

October 9th, 2020

Notice Of Meeting

You are invited to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 12th October 2020 at 6:00 pm** in **Remotely via Microsoft Teams.**

Committee Membership:-

Councillor A McMurray (Chairperson)

Councillor M Ruane (Deputy Chairperson)

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor D Curran

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor R Howell

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor D McAteer

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Savage

Councillor G Stokes

Councillor J Tinnelly

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairmans' remarks.

2.0 Declarations of Interest.

3.0 Action Sheet: Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting - Monday 14 September 2020. (Attached)

 *ERT Action Sheet SEPT 2020.pdf*

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Notices of Motion

4.0 Notice of Motion re: Euthanasia of Dogs. (Attached)

To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor P Brown:

"Council welcomes reports from DAERA that incidences of dog euthanasia are down across Northern Ireland in 19/20, but is extremely concerned that in the same period our District has had substantially more dogs put down than any other council area. To address this Council will take the following actions:

- Undertake an investigation into why these figures are so high in the District and bring a report back for consideration on this to the AHC committee.
- Write to the 10 other council areas asking what measures they took to successfully reduce the number of animals killed, particularly Derry & Strabane which has seen an 80% reduction and Ards & North Down which killed zero dogs this year
- Consider ways in which the Council can bring together strategic partners such as the Dog Warden, local kennels, Animal Welfare Officer, PSNI and animal rescue charities, to address the issue, including through tackling illegal and unethical breeding and sale of dogs, particularly online."

 *Notice of Motion - ERT Report - Euthanasia of Dogs.pdf*

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Business Plans/Governance

5.0 Annual Assessment : ERT Business Plan 2019-2020. (Attached)

 *Report re Annual Assessment of ERT Business Plans 2019-20.pdf*

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Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

6.0 Update: Belfast Region City Deal. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Belfast City Region City Deal Update.pdf*

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7.0 Brexit Stakeholder Event. (Attached)

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8.0 Department for Communities and DEARA re: Covid-19 Revitalisation Funding. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - DFC DAERA Covid 19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan.pdf*

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9.0 Public Wi-fi. (Attached)

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Tourism, Culture and Events Items

10.0 Mooring; Newcastle Harbour. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Newcastle Harbour Moorings.pdf*

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11.0 Restocking of Quoile River for Coarse Fishing. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Restocking of Quoile River.pdf*

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Building Control & Regulations

12.0 Street Trading: Warrenpoint. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Street Trading at The Square Warrenpoint.pdf*

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Exempt Information Items

13.0 Castlewellan Forest Park. (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.

 *ERT Report - Castlewellan Forest Park.pdf*

Not included

14.0 Support of Arts: Newry Chamber Music. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Support of Arts Newry Chamber Music.pdf*

Not included

15.0 Visit Mourne Website - Replication Project. (Attached)

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particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 *ERTReport - New Tourism Website.pdf*

Not included

16.0 Rural Tourism Collaborative Programme Application. (Attached)

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 *ERT Report - Rural Tourism Collaborative Programme.pdf*

Not included

17.0 Albert Basin - Christmas Car parking. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Albert Basin - Temporary Carpark.pdf*

Not included

18.0 Financial Assistance Funding: Tourism Marketing and Events. (Attached)

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 *Rpt re Financial Assistance Funding.pdf*

Not included

For Noting

19.0 ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)

 *ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet - for October 2020.pdf*

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20.0 Update: AONB and Geopark. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - AONB and Geopark Update.pdf*

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21.0 Consultation response: Building Regulations. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Consultation on Building Regulations amendments 2020.pdf*

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22.0 Update: Covid 19 Business Support. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Covid-19 Business Support Update.pdf*

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23.0 NI Fishing & Seafood Development Programme. (Attached)

24.0 Planning Performance Figures : September 2020. (Attached)

📄 *Planning Committee Performance Report for September 2020.pdf*

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25.0 Report of Louth, Newry Mourne & Down Joint Committee Meeting: 19 February 2020. (Attached)

📄 *ERT Report - Report of Louth Newry Mourne Down Joint Committee Mtg
19.02.2020.pdf*

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26.0 Update: Warrenpoint Harbour Consultative Forum. (Attached)

📄 *ERT Report - Warrenpoint Harbour Authority Onboard Statement.pdf*

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

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

Miss Mary Lennon

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Sandra Magee

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Jonathan McGilly

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Mr Roland Moore

Margaret Morrow

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTION SHEETENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2020

