

September 12th, 2022

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on **Monday, 12th September 2022 at 6:30 pm** in **Mourne Room Downshire Civic Centre / via Teams.**

**Committee Membership 2022 - 2023**

Councillor R Burgess **Chairperson**

Councillor D Curran **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor C Enright

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor R Howell

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor D Lee-Surginor

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor G Stokes

# Agenda

## 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks.

Apology:

Cllr T Andrews

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest.

## 3.0 Action Sheet: Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting - Monday 08 August 2022. (Attached)

 *ERT Committee Action Sheet - 08 Aug 2022.pdf*

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### *Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items*

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## 4.0 Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF). (Attached)

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## 5.0 Labour Market Partnership - Chef's Boot Camp Employment Academy. (Attached)

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## 6.0 International Relations Visit to Lamorlaye North of France. (Attached)

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## 7.0 SOLACE Working Group: Future Business Start Up / Business Growth provision. (Attached)

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## 8.0 Report re: Warrenpoint Breakwater Upgrade Scheme. (Attached)

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## 9.0 Finnish delegation visit. (Attached)

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### *Tourism, Culture and Events Items*

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## 10.0 Artist Bursaries and Grants. (Attached)

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## 11.0 Tourism Trade & Consumer Shows. (Attached)

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### *Exempt Information Items*

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## 12.0 Delamont Country Park Visitor Facilities. (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.

 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Delamont Visitor Facilities.pdf*

*Not included*

 *EXEMPT Appendix - Delamont Business Case Business Case - DCP.pdf*

*Not included*

## 13.0 Halloween & Christmas Events. (Attached)

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 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Halloween and Christmas Events 2022.pdf*

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## 14.0 Narnia Experience - Kilbroney Park Rostrevor. (Attached)

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 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Narnia Experience Kilbroney Park Rostrevor.pdf*

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 *EXEMPT Appendix - Narnia Experience Kilbroney Park Business Case.pdf*

*Not included*

## 15.0 Update re: AONB and Geopark. (Attached)

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 *EXEMPT ERT Report - AONB and Geopark update.pdf*

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**16.0 AONB and Geopark Environment Fund. (Attached)**

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**17.0 ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)**

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**18.0 Planning Performance Figures - July 2022. (Attached)**

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# Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews  
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Cllr Jim Brennan  
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Cllr Robert Burgess  
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Cllr Pete Byrne  
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Mr Gerard Byrne  
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Cllr Charlie Casey  
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Mr Andrew Cassells  
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Cllr William Clarke  
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Mrs Linda Cummins  
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Cllr Laura Devlin  
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Ms Louise Dillon  
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Cllr Declan Murphy  
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí  
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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 Rice  
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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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ACTION SHEETENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 08 AUGUST 2022

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/117/2022	DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION WORKING GROUP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To establish a Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group with the key aim to develop and oversee the implementation of regeneration priorities identified as part of stakeholder engagement and new emerging priorities.</li> <li>2. Approve the Terms of Reference in Appendix 1.</li> </ol>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/118/2022	NEWRY CHAMBER MUSIC ARTS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMME	To provide support via a Service Level Agreement between Council and Newry Chamber Music for the delivery of an arts and community outreach programme in the 2022/23 season.	A.Patterson	In progress	Y

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ERT/119/2022	HOSPITALITY EXCHANGE	To provide Council sponsorship of £1,200 for the Hospitality Exchange conference and exhibition to be hosted in October 2022.	A.Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/120/2022	NEWRY ARTS FESTIVAL	To approve that officers develop proposals and deliver the Re:Image Arts Festival to be hosted in Newry this year that will celebrate the rich history and legacy of the Arts in Newry.	A.Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/121/2022	(EXEMPT) INTERIM BUSINESS GROWTH SUPPORT	<p>1. To approve the procurement and implementation of an interim business growth support programme which delivers a suite of business growth support interventions in 2023/24.</p> <p>2.To approve the procurement of the above during 2022/23 in order to ensure provision is in place for January 2023.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N



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ERT/122/2022	(EXEMPT) AONB AND GEOPARK UPCOMING PROJECTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="748 245 1339 491">1. To approve the business case for the Environment Fund Challenge Fund 2022, and subject to a Letter of Offer being secured, approval to proceed to procurement and implementation of the individual projects outlined.</li> <li data-bbox="748 544 1346 826">2. To approve the business case for Slieve Gullion Erosion Control and Path Repairs PHASE 3, and subject to a Letter of Offer being secured, approval to proceed to procurement and implementation of the individual projects outlined.</li> <li data-bbox="748 919 1330 1075">3. To approve the implementation of the Global Geoparks Councils recommendations from their meeting in December 2021.</li> <li data-bbox="748 1129 1323 1246">4. To approve establishing a Service Level Agreement with Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI) for 2022-2023.</li> </ol>	J Mc Gilly	Work in progress	Y

