

November 4th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 8th November 2021** at **6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room Downshire Civic Centre** and via **Microsoft Teams**.

Committee Membership:

Councillor R Howell **Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor D Curran

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairpersons' remarks.

2.0 Declarations of Interest.

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

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Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

4.0 Update re: AONB and Geopark. (Attached)

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5.0 Newry Chamber of Commerce events. (Attached)

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6.0 Warrenpoint Municipal Park. (Attached)

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7.0 Masterplans - Newry East City Core Study. (Attached)

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8.0 AONB Visitor Access Project. (Attached)

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9.0 Coastal Flavours Food and Drink Event - Appointment of Facilitator. (Attached)

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10.0 Newry Canal Strategy. (Attached)

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Building Control & Regulations



11.0 Review of Protocol for Hearing of Representations and Referrals for Licensing. (Attached)

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Exempt Information Items

12.0 Covid Recovery Working Group Meeting held on Thursday 21 October 2021. (Attached)

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

 <i>EXEMPT ERT Report - Covid 19 Recovery Group Mtg 21.10.2021 Recommendations.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
 <i>EXEMPT Appx - Covid Recovery Working Group Meeting 21.10.2021.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>

13.0 Downpatrick and County Down Railway - Service Level Agreement. (Attached)

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 <i>EXEMPT ERT Report - Downpatrick and County Down Railway SLA.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
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14.0 Review of Tourism events. (Attached)

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 <i>EXEMPT ERT Report - Review of Tourism Events.pdf</i>	<i>Not included</i>
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15.0 RNLI Lifeguard Services. (Attached)

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16.0 Warrenpoint Town Hall Ventilation Works. (Attached)

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📄 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Warrenpoint Town Hall Ventilation Works.pdf*

Not included

For Noting

17.0 Update re: Business Programmes. (Attached)

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18.0 Update re: E-Charge. (Attached)

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19.0 Update re: Economic Forum. (Attached)

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20.0 Empowering Potential Event. (To follow)

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21.0 Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)

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22.0 Planning Performance Figures - October 2021. (Attached)

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23.0 Update re: Purple Flag. (Attached)

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24.0 Update re: Regeneration Schemes. (Attached)

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25.0 Scheme of Delegation: ERT Department April - September 2021. (Attached)

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Ms Kate Bingham

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard 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

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

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 McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Barra Ó Muirí

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 OCTOBER 2021

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/182/2021	ACTIVE TRAVEL CYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME	<p>a) Subject to Slippage funding under the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme, Council to install pilot number of Cycle Shelters & Stands and extend the Active Travel Educational Programme.</p> <p>b) To approve the supporting Business Case for remaining Active Travel measures being funded under the Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	y
ERT/183/2021	LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP	<p>a) To note that Council have prepared and submitted to the Department for Communities, a Strategic Assessment and Action Plan for implementation of a Labour Market Partnership (LMP) across the District.</p> <p>b) To approve the Business Case for the Labour Market Partnership Action Plan.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>c) To approve that Council now procure and appoint external delivery agents to implement the range of initiatives outlined in the business case, and approved for funding by Department for Communities.</p> <p>d) To approve the acceptance of Department for Communities Letters of Offer for Labour Market Partnership / Skills and Employability activity, including administration and operational costs.</p> <p>e) To approve the development and submission of a Labour Market Partnership Strategic Assessment & Action Plan for the 2022/2023 financial period, with details on same to be tabled at a further meeting of Council.</p>			

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ERT/184/2021	OUTDOOR RECREATIONS NI (ORNI) – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT 2021-2022	To enter into a new Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for the 2021-2022 financial year, at a total cost of £49,500.	J McGilly	SLA completed – Work underway	y
ERT/185/2021	REPORT OF WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME TASK & FINISH – 05/10/2021	<p>To accept the following recommendations arising from the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group Meeting held on Tuesday 05 October 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To extend the Public Consultation process for the proposed Breakwater Scheme. • To note the Task & Finish Steering Group are in agreement to proceed based on a phased approach, to the overall delivery of a Warrenpoint Front Shore / Breakwater Public Realm Scheme. • A separate report on the project and it's cost options, to be take to the next Meeting of the Council's Strategic Finance Working Group. • The project proceeds to RIBA Stage 4 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		with it's Consultants, to ensure that the contractor for Phase 1 is appointed and in place to meet the required funding commitment.			
ERT/186/2021	EXEMPT: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON	<p>a) To issue Service Level Agreements for the delivery of Christmas events and activities to five community / development groups in November & December 2021, with named event organisers required to ensure events and activities can be delivered safely, whilst taking all reasonable measures to limit the risk of transmission of the Covid 19 virus.</p> <p>b) Council Christmas Illumination programme of activities to be hosted in Downpatrick and Newry in November and December. Officers to undertake the relevant procurement exercises to tender and appoint suppliers for event production services, as detailed in this report.</p>	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/187/2021	EXEMPT: NEWCASTLE HARBOUR FISHING TOURS	To approve a trial programme of fishing tours from Newcastle Harbour and the provision of an accessible pontoon as detailed in Report dated 11 October 2021, from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director	A Patterson	In Progress	Y

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		Tourism Culture & Events.			
ERT/188/2021	EXEMPT: PERMISSIVE PATH AGREEMENT SLIEVE GULLION	<p>a) To enter into a Permissive Path Agreement with landowner, at Maphoner Road Mullaghbane. The path, which is 360m in length, is from "Permissive Access Woodland" at Bluebell Lane Tullymacrieve Road Mullaghbane to the Maphoner Road Mullabane.</p> <p>b) The Permissive Path agreement will be for a period of 10 years minimum.</p> <p>c) The Council provide public liability insurance at no extra cost to Council.</p>	J McGilly	WIP	Y
ERT/189/2021	EXEMPT: ST PATRICK'S DAY 2022	To approve recommendations contained in Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, to deliver St Patrick's Day parades and associated events in March 2022.	A Patterson	In progress	N
ERT/190/2021	EXEMPT: TOURISM NI EXPERINCE DEV CAPITAL PROG	To grant approval to submit 2 No. applications to the Tourism NI Experience Development Capital Programme 2021-2023 for projects at Kilbroney and Slieve Gullion Forest Parks.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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ERT/191/2021	EXEMPT: VIKING FESTIVAL ARD & NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT	To approve recommendations set out in 3.1 of Report dated 11 October 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, for Newry Mourne & Down District Council to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Ards and North Down Borough Council to deliver a Viking Festival as part of the Tourism NI Market Led Product Development Programme.	A Patterson	In progress	Y
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Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	AONB and Geopark Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
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></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update provided on the following AONB initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Environment Fund project implementation • Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Phase • Atlantic CultureScape update and second round funding application • Geopark • Shared History Fund – My Townlands Story • Dragons in the Hills project • AONB management review recommendations implementation • Other To approve submitting application to Atlantic Area for Atlantic CultureScape phase 2 – Sep 2022: Dec 2023. <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>This report summaries the achievements of the AONB and Geopark team for Q2 2021/22 (Jul-Oct 2021).</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford and Lecale AONB Environment Fund project implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bi-Monthly eZine issued in both AONB – sign ups on respective websites continues to grow • Slieve Gullion summit trail network maintenance annual contract awarded to Mourne Heritage Trust. Q1 and Q2 work complete. One long term volunteer working every Thursday.

- A letter will be posted out to all landowners owning Slieve Gullion Path from lake to Ballard Road asking permission to maintain path – this was postponed to now to align better with secured funding from Challenge Fund.
- Fixed Point Photography Landscape Monitoring Q2 21/22 complete
- AONB 2022 photo competition completed, and winners announced. Calendar in design.
- Interagency wildlife disturbance workshops continue to be held to mitigate against issues in 2021 summer season – one last meeting for 2021 to be held in Autumn to discuss mitigation measures and plan for 2022.
- Continue to support Outdoor Recreation NI in developing a Community Trail at Carrive Forest

Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Phase

- Lúnasa Festival complete and was a huge success. All events fully booked. Written evaluation being drawn up Oct 2021

Atlantic CultureScape (ACS)

- Visitor Experience Pricing Workshop- July - for all 16 NMDDC ACS ICH experience Providers
- Completed consolidated partner report Jan-June 2021 for funding claim
- Marketing Insights & Pitching your Visitor Experience workshop – Aug - for all 16 NMDDC ACS ICH experience Providers
- Sept- Market Testing of 8 NMDDC ACS ICH experience Providers
- Oct -Market Testing of 8 NMDDC ACS ICH experience Providers & completion of readiness report sent to all 16 visitor experience providers
- Sept – 5th ACS Steering Committee Meeting with all 7 partners
- Aug -ACS videographers Profile Tree commencing filming for ACS promotional videos of 16 ACS Visitor Experiences and ACS project documentary to be finalised and released Dec 2021
- Aug-ACS Cantabria Partners appointed policy consultants to prepare project Capitalisation and Sustainability plan. ACS Manager has been working closely alongside them to provide overview of the 3 year project activities etc
- Sept- ACS Andalusia Partners commenced ICH Risks & Safeguarding Report and highlighted 4 best practice examples from NMDDC ICH collection for inclusion.

Geopark

- Assessment against the UNESCO Global Geopark Application continues, with an important next step in the assessment process haven taken place in October. The key phase is to be completed by December 2021. Five out of seven assessment steps are complete so far
- 3 virtual site visit educational videos released and available here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8aayB41CYvpXAq3xfkw-TRLjq5e4mEf4>

Dragons in the Hills project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project officer continuing to engage across the area. Focusing on the Mourne AONB until December 2021 <p>AONB Management Review – final report and recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of 15 recommendations, 9 have been actioned to date, 1 has been postponed due to Covid. <p>Atlantic Culture Scape – funding call for Extension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In October the Atlantic Area Programme has issued a call for funding applications which is restricted to previously approved Atlantic Area projects. The funding intervention level is at 75% and runs from September 2022 until December 2023. It is proposed that Council engage with ACS partners on the proposal of a further project, and if feasible submit an application to continue the work of the Atlantic Cultural Scape Project. As with the current project, NMDDC would submit an application on behalf of the ACS Partners with an approx. Council project value totalling £110,000, resulting in £82500 grant, and £27500 match from NMDDC.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the update provided in section 2.1 on the AONB initiatives:
3.2	To approve submitting application to Atlantic Area for Atlantic Culture Scape phase 2 – Sep 2022: Dec 2023 and approve match funding of £27500 subject to approval of funding bid.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>All projects are delivered within Letter of Offer and match funding agreed and approved budgets.</p> <p>£27,500 match funding required for Atlantic Culture Scape phase 2 application subject to approval of application</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>

	<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> NA</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