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/111/2020	Notice of Motion: SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN	To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding the Shop Local Campaign, and the Motion also to include that the Council proceed with the development of a Shop Local App.	J McGilly	In progress	n
ERT/112/2020	Emergency Business Plan	To note the update on the 1st quarter performance of the ERT Department against the objectives set out in the Emergency Business Plan April-September 2020.	C Mallon	Noted	Y
ERT/113/2020	C21 THEATRE COMPANY – CARE HOME PROJECT	To approve the allocation of £1,000 towards the cost of project production for the C21 Theatre Company Care Home Project.	A Patterson	In progress	N
ERT/114/2020	ANNALONG HARBOUR EI SCHEME	To accept the Business Case for the Annalong Harbour Environmental Improvement project costing £95,613 with 80% funding of the total costs being sourced from the European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF), ie, £76,490, and match funding of 20% from Council, ie, £19,123.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		This budget is available within the Capital Programme.			
ERT/0115/2020	(Exempt) DOWN COUNTY MUSEUM	To approve the Down County Museum Forward Plan 2020-2023, as included in Report dated 14 September 2020 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events.	A Patterson	Actioned	Y
ERT/116/2020	(Exempt) LEASE OF ALBERT BASIN FOR CHRISTMAS STAFF CAR PARKING	To approve the provision of lands at Albert Basin for temporary car parking for the Quays Management Company Limited for the period 02 November 2020 to 09 January 2021, at a 10% reduction on the rate previously agreed.	A Patterson	Under consideration.	N
ERT/117/2020	(Exempt) LEASE & LICENCE KILBRONEY CARAVAN PARK AND FOREST DRIVE	<p>(a) To enter into a 20 years lease with Forest Service for Kilbroney Caravan Park at current rent level reviewed five yearly thereafter. The lease to be extended to include Phase 2, as per attached map in Appendix 1.</p> <p>(b) To enter into a 20 year licence with Forest Service for Rostrevor Forest to include MTB Trails, Walking Trails, Forest Drive and top carpark as per Appendix 2. The annual maintenance budget to</p>	A Patterson	In progress	Y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		<p>include an annual provision for remedial maintenance tarmacing at both Rostrevor and Slieve Gullion Forest.</p> <p>(c) To enter into a work licence with DAERA for the Fallows Walking Trail.</p> <p>(d) The poor condition of the top Car Park be raised during discussion with Forestry Service,</p>			
ERT/118/2020	(Exempt) MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS	<p>(a) Approve capital expenditure on the Downhill trails at Kilbroney to the required standard, to improve trail flow and encourage increased usage.</p> <p>(b) Undertake the necessary tender exercise for the provision for trail head provision in Kilbroney Forest Park for a 3 year period with the option for renewal for a further 2 years annually.</p> <p>(c) Mountain Bike Trail users to be provided with an opportunity to offer input/comments into the proposed improvements to the mountain bike trails at Kilbroney Forest Park once a contractor is appointed.</p>	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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ERT/119/2020	(Exempt) HALLOWEEN EVENTS	<p>Due to the current restrictions on mass gatherings and the need to ensure the safety of residents and visitors, that events in Newry and Newcastle are cancelled this year, but that Community Groups be given an opportunity to submit proposals to Council by 25 September 2020, for Covid compliant creative Halloween events that will be of benefit to the local community.</p> <p>It was also agreed Council officials to examine possibility of a Firework Display event for Newcastle where the public could view the fireworks from their cars.</p>	A Patterson	Under consideration	Y
ERT/122/2020	INVEST NI REGIONAL BRIEFING	Council arrange to meet with Invest NI to discuss a strategy to look at business and entrepreneurial opportunities in light of Brexit.	J McGilly	In progress	y
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.	jMcGilly	Report for Nov ERT	n
ERT/129/2020	(Historic Action) ARTISAN MARKETS	On receipt of the details, Mr J McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration to update Councillor McAteer regarding booking of a stall on the	J McGilly	In progress	y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		Artisan Market.			

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	Euthanasia of Dogs
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Colum Jackson, Assistant Director, Building Control
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Fintan Quinn, Head of Licensing and Enforcement