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ERT/123/2022	(EXEMPT) DELAMONT COUNTRY PARK TRAILS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To proceed with the delivery of the project subject to funding approval.</li> <li>2. To approve a Capital contribution as set out in Section 4.1 of above Report.</li> <li>3. To utilise the existing Council Framework for construction works.</li> <li>4. To undertake the necessary procurement exercise to appoint a suitable company to carry out design, supply and installation of all signage, interpretation and furniture/seating.</li> </ol>	A.Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/124/2022	(EXEMPT) REQUEST TO USE COUNCIL LAND – KILBRONEY PARK	To approve the event subject to the conditions set out in 3.1 of the Report.	A.Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/125/2022	(EXEMPT) TOURISM EVENTS	To note the contents of Report dated 08 August 2022 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events, regarding Tourism Events.	A.Patterson	Report for noting	Y
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<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF)
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director EER
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Michael Forster - FFNI Operations Lead

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<b>1.0</b>	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To update members on the work currently underway by BRCD and the FFNI Operations team to secure in excess of £7m of funding to establish a Northern Ireland wide capital grant for small businesses and social enterprises, aimed at addressing the financial barriers to digital transformation;</li> <li>To seek approval for a contribution towards the shared revenue costs of operating this fund on a NI wide basis, led by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council via the FFNI delivery team.</li> </ul> <p><b>Background</b></p> <p>As members may be aware across the spectrum of city and growth deals taking place in Northern Ireland supporting digital innovation is a key priority. The Digital Transformation Flexible Fund (DTFF) was created recognising the low levels of innovation and digital transformation particularly within the small business community. This new initiative developed through Belfast Region City Deal partners is supported by the wider city and growth deals across the region. DTFF seeks to address the financial barrier that small businesses face when seeking to digitally transform by establishing a grant fund to support investment in capital equipment (hardware, software/ bespoke system development). The grant targets small and micro businesses and social enterprises. The key aim is to enable businesses to begin their digital innovation journey.</p> <p>Members should be aware there is an overall time imperative to progress the business case at pace; to ensure alignment with the Councils' current business support programme: Digital Surge, which is led by Antrim &amp; Newtownabbey Borough Council. The Digital Surge programme is due to end in March 2023 and DTFF provides the necessary follow on support to realise digital transformation plans via the capital funding for emerging technology hardware/software.</p>
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	<p>To date £6m of funding has been ring fenced for this project through the NI City &amp; Growth Deal Complementary Fund and a further £1.1m through the Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). A further £450k of funding is currently in the progress of being secured through the Derry City &amp; Strabane Growth Deal to contribute towards the overall funding pot. Collectively this funding would amount to a potential capital grant fund of £7.5m.</p>
2	<p><b>Key Issues</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Business Eligibility:</b> Micro, small businesses and social enterprises (with up to 50 employees) across all sectors, with the exception of primary agriculture and fisheries. Eligible businesses must also have at least one years trading history;</li> <li>• <b>Grant funding levels</b> provided through this fund will range from £5-£20K with a grant subvention rate of 70% of total project costs;</li> <li>• <b>Eligible expenditure:</b> Grant funding will be limited to the purchase of capital equipment and/or resources for software/bespoke system development, aligned to advanced digital technologies including; smart technologies (Internet of Things), process automation, big data and analytics, immersive technologies, artificial intelligence and blockchain technologies;</li> <li>• <b>Application Process:</b> Up to nine funding calls will be opened across the delivery timeframe of this fund. To support with local animation pre-application workshop sessions will be held in local council areas in advance of calls. A competitive application process will be applied with businesses required to submit a digital transformation plan to demonstrate the strategic fit and economic return of their proposed investment projects.</li> <li>• <b>Management of the Fund:</b> the project will be managed on a cross council basis through existing governance structures created through the FFNI Consortium, led by Newry, Mourne &amp; Down District Council. Whilst the centralised management structure will deliver economies of scale for managing the overall fund, its operation will be managed through cross council governance structures. Local Council Economic Development Teams will also have a key support role in animating and promoting the fund to local businesses as well as in assessing funding applications etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key strengths of the preferred delivery model (FFNI Council model):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The FFNI centralised delivery model will operate the administration and grant whilst maintaining linkages at a local level to support animation and marketing.</li> <li>• The FFNI Consortium allows for collaboration of partners and resources to provide improved efficiencies and cost savings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>The DTTF outline business case has now been presented to Invest NI for approval and capital funds have already been secured in principle from the City &amp; Growth Deal Complementary Fund and DAERA. A subsequent approval process is required through the Derry City &amp; Strabane Growth Deal to secure their capital contribution.</p> <p>Subject to Invest NI approvals the estimated timeline for the project starts with mobilisation of the FFNI project team in November 2022 and an initial call for funding launched in Spring 2023. Project delivery will run over 3 years up to 2026.</p>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>																		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members note the contents of the report</li> <li>2. Council approve a contribution of £95,707 over 4 financial years from 2022 to 2026 subject to approval of business case by InvestNI (see below table).</li> <li>3. Council approves the establishment of DTFF procedures utilising the existing FFNI delivery team resource. This is required to support the pre-development work to be undertaken and enable the first funding call to be launched in Spring 2023.</li> </ol>																		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>																		
	<p>The existing FFNI digital operations team and governance arrangements are currently in place and now require the revenue funding to develop the processes required to establish and manage the administration of DTFF.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="255 806 1197 963"> <thead> <tr> <th>Revenue contribution from NMDDC</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DTFF</td> <td><b>FY22/23</b></td> <td><b>FY23/24</b></td> <td><b>FY24/25</b></td> <td><b>FY25/26</b></td> <td><b>Total</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>£12,056</td> <td>£33,914</td> <td>£37,214</td> <td>£12,522</td> <td>£95,707</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Revenue contribution from NMDDC						DTFF	<b>FY22/23</b>	<b>FY23/24</b>	<b>FY24/25</b>	<b>FY25/26</b>	<b>Total</b>		£12,056	£33,914	£37,214	£12,522	£95,707
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7.0	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>
	<p>NA</p>
8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
	<p>NA</p>