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade - Workplace Health and Wellbeing Conference and President's Banquet
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director 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></p> <p>To consider the following sponsorships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Newry, Mourne and Down District Council support the Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade Workplace Health and Wellbeing Conference at a sponsorship cost of £5,000 • That Newry, Mourne and Down District Council take 2 nr tables of 10 at the President's Banquet event at a cost of £1300 (£650 per table). <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade has written to the Council to request support by being the main sponsor for the Workplace Health and Wellbeing Conference 2021 to be held on Tuesday 30th November 2021 in the Canal Court Hotel and Spa in Newry.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p><u>Workplace Health and Wellbeing Conference</u></p> <p>Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade have requested the Council is main sponsor for the conference which will focus on the below topics stimulating conversation and engagement among the business community of health and wellbeing within the work place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How Covid 19 has impacted the lives of people in NI, how many effected, long term issues, impact on the workforce and what plans are in place from central government.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to effectively engage your workforce in order to deliver a great team member experience. Covers reconnecting staff members as they return to the office, Power of community • Championing Mental Health in the workplace • Healthy Place to work accreditation • Is the future a 4-day week? <p>As main sponsor the Council will benefit from the following activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council will be involved in all pre-publicity for the Conference. • The Council will be given the opportunity to supply supporting quotations in pre and post event press releases. • A Senior Representative from the Council will be invited to partake in an official press launch photo call promoting the event. • A Representative from Council will be given the opportunity to address the audience from the stage at the Conference. • This event will be widely promoted in the print, broadcast and digital media listing the NMDDC as a principal sponsor. • Full branding on all printed and soft copy material in an intensive 4-week digital marketing campaign. • The Council will have the opportunity to display promotional pop-up stands throughout the venue. <p>Cost of Sponsorship is £5,000</p> <p><u>President's Banquet</u></p> <p>Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade will hold the President's Banquet at lunchtime on Friday 19th November. It is proposed that Council take 2 Nr tables of 10 at this event at a cost of £650 per table (total cost £1300)</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To approve that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council support the Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade Workplace Health and Wellbeing Conference on 30 th November 2021 at a sponsorship cost of £5,000
3.2	To approve that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council take 2 nr tables of 10 at the President's Banquet event on 19 th November 2021 at a cost of £1300 (£650 per table).
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Total cost is £6,300
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>
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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	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 November 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

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 and approve recommendations in 3.1 of this report.</p> <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. The project is due to close on 31 December 2021.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Approved purposes of the Letter of Offer:</p> <p><i>Activities and Training</i></p> <p>The Primary School Programme was re-introduced in October 2021 with four local primary Schools visiting the Park to take part in a heritage programme. Over 170 school children engaged in a heritage scavenger hunt, magician and puppet show and story writing workshop.</p> <p>The Education Authority in partnership with NLHF project continues with a digital engagement programme with Warrenpoint Youth Forum. The group</p> <p>During mid-term the Park was transformed into a virtual eco-park, buzzing and blooming with life, primary and post primary school children used Minecraft as a medium to redesign the Park.</p> <p>Mentoring for the “Friends of” group is continuing to build their capacity to be able to deliver a programme of events when the NLHF project closes.</p>

	<p>OCN Level 2 training course in Planning Community Projects and Events continues with 10 participants.</p> <p>Christmas Enchanted Winter in the Park is scheduled to take place in the evenings from 2nd to 4th December to encourage visitors to the Park and view the illuminations in the trees.</p> <p>Green Flag Heritage Award The Park retained its Green Flag Heritage Award for the second consecutive year 2021/2022. There are only 8 heritage awards in Northern Ireland. The award recognises the horticultural standards, cleanliness, biodiversity and safety that the Park boasts.</p> <p>Request for an extension Council requested an extension to the end date of the letter of offer due to the impact of COVID on project delivery to NLHF. The extension will enable the project to reinstate an authentic planting and landscaping scheme, enhance the signage and interpretation, continue engaging with schools, and delivering activities such as crafts, digital and wellbeing. Strong community links and several Partnerships have been developed over the period of the project, the additional time if the extension is granted will enable the project focus on legacy.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To accept an extension to the letter of offer if awarded by NLHF to 30 June 2022.
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	<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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6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service 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	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Masterplans; Newry East City Core Study
Reporting Officer:	Conor Mallon - Director ERT
Contact Officers:	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director ERR

	For Decision	X	For Noting Only
1.0	Purpose & Background		
1.1	<p>The current Newry City Masterplan was completed in 2011 and needs a review in light of the number of actions that have been delivered and in consideration of the proposed regeneration proposals for the City.</p> <p>Masterplans have been developed for all the main urban centres across the district and provide a blueprint for development of Town Centres based on extensive consultation with key stakeholders. In recent years Council has prioritised key action within each of the plans and this has formed the bases of forward work planning to ensure effectively delivery of schemes across all the centres. As with any longterm plan, the wider environment and economy changes over time and it has been agreed that all the plans need to be reviewed and updated in light of what has been achieved, what still remains relevant and what new considerations need to be taken on board, none more so than the impacts of covid, active travel, and the changes to retail that are impacting on our high streets on a near daily bases.</p> <p>This report relates to the review of masterplans through the district, and specifically the proposed east city core study for Newry which is supported by the Strategic Investment Board.</p>		
2.0	Key Issues		
2.1	<p>The Strategic Investment Board (SIB) assists the public sector in planning infrastructure, delivering major projects and managing assets. SIB is supportive of the Newry City Centre Regeneration programme and has identified an opportunity to provide a contribution towards a review and update of the 2011 Newry City Centre Masterplan.</p> <p>The strategic review will identify what has and has not changed since 2011 and will provide a strategy which imbeds the Councils proposed regeneration investments within their emerging context, including options in relation to active travel, car parking and</p>		

	<p>signage. It will provide the strategic context and relationships which link the proposed regeneration schemes to the Newry City Centre Masterplan.</p> <p>Consultation will be an important part of the process and will include key stakeholders that were involved in the 2011 Newry City Centre Masterplan as well as others that have emerged through the evolution of the Newry City Centre Regeneration programme.</p> <p>Terms of reference have been agreed with the delivery team who also undertook the 2011 masterplan, and a review of information is currently ongoing. As the review findings and options emerge, stakeholder consultation is proposed to engage their views before the reviews findings are fed back through the Council committees</p>	
3.0	<u>Recommendations</u>	
3.1	Members are asked to approve the review of the Newry City Centre Masterplan and match funding as set out in section 4 of the report	
4.0	Resource Implications	
4.1	The Strategic Investment Board have approved £25,000 contribution towards total review cost of £33,550. The balance of £8,550 will be funded by NMDDC	
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	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i>	
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5.3	Proposal initiating consultation	
	<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</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	N/A	
8.0	Background Documents	
	N/A	

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	AONBs – Challenge Fund: Visitor Access Project
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson Assistant Director, Tourism Culture & Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager

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

For decision	X	For noting only	
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1.0 Purpose and Background

1.1 Purpose

- To note that Council have secured a funding application for £279,500 from NIEA Challenge Fund to undertake additional works in the AONBs.
- One project, Visitor Access Project, aims to develop mitigation measures for visitor management across the AONB: traffic, car parking, congestion etc
- £48,000 has been secured from the Challenge Fund for this project. This report requires approval to spend £12,000 match funding from the Tourism budget to proceed.
- Council has already approved the Business Case for implementation of the project as outlined in the funding application "The Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford And Lecale AONB Management Action Plans Challenge Fund" for additional capital works onsite.
- Council has already approved to carry out the required procurement exercises in line with policy for the implementation of the project, and following assessment and award, appoint the relevant suppliers, if within available budgets.

Background

RGSL Challenge Fund will implement measurable key environmental outcomes identified and detailed in the various designated sites Management Action Plans (MAPs) developed during the previous NIEA EF delivery phase. RGSL Challenge Fund is needed in order to ensure key recommendations and actions from the MAPs will be implemented to deliver against environmental obligations detailed in various laws, PfG and regional and local policies and MAPs. For the PfG, RGSL will help to improve wellbeing for all by providing healthy landscapes for communities to enjoy and creating places where people want to live, work and visit. RGSL will contribute to reversing habitat and species decline; improving river and marine water quality; and obtain favourable management in the AONBs designated sites. RGSL will have positive environmental impacts at a sub-regional scale that will be measured and monitored.

2.0	<p>Key issues</p> <p>The projects requirements will include a full review and audit of the current physical Visitor Journey and access Experience in the three AONB and Geopark: Ring of Gullion, Mourne, Strangford & Lecale and the Mourne Gullion Strangford aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark. It will make recommendations to mitigate against the issues and challenges faced with an increase of visitor numbers.</p> <p>Issues and challenges have been identified through the Mourne Multi-Agency Grouping.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p>
3.1	<p>To approve £12,000 from the existing tourism budget to match fund £48,000 secured from the Challenge Fund for this project.</p> <p>This is currently within available budgets</p>
4.0	<p>Resource implications</p>
4.1	<p>The total costs associated with the project is £60,000 – 80% funded</p> <p>External funding of £48,000</p> <p>Internal funding of £12,000 from existing tourism budget</p>
5.0	<p>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</p>
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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7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	<p>Minutes of ERT Committee Meeting – 9th August 2021</p> <p>https://www.newrymournedown.org/media/uploads/minutes_enterprise_regeneration_tourism_committee_meeting_09_08_2021.pdf</p>

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Appointment of a facilitator using the Tourism Northern Ireland (TNI) Framework to oversee all aspects of developing a new Coastal Flavours food & drink Safari
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle, Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

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> Using the tourism Northern Ireland framework to appoint a facilitator to oversee all aspects of developing a new Coastal Flavours food & Drink Safari to include new experiences and to enhance existing experiences and to market test these food and drink experiences.</p> <p><u>Background</u> As part of the successful application in securing £216,000 with the TNI market led product development fund which members were updated on at ERT in September 2021, one element includes £30,000 for a project with the Coastal Flavours food and drink cluster. The project seeks to develop a new Coastal Flavours food & Drink Safari to include new experiences and to enhance existing experiences over autumn, winter and spring. This will include an annual food and drink event to enrich the food and drink profile within the destination.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>To effectively deliver the project and in particular the necessary expertise to the industry it is important an experienced facilitator is appointed.</p> <p>The project will support the industry to assist all experiences are ready for market testing</p> <p>The funding from TNI is 100% and spend is to be completed by March 2022</p>

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To appoint a facilitator using the TNI Framework to oversee all aspects of developing a new Coastal Flavours food & drink Safari to include new experiences and to enhance existing experiences and to market test these food and drink experiences.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>The project budget is £30,000 funded 100% by TNI</p> <p>Exclusions included in the funding is Marketing so therefore will require use of the marketing budget to promote the experiences</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>
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	<i>Rationale:</i>
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7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Correspondence from Inland Waterways Association of Ireland regarding Newry Canal
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director 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></p> <p>To liaise with Council officials in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council to discuss future joint opportunities for development of Newry Canal and report back to a future meeting of the ERT committee on the proposed way forward.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council own the section of Newry Canal from Victoria Lock to just outside Jerrettspass. This section of Canal has 8 Locks. Council has invested in various projects associated with the Canal including the automation of the Lock Gate at Victoria Lock in 2007 which improved the access arrangement for boats to and from the Ship Canal.</p> <p>In 2017 £150,000 was invested in restoring the walls on Lock no. 5. In 2018 Phase 1 of the Carlingford Lough Greenway with a Canal side path available from Newry to Victoria Lock completed at a cost of £330,000. Phase 2 to come will see an overall investment of the further 3.4 million euros extending the Greenway from Victoria Lock to Omeath.</p> <p>The Councils Tourism Strategy recognised the potential of the Canal and future development around a Blueway concept.</p>		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	<p>The Canal is jointly owned by Newry, Mourne and Down DC and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council. A previous joint committee on the Canal lobbied for investment and reopening of the waterway for navigation.</p>		

