the Bann Road parking area in collaboration with DFI and approve the submission of a planning application for a change of use for the area concerned.	C Jackson	Planning Application submitted, Sept 2020.	N
		SEPTEMBER 2020			
ERT/111/2020	Notice of Motion: SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN	To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding the Shop Local Campaign, and the Motion also to include that the Council proceed with the development of a Shop Local	J McGilly	On going	N

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		App.			
ERT/129/2020	(Historic Action) NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	A paper be brought to a meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting outlining proposals to move forward with the regeneration of Newcastle Harbour.	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
		(OCTOBER 2020)			
ERT/134/2020	Notice of Motion: EUTHANASIA OF DOGS	<p>To note the content of Report dated 12 October 2020 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director Building Control, regarding dog euthanasia and the work underway as follows, in respect of consultations with relevant authorities/parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog Summary Statistics have been referred to DAERA (as per Appendix A in report) • Consultation is underway with other Councils regarding arrangements for collection/disposal of dogs. (as per Appendix B in report) • Discussion underway with USPCA and other dog charitable organisations regarding the rehoming of dogs. • Discussion underway with Animal Welfare and PSNI regarding the 	C Jackson	Actions implemented and Progress report issued to committee on 11 Jan 2021.	Y

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		development of a strategy on dealing with puppy farming and illegal breeding establishments.			
ERT/138/2020	DFC/DEARA/DFI RE: COVID19 REVITALISATION FUNDING	<p>To note the update for the DFC/DAERA/DFI Covid 19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme and proceed as follows:</p> <p>(a) Council will now accept and approve the additional funding once relevant Letters of Offer have been received: DAERA £157,000; DFI £527,000; and DFC Revenue £52,000.</p> <p>(b) Council will continue to engage with lead Departments to agree an acceptable programme of activity in Tranche 2 that can be implemented within the appropriate timescales.</p> <p>(c) Council approve proceeding to Tranche 1 Stage 2 assessment of the Business: Covid 19 Compliance Grant, offering eligible businesses a grant of up to £1,000 on a first come first served</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		basis towards defined eligible items relating to Covid 19 compliance.			
ERT/141/2020	RESTOCKING QUOILE RIVER	Given the points raised by DAERA, specifically that the restocking of fish in the Quoile and other rivers in the District is the responsibility of the Department, the Council write to DAERA to formally request they develop and plan the necessary surveys, assessments and approvals from the relevant organisations to facilitate the re-stocking of fish in the Quoile River.	A.Patterson	In progress	N
ERT/143/2020	(Exempt) CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<p>It was agreed as follows with regard to the development of Castlewellan Historic Demensne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To note the action reports from the Task and Finish Board meetings held on 15 May 2020 ,19 June 2020 and 14 August 2020. • To progress a licence agreement with Forest Service to facilitate the DAERA funded works. • Agree a draft lease for Castlewellan Forest Park with Forest Service to facilitate the NHLF works and activities. 	J McGilly	In progress	N

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To appoint an archaeologist and ecologist to fulfil conditions in planning permission for the DAERA project. • To appoint the most economically advantageous tenderer to undertake the construction and refurbishment of the Bothy Yard. • For the Integrated Design Team, Council officers and Task and Finish board members to continue with the value engineering exercise on the NLHF project while ensuring delivery against the key objectives of the project i.e. Heritage, people and community. • For the NLHF project to progress design development from 24 November 2020 to 9 March 2021 to ensure that if Council receives funding from NLHF that the project is "shovel ready". • Officers arrange to have details of the model used circulated to Members for information. 			
		(NOVEMBER 2020)			
ERT/166/2020	LICENCE AGREEMENTS: ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS CANAL BANK 1 CAR PARK NEWRY (JC DECAUX)	To renew both Licence Agreements with JCDecaux for a single and a double advertising hoarding at Canal	C Jackson	In Progress, Licence issued for signing.	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		Bank 1 car park, Dublin Bridge, Newry for a term of 5 years.			
		(DECEMBER 2020)			
ERT/147/2020	MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS	To send a letter of congratulations from the Council to Dr Gerard O Hare on his appointment as Chair of Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.	C Mallon	Ongoing – letter to go from Chair of Council	N
ERT/180/2020	COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP	<p>To approve the establishment of a NMDDC Covid 19 Recovery Working Group as per the Terms of Reference contained in Report dated 14 December 2020 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism.</p> <p>Note: Terms of Reference would be amended to reflect the recommended membership of the Working Group</p>	J McGilly	First meeting to be convened early 2021	N
ERT/187/2020	DANGEROUS STRUCTURE WARRENPOINT	The Council's Maintenance Department proceed to remove approximately 6m of a dangerous wall between Ashley Heights and Oak Grange Warrenpoint, and erect timber fencing.	C Jackson	Programmed for completion in Feb 2021	N