<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Labour Market Partnership – Chef's Boot Camp Employment Academy
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To seek approval to establish SLA's (2 nr) with Southern Regional College and South Eastern Regional College for the delivery of 2 Chef's Bootcamp Employment Academies at a total cost of £30,000.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Council have established a local Labour Market Partnership (LMP) through the employment and skills working group which was established in October 2020. In the LMP 2022/23 Action Plan (approved by Council 03 May 2022), a key action was to identify employability academies for skills interventions in sectors where opportunities for employment is identified with employers.</p> <p>It is widely recognised that an increasing demand for skilled staff in the hospitality sector and a diminishing supply of these workers is having a detrimental impact on the hospitality sector in the District Council area. The delivery of a Chef's Bootcamp will offer participants an opportunity to gain entry level industry relevant qualifications in practical food preparation skills and a step towards a career as a chef.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The aim of the local Labour Market Partnership is to deliver initiatives that assist those identified as unemployed / economically inactive into employment or closer to employment. The Chef's Bootcamp will offer those interested in starting a career as a chef, new skills, qualifications and work experience to begin this journey. It is proposed that 2 Chef's Bootcamps are delivered under the current 2022-23 Action Plan in partnership with SRC and SERC.</p>

	<p>The immediate next steps are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree SLA's with SRC and SERC for the delivery of 2 Bootcamps prior to March 2023 and subject to an LMP Operational Letter of Offer being issued which will ensure that the Bootcamps will be fully funded by DfC at no cost to Council.</li> <li>• Each Bootcamp will support up to 12 participants to gain 2 qualifications in Food Safety for Catering and Food Allergen Awareness as well as practical work experience</li> <li>• It is anticipated that each Bootcamp will cost up to £15,000</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	It is proposed to establish SLA's with SRC and SERC for the delivery of 2 Chef Bootcamp's against the LMP 2022-23 Action Plan at a total cost of £30,000.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	All LMP resource costs and programme costs will be 100% funded through the DFC Labour Market Partnership budget.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></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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<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	International Relations Visit to Lamorlaye, North of France
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To consider the proposal that Chairperson of Council, Chairperson of ERT and 1 officer participate on an outward trade visit to Lamorlaye in October 2022,</p> <p><u>Background</u> In May 2022 Council agreed to support Rowallane and Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group in an international partnership arrangement with the Municipalité de Lamorlaye, North of France.</p> <p>Council have received an invitation to participate in an outward visit to Lamorlaye in October 2022.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The partners in this International Connection are Rowallane and Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group, supported by NMDDC, and Le Comité de Jumelage in Lamorlaye, supported by La Municipalité – Ville de Lamorlaye, France</p> <p>This international connection between Lamorlaye and the Rowallane and Slieve Croob Community Twinning Group has been active for many years, with recent active exchanges well documented from 2018.</p> <p>The programme is focused on engagement and participation of members of the local, businesses, schools and colleges and local community. Also attending the outward visit is a number of NMDDC based food / artisan and hospitality businesses. The visit will involve a formal ceremony for the official signing of the International Partnership agreement, business / trade meetings with artisan / hospitality businesses, attendance at a trade fair "Inspire Food Businesses" and other business meetings with relevant delegates and stakeholders.</p>

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	Chairperson of Council, Chairperson of ERT and 1 officer to attend as part of an outward trade visit to Lamorlaye in October 2022.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	The attendance of NMDDC representation is part of Councils contribution therefore there is no additional cost for attendance.  A small budget will be allocated to the purchase of corporate gifts to be presented on the visit.
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<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>

<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	SOLACE Working Group: Future Business Start Up / Business Growth provision
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To approve that Council make available a budget of £10k, payable as required to the SOLACE Working Group for Future Start Up and Business Growth support to enable the development of a regional programme of support focusing on prestart, start up, growth to high growth</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>All ERDF funding is due to come to an end between December 2022 and March 2023. A SOLACE working group has been established representative of officials from the 11 District Councils who have a remit to deliver against business start-up and business growth initiatives. The focus of this group is to progress a regional approach to future business start-up and growth support, including programme development and funding opportunities.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The working group have already progressed a framework and outline business case which identifies scope and scale of a regional business start-up and growth structure of support which could be delivered across an 11 Council model. The suite of programmes identified is proposing to bring together under one delivery model support ranging from prestart, start up, growth to high growth. Alongside this, a review if the Go for It brand is underway, to inform the development of a new business start programme, building on the awareness and success of the current Go for It brand.</p>