	The IWAI Newry & Portadown branch has already been actively involved in conservation and restoration along Newry Canal. IWAI Newry & Portadown branch are requesting both Councils with ownership of the Canal look at a joint Strategy for protecting and enhancing the resource.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To liaise with Council Officials in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council to consider the correspondence from IWAI Newry & Portadown Branch with a view to investigating joint working for the future development of Newry Canal and revert back to the ERT Committee with proposals to progress this.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	No current financial resource required.
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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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Letter from Inland Waterways Association of Ireland</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>N/A</p>

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Protocol for Hearing of Representation and Referral for Licenses and Permits.
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Colum Jackson Assistant Director ERT
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Fintan Quinn HOS - Licensing

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 review the revised protocol which has been amended in line with the Councils review process and recent advice from Legal Services.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The previous Protocol was presented to the RTS Committee on the 23 Aug 2017, approved by Council on the 4 Sept 2017 and came into effect on the 11 Sept with a review date set for the 11 Sept 2021.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Further to recent legal advice in relation to a judgement and a challenge against a Planning Decision within another Council, our Legal Services have recommended a few amendments to our protocol.</p> <p>For ease of reference the new amendments are highlighted yellow within the Appendix A and the existing protocol is attached as Appendix B.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To review and approve the revised protocol for Hearing of Representations and Referrals for Licenses and Permits attached in Appendix A,</p> <p>with the new amendments highlighted yellow for ease of reference.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	

	Preparation of the amendments to the protocol.
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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	<div>If yes, please complete the following:</div> <div>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></div>
7.0	Appendices
	<div>Appendix A - revised Protocol for approval</div> <div>Appendix B – existing Protocol.</div>
8.0	Background Documents



Comhairle Ceantair
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agus an Dúin
**Newry, Mourne
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ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE

PROTOCOL FOR HEARING OF STATUTORY REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

Introduction

1. The following protocol has been developed for use by the **Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism** ('the Committee'). It should be read alongside relevant provisions of the Council's Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct for Councillors and is not intended to replace either document. The key aims of the protocol are to ensure that:
 - i. Those who make, or make representation to, applications before the Committee are able to make informed representations and know the case which they have to meet; and
 - ii. The Committee makes decisions in a soundly based, lawful, and transparent way and in a timely and efficient manner.
2. Meetings of the Committee will be open to the public; however, seating within the Committee Chamber will be limited according to venue capacity and associated fire and safety regulations.
3. Seating for applicants, statutory consultees, and objectors ('the parties') to an application will be reserved but only for the time in which their application is being considered.

Representations to Committee

4. Only those who have made written submissions and registered a request to speak in respect of an application shall be permitted to make oral representations before the Committee.
5. Parties to an application will be subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Deputations shall be heard in the following order:
 - a. Statutory consultees or other notice parties;
 - b. Objectors and/or their representatives;
 - c. Applicant and/or their representatives and/or those supporting the application.

- ii. Where more than one application is received in relation to a street trading site, deputations will be heard in alphabetical order according to the surnames of the applicants;
- iii. Deputations, unless otherwise agreed in advance by the Committee, shall consist of no more than 3 persons. Where there are more than 3 objectors or groups of objectors they will be required to arrange a single deputation to express their representations;
- iv. The privilege of such deputation shall be confined to the presentation of a statement and the making of a short address either by each member of the deputation or, should they so wish, by their nominated spokesperson or legal adviser;
- v. Each deputation shall be permitted, as far as is reasonably practicable, a maximum of 10 minutes to address the Committee. Where more than one person wishes to make representation the 10 minutes should be shared between the members of the deputation;
- vi. Speakers will not be permitted to circulate papers to members at the Committee meeting. **Documentation is to be submitted in accordance with para 7 below;**
- vii. All members of a deputation must continue to be seated and remain silent whilst other deputations are making representations to the Committee;
- viii. Cross-examination, discussion or any type of debate between persons making representations to Committee shall not be permitted;
- ix. Once all deputations have been made, the parties shall be permitted an opportunity to rebut any factual inaccuracies only which may have arisen from the oral representations of another deputation and in respect of which they have not had an opportunity to comment. This will be strictly limited to responding to any such issue and the party will not be permitted to rehearse any representations which have already been made;
- x. The Committee may, upon advice from officers, exclude any deputation from being present during the whole or part of the time when any other deputations are being made due to:
 - the confidential nature of information relevant to the application to be discussed; or
 - For such other reasons as may be appropriate;
- xi. The Committee may seek clarification from those who have spoken on any issues raised by them but should not enter into a debate with them;
- xii. Officers can address any issues raised during the course of representations from any deputation and the Committee can question officers; and
- xiii. The Committee may agree to accept representations outside these procedures but will only do so in exceptional circumstances.

Submission of representations to Council

6. Each deputation shall submit a prepared statement in advance of the meeting in a format as required by the Committee.
7. The statement, along with any other supporting information, must be provided in sufficient time which, unless **exceptional** circumstances dictate otherwise, shall be 2 weeks prior to the date of the Committee at which the matter is to be considered and the statement shall be included in the report to Committee.
8. Save for exceptional circumstances, all material supplied to the Committee will be shared with the parties. In particular;
 - i. Objectors will receive the material supplied on behalf of the applicant or representatives in support of an application;
 - ii. Applicants will receive the material supplied on behalf of objectors in opposition to an application; and
 - iii. All parties to an application shall be supplied with the report and all appendices thereto which is to be presented to Committee apart from any information which is restricted by virtue of the confidentiality provisions in the Council's publication policy.
9. Any relevant information which, **in exceptional circumstances**, was not made available for inclusion in the report to Committee in advance of the meeting must be received by the Building Control Service (in writing or by email to: buildingcontrol@nmandd.org) no later than 12.00noon two working days prior to the meeting. Any such information may then be verified or investigated and must also be supplied to all the parties to an application in advance of the meeting. Failure to do so may result in either the documentation being disregarded or the hearing being deferred.
10. Any documentation which is provided directly to any members of the Council must also be copied to the Building Control Service so as to ensure that the issues raised can be fully investigated by officers prior to the Committee hearing. Failure to do so may result in either the documentation being disregarded or the hearing being deferred.
11. All Committee papers will be available online. However, access to some documentation may be restricted by virtue of the Council's publication policy. Information which is determined to be exempt by virtue of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act 2014 may be published where the Council considers that the public interest in disclosing same outweighs the public interest in maintaining the exemption.

Role of Committee Chairperson

12. It is the role of the Committee Chairperson to chair the proceedings in such a way as to facilitate decisions which are consistent with the Committee's aims and to ensure that licensing decisions are properly debated.
13. The Chairperson will ensure that those making representations to the Committee adhere, as far as is practicable, to any time limits fixed for such presentations. These time limits will have been communicated to those making representations in advance of the meeting.
14. The Chairperson may at any time during the hearing of deputations, if s/he thinks it necessary to secure order, direct the removal of any individual from the meeting, or order that the meeting be cleared of all deputations.

15. When hearing depositions, the Chairperson will only permit questions to be put to persons appearing before the Committee and will require members engaging in debate to desist, until such time as all relevant information has been received.
16. The Chairperson may bring the questioning of any person appearing before the Committee to a close provided s/he is satisfied that all relevant issues have been addressed. The Chairperson may also prevent duplication of questions being put.
17. In any circumstances in which relevant information has been omitted from the information presented to the Committee, or the information appears to be deficient or appears to require further clarification or investigation, the Committee should consider deferring consideration of the matter to the subsequent monthly meeting of the Committee to allow the relevant information to be brought before it.
18. The Chairperson may permit any member of Council who is not a member of the Committee to appear before the Committee and make representations. As a non-Committee member, the member will take no further part in the proceedings or decision-making.
19. If a member of the Committee moves that the question be put to a vote and the Chairperson is of the opinion that the application before the Committee has been sufficiently discussed, s/he shall put the motion to the vote.
20. The Chairperson shall, if necessary, seek clarification on any proposal put by any member before a motion is put to a vote.

Role of Committee Members

21. The Committee's aim will be to make decisions which are sound, lawful, fair and transparent. In particular, members of the Committee should ensure that they take into account all relevant considerations and leave out of account irrelevant considerations.
22. Members must act fairly and be seen to act fairly. This means that they must have an open mind when considering an application and not pre-determine, or appear to pre-determine, an application before all of the evidence has been heard.
23. In any application before the Committee under this protocol, the Committee may decide that a site visit is desirable before a decision is made. In these circumstances, a date and time for the visit will be arranged for all members of the Committee to attend.
24. Members should be satisfied that they have considered all of the evidence that has been presented. If a member has not been present for the entirety of the process and evidence, he/she is strongly advised to consider his/her further involvement in the proceedings including the vote.
25. In considering any application only those members of Committee that have been present to consider representations from all depositions and any other information presented in relation to that application shall be permitted to vote on the matter.
26. Any member of the Committee who has any pecuniary interest or other personal interest in a particular decision of the Committee should declare same and is strongly advised to withdraw from the meeting whilst that matter is being considered.

27. Any member of the Committee who wishes to support an applicant or objector at a Committee hearing under this protocol may do so in their capacity as an Elected member in accordance with this protocol. Any member in this position is strongly advised against taking any other part in the proceedings.

28. Only those members sitting on the Committee will be permitted to engage in the questioning of those giving presentations or making representations to the Committee.

29. If legal advice is provided by Legal Services, the Committee must have regard to any such advice before reaching a decision.

28. **Role of the Committee**

The Committee shall hear all representations and shall have authority of decision on the Licence application.

29. **Right of appeal**

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30. **Call-in process**

Decisions of the Committee taken under this protocol which are of a quasi-judicial or regulatory nature are subject to the Call-in process under Para 21 of Council Standing Orders.

31. **Policy Authorisation**

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee

Recommended on 8th November 2021

To be ratified by Council on 6th December 2021

31. **Policy Effective Date** 13th December 2021

32. **Policy Review Date** 13th December 2025

The protocol will be reviewed in line with the Council's agreed protocol review cycle i.e. every 4 years (as per Council's Equality Scheme commitment 4.31), or sooner to ensure it remains reflective of legislative developments.



Comhairle Ceantair
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agus an Dúin
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

**PROTOCOL FOR HEARING OF REPRESENTATION AND REFERRALS FOR LICENCES
AND PERMITS BY THE REGULATORY & TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Introduction

1. The following protocol has been developed for use by the Regulatory & Technical Services Committee ('the Committee'). It should be read alongside relevant provisions of the Council's Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct for Councillors and is not intended to replace either document. The key aims of the protocol are to ensure that:
 - i. Those who apply for, or make representation to, applications before the Committee are able to make informed representations and know the case which they have to meet; and
 - ii. The Committee makes decisions in a soundly based, lawful, and transparent way and in a timely and efficient manner.
2. Meetings of the Committee will be open to the public; however, seating within the Committee Chamber will be limited according to venue capacity and associated fire and safety regulations.
3. Seating for applicants, statutory consultees, and objectors ('the parties') to an application will be reserved but only for the time in which their application is being considered.