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ERT/192/2020	(EXEMPT) RENEWAL OF TASC COMI SUBSCRIPTION	To approve the extension of the IDOX (Tascomi) software package for Building Control for the next 3 years.	C Jackson	In progress, invoice submitted to procurement, to be authorised by IT – AD.	N
ERT/194/2020	(EXEMPT) NEWRY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT (BID)	Based on the detail presented to date in the Draft Business Plan, to approve the Strategy subject to submission of the final draft ahead of Council Meeting on 04 January 2021.	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/206/2020	UPDATE RE: IRISH STREET CAR PARK	A report be tabled at the ERT Committee Meeting in January 2021 containing an update on the Irish Street Car Park	C Mallon	Verbal update provided at ERT January 2021	Y
		(JANUARY 2021 TO FOLLOW)			

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	Establishment of Labour Market Partnership and Town Centre Taskforce
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note that Council will work with DFC on the establishment of a local Labour Market Partnership through the existing Employability and Skills working group. Officials will also proceed to establish a towncentre taskforce to inform the future regeneration potential of the District's key urban and rural town centres.</p> <p><u>Background</u> DFC are working with all NI Council's in the establishment of Labour Market Partnerships (LMP), one at a regional level, supported by local LMPs within each Council area. Council officers have participated in the Regional Labour Partnership, and are now working with DFC to establish a local LMP for the Council area.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p><u>Labour Market Partnership</u> The aim of the local Labour Market Partnership is to help improve employability outcomes and labour market conditions locally by working through coordinated, collaborative, multi-agency partnerships, achieving regional objectives whilst being flexible to meet the needs presented by localised conditions and helping to connect employers with employees.</p> <p>Council have in late 2019 established a Skills and Employability working group aligned to the delivery of the Regeneration and Economic Development strategy. As a body representative of the main partners and stakeholders in the employability field, DFC have accepted that this would be an appropriate vehicle to operate a local LMP through.</p> <p>In summary, Interim LMPs are required to:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a Strategic Assessment • Consult on a regular basis with local communities, the statutory and voluntary sectors, and other relevant organisations on the basis of the strategic assessment; • Confirm priority issues of concern; • Develop and implement an action plan <p>As local LMPs develop there will be a requirement to provide a 3 year strategic plan and subsequent annual Action Plans</p> <p>Council would have administrative lead for the operation of the local LMP. The strategic priorities for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To form and successfully deliver the functions of the local Labour Market Partnership for the area • To improve employability outcomes and/or labour market conditions locally • To support delivery of Employability NI <p>DFC have indicated at a resource budget will be available to the Council for the operation of the local LMP however allocations remain unconfirmed.</p> <p><u>Town centre taskforce</u></p> <p>Outlined with the Council's Regeneration and Economic Development strategy is the action "establishment of a towncentre taskforce to inform the future regeneration potential of the District's key urban and rural town centres. Council officials will now proceed to establish Terms of Reference for a taskforce, that will bring together key external partners and stakeholders that can inform and guide the establishment of an enabling plan to redevelop our urban and rural centres. While this plan will be reflective of individual needs across the District, key considerations will be active travel, living the shops, dereliction, reusing building stock, green space, future of the high street and town centres, public realm needs etc</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>1. To note that Council officials will work with DFC on the establishment of a local Labour Market Partnership through the existing Employability and Skills working group and will commence the implementation of required actions to establish the LMP strategic plans and actions for the area.</p> <p>2. To note that Council officials will proceed to establish a town centre taskforce to inform the future regeneration potential of the District's key urban and rural town centres</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>DFC have indicated at a resource budget will be available to the Council for the operation of the local LMP however allocations remain unconfirmed. Further detail will be brought to Council as further information becomes available. All activity to be taken forward within any action plan will only be done so when confirmed and available budgets are in place.</p>