	<p>The suite of programmes under development is comprehensive; a further piece of work is now required in order to explore the delivery and procurement options and reach agreement across the 11 Council's on the most feasible route to market across the range of support proposed.</p> <p>The working group is also considering the requirement of programme architecture that will be required to support the implementation of the suite of programmes, such as a Management Information System (MIS) which can be accessed by all partners and delivery agents to satisfy all reporting, monitoring, delivery and financial requirements.</p> <p>The working group are looking at funding opportunities available from UK Levelling Up Programme and Peace Plus, for the funding of a 3-4 year programme.</p> <p>In order to support the working group to progress the studies required to develop a regional programme of support it is proposed that each Council provides a £10k contribution to enable the buy-in of external expertise as required. While the working group is led by Belfast City Council, the contribution will be payable to either BCC as the working group lead, or another of the 10 NI Councils where another Council may take a lead on a piece of work.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To make available a budget of £10k, payable as required to the SOLACE Working Group for Future Start up and Business growth Support to enable the development of a regional programme of support focusing on prestart, start up, growth to high growth
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Contribution available within existing agreed budgets
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></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><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

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

<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Report on the Warrenpoint Breakwater Upgrade Scheme
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Seamus Crossey – Project Manager

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To seek approval for the recommendations as set out in Section 3 of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> As discussed previously at the ERT committee, a Task and Finish Group made up of Crotlieve Councillors and Trader Reps has been assembled to take forward the proposed Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm and Breakwater Upgrade Schemes.</p> <p>Consultants AECOM had been re-engaged by Council to look at the Breakwater Upgrade as a follow-on Phase 2 scheme, that could flow from the currently on-site Phase 1 Front Shore Scheme.</p> <p>The Meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2022, were an opportunity for the Task and Finish Steering Group to consider comments returned on the completed 'Breakwater Upgrade Scheme' following a previous extension to the time-period for the public consultation process.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The presentation to the Task &amp; Finish Steering Group highlighted the views that had been obtained from members of the public. The Project Board went through the Concept Design and comments received on key aspects such as Vendor Kiosks, Lighting Design, Surfacing Materials, Timber Cladding, Seating &amp; Street Furniture, Bins, Railings and a host of other related and non-related issues.</p> <p>The Steering Group Acknowledged that comments had been submitted on all aspects of the design and they were pleased that the extension to the consultation period had enabled a fuller response to be received.</p>



	<p>On the specific item of Vendor Kiosks, following much discussion, there was a consensus they offered a great innovative opportunity for the Front Shore that at least needed to be further explored by both Council and the private sector. Members were reminded that any DFC funding on offer to the scheme will be timebound with a significant spend expected by the end of March 2023. It was agreed that the scheme moves forward to complete RIBA stage 3, which will involve completion of an Economic Appraisal for DFC funding and submission of a Planning Application.</p> <p>The need for contractor tendering post Planning Approval and now working closely with the Harbour Authority particularly on the lease were discussed at length.</p> <p>On the main Front Shore Phase 1 scheme it was acknowledged that the contractor is continuing to liaise with Traders, Residents, Festival Organisers and Boat Owners during the works, while Council through the scheme will work closely with DFI to resolve the issue of cars mounting the pathway along the Beach Section of the Scheme at the Baths.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Accept the recommendations from Task & Finish Steering Group to:
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Note the Public Consultation process that has now been completed and update the concept design as required and agreed.</b>
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Council work with Warrenpoint Burren &amp; Rostrevor (WBR) Chamber to seek private sector feedback on the proposed Kiosks/Vendor spaces.</b>
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Proceed to further RIBA stage 3 to complete the Economic Appraisal, undertake/update Surveys and submit a Planning Application for the proposed Warrenpoint Breakwater Upgrade Scheme.</b>
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Council continues to work in Partnership with Warrenpoint Harbour Authority in regards the Breakwater Scheme and Lease.</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Council has an available Capital Budget in 2022/23 and 2023/24 of £200k to cover its match funding contribution towards the Breakwater Upgrade project. In the next few weeks, an Economic Appraisal will be completed and submitted to DFC for consideration of its funding support towards the project.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></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><b>Appendices</b></p>
	<p>Report of the Warrenpoint Front Shore and Breakwater Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group meetings held -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.</li> </ul>
8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
	<p>N/A</p>



<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Finnish Delegation Visit
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve that the Chairperson of Council host a visit and lunch for a Finnish delegation at Warrenpoint on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022</p> <p><u>Background</u> On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 a group of 16 experts from Finland will arrive in Dundalk for a study visit. The group will stay in Crowne Plaze hotel in Dundalk and depart on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> afternoon.</p> <p>The purpose of the trip is for the delegation to learn from other countries and regions; how they manage different technical services, how things work with their neighbours (joint services), how they get their resources and funding, skilled labour, about working environment etc.</p> <p>The group is led by Mr Johannes Moisio, a long standing member of the Association of European Border Regions. (AEBR) Mr Moisio has attended the AEBR Annual Conference in Dundalk 2011 and Executive meeting in Meath in 2014. Both these events were organised by EBR. As a result Mr Moisio has recommended the East Border Region for this study visit.</p> <p>The delegation comprises experts from two organisations Kunta-Tek and TEK.</p> <p>Kunta-TEK association (Labour union of highly educated engineers and architects in the municipal sector. Kunta-TEK was merged with TEK about 10 years ago but has its own autonomy and budget, and can make decisions on seminars and study trips also abroad. It has approx. 800 members.</p>