Representations to Committee

4. Only those who have made written submissions and registered a request to speak in respect of an application shall be permitted to make oral representations before the Committee.
5. Parties to an application will be subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Deputations shall be heard in the following order:
 - a. Statutory consultees or other notice parties;
 - b. Objectors and/or their representatives;
 - c. Applicant and/or their representatives and/or those supporting the application.

- ii. Where more than one application is received in relation to a street trading site, deputations will be heard in alphabetical order according to the surnames of the applicants;
- iii. Deputations, unless otherwise agreed in advance by the Committee, shall consist of no more than 3 persons. Where there are more than 3 objectors or groups of objectors they will be required to arrange a single deputation to express their representations;
- iv. The privilege of such deputation shall be confined to the presentation of a statement and the making of a short address either by each member of the deputation or, should they so wish, by their nominated spokesperson or legal adviser;
- v. Each deputation shall be permitted, as far as is reasonably practicable, a maximum of 10 minutes to address the Committee. Where more than one person wishes to make representation the 10 minutes should be shared between the members of the deputation;
- vi. Speakers will not be permitted to circulate papers to members at the Committee meeting;
- vii. All members of a deputation must continue to be seated and remain silent whilst other deputations are making representations to the Committee;
- viii. Cross-examination, discussion or any type of debate between persons making representations to Committee shall not be permitted;
- ix. Once all deputations have been made, the parties shall be permitted an opportunity to rebut any factual inaccuracies only which may have arisen from the oral representations of another deputation and in respect of which they have not had an opportunity to comment. This will be strictly limited to responding to any such issue and the party will not be permitted to rehearse any representations which have already been made;
- x. The Committee may, upon advice from officers, exclude any deputation from being present during the whole or part of the time when any other deputations are being made due to:
 - the confidential nature of information relevant to the application to be discussed; or
 - For such other reasons as may be appropriate;
- xi. The Committee may seek clarification from those who have spoken on any issues raised by them but should not enter into a debate with them;
- xii. Officers can address any issues raised during the course of representations from any deputation and the Committee can question officers; and
- xiii. The Committee may agree to accept representations outside these procedures but will only do so in exceptional circumstances.

Submission of representations to Council

6. Each deputation shall submit a prepared statement in advance of the meeting in a format as required by the Committee.
7. The statement, along with any other supporting information, must be provided in sufficient time which, unless circumstances dictate otherwise, shall be 2 weeks prior to the date of the Committee at which the matter is to be considered and the statement shall be included in the report to Committee.
8. Save for exceptional circumstances, all material supplied to the Committee will be shared with the parties. In particular;
 - i. Objectors will receive the material supplied on behalf of the applicant or representatives in support of an application;
 - ii. Applicants will receive the material supplied on behalf of objectors in opposition to an application; and
 - iii. All parties to an application shall be supplied with the report and all appendices thereto which is to be presented to Committee apart from any information which is restricted by virtue of the confidentiality provisions in the Council's publication policy.
9. Any relevant information which was not made available for inclusion in the report to Committee in advance of the meeting must be received by the Building Control Service (in writing or by email to: buildingcontrol@nmandd.org) no later than 12.00noon two working days prior to the meeting. Any such information may then be verified or investigated and must also be supplied to all the parties to an application in advance of the meeting. Failure to do so may result in either the documentation being disregarded or the hearing being deferred.
10. Any documentation which is provided directly to any members of the Council must also be copied to the Building Control Service so as to ensure that the issues raised can be fully investigated by officers prior to the Committee hearing. Failure to do so may result in either the documentation being disregarded or the hearing being deferred.
11. All Committee papers will be available online. However, access to some documentation may be restricted by virtue of the Council's publication policy. Information which is determined to be exempt by virtue of Schedule 6 of the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Act 2014 may be published where the Council considers that the public interest in disclosing same outweighs the public interest in maintaining the exemption.

Role of Committee Chairperson

12. It is the role of the Committee Chairperson to chair the proceedings in such a way as to facilitate decisions which are consistent with the Committee's aims and to ensure that licensing decisions are properly debated.
13. The Chairperson will ensure that those making representations to the Committee adhere, as far as is practicable, to any time limits fixed for such presentations. These time limits will have been communicated to those making representations in advance of the meeting.
14. The Chairperson may at any time during the hearing of deputations, if s/he thinks it necessary to secure order, direct the removal of any individual from the meeting, or order that the meeting be cleared of all deputations.

15. When hearing depositions, the Chairperson will only permit questions to be put to persons appearing before the Committee and will require members engaging in debate to desist, until such time as all relevant information has been received.
16. The Chairperson may bring the questioning of any person appearing before the Committee to a close provided s/he is satisfied that all relevant issues have been addressed. The Chairperson may also prevent duplication of questions being put.
17. In any circumstances in which relevant information has been omitted from the information presented to the Committee, or the information appears to be deficient or appears to require further clarification or investigation, the Committee should consider deferring consideration of the matter to the subsequent monthly meeting of the Committee to allow the relevant information to be brought before it.
18. The Chairperson may permit any member of Council who is not a member of the Committee to appear before the Committee and make representations but the member cannot vote or take any other part in the proceedings.
19. If a member of the Committee moves that the question be put to a vote and the Chairperson is of the opinion that the application before the Committee has been sufficiently discussed, s/he shall put the motion to the vote.
20. The Chairperson shall, if necessary, seek clarification on any proposal put by any member before a motion is put to a vote.

Role of Committee Members

21. The Committee's aim will be to make decisions which are sound, lawful, fair and transparent. In particular, members of the Committee should ensure that they take into account all relevant considerations and leave out of account irrelevant considerations.
22. Members must act fairly and be seen to act fairly. This means that they must have an open mind when considering an application and not pre-determine, or appear to pre-determine, an application before all of the evidence has been heard.
23. In considering any application only those members of Committee that have been present to consider representations from all depositions and any other information presented in relation to that application shall be permitted to vote on the matter.
24. Members of the Committee who have any pecuniary interest or other personal interest in a particular decision of the Committee should declare same and withdraw from the meeting whilst that matter is being considered.
25. Any member of the Committee who feels they cannot remain impartial and wishes to support an applicant or objector at a Committee meeting can do so in their capacity as a local Councillor. If they do so, they can appear before the Committee and make representations but the member cannot vote or take any other part in the proceedings.
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30. **Policy Authorisation**

Regulatory & Technical Services Committee
Authorised on 23rd August 2017

Council Authorised on 04th Sept 2017

31. **Policy Effective Date** 11th Sept 2017

32. **Policy Review Date** 11th Sept 2021

“The protocol will be reviewed in line with the Council’s agreed protocol review cycle i.e. every 4 years (as per Council’s Equality Scheme commitment 4.31), or sooner to ensure it remains reflective of legislative developments.”

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Update on Business Development Programmes
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director
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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update provided under the following business development initiatives: Go for It, NMD Growth, Digital Growth, Tender for Growth, Sales Accelerator and Digital Transformation To approve the proposed Trade Mission to Glasgow/Edinburgh as part of the Sales Accelerator Programme in conjunction with Lisburn Castlereagh City Council. <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council provide various business development programmes to assist local SME's in all aspects of business growth advice, for both start-up and existing businesses.</p> <p>The main programmes as outlined below are funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Invest NI and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p> <p>Eligibility for the business support and growth programmes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Businesses with less than 50 employees Business who have the potential to create jobs.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Go for It – NI Business Start-Up (Implemented Sept 2017 – March 2021)</p> <p>The NI Business Start-Up Programme continues to support those wishing to establish a new business. Support provided includes support with a business start up business advisor, access to focused workshops on relevant topics, and completion of a business plan for the business start up proposal.</p> <p>Recruitment and delivery continues to provide a seamless programme for participants with levels of enquires and engagement for the programme remaining high. The interest in self-employment since the pandemic has increased either out of necessity or the opportunities it presents. Programme delivery continues to be provided virtually in order to adhere to social distancing regulations.</p>

GO FOR IT

	Target (21/22)	Actual April 21 – Sept 21	% Achieved
Business Plans Approved	312	190	61%
Jobs Promoted (Stat Target)	187	114	61%
Business Start ups	187	114	61%

NMD Business Growth (Oct 2018 – December 2022)

Programme delivery is now 71% complete with September being month 36 of a 52-month programme. Recruitment continues for this bespoke mentoring programme which has to date provided assistance to 563 local businesses from the NMDDC area.

	Target (up to Dec 2022)	Total Actual to date	% Achieved	April to September 2021 Financial Year Period
Businesses Supported	740	563	76%	102
Mentoring Hours Delivered	8015	6148.5	76%	779
Workshops	30	27	90%	2
Thematic Programmes	10	13	130%	2
Job Creation	470	80* 318.5**	17% 67%	0
INI Referrals	40	18***	45%	2
Stakeholder Signposting	100	52	52%	8

*Immediate job creation, excluding projected job creation within 12 months

**Immediate plus projected job creation within 12 months of mentoring completion

***INI confirmed number of quality referrals as per eligibility criteria

Digital Growth (January 2020 – December 2022)

Programme recruitment and delivery continues with a view to providing essential tailored digital support for businesses. Digital Growth is currently 58% complete as at end of September 2021, being month 21, of a 36-month programme.

	Target (up to Dec 2022)	Actual to date	% Achieved	April to September 2021 Financial Year Period
Businesses Supported	260	129	49%	39

Mentoring Hours Delivered	4410	1893	42%	486
Workshops	18	12	66%	3
Masterclasses	4	2	50%	0
Job Creation	185	40	21%	34.5
INI Referrals	20	7	35%	3

Tender for Growth (June 2020 – December 2022)

The programme which offers support to local businesses to develop their procurement processes and secure new contracts in both the public and private sector, is progressing well with 73 businesses having completed the programme fully.

Recruitments continues for the programme which is 52% completed at the end of September being month 16 of a 31-month programme.

The first Meet the Buyer Event for the programme was conducted in September with 41 participants, approximately 28 of whom will now progress to individual meetings with at least one of the 4 key buyers involved who were NMDDC; HSC; MJM Marine; and Louth County Council.

	Target (up to Dec 2022)	Actual to date	% Achieved	April to September 2021 Financial Year Period
Businesses Supported	170	73	42%	35
Mentoring Hours Delivered	3367	978	29%	453
Workshops	10	3	30%	1
Meet the Buyer Events	2	1	50%	1
Job Creation	145	3	2%	1
INI Referrals	15	3	20%	2
Stakeholder Signposting	20	8	40%	5

Sales Accelerator Programme

Launched in September 2021, the joint programme, with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, aims to provide trade focused mentoring and to support businesses to develop their sales capacity to grow sales in existing NI markets, as well as explore new and grow existing sales in GB and/or RoI.

Recruitment for the first wave of the Sales Accelerator Programme has commenced with 36 businesses registering from the NMDDC area, which is 36% of the overall target for the 15-month programme.

The Sales Accelerator Programme is delivered in three parts. Part A investigates potential sales in the NI marketplace; Part B investigates potential sales in either or GB or ROI; and Part C involves a Trade Mission to either GB or ROI. Under Part C

of this programme NMDDC will lead a total of three Trade Missions as part of the Sales Accelerator Programme. The first of which is anticipated to take place on 1st-3rd February 2022 to Glasgow/Edinburgh. Followed by further one Trade Mission later in 2022, with specific dates and destinations to be agreed with the delivery agent. All Trade Missions will be delivered within the agreed budget previously approved for the Sales Accelerator Programme.