5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

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1. Live Applications

MONTH 2020/21	NEW APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS
March, April & May	338	989	242
June	164	965	232
July	175	1,002	241
August	165	1,038	231
September	192	1,046	233
October	179	1,082	234
November	192	1,068	218
December	177	1,044	209
January	186	1,080	218

2. Live Applications by length of time in system

Month 2020/21	Under 6 months	Between 6 and 12 months	Between 12 and 18 months	Between 18 and 24 months	Over 24 months	Total
May	540	207	103	43	96	989
June	562	171	101	40	91	965
July	587	174	105	44	92	1,002
August	598	209	93	51	87	1,038
September	613	200	89	49	95	1,046
October	655	193	89	44	101	1,082
November	662	188	81	49	88	1,068
December	654	181	70	50	89	1,044
January	677	185	80	51	87	1,080

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3. Live applications per Case Officer

Month 2020/21	Average number of Applications per Case Officer
May	53
June	66
July	68
August	71
September	71
October	74
November	82
December	81
January	79

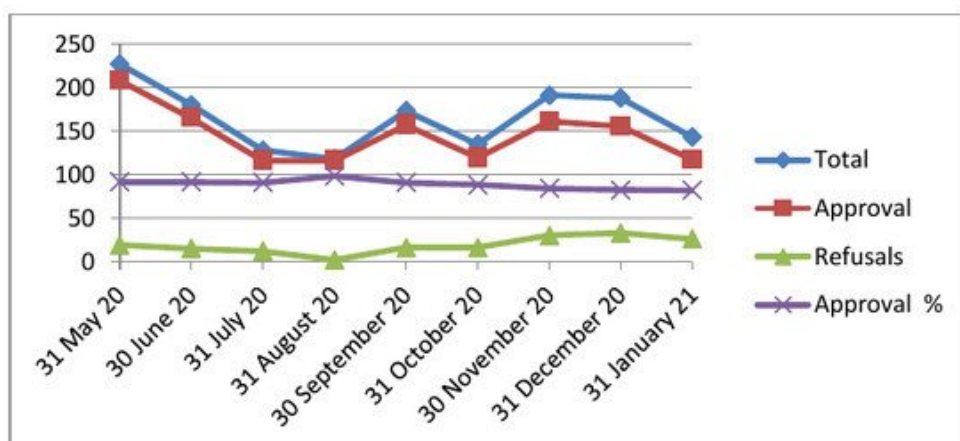
4. Decisions issued per month

Month 2020/21	Number of Decisions Issued	Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority
March, April & May	227	216
June	180	166
July	128	122
August	118	110
September	173	163
October	135	129
November	191	179
December	188	182
January	143	138

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5. Decisions Issued YTD

Month 2020/21	Number of Decisions Issued	Breakdown of Decisions	
March, April & May	227	Approvals (208)	92%
		Refusals (19)	8%
June	407	Approvals (373)	92%
		Refusals (34)	8%
July	535	Approvals (489)	91%
		Refusals (46)	9%
August	653	Approvals (605)	93%
		Refusals (48)	7%
September	826	Approvals (762)	92%
		Refusals (64)	8%
October	961	Approvals (881)	92%
		Refusals (80)	8%
November	1,152	Approvals (1,042)	90%
		Refusals (110)	10%
December	1,340	Approvals (1,197)	89%
		Refusals (143)	11%
January	1,483	Approvals (1,314)	89%
		Refusals (169)	11%



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6. Enforcement Live cases

Month 2020/21	<=1yr	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	5+yrs	Total
March, April & May	180	177	174	89	35	91	746
June	229	168	175	95	35	89	791
July	236	158	187	97	35	92	805
August	238	158	179	107	40	93	815
September	246	147	190	110	44	93	830
October	226	148	175	106	53	93	801
November	229	139	171	99	59	94	791
December	230	130	177	96	57	95	785
January	226	135	166	94	58	95	774