	<p>TEK is the main organisation which undertakes collective bargaining for the members. Members of Kunta-TEK can however supply opinions and information to TEK.</p> <p>The people in both bodies are working in cities or regions all over Finland for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• special planning, architecture</li> <li>• traffic, water, environment, energy, etc</li> <li>• technical equipment in hospitals (which have traditionally been municipal or municipal union owned)</li> </ul>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	East Border Region are facilitating the visit of the Finnish delegation; it has been scheduled that the delegation visits Narrow Water Bridge proposed site where they will meet with officials and the Chairperson of Council. The Chairperson will also host lunch in the Whistledown Hotel for the delegation before they depart for their visit to Dundalk Institute of Technology in the afternoon.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	To approve that the Chairperson of Council host a visit and lunch for a Finnish delegation at Warrenpoint on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Cost for hosting lunch available within current hospitality budgets
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></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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6.0	<p><b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b></p>
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<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Artist Bursaries and Grants
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Andrew Patterson: Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Andrew Patterson: Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events

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<b>1.0</b>			<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1			<p><b>Purpose</b> To seek approval for recommendations set out in section 3.1 of this report to establish a series of Artist Bursaries and Individual Artist Grants to residents of the District</p> <p><b>Background</b> Legacy Down Council in the past issued several bursaries and Individual Artist Grants. In recent months there have been several enquiries on artist funding and residencies similar to those provided in other Council areas.</p> <p>For example, Ards and North Down offer bursary applications for The Tyrone Guthrie Centre (4 one-week bursaries), Ballinglen Arts Foundation (1 x two-week bursary) and the John Hewitt (1 place at the Summer School.) In Lisburn and Castlereagh Council has awarded 2 bursaries of up to £500 each to the Tyrone Guthrie Centre and James Hewitt Summer Scheme.</p> <p>The Tyrone Guthrie Centre is a secluded residential workplace that is open to professional practitioners in all art forms. The Tyrone Guthrie Centre, often referred to as Annaghmakerrig, is the ideal space to complete a project and to creatively work.</p> <p>The John Hewitt International Summer School – John Hewitt, poet, writer, critic and champion of causes, and one of the most distinguished voices of his generation in Northern Ireland, left behind a truly formidable literary legacy. Fortunately, for the more than three decades since his death in 1987, his influence and enduring contribution to cultural life has lived on, through the annual John Hewitt International Summer School. A diverse and creative programme of readings, talks, panel discussions, workshops and creative writing classes, each led by notable contributors from the worlds of arts, politics and current affairs, encourages lively debate and the interrogation of contemporary issues through artistic expression.</p>
<b>2.0</b>			<b>Key issues</b>
2.1			A grant bursary scheme would benefit the residents of the district enabling them to attend centres of artistic excellence within Ireland to further their artistic practice.

	<p>This proposal is in line with the Council's Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy 2022 – 2027: Growing our Sector – strengthen and our culture, arts and heritage sector following the impact of the Covid pandemic. In addition, the Council by supporting the individuals that attend these centres of excellence such and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, is promoting the District as one that recognises and supports the artistic achievement of its local artists and residents.</p> <p><b><u>Breakdown of Artist Bursary/Individual Artist Grant</u></b>  All assessed through application and selection process.  <b>4 x Tyrone Guthrie Bursaries £2,000</b>  <b>2 x John Hewitt Summer School £1,000</b>  <b>2 x Individual Artist Grants £2,000</b></p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	Approval to establish a series of Artist Bursaries for residents in the district to attend The Tyrone Guthrie Centre, John Hewitt Summer Schools and an Individual Artist Grant, to further artistic practice and excellence in Newry Mourne and Down district.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	Revenue budget of £5,000 is available within ERT Departmental Budget
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></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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8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
	<p>N/A</p>

<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Tourism Trade & Consumer shows
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Michelle Boyle, Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>		
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To seek approval for recommendations set out in section 3.1 of this report for officers to attend tourism trade/consumer shows in conjunction with Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland to support the tourism industry and promote the NMD district.</p> <p><u>Background</u> With consumer and tourism trade events now up and running to full capacity it is important that council attend these platforms to support the industry within the destination. Council will be attending the platforms with Tourism Northern Ireland and Tourism Ireland and will have space for one member of staff to attend. Engaging with tour operators is a vital to increase visitors to the district and to promote and sell all tourism related experiences on offer within the destination. As part of the Council's ongoing marketing activity the following trade/consumer shows represent an opportunity to showcase our district and to engage with both prospective visitors and inbound tour operators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ International Golf Travel Market (IGTM) – Rome – October 2022</li> <li>➤ Flavours of Ireland – London – October 2022</li> <li>➤ World Travel Market – London – November 2022</li> <li>➤ Ireland meet Germanys Workshop – Frankfurt – November 2022</li> <li>➤ Offenbach B2B workshop – Germany November 2022</li> <li>➤ Dublin holiday World – Dublin – January 2023</li> <li>➤ Celtic Connections – Glasgow – January 2023</li> <li>➤ Britain &amp; Ireland Market Place – London – January 2023</li> <li>➤ Incoming Tour Operators Association Ireland Workshop Dublin – March 2023</li> <li>➤ TNI Meet the Buyer – Belfast - April 2023</li> <li>➤ Balmoral Show – Balmoral Park – May 2023</li> <li>➤ North American Golf Convention – Tampa Bay Florida – June 2023</li> </ul>		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>		