	Target (up to Dec 2022)	Actual to date	% Achieved	April to September 2021 Financial Year Period
Businesses Supported	100	36	36%	36
Mentoring Hours Delivered	2,240 hrs (320 days)	0	-	0
Workshops	60	0	-	0
Trade Visits	2	0	-	0
Job Creation	120	0	-	0
INI Referrals	8	0	-	0

New Programmes commencing in 2021 / 2022

Digital Transformation Programme

Programme delivery via E-tenders closes on 28th October 2021, with anticipated appointment completed in November 2021. The programme will launch thereafter to assist with improving productivity of local businesses by incorporating digital technologies into operational activity. Programme delivery will be via workshops and one-to-one mentoring support to provide a competitive advantage to participant businesses.

Summary across the above programmes

	Delivery - April to September 2021
Existing Businesses Supported	212
New Business Start Up supported	190
Mentoring Hours Delivered	1718
Workshops / Events / Programmes delivered	7
Referrals to other business support programmes / partners	20

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1
- To note the update provided under the following business development initiatives: Go for It, NMD Growth, Digital Growth, Tender for Growth, Sales Accelerator and Digital Transformation Programmes
 - To approve the proposed Trade Mission to Glasgow/Edinburgh as part of the Sales Accelerator Programme in conjunction with Lisburn Castlereagh City Council.

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	All programmes are being implemented within existing and approved 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> <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>

	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	N/A	
8.0	Background Documents	
	N/A	

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	E-Charge Feasibility Study
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly (Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration)
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kevin McGarry (Rural Development Programme 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></p> <p>A procurement exercise was undertaken to appoint a suitable contractor to investigate the feasibility of installing e-charge points at 7No. sites across the district. The procurement exercise originally detailed 3No. sites which increased to 7No. sites following ongoing discussion with stakeholders and other e-charge projects. The budget approved by ERT Committee in May 2021 was £5,000.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS)</p> <p>Electric vehicles (EVs) are most conveniently and economically charged at home, but off-street parking, and therefore a home chargepoint is not available to everyone. To improve local charging infrastructure, the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) have created the 'On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme' (ORCS), providing grant funding for local authorities across the UK to install on-street chargepoints. The funding available is for 75% of the capital costs (up to £100K) of procuring and installing a chargepoint. The remaining 25% must be secured via sources other than OLEV funding. There is no resource funding available for project development.</p> <p>To work towards the preparation of an application to the 'On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme', a feasibility study is required to investigate the viability of identified sites.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>A procurement exercise was undertaken with one submission made that satisfied the requirements of the RfQ. The submission was valued at £8,400 to complete the project. A budget of £5K was previously approved for this piece of work. In order to proceed an increase in the budget is required.</p>

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	It is recommended to note the uplift in the budget allocation for the feasibility study element of the project with a view to preparing an application to OLEV for the capital infrastructure.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The in-house resource exists to ensure the project works towards completion.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	Appendices
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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Economic Forum
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 the update provided at a recent meeting of the Economic Forum.</p> <p><u>Background</u> A special meeting of the Economic Forum including ERT Committee Councillors and all interested Councillors was held on 4th October 2021</p> <p>The presentation provided at the meeting and a record of discussion is included at appendix A</p>
2.0	Key issues
	<p>The recommendations from the meeting were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of the Economic Form noted the content of the paper “Levelling up Fund”, the recommendations regarding the Notice of Motion presented to Council, and the approach proposed by NMDDC in respect of the strategy to access funding 2. A special meeting of the Economic Forum be convened following the signing of the BRCD Deal Document in order to provide more detail around the City Deal, the proposals that are related to Newry, Mourne & Down District Council and the wider BRCD region
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the above update provided on the Economic Forum
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><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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7.0	Appendices
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Record of meeting – Oct 2021 b) Presentation from meeting of the Economic forum – October 21
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

ECONOMIC FORUM MEETING
4 OCTOBER 2021 at 11:00 am – Microsoft teams

Attending:

Councillor O Hanlon, Chair (11:00 – 11:25)
Councillor C Mason, Chair (11:25 – 12:14)
Councillor G Stokes
Councillor G Hanna
Councillor R Mulgrew
Councillor Savage

Marie Ward
Conor Mallon
Jonathan McGilly
Amanda Smyth
Patricia McPolin
Elaine McAlinden
Martin Patterson
Sandra Magee

Eoin Magennis, Ulster University
Pamela Arthurs, East Border Region
Janice McDonald, Down Business Centre
Heather McKee, SERC
Ken Webb, SERC

Peter Murray, Buttercrane
Cathal Austin, The Quays
Jackie Reid, Delilites
ShortCrossGin
Connaire McGreevy, Mourne
Mountain Breweries
A Knox, J Knox and Sons
David Hanna, Hanna Hillen
Killeavy Castle
Harry Wick, NI Fish Producers
Organisation
Gerard Murray, DfC
Liam Devine, Clanrye Group
Eamonn Connolly, Newry BiD
Grant Gilmore, Intertrade Ireland

Elaine Flynn, SERC
Feargal McCormack, FPM
Catherine McInerney, DfC
Neil O'Prey, Regen Waste

Tony McKeown, Newry Chamber
Declan Murphy,
Mark Bleakney, Invest NI
Kieran Fegan, DfC
David Holmes, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority
Kieran Grant, Warrenpoint Harbour Authority

SUBJECT	ACTIONS
Apologies	Councillor: G Stokes, T Andrews, O Magennis, K Owen, V Harte, M Larkin, J & A Doherty, G O'Hare, Parker Green, B Doran, T Rice SRC, A Morrow Intertrade Ireland,
Consideration of Officer Report on Levelling Up Fund (copy circulated)	Conor Mallon referred to a paper that was circulated to Forum in advance of meeting, regarding the Levelling up Fund. The content of the paper is a response to a Notice of Motion tabled by Cllr Malone at an ERT Committee and which was then ratified by Full Council.

	<p>It was requested that the Forum consider the content of the report and the recommendations included and discuss any queries or questions in respect of the recommendations that has been set regarding Council's approach to the Levelling Up Fund. The paper was noted with no further discussion.</p>
<p>Presentation on Economic Development Strategy & Working Groups (copy has been attached)</p>	<p>Amanda Smyth and Jonathan McGilly gave a presentation on the Working Group Structure within the Economic Development Strategy, that was launched November 2020. The Strategy sets out 3 key pillars against which 3 working groups have been established as outlined below. A detailed update against the themes was presented (presentation attached)</p> <p><u>Entrepreneurship & Business Growth</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support growth & creation of new business starts 2. Support growth in innovation & digital technologies 3. Build International relations 4. Strengthen business engagement <p><u>Employability & Skills</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Address skills gap & future skill needs, through education – industry engagement 2. Promote employment opportunities & attract appropriate skills labour to the area 3. Upskill & reskill those in employment, unemployed, or inactive 4. Promote alternative pathways to employment <p><u>Regeneration & Modern Infrastructure</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital transformation: creating a connected region 2. Regeneration of our City, towns and villages 3. Strategic investment proposals <p><u>Comments</u></p> <p>Marie Ward provided a detailed update on the Belfast Region City Deal, stating that the Council are moving through this process and are at the point of bringing through each of the partner Councils the BRCD Deal Document. This will establish agreement for the signing of the Deal</p>

Document by Local, Regional and the UK Government. The Deal Document will cement the partnership & relationship that has been established through Belfast Region City Deal. Securing the City Deal will bring a significant boost for our local economy through investment in capital projects and delivery of new skills and employability initiatives necessary to support to vision of the creation of 20,000 new and better jobs. With an investment of £1 Billion BRCD is very much about being an enabler and encouraging investment from the private sector as well direct government investment.

BRCD - Comments:

Feargal McCormack – BRCD is a really fantastic opportunity, and the positivity of what City Deal can offer needs to be promoted widely in a smart and coherent way

Councillor Oonagh O'Hanlon – BRCD will be transformative for Newry, Mourne and Down District, We need to get our communication & messaging right around so people are aware of the opportunities and choose this District as their future location to live, work and invest

Councillor Roisin Mulgrew – Covid stopped us doing a lot of things but we are coming out of it and need to hit the ground running in terms of our engagement with all stakeholders and groups. The opportunities from BRCD are positive and should be recognised as that as it will be a game changer for us all.

Skills – comments

Catrina Reagan, SRC have secured £500,000 funding for the “Skills to Succeed” Programme in areas such as childcare, computing, digital marketing, leadership and management. <https://www.src.ac.uk/tm-courses/flexible-skills-fund>

Elaine Flynn confirmed that SERC have secured the same funding as SRC – <https://www.serc.ac.uk/skillup>.

	<p>Catherine McNerney, Department for Communities have now a change in Policy which will allow DFC to provide funding for smaller settlements in the area</p> <p>Neil O'Prey, Regen Waste – requested further detail about the allocation of grants have made to local businesses during covid-19. JMcG to arrange to speak with Mr O'Prey following meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Karen McKeivitt – highlighted the importance of ensuring businesses are being linked in with schools, in particular career teachers and pupils who are choosing subjects to ensure they are aware of the pathway opportunities available locally. Councillor McKeivitt wanted to highlight this gap on educating students, when they are making decisions on what exams to take, what career paths, routes to take. They need more positive connectivity to careers departments and advice given on jobs available to allow them to live and work in the District and not have to move because they have to work outside of the District.</p> <p>Heather McKee, SERC – recognises the need for a more coordinated approach to education across NI, it is something that colleges have been working on with the Departments and lobbying quite hard that there is a better coordinated approach from post primary through to colleges, through to universities. The advantages of higher-level apprentices, are being recognised more and more by parents; the partnership working that has taken place with the Council over the last few years, shows that the partnership approach is effective</p> <p>Conor Mallon – just to sum up across all 3 themes, we will take all comments on board as we progress working through the strategy action plans and delivering on each of the themes that have been identified. We will continue to engage throughout the process and through all the established Working Groups, and we will try to implement all actions assigned to us in a collaborative manner.</p>
<p><u>Recommendations:</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of the Economic Forum noted the content of the paper “Levelling up Fund”, the recommendations regarding the Notice of Motion presented to Council, and the approach proposed by NMDDC in respect of the strategy to access funding

	<p>2. A special meeting of the Economic Forum be convened following the signing of the BRCD Deal Document in order to provide more detail around the City Deal, the proposals that are related to Newry, Mourne & Down District Council and the wider BRCD region</p>
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Economic Forum

with the Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee (and all interest Cllrs)

04 October 2021



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Agenda

1. Apologies
 2. Background / Introductions from Councillor Malone
 3. Presentation / Consideration of Officer Report on Levelling up Fund (attached)
 4. Update on Economic Development Strategy and working groups:
 1. Employability and Skills
 2. Entrepreneurship and Business Growth
 3. Regeneration and Modern Infrastructure
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1. AOB

Update across the Working Group Themes

October 2021





Working Group Structure

Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy

Entrepreneurship, Business Growth & Innovation

1. Support growth & creation of new business starts
2. Support growth in innovation & digital technologies
3. Build International relations
4. Strengthen business engagement