7. Planning Committee

Month	Number of Applications presented to Committee	Number of Applications Determined by Committee	Number of Applications Withdrawn/ Deferred for future meeting	Number of Officer recommendation overturned
3 June 2020	15	15	0	6
1 July 2020	5	4	1	1
29 July 2020	6	2	4	0
26 August 2020	16	8	8	4
23 September 2020	9	7	2	2
21 October 2020	9	5	4	2
18 November 2020	13	13	0	6
16 December 2020	14	10	4	2
13 January 2021	2	2	0	0
Totals	89	66	23	23

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8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 November 2020 to 31 January 2021

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Withdrawn
Newry & Mourne	12	0	-	-	-
Down	13	0	-	-	-
TOTAL	25	0	-	-	-

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Statutory targets monthly update - December 2020 (unvalidated management information)

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	Major applications (target of 30 weeks)				Local applications (target of 15 weeks)				Cases concluded (target of 39 weeks)			
	Number received	Number decided/withdrawn ¹	Average processing time ²	% of cases processed within 30 weeks	Number received	Number decided/withdrawn ¹	Average processing time ²	% of cases processed within 15 weeks	Number opened	Number brought to conclusion ³	"70%" conclusion time ³	% of cases concluded within 39 weeks
April	1	-	0.0	0.0%	63	3	18.2	33.3%	17	18	146.8	33.3%
May	1	-	0.0	0.0%	97	93	24.2	17.2%	9	69	228.2	14.5%
June	1	3	87.0	0.0%	122	161	26.4	18.6%	49	31	111.8	41.9%
July	2	1	31.8	0.0%	137	113	20.0	25.7%	41	19	91.8	31.6%
August	1	-	0.0	0.0%	138	115	21.2	32.2%	29	23	35.4	73.9%
September	0	1	64.6	0.0%	147	148	19.4	33.8%	26	22	36.5	72.7%
October	1	-	0.0	0.0%	148	115	17.0	34.8%	28	58	100.3	53.4%
November	1	-	0.0	0.0%	160	160	16.9	43.1%	36	37	109.8	35.1%
December	0	-	0.0	0.0%	147	160	14.9	51.3%	16	24	187.5	25.0%
January	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
February	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
March	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
Year to date	8	5	64.6	0.0%	1,159	1,068	19.6	33.1%	251	301	126.4	39.2%

Source: NI Planning Portal

Notes:

1. CLUDS, TPOS, NMCS and PADS/PANs have been excluded from all applications figures

2. The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn. The median is used for the average processing time as any extreme values have the potential to inflate the mean, leading to a result that may not be considered as "typical".

3. The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is calculated from the date on which the complaint is received to the earliest date of the following: a notice is issued; proceedings commence; a planning application is received; or a case is closed. The value at 70% is determined by sorting data from its lowest to highest values and then taking the data point at the 70th percentile of the sequence.

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Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th February 2021
Subject:	Restocking of Coarse Fisheries
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson Assistant Director of Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	For noting only	x
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> The paper sets out recommendations for funding of coarse fish restocking in the Quoile & other rivers in the district as set out in section 3.1 of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> A motion heard at the Council meeting on the 13th August called on Council to fund re-stocking of the Quoile for coarse fishing. Council has contacted DAERA for advice on the procedure and following this advice formally requested that DAERA facilitate the re-stocking/translocation of fish in the Quoile River by developing and planning the necessary surveys, assessments and approvals from the relevant organisations.</p>	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	<p>Officers undertook to assess if other Councils are involved in stocking of fisheries. From the feedback received, local authorities are not responsible for the restocking of fisheries/rivers and therefore any requests are made directly to DAERA. Councils that own and operate lakes do restock fish on an ad hoc basis depending on funding being available or grants being obtained, fish availability and having the necessary permissions in place.</p> <p>Any proposals for re-stocking of the Quoile or other rivers in the district will be referred to DAERA for consideration as relevant.</p>	
3.0	Recommendations	
3.1	Paper for noting	
4.0	Resource implications	

4.1	N/a
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p>Proposal initiating consultation N/A</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>

7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A