2.1	<p><b>International Golf Travel Market (IGTM)</b> is the only global gathering of golf travel professionals. Taking place in a different golf location each year, IGTM is a one of its kind event for golf destinations, resorts and courses to showcase their products to highly-qualified golf tour operators, who are looking to grow their product offering. It is where the golf travel community come together to make meaningful lasting relationships, discover new industry trends and most importantly grow new business.</p> <p><b>Flavours of Ireland</b> brings together Irish industry and global travel trade to showcase the Island of Ireland with a programme of 1-2-1 meetings</p> <p><b>World Travel Market (WTM)</b> is the leading global event for the travel industry to meet industry professionals and conduct business deals. WTM provides a key opportunity to build business relationships and tour operator engagement. With the Council's emphasis on building experiences of packages, this is a key platform. The Council propose is to exhibit as part of the Tourism Ireland platform, at which Local Authorities will be attending to promote their respective districts.</p> <p><b>Ireland meet Germanys Workshop</b> This B2B Workshop and Networking event aims to connect Industry to key German, Austrian and Swiss buyers. Buyers from market-based operators will come together with Industry representatives for a one-day workshop, followed by a networking evening.</p> <p><b>Dublin Holiday World</b> is a key consumer platform in attracting visitors to Newry Mourne and Down from the Republic of Ireland market. With over 41,000 people visiting the show it provides an ideal opportunity to market the District key product and a captive audience is a close to home market. Attendees are interested in the short break market.</p> <p><b>Celtic Connections</b> This event will include a B2B workshop providing an opportunity for approximate 25 Industry partners to engage with 25 GB trade at meetings.</p> <p><b>Incoming Tour Operators Association (Dublin &amp; Belfast) Workshop</b> is an opportunity to meet Ireland's largest and long-established Tour Operating/Handling Agents/DMC's. This event offers an opportunity to meet and sell our destination experiences to all members of ITOA</p> <p><b>Balmoral Show</b> is the largest agricultural event in NI with over 115,000 people visiting the show each year. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the destination. There will be an opportunity for industry to attend on the destination stand.</p> <p><b>Tourism Northern Ireland's Meet the Buyer</b> is the biggest tourism networking platform held in NI. This event provides an ideal opportunity for us to sell our destination to a pre-qualified group of international buyers.</p> <p><b>NI Golf Tourism Convention</b> provides an ideal opportunity for us to showcase our tourism region to a pre-qualified group of international golf buyers with 121 meetings. There will be an opportunity for industry to attend on the destination</p>
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	<p><b>North American Golf Convention</b> is the Largest North American golf trade event in the annual calendar where you will have 30, 1-2-1 business appointments. There is an opportunity for the Golf industry to attend.</p> <p><b>Offenbach B2B workshop</b> Buyers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland meet Irish industry representatives for a one-day-workshop with 1-2-1 discussions on a rotation basis.</p> <p><b>BIM (Britain &amp; Ireland Marketplace)</b> is a one full-day B2B workshop for international tour operators and travel buyers that want to meet tourism product from across the UK and Ireland.</p> <p>Budget within the 2022/23 financial year had been profiled for officer attendance at the majority of trade shows listed. For the 3 trade shows within the 2023/24 financial year, Council attendance will be based on ERT Departmental budget approval in rate setting process for 2023/24.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	Approval for officers to attend the tourism trade/consumer shows in conjunction with Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland to support the tourism industry and promote the destination.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	The cost for participation across the year is £10,000. This requirement has been profiled within ERT Departmental Budgets.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
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	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.3	<b>Proposal initiating consultation</b>	
	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"/>
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Rationale:</i>	
6.0	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>	
6.1	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"/>	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	<b>Appendices</b>	
	N/A	
8.0	<b>Background Documents</b>	
	N/A	

<b>Report to:</b>	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	AONB and Geopark Environment Fund
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager

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

<b>For decision</b>	<b>For noting only</b>	<b>X</b>
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note that the Environment Fund will open for funding applications for an estimate 4-week period between September – October 2022; officials will prepare and submit an application for funding for a 4-year period commencing 2023/24 and concluding 2026/2027, which delivers against eligible priorities identified in the AONB Management Plans developed with the AONB Partnerships during the summer of 2022.</li> </ul> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>This report summaries the proposed Environment Fund grant opportunity for the Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford Lough &amp; Lecale AONB. The Environment Fund will open for funding applications for an estimate 4-week period between September – October 2022; officials will prepare and submit an application for funding for a 4-year period commencing 2023/24 and concluding 2026/2027.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The Ring of Gullion AONB and Strangford Lough &amp; Lecale AONB Environment Fund will implement measurable key environmental, access and management outcomes identified and detailed in the draft AONB Management Plans developed with the AONB Partnerships during the summer of 2022.</p> <p>This Environment Fund is needed in order to ensure key recommendations and actions from the Management Plans will be implemented to deliver against environmental obligations and clear need identified during the development phase of the AONB Management Plans.</p>