Employability & Skills

1. Address skills gap & future skill needs, through education – industry engagement
2. Promote employment opportunities & attract appropriate skills labour to the area
3. Upskill & reskill those in employment, unemployed, or inactive
4. Promote alternative pathways to employment

Regeneration & Modern Infrastructure

1. Digital transformation: creating a connected region
2. Regeneration of our City, towns and villages
3. Strategic investment proposals



Regeneration & Modern Infrastructure

- **BRCD**

- OBC development across 4 Pillars of investment: Regeneration & Tourism, Infrastructure, Digital & Innovation and Skills and Employability

- **Covid-19 Recovery and Revitalization**

- £1,906,000 of funding investment from DFC, DAERA and DFI
 - Just under £1m of business grants awarded for covid-19 compliance and recovery – 798 businesses
 - Capital investment to enhance the safer operations of artisan markets across the District
 - Enhancement of Outdoor Space – Dereliction, enhanced outdoor seating
 - Active Travel Strategy and Educational Programme – district wide Strategy & working with schools to roll out an active travel educational promotion
 - Active Travel - Improvements carried out to Murlough Car-Park Road Crossing



Regeneration & Modern Infrastructure

- **Newry & Downpatrick Revitalisation**
 - £420,000 from DFC to implement a revitalisation scheme in lower Hill street Newry and Church Street Downpatrick. With match funding from Council the total investment is £495,000, with a significant proportion distributed to business for shop front enhancements
- **NIEA Challenge Fund**
 - £279,500 investment: to undertake additional works at Council AONBs.
- **Town Centre Taskforce**
 - Underway - establishment of a town centre taskforce for the District.
 - Purpose - identify the challenges, solutions and actions we can take to inform the future development of key urban and rural town centres.
 - Strategic aim - contribute to the development of thriving and sustainable city and town centres.



Employability & Skills

- **Labour Market Partnership**
 - Establishment of a LMP, strategic assessment and action plan for delivery to March 2022.
 - 3 Themes: 1: Access to work / 2: Skills for work / 3: NMD A Place to work
 - Bid for funding: £500k approx. 2021/2022

- **Employability & Skills Research & Mapping**
 - Research - Understand the existing employability and skills provision in the District.
 - Mapping - What are the interventions currently on offer? Where to the gaps lie?
 - Aim is to provide the intelligence to underpin decision making and inform priorities

- **Greater awareness of Employment Opportunities**
 - LMP Action: NMD A place to work
 - Promotion and showcasing of local employment opportunities
 - NMD – A place for Graduates
 - Job & skill Matching



Entrepreneurship, Business Growth & Innovation

- **Rural Micro Business grants**
 - Capital grants scheme, administered to rural businesses, with grants of up to £4,999. Still under assessment, this scheme will represent a grant distribution of £125k to successful applicants

- **Make it Local**
 - Intensive MiL summer campaign featuring local businesses across the District across outdoor, print, social and digital platforms. Plans underway for MiL @ Christmas campaign

- **Business Support programmes continue virtually**
 - Business mentoring programmes: NMD Growth, Tender for Growth & Digital Growth + Go for It Programme
 - 2020/2021: 266 new business plans were supported through the Go for It Programme.
 - 2020/2021: 327 businesses were supported, and 5005 mentoring hours were delivered
 - Capacity remaining across the programmes until Dec 2023: support a further 441 businesses



Entrepreneurship, Business Growth & Innovation

- **2 New Business development Programmes secured:**
 - Sales Accelerator:
 - Assisting business explore, target & exploit new business opportunities in NI, ROI, and GB
 - 135 businesses between Oct 21 and Dec 2022
 - Digital Transformation
 - 11 Council programme, currently under procurement
 - Support approx. 18 NMD businesses to establish a digital acceleration plan and provide intensive support in the digital innovation eco system
- **Positioning the District as an investment location**
 - Prospectus - Promotion of the District for investing, working and living.
 - Coherent document defining how we collectively can grow the district – new start-ups, growing existing and attracting new business and investment
 - Short prospectus on statistical information on the district, economic profile and case studies
- **Enterprise Week 2021 (8th November)**
 - Week of collaborative events showcasing NMD businesses, supporting local entrepreneurs

Thank you



Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Empowering Potential Event
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

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

For decision	For noting only	X
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note that Council will refresh the Open for "Business, Empowering Potential" messaging and take forward a communications and engagement campaign that will, through an event, show case the Council's achievements, and ambition for positioning the District as a leader in stimulating regeneration, delivering growth in investment and employment across the District</p> <p><u>Background</u> Council (approx. 4 years ago) launched the campaign "Open for Business; Empowering Potential". This campaign was regionally promoted, distributing the messaging that the District is open for business, ready for investment. The campaign positioned the Council as a leader in regeneration, communicating strategic investment initiatives taken forward by Council at that stage and how Council's regeneration proposal will empower and stimulate wider investment across the District.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Now is an opportune time to refresh the Open for "Business, Empowering Potential" messaging. It is proposed to refresh and update the communications and branding under this campaign. This will enable Council to be ready in 2022 to show case our achievements, our ambition for positioning the District as a leader in stimulating regeneration, delivering growth in investment and employment across the District.</p> <p>Officers will engage the appropriate support to develop appropriate messaging and imagery for a new "Open for Business; Empowering Potential" public event in early 2022. The target audience will be communities, business both local and regionally; but also, investors, interested in the ambitions that the Council have agreed in their regeneration and investment forward plan.</p>

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note that Council will refresh the Open for "Business, Empowering Potential" messaging and take forward a communications and engagement campaign thorough a public event in early 2022.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Cost for campaign available in current 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> <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

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ACTION TRACKER SHEET

ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

(For Noting at ERT September 2021)

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ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		October 2019			
ERT/138/2019	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	<p>(a) The Council proceed to commence the PQQ contractor procurement stage for the Northern section of the Carlingford Lough Greenway.</p> <p>(b) Council Officers to update Councillor McMurray regarding plans for Greenways at Comber/Downpatrick.</p>	J McGilly	<p>Negotiations ongoing with landowners and funder. Revised submission submitted to funders May 2020. Planning submitted and awaiting decision. SEUPB considering additional funding bid. Economic appraisal completed and with SEUPB and DfI</p>	N

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		(AUGUST 2020)			
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 approved May 2021. Site investigation work complete and evaluating costs.	N
		SEPTEMBER 2020			
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, Following September ERT Working group to be established to progress in line with Master plan review for Newcastle	N
		(JANUARY 2021)			
ERT/010/2021	WARRENPOINT FRONTSHORE PR SCHEME	1. 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.	J McGilly	Scheme consultation launched April 2021	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 consideration of the funding package for the scheme. 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. Once completed officers will present the DFI One Way system proposal for Warrenpoint at a future meeting of Crotlieve Cllrs in early 2021. 		Scheme approved following consultation now moving to submit planning and complete Economic Appraisal	
		(MARCH 2021)			
ERT/051/2021	WARRENPOINT BATHS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council continue to ensure that ongoing measures are taken to monitor and address Health and Safety concerns as they arise at the existing Baths Structure. Council officials to continue discussions with potential funders given the development of new funding programmes - Peace Plus; Shared Prosperity Fund; 	J McGilly	Cavanagh Kelly currently working on SOC for project as approved for planning	N

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		<p>NLHF, Tourism NI, etc, based on the development of the facility as per the planning approval that is currently in place on the site.</p> <p>3. Council officials proceed with appointment of a consultancy team to prepare a business case / economic appraisal on the existing Council approved scheme based on the Planning approval in place for the Warrenpoint Baths site.</p>		Draft report due mid September	
ERT/093/2021	LEVELLING UP FUND	<p>1. The Council do not submit an application in the current call for 18 June 2021 Levelling Up Fund, but explore and develop initiatives that best fit the criteria utilising the Development fund that will become available early summer.</p> <p>2. In respect of CRF, the Council explore potential joint funding bids with FE sector aligned to economic development and regeneration strategy.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
		(AUGUST 2021)			
ERT/136/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: MOTORHOME STRATEGY	To note the contents of Report dated 09 August 2021 from Mr A Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture &	A Patterson	In progress	N

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		<p>Events, and to approve for officers to consult with several key stakeholders to inform the development of the Terms of Reference for a future Motorhome Strategy for the District.</p> <p>To amend the wording of the Notice of Motion to read:</p> <p><i>"With the ever increasing numbers of Motorhome owners and campers opting to use car parks and other locations for overnight stays in Newcastle, Council acknowledge the signs of tension that are now growing between local residents and those wishing to use public spaces for overnight stays. Council recognise that freedom camping has become unsustainable at some key areas. In turn this is placing operational and environmental pressure on visitor attractions originally designed for day time recreational use only. Council develop a public space overnight stay</i></p>			

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		<p><i>strategy which includes both motorhomes and tents for Newry Mourne and Down Council region, encompassing Newry and the main towns, villages and rural areas."</i></p> <p>Mr Patterson to contact Councillor Hanna in relation to specific car parks and legislation regarding overnight stays.</p> <p>Mr Patterson to advise Members if any planning applications had been received from the private sector for the provision of facilities for motorhome users.</p>			
ERT/137/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: REVIVAL OF DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE	<p>To note Report dated 09 August 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration, and proceed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers carry out a detailed options appraisal in partnership with local elected Members and business representatives, looking at the most suitable option going 	J McGilly	Work in progress. Follow p meeting held with Downpatrick Councillors. Survey of key stakeholders to be undertaken	n

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		<p>forward, that best represents the need of the Town Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report back to the ERT Committee with findings of the options appraisal exercise. 			
		(SEPTEMBER 2021)			
ERT/159/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: STAFF SHORTAGES WITHIN HOSPITALITY	<p>(a) To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding staff shortages within hospitality.</p> <p>(b) To note Report dated dated 13 September 2021 from Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration, and that Officers proceed to action the content of the Motion through the Economic Forum structures which exist, taking into consideration issues raised by Members including supply and demand within the hospitality industry and to explore the possibility of a Jobs Fare.</p>	J McGilly	<p>Employability and skills working group to consider this issue at October meeting</p> <p>Proposal for Careers fayre to be presented to next Covid 19 working group</p>	y

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		(c) Officers to report back to the ERT Committee in November / December 2021.			
ERT/161/2021	WARRENPOINT FRONTSHORE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME	<p>To approve the following recommendations arising from the Warrenpoint Frontshore Public Realm Scheme Task & Finish Steering Group Meeting held on 13 August 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To accept the Breakwater Concept Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with inclusion of the suggested adjustments / amendments following consideration by the Task & Finish Steering Group and proceed to a Public Consultation Process and Planning Application thereafter. 2) To approve Business Case and Payments to Department for Infrastructure (60,000) and BT (£20,000) for future elements of works as part of the overall scheme. 	J McGilly	Task and finish group meeting to consider next steps to be held on 5 October	y
ERT/166/2021	CONSULTATION RE: BUILDING CONTROL REGULATIONS	To note Report dated 13 September 2021 from Mr C Jackson Assistant Director of Building Control & Licensing and approve the response provided by Officers as per	C Jackson	Response submitted to DoF.	Y