	<p>This Environment Fund 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. It will also contribute to reversing habitat and species decline; improving river and marine water quality; and obtain favourable management and environmental monitoring in the AONBs.</p> <p>The fund will have positive environmental impacts at a sub-regional scale that will be measured and monitored. Both Newry Mourne and Down, and Ards and North Down local authorities will contribute match funding to deliver a shared vision for our AONB; and conservation volunteers will help in the project delivery of a living, working landscape valued by everyone.</p> <p>The Environment Fund will open for application for an estimate 4-week period between September – October 2022; Council officials will prepare and submit an application for funding for a 4-year period commencing 2023/24 and concluding 2026/2027;</p> <p>The outcomes from the AONB Management Plans that are eligible for DAERA’s Environment Fund are below, therefore the funding application will be developed to effectively deliver against these 3 outcomes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We value, enhance and protect our natural heritage, to include adaptation and mitigation measures against the impacts of climate change.</li> <li>4. There is improved access to sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities in the AONB.</li> <li>5. Managing the AONB to produce positive outcomes for heritage, people and communities.</li> </ol>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note that the Environment Fund will open for funding applications for an estimate 4-week period between September – October 2022; officials will prepare and submit an application for funding for a 4-year period commencing 2023/24 and concluding 2026/2027, which deliver against eligible priorities identified in the AONB Management Plans developed with the AONB Partnerships during the summer of 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The approx. value of application to be submitted is approx. £950k of grant aid sought.</li> <li>2. The application requires match funding from Council. The current annual resource implications for NMDDC is £143,500. It is not expected that this contribution will increase outside of salary increases for the periods 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27. This contribution will be subject to the annual rates estimates.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. The application requires match funding from Ards and North Down Council. The current annual resource implications for AND Council is £24,500. It is not expected that this contribution will increase for the periods 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b>
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<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
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**HISTORIC****ACTION TRACKER SHEET****ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE****(For Noting at ERT Meeting – 12 September 2022)**

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ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		<b>October 2019</b>			
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>	

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<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>					
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	
<b>(MARCH 2021)</b>					
ERT/051/2021	WARRENPOINT BATHS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. Council officials to continue discussions with potential funders given the development of new funding programmes - Peace Plus; Shared Prosperity Fund; NLHF, Tourism NI, etc, based on the development of the facility as per the planning approval that is currently in place on the site.</li> <li>3. Council officials proceed with appointment of a consultancy team to prepare a business case / economic appraisal on the</li> </ol>	J McGilly	SOC complete and presented to Feb SFWG.	

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		existing Council approved scheme based on the Planning approval in place for the Warrenpoint Baths site.			
ERT/093/2021	LEVELLING UP FUND	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. In respect of CRF, the Council explore potential joint funding bids with FE sector aligned to economic development and regeneration strategy.</li> </ol>	J McGilly	Work in progress	
		<b>( AUGUST 2021 )</b>			
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 &amp; Regeneration, and proceed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers carry out a detailed options appraisal in partnership with local elected Members and business representatives, looking at the most suitable option going forward, that best represents the need of the Town Centre.</li> </ul>	J McGilly	<p>Work in progress. Report to Feb ERT on next steps following consultation with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Facilitated workshop currently being planned for March /April 2022</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report back to the ERT Committee with findings of the options appraisal exercise.</li> </ul>			
		<b>(SEPTEMBER 2021)</b>			
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"> <li>- Development of Greenways</li> <li>- Newcastle Harbour</li> </ul> <p>An update be provided to Councillor Stokes regarding the application in respect of Newry Greenway.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	
		<b>(OCTOBER 2021)</b>			
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</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress – update at Jan 2022 ERT Plan currently being implemented via series of SLAs.	

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		<p>Labour Market Partnership Action Plan.</p> <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 &amp; Action Plan for the 2022/2023 financial period, with details on same to be tabled at a further meeting of Council.</p>		2022/2023 plan submitted awaiting approval	
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"> <li>To extend the Public Consultation process</li> </ul>	J McGilly	<p>Work in progress</p> <p>Works commenced on site July 2022 , further updates via project Board report to ERT</p>	

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		<p>for the proposed Breakwater Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the Task &amp; 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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The project proceeds to RIBA Stage 4 with it's Consultants, to ensure that the contractor for Phase 1 is appointed and in place to meet the required funding commitment.</li> </ul>			
		<b>DECEMBER 2021</b>			
ERT/239/2021	(EXEMPT) CAR PARK DOWNPATRICK STREET SAINTFIELD	To approve the business case for the Capital spend required to carry out the refurbishment project for Downpatrick Street car park, Saintfield.	C Jackson	Work in progress on site Aug 2022	N
		<b>FEBRUARY 2022</b>			
ERT/025/2022	DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE	1. To organise a facilitated workshop with key stakeholder groups to discuss and identify the main priorities in order to develop a strategy focused on the needs of the town.	J McGilly	Downpatrick Reperation Programme Board met July	

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		2. To appoint a facilitator for the workshop and prepare a report detailing the findings and recommendations from the workshop.		2002 with update report and recommendations to be tabled at August ERT	
ERT/038/2022	(EXEMPT) WARRENPOINT MARINA PROJECT	Council proceed to Stage 2 of the Warrenpoint Marina Development by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Procurement and appointment of a multi-disciplinary team to develop the Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement.</li> <li>2. Complete the studies that are required to support the Environmental Impact Assessment and planning application.</li> <li>3. Submission of a Planning Application.</li> <li>4. Investigate all potential funding opportunities.</li> </ol>	J McGilly	Work in progress	
		<b>(AUGUST 2022 TO FOLLOW)</b>			



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### 1. Live Applications

MONTH 2022/23	NEW APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS
April 2022	142	1,120	235
May 2022	132	1,070	248
June 2022	187	1,074	266
July 2022	129	1,070	265

### 2. Live Applications by length of time in system

Month 2022/23	Under 6 months	Between 6 and 12 months	Between 12 and 18 months	Between 18 and 24 months	Over 24 months	Total
April 2022	660	225	89	37	109	<b>1,120</b>
May 2022	609	213	94	43	111	<b>1,070</b>
June 2022	618	190	115	42	109	<b>1,074</b>
July 2022	609	196	112	43	110	<b>1,070</b>

### 3. Live applications per Case Officer

Month 2022/23	Average number of Applications per Case Officer
April	69
May	66
June	66
July	70

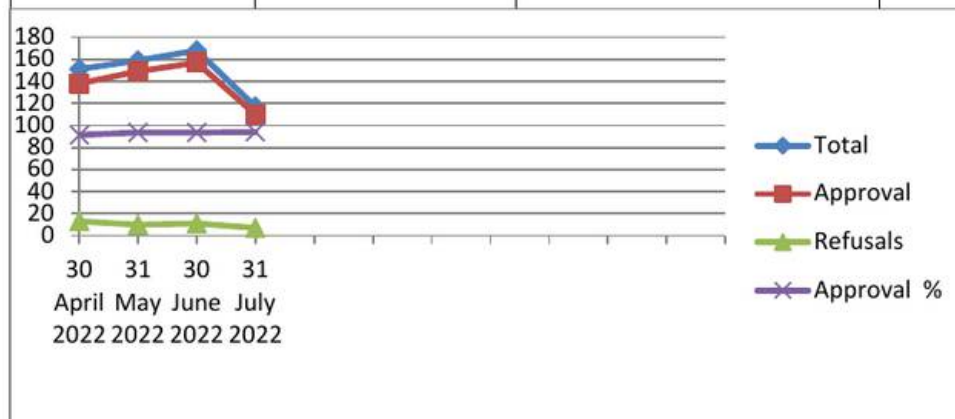
### 4. Decisions issued per month

Month 2022/23	Number of Decisions Issued	Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority
April	151	139
May	159	152
June	168	162
July	117	110

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## 5. Decisions Issued YTD

Month 2022/23	Number of Decisions Issued	Breakdown of Decisions	
April	151	Approvals (138)	91%
		Refusals (13)	9%
May	310	Approvals (287)	93%
		Refusals (23)	7%
June	478	Approvals (444)	93%
		Refusals (34)	7%
July	595	Approvals (554)	93%
		Refusals (41)	7%



## 6. Enforcement Live cases

Month 2022/2023	<=1yr	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	5+yrs	Total
April	214	154	75	74	78	96	691
May	218	144	79	79	75	97	692
June	209	149	73	75	82	96	684
July	207	151	75	68	78	94	673

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### 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
6 April 2022	10	7	3	1
11 May 2022	9	7	2	5
1 June 2022	9	6	3	3
29 June 2022	6	3	3	1
27 July 2022	3	0	3	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>

### 8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 June 2022 to 31 July 2022

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Withdrawn
Newry & Mourne	30	1	0	1	0
Down	44	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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## Statutory targets monthly update - July 2022 (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 <sup>1</sup>	Average processing time <sup>2</sup>	% of cases processed within 30 weeks	Number received	Number decided/withdrawn <sup>1</sup>	Average processing time <sup>2</sup>	% of cases processed within 15 weeks	Number opened	Number brought to conclusion <sup>3</sup>	"70%" conclusion time <sup>3</sup>	% of cases concluded within 39 weeks
April	0	1	303.8	0.0%	123	147	20.8	34.0%	30	46	98.9	45.7%
May	1	-	0.0	0.0%	127	142	19.5	31.7%	41	39	61.6	59.0%
June	1	-	0.0	0.0%	137	154	15.4	47.4%	27	33	79.5	45.5%
July	2	2	97.9	0.0%	76	99	17.4	37.4%	22	45	177.7	48.9%
August	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%	0	-	0.0	0.0%
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%
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>128.4</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>37.8%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>49.7%</b>

Source: NI Planning Portal

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

2. The time taken to process a decision/withdrawal is calculated from the date on which an application is deemed valid to the date on which the decision is issued or the application is withdrawn. The median is

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*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 appeal is determined; or a court order is made. The time taken to conclude an enforcement case is expressed as a percentile of the sequence.*