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		Appendix 2, regarding a consultation by Department of Finance on Part R of the Building Regulation (NI) 2020 Changing Places Toilet Provision (CPT).			
ERT/178/2021	SUBMISSIONS TO DFI RE: GREENWAY AND ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS	<p>Given their importance to the District's tourism industry, Task and Finish Working Groups be set up for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of Greenways - Newcastle Harbour <p>An update be provided to Councillor Stokes regarding the application in respect of Newry Greenway.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
END		(OCTOBER 2021 - TO FOLLOW)			

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1. Live Applications

MONTH 2021/22	NEW APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS
April 2021	206	1,195	232
May 2021	204	1,238	228
June 2021	172	1,219	236
July 2021	176	1,190	224
August 2021	152	1,174	226
September 2021	182	1,175	226
October 2021	188	1,188	232

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
April 2021	770	193	81	54	97	1,195
May 2021	818	192	76	53	99	1,238
June 2021	777	206	82	43	111	1,219
July 2021	787	179	79	44	101	1,190
August 2021	754	194	84	49	93	1,174
September 2021	737	212	87	44	95	1,175
October 2021	724	232	85	46	101	1,188

3. Live applications per Case Officer

Month 2021/22	Average number of Applications per Case Officer
April	83
May	85
June	89
July	83
August	75
September	67
October	64

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4. Decisions issued per month

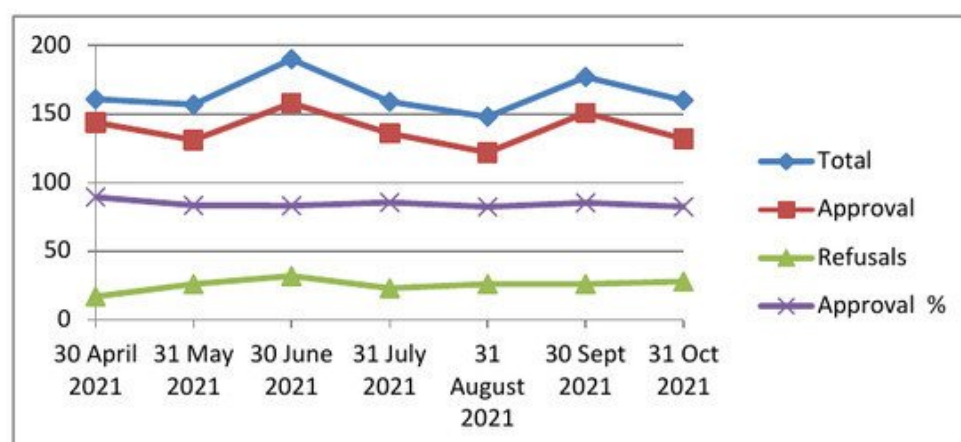
Month 2021/22	Number of Decisions Issued	Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority
April	161	155
May	157	146
June	190	184
July	159	150
August	148	145
September	177	166
October	160	155

5. Decisions Issued YTD

Month 2021/22	Number of Decisions Issued	Breakdown of Decisions	
April	161	Approvals (144)	89%
		Refusals (17)	11%
May	318	Approvals (275)	86%
		Refusals (43)	14%
June	508	Approvals (433)	85%
		Refusals (75)	15%
July	667	Approvals (569)	85%
		Refusals (98)	15%
August	815	Approvals (691)	85%
		Refusals (124)	15%
September	992	Approvals (842)	85%
		Refusals (150)	15%
October	1,152	Approvals (974)	85%
		Refusals (178)	15%

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6. Enforcement Live cases

Month 2021/2022	<=1yr	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	5+ yrs	Total
April	285	133	127	122	62	101	830
May	291	134	122	128	64	104	843
June	267	132	121	136	60	102	818
July	269	134	114	137	68	102	824
August	266	132	107	133	71	103	812
September	279	136	103	129	71	102	820
October	269	121	99	126	65	101	781

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
8 April 2021	14	11	3	3
5 May 2021	16	8	8	3
2 & 30 June 2021 (Meetings cancelled)	-	-	-	-
28 July 2021	15	7	8	2
25 August 2021	15	9	6	6
22 September 2021	13	10	3	5
20 October 2021	25	22	3	6
Totals	98	67	31	25

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8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 July 2021 to 31 October 2021

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Withdrawn
Newry & Mourne	16	3	0	3	0
Down	27	3	0	2	1
TOTAL	43	6	0	5	1

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Statutory targets monthly update - August 2021 (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	2	-	0.0	0.0%	172	143	16.6	43.4%	44	19	69.8	52.6%
May	2	1	35.4	0.0%	161	137	17.2	41.6%	31	30	57.0	66.7%
June	1	1	49.8	0.0%	183	173	16.8	42.8%	38	41	85.8	46.3%
July	0	-	0.0	0.0%	127	136	17.0	41.2%	38	27	85.2	51.9%
August	0	-	0.0	0.0%	137	140	17.1	38.6%	35	67	0.0	53.7%
September	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
October	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
November	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
December	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
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	5	2	42.6	0.0%	780	729	17.0	41.6%	186	184	76.0	53.8%

Source: NI Planning Portal

Notes:

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

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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 media 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 determined by sorting data from its lowest to highest values and then taking the data point at the 70th percentile of the sequence.

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Purple Flag night-time economy initiative
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director for Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martin Patterson Regeneration and Business Support Officer

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

For decision	For noting only	x
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To update Council on the status, development and implementation of the 'Purple Flag' night-time economy initiative.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>'Purple Flag' is an accreditation standard, launched in 2012, similar to the Green Flag award for parks and the Blue Flag for beaches. It is a standard of excellence for the evening and night-time economy. It allows members of the public to quickly identify town & city centres that offer an entertaining, diverse, safe and enjoyable night out.</p> <p>Reinvigorated over the past 5 years by the Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM), there are now 70 Purple Flag towns and cities in the UK and Ireland and the positive response both by Councils, managers, local businesses and venues and the public is testament to the difference that this great initiative can make.</p> <p>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council attained the 'Purple Flag' accreditation for Newry City Centre in October 2016 and have retained it on an annual basis since then.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The full renewal of the Newry City Purple Flag accreditation which was due to take place in autumn 2020 will now take place October 2021. This will be actioned remotely with the submission being made electronically with a virtual aspect for assessors to consider. The Purple Flag accrediting team requires the designated area (Newry City Centre) to provide positive activities and measurable improvements on safety, pedestrian routes, public transport, car parking, venues (pubs and dining), events, marketing, strategy implementation, facilities, crowd management and</p>

	<p>major/minor events. A successful interim renewal application was submitted to the Purple Flag governing body (ATCM) in October 2019 and the full renewal application was submitted in October 2021.</p> <p>The most recent meeting of the purple flag working group took place in October 2021 to review the detail of the renewal application and to form agreement on several actions detailed in a Purple Flag Action plan. With the current Covid 19 pandemic Purple Flag actions have been delayed and timeframes may continue to change. The plan is to work towards short, medium and long term achievable goals to ensure a vibrant and safe evening economy in Newry city centre while working towards retaining the current Purple Flag status.</p> <p>Promotion and management of the City Centre is never more important than in a covid-19 economy, and the ethos of purple flag accreditation is vital to ensure that consumer confidence is restored, and visitors and users of the City Centre return to a City Centre environment that they can enjoy in a safe, secure, healthy and risk-free manner. Newry City Purple Flag Action Plan has been reviewed to ensure that an approach is developed which will assist the City Centre to rebuild their offering, to once again attract visitors, and to ensure an environment that is successfully managing the night time economy in line with post covid-19 guidance</p> <p>With the gradual ease of the lockdown and with many changes on the horizon for city centres, it is vital that we grow our presence in the marketplace as well as integrate key messages of what Newry City has to offer. The purple flag working group will have to be innovative in its approach to ensuring Newry City Centre has a safe and enjoyable visitor experience within its night-time economy.</p> <p>The Newry City Purple Flag working group includes the main stakeholders with responsibility and/or a key interest in marketing the city centre evening economy. The stakeholders include Newry, Mourne and Down District Council (various department representatives), Newry BID, Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade, Newry and Mourne Enterprise Agency, Southern Regional College, Confederation of Community Groups, Translink, various Government Departments, PSNI</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the update provided on the status, development and implementation of the 'Purple Flag' night-time economy initiative.
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><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> <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

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 8 th November 2021
Subject:	Update on completion of 7 Environmental Improvement Schemes and Derrymore Demense Regeneration
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director
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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update provided on the completion of 7 EI Schemes and Derrymore Demense Regeneration <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>In 2019 Council were successful in securing funding through the Mourne Gullion Lecale Rural Development Programme, for the implementation of 8 schemes as detailed below. While the commencement and period of implementation of all schemes suffered delays due to Covid-19, all schemes have now reached practical completion as of 31 August 2021.</p> <p>Public Realm Schemes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ballyhoran 2. Dundrum 3. Killyleagh 4. Annalong 5. Hilltown 6. Meigh 7. Newtown <p>Regeneration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Derrymore Demense
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p><u>7 Public Realm Schemes</u></p> <p>All 7 Capital programmes commenced in May 2020 and were delivered through the RDP Village Renewal Measure which seeks to enhance and regenerate rural communities through investments identified within the Village Plans. While the exact works varied across the 7 areas, the public realm schemes generally focused on enhancements to pathways, street lighting, in some areas road resurfacing / high friction surfacing, and the installation of street furniture including planters, benches and litter bins.</p>

	<p>The 7 schemes were completed with funding secured through the Mourne Gullion and Lecale LAG at an intervention rate of 75% grant, matched by 25% from Council.</p> <p>The total investment across the 7 areas was £3.9 million. £2.9 Million of grant was claimed against these works, with funding through the Mourne Gullion Lecale Rural Development Programme, with the balance supported by Council through 25% grant match funding requirement. Smaller additional works requested through DFI were completed to enhance the scheme, with DFI financial support received for same.</p> <p><u>Derrymore Demesne Regeneration</u></p> <p>Regeneration works at Derrymore Demesne commenced in May 2020 and was delivered through the RDP Co-operation measure, alongside a regeneration project at Moorehall Estate, Co Mayo. The regeneration works at Derrymore included an extension to the walking trail network right across the Demesne, new play park facility, site interpretation, new car park and bathroom facility and creation of a one-way traffic system.</p> <p>The Regeneration scheme was completed with funding secured through the through the Mourne Gullion and Lecale LAG at an intervention rate of 75% grant, matched by 25% from Council. Funding was also secured through Sport NI. (Sport NI funding was directed at walking trails and site interpretation, with remaining works supported through RDP)</p> <p>The total investment at Demesne through this scheme was £878,000. £457,853 of grant was of grant was claimed against these works, with funding through the Mourne Gullion Lecale Rural Development Programme (£378,700) and Sport NI (£79,153.34). The balance was supported by Council through the grant match funding requirement.</p> <p><u>Derrymore Demesne Peace IV Funding</u></p> <p>As reported at ERT in August 2021, officers have secured £50k from Peace IV for improvements work at Derrymore Demesne to upgrade the main granite pathway at the Demese, to create a seated / reflection area and to re-forge links of an iron chain fence. This work will be completed onsite over the coming months.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the update provided on the completion of 7 EI Schemes and Derrymore Demense Regeneration
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p><u>EI Schemes delivered</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor cost: £3.4 Million inc. retention Utilities cost (undergrounding): £280k Consultancy: £300K <p><u>Derrymore Regeneration Delivered</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor cost: £656k inc. retention Consultancy/surveys: £222K

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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7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

**ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT
SCHEME OF DELEGATION
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Category 6 - Any other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.

Info on event	Date of agreement/approval	Contact name	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
7 th April 2021 Use of Council Land – Slieve Gullion for filming	7 th April 2021	Strident Media	Approve	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
10 th April 2021 Use of Council Land – Kilbroney Park for filming	8 th April 2021	ITV	Approve	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
11 th April 2021 Use of Council Land – Castlewellan Forest Park for filming	8 th April 2021	BBC	Approve	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
15 th April 2021 Use of Council Land – Kilbroney Pk/ Cloughmore Stone for filming	15 th April 2021	ITV	Approve	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
Approval to locate ISO container at Market St North Carpark, Downpatrick for storage of artisan market items.	19 th April 2021	Downpatrick Community Collective	Approve	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance; Container must not exceed 4m in height or 200 cubic metres in capacity; Under The Occupiers Liability (Northern Ireland) Order 1987, all reasonable steps to be taken to prevent access to the container with secure fencing. This should meet requirements from an insurance perspective in the event that any claims for personal injury are forthcoming.

18 th April 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Promenade outside Newcastle Centre for PCSP Bikesafe Event	9 th April 2021	PCSP	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
May 2021– Apr 2024 Licence Agreement – Mourne Sea Tours / Newcastle Harbour	29 th April 2021	Mourne Sea Tours	Approved	Subject to conditions set out in Licence Agreement.
6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th May 2021 Request to Use Council Land for Walking Event	5 th May 2021	Sure Start	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
Request to approve Case File is passed to Legal Services for consideration of prosecution Re Animal Welfare Offences	7 th May 2021	Via Building Control Dept.	Approved	n/a
Request to approve Case File is passed to Legal Services for consideration of prosecution Re Animal Welfare Offences	11 th May 2021	Via Building Control Dept.	Approved	n/a
21 st & 28 th May 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake for kayaking session	19 th May 2021	Infinity Swim Academy	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
May – August 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake for Triathlon Event	26 th May 2021	Newry Triathlon Club	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
Request to approve Case File is passed to Legal Services for consideration of prosecution Re Animal Offences- Stray/Attack	1 st June 2021	Via Building Control	Approved	n/a
June – August 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake – Training for Triathlon Event	26 th May 2021	Infinity Swim Academy	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
2 nd June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Tyrella Beach for wedding ceremony	22 nd March 2021	K McAlinden & J Teixeira	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance

7 th June – 7 th Aug 2021 Request to Use Council Land – 3xparking bays at Church St Carpark Downpatrick for access for construction at private premises.	4 th June 2021	Fitzpatrick Public House	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
7 th – 9 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Hen Mountain Carpark for filming.	12 th April 2021	August Street Films	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
8 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Cranfield Beach for filming	14 th May 2021	New Decade TV	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
12 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Walled Garden at Delamont for Outdoor Meet Up Event for Carers	25 th May 2021	SE H&SC Trust Care Support Service	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
12 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Killough Bay for filming.	4 th June 2021	BBC	Approved	Request to approve Case File is passed to Legal Services for consideration of prosecution Re Animal Welfare Offences
12 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Lakeside Walk at Castlewellan Forest Park for sponsored walk in aid of NI Children's Hospice	8 th June 2021	Safe & Sound Day Nursery	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
16 th Jun – 14 th July Request to Use Council Land – Sensory Trail at Slieve Gullion for mindfulness event	4 th June 2021	Xhale	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
16 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park/Fairy Glen for primary School students Nature Walk	11 th June 2021	St Malachy's Primary School, Camlough	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
18 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – BBQ area at Kilbroney Park and	8 th June 2021	Abbey Grammar School	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance

Cloughmore Centre for student teambuilding event.				
19 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – BBQ area at Kilbroney Park for Crime Prevention Event	27 th May 2021	NMDDC – PCSP	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
19 th Jun - 31 st Oct 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Sensory Trail at Slieve Gullion on various dates for walking events.	11 th May 2021	Xhale	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
19 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan Forest Park for Charity Walk	14 th June 2021	Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
21 st June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Walking areas around Cloughmore Stone and Slieve Martin for drone filming.	17 th June 2021	Tourism Ireland	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
23 rd June 2021 Request to use Council Land – Overflow carpark at Kilbroney Park for bike maintenance workshop.	1 st June 2021	NMDDC - Sustainability Section	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
23 rd – 27 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Castel Lough for Covid Mobile Testing Unit	22 nd June 2021	SERCO	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
June/July/Aug Request to Use Council Land at: Kilbroney Park July & August for Summer Camp. Rostrevor Slipway June, July, Aug for evening kayaking sessions.	2 nd June 2021	Cloughmore Extreme Adventures	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
25 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Promenade at Newcastle Centre for	3 rd June 2021	NMDDC – PCSP	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance

Crime Prevention Event				
26 th June – 16 th Oct 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park area on various dates for walk/yoga/picnic	25 th May 2021	Sisters By The Sea	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
28 th June – 2 nd July 2021 Request to Use council Land – Annalong Harbour walkways for GPS tracking study in relation to Marine Protected Area plans.	7 th June 2021	British Trust for Ornithology	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
29 th June 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Glen River Car Park, Newcastle for filming	15 th June 2021	Out of Orbit Ltd	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
2 nd July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park for filming	5 th July 2021	Tourism Ireland	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
6 th July & 14 th Aug 2021 Request to use Council Land – Sensory Trail at Slieve Gullion for guided walks	4 th June 2021	Xhale	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
5 th & 9 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion for outdoor classroom	21 st June 2021	Sure Start South Armagh	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
6 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Flagstaff Viewing Point for filming	5 th July 2021	RTE	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
8 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Forest Park for Nursery School visit	5 th July 2021	First Steps Nursery	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
9 th July 2021 Request to use Council Land – carpark at Kilbroney Park for siting of an	9 th July 2021	Accessaloo	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance

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14 th & 27 th July Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Play Park & Giant's Lair for school outing	9 th July 2021	Clan Mor Surestart	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
17 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion for filming	9 th July 2021	Strident Media	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
18 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park / Cloughmore Trail for guided walk	15 th June 2021	Walk The Mournes	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
18 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Newry Canal Towpath for sponsored walk	15 th July 2021	Children in Crossfire	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
17 th July – 1 st Oct 2021 (Sat, Sun, Mon) Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake for stand up paddle boarding	15 th July 2021	SUP 2U NI	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
22 nd July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Giants Lair for school outing	9 th July 2021	Ballydown Primary School	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
22 nd July 2021 – Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Forest Drive Mountain Car Park for filming	21 st July 2021	Scanarama Ltd t/a Born Optimistic	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance

26 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion for school outing	14 th June 2021	Friends Prep School	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
July – Sept 2021 Licence to Store temp Containers at Warrenpoint Baths	26 th July 2021	East Coast Adventure	Approved	Subject to criteria agreed in Licence Agreement.
26 th – 28 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park / Cloughmore Stone viewpoint for filming	16 th July 2021	BBC/Minnow Films	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
28 th & 29 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Forest Park – carparking for coach and use of Woodland Trail/Play Park for children's picnic	27 th July 2021	Cairde Tea – Campa Mhacha	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
30 th July 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Hen Mountain Car Park for filming	7 th July 2021	August Street Films Ltd	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
31 st July 2021 – Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney trails, forest paths etc for mountain race	20 th July 2021	Newry Athletic Club	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
4 th Aug 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Market Street Carpark for access to facilitate works at Bus Station	11 th Aug 2021	Graham Construction	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
13 th – 15 th Aug 2021 Request to	23 rd July 2021	T McCann	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment;

Use Council Land – Warrenpoint Beach for Currach Championships				Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
13 th Aug – 31 st Oct 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Sensory Trail	2 nd Aug 2021	Xhale	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
20 th Aug 2021 Licence Agreement – Use of Slieve Gullion Forest Park for Movie Night	9 th Aug 2021	Feile an Phobail	Approved	Subject to criteria agreed in Licence Agreement.
21 st Aug 2021 Licence Agreement – Use of Kilbroney Forest Park, Walking Trails and Forest fire roads for Mourne Way Marathon	29 th July 2021	26 Extreme	Approved	Subject to criteria agreed in Licence Agreement.
20 th & 21 st Aug 2021 Request to Use Council Land at Kilbroney Park Meadow, Mountain Bike carpark, overflow carpark for Mourne Way Marathon	29 th July 2021	26 Extreme	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
20 th Aug 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Forest Park Lower Car Park for Outdoor Movie Night	11 th August 2021	Feile an Phobail	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
21 st Aug 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Newry Canal Towpath for charity cycle event	16 th Aug 2021	Belfast Trust	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance

22 nd Aug 2021 Licence Agreement – Use of Kilbroney Park for Outdoor Movie Night	9 th Aug 2021	Feile an Phobail	Approved	Subject to criteria agreed in Licence Agreement.
22 nd Aug 2021 Request to Use Council Land Kilbroney Park lower car park for Outdoor Movie Night	11 th Aug 2021	Feile an Phobail	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
23 rd Aug – 3 rd Nov 2021 – Licence Agreement for use of land at Market Street carpark Downpatrick to facilitate works at Bus station	11 th Aug 2021	John Graham Construction	Approved	Subject to criteria agreed in Licence Agreement.
25 th Aug 2021 Licence Agreement – Use of Delamont Country Park for Movie Night	6 th Aug 2021	Feile an Phobail	Approved	Subject to criteria agreed in Licence Agreement.
25 th Aug 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Delamont Country Park for Movie Night	6 th Aug 2021	Feile an Phobail	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
27 th – 29 th Aug Request to Use Council Land – Strangford Lower Green	17 th Aug 2021	Strangford Festival Committee	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
27 th – 29 th Aug 2021 – Licence Agreement – Strangford Lower Green and Pocket Park for Strangford Festival	23 rd Aug 2021	Strangford Festival Committee	Approved	Subject to criteria agreed in Licence Agreement.
28 th Aug 2021 Licence Agreement – Use of Castlewellan	30 th July 2021	Olympian Triathlon Club	Approved	Subject to criteria agreed in Licence Agreement.

Forest Park walking trails for Mourne Triathlon				
31 st Aug – 30 th Oct 2021 (various dates) Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park Meadow area for weekly outdoor yoga class	31 st Aug 2021	Breathe, Move, Flow Yoga	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
1 st & 9 th Sept 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake for Aquathon	27 th Aug 2021	Newry Triathlon Club	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
2 nd & 3 rd Sept 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Forest Park for filming	25 th Aug 2021	Tracks & Trails Worldwide Ltd	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
10 th Sept 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Spelga Dam Carpark for filming	9 th Sept 2021	BBC	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
18 th , 19 th , 25 th Sept 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake for canoeing, kayaking & SUP	9 th Sept 2021	Gullion Adventures	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
24 th Sept 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Quay Street Carpark, Ardglass for birthday party	22 nd Sept 2021	Mackenzie Equestrian Centre	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance
30 th Sept 2021 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Forest Park (Cloughmore Stone) for school walk	21 st Sept 2021	St Dallan's Primary School, Warrenpoint	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance