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

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

To note the content of this report

1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To consider the Notice of Motion on Dog Euthanasia agreed at Council Meeting held on 7th September 2020. Item C/ 114/ 2020.</p> <p>“Council welcomes reports from DAERA that incidences of dog euthanasia are down across Northern Ireland in 19/20, but is extremely concerned that in the same period our District has had substantially more dogs put down than any other council area. To address this Council will take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake an investigation into why these figures are so high in the District and bring a report back for consideration on this to the AHC committee. • Write to the 10 other council areas asking what measures they took to successfully reduce the number of animals killed, particularly Derry & Strabane which has seen an 80% reduction and Ards & North Down which killed zero dogs this year • Consider ways in which the Council can bring together strategic partners such as the Dog Warden, local kennels, Animal Welfare Officer, PSNI and animal rescue charities, to address the issue, including through tackling illegal and unethical breeding and sale of dogs, particularly online” <p><u>Background</u> The Licensing and Control of Dogs is regulated by Councils under the Dogs(Northern Ireland) Order 1983. The responsibilities of councils under the Order are laid out as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure any person keeping a dog has a licence to do so, 2. To ensure any person who keeps guard dog kennels is registered, 3. To ensure any person who keeps a breeding establishment is registered, 4. To investigate and control incidents of dogs straying, and dog attacks on persons, and attacks on livestock and certain other animals.

	<p>5. Every Council shall establish and maintain dog pounds or make arrangements with any person who keeps kennels which are approved by the Department, for the use of the kennels by the council on such terms and conditions as may be agreed.</p> <p>Newry Mourne and Down District Council currently have contracted one centre as a Dog Holding facility and one Dog Kennelling facility for dogs impounded or unwanted by owners.</p> <p>All dogs impounded are kept within the Kennelling facility for 6 days to allow owners to reclaim their dog. After the expiry of 6 days, it is for the Kennelling facility owner to determine suitable disposal of unclaimed dogs. Dogs may be resold or passed to Shelters or Animal Charities by the Kennelling facility owner if the dog is deemed suitable to do so.</p> <p>If the Kennelling owner is of the opinion that the dog is unsuitable for resale or passing on to a Shelter or Animal Charity, the dog may be euthanised. A dog may be considered unsuitable for resale or passing on if the dog is in;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Poor Health Aggressive Too old. <p>The Council are not consulted on the final disposal of the dogs. The Council have no authority over shelter or animal charity organisations.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>In consideration of the current disposal arrangements for dogs and in particular, the incidences of dog euthanasia within the Newry and Mourne District Council area.</p> <p>The Licensing section;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Have referred to DAERA Council Dog Summary Statistics - see Appendix A Have opened consultation with other Councils on arrangements for collection and disposal of dogs - see Appendix B. All Councils do not have the same arrangements in place for the collection and kennelling of dogs, therefore the DAERA statistics may not be recorded in a consistent manner. Have opened discussions with our partners USPCA, and other Dog charitable organisations, eg. The Dogs Trust, on rehoming of dogs. Have opened discussions with Animal Welfare and the PSNI on developing a strategy on dealing with puppy farming and illegal breeding establishments.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Members note the content of the report and the work that is underway in Section 2.1 in respect of consultations with relevant authorities / parties
4.0	Resource implications

4.1	Administration and time required to consult with other councils and partners within the Dog Control sector.
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 checked="" 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>

	<div>If yes, please complete the following:</div> <div>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed<div></div></div>
7.0	Appendices
	<div>Appx A – Dog Summary Statistics</div> <div>Appx B – Council Arrangements for Collection & Disposal</div>
8.0	Background Documents
	n/a

Disposal of Do

ANTRIM & NEWTOWNABBEY		Total Strays	Total unwanted
	2017	221	77
	2018	303	65
	2019	223	68
	Jun-20	9	10
		756	
ARDS & NORTH DOWN		Total Strays	Total unwanted
	2017	299	72
	2018	205	51
	2019	105	35
	Jun-20	0	0
		609	
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON		Total Strays	Total unwanted
	2017	630	118
	2018	572	96
	2019	558	103
	Jun-20	57	2
		1817	
BELFAST CITY COUNCIL		Total Strays	Total unwanted
	2017	511	34
	2018	694	16
	2019	329	2
	Jun-20	43	0
		1577	
CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS		Total Strays	Total unwanted
	2017	224	119
	2018	320	119
	2019	159	80
	Jun-20	20	4
		723	
DERRY & STRABANE		Total Strays	Total unwanted
	2017	175	129
	2018	171	132
	2019	138	104
	Jun-20	19	3
		503	
FERMANAGH & OMAGH		Total Strays	Total unwanted
	2017	225	141
	2018	225	57
	2019	193	40
	Jun-20	25	4
		668	
LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH		Total Strays	Total unwanted
	2017	146	74

	2018	258	62
	2019	112	56
	Jun-20	19	1
		535	
MID & EAST ANTRIM	Total Strays	Total unwanted	
	2017	180	49
	2018	288	38
	2019	195	49
	Jun-20	12	0
		675	
MID ULSTER	Total Strays	Total unwanted	
	2017	505	207
	2018	524	203
	2019	559	146
	Jun-20	37	17
		1625	
NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN	Total Strays	Total unwanted	
	2017	605	104
	2018	632	70
	2019	544	134
	Jun-20	47	20
		1828	

	2017/2020	Total Impounded
ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL		976
ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL		767
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL		2136
BELFAST CITY COUNCIL		1637
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL		1099
DERRY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL		871
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL		910
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL		728
MID AND EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL		811
MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL		2198
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL		2156

**Actual number of
Seized/Returned**

ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL	55
ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL	43
ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL	31
BELFAST CITY COUNCIL	240
CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL	102
DERRY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL	22
FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL	71

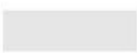
LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL	98
MID AND EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL	102
MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL	1
NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL	21

Dogs - 2017/2020 - Appendix 'A'				
			% - Percentage of Dogs Euthanised	
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
298	88	25	8.30%	
368	100	21	5.70%	
291	91	13	4.40%	
19	6	7		36%
976		66		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
371	64	10	2.70%	
256	67	5	1.90%	
140	54	0	0%	
0	0	0		0%
767		15		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
748	422	40	5.30%	
668	345	24	3.50%	
661	347	28	4.20%	
59	34	3		5.10%
2136		95		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
545	189	28	5.10%	
718	204	23	3.20%	
331	137	4	1.20%	
43	17	0		0%
1637		55		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
343	252	5	1.40%	
439	223	7	1.60%	
293	165	6	2.00%	
24	11	0		0%
1099		18		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
304	184	15	5.00%	
303	179	28	9.20%	
242	153	3	1.20%	
22	10	0		0%
871		46		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
366	236	69	19%	
282	145	15	5.30%	
233	120	7	3.00%	
29	11	0		0%
910		91		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
220	55	20	9.00%	

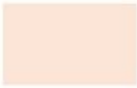
320	34	26	8.10%	
168	60	12	7.10%	
20	4	1		5.00%
728		59		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
229	63	16	7.00%	
326	85	10	3.00%	
244	91	9	3.70%	
12	5	0		0%
811		35		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
712	321	45	6.30%	
727	372	33	4.50%	
705	392	17	2.40%	
54	35	1		1.80%
2198		96		
Total impounded	Total passed to shelter	Total Euthanised		
709	122	99	13.90%	
702	22	49	6.90%	
678	25	53	7.80%	
67	2	3		1.40%
2156		204		
	Total Euthanised		% - Percentage of Dogs Eutha	
	66		6%	
	15		2.00%	
	95		4.40%	
	55		3.30%	
	18		1.60%	
	46		5.20%	
	91		10%	
	59		8.10%	
	35		4.30%	
	96		4.40%	
	204		9.40%	
f stray dogs dealt with April 2019-March 2020				
Impounded	Total			
223	278			
105	148			
558	589			
329	569			
159	261			
138	160			
193	264			

112	210	
195	297	
559	560	
544	565	

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ERT Committee Oct.2020. - Appendix 'B'

Dog Euthanasia – District Council Arrangements

ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

No response to date.

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

No response to date.

ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dogs taken to kennelling facility and sold or transferred to rehoming centres if unclaimed.

Council have direct arrangement with Dogs Trust.

Dogs euthanised if aggressive. Assessed by officer.

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

No response to date.

CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

No council kennelling facility. Service contracted out.

Unwanted Dogs and Unclaimed Dogs sent to Animal Rescue centre.

Dogs euthanised where sick/injured/aggressive. Assessed by Contractor.

DERRY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL

No response to date.

FERMANAGH AND OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Dogs taken to kennelling facility and transferred to Dogs Charity if unclaimed. No collection of unwanted dogs.

Dogs euthanised if unwell/aggressive. Assessed by Vet/Dog Warden.

LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

No response to date.

MID AND EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dogs taken to kennelling facility. Kennelling facility make arrangements direct with Dog charity if not reclaimed.

Dogs euthanised after assessment by kennelling facility operator.

MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Dogs taken to kennelling facility. Kennelling facility make arrangements directly with Dog charity if not reclaimed.

Dogs euthanised if unfit/aggressive. Assessed by kennelling facility operator.

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Dogs taken to kennelling facility. Kennelling facility make direct arrangement for rehoming of dogs.

Dogs euthanised if unfit/aggressive. Assessed by kennelling provider.

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee Meeting
Date of Meeting:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	Annual Assessment of Directorate Business Plan 2019-20
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	X	For noting only	
1.0	Purpose and Background		
1.1	The social and economic disruption caused by COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our District, our citizens, our services and the way we provide them. In response to the pandemic, the annual assessment of Directorate Business Plans 2019-20 was delayed until October 2020 and Emergency Business Plans were developed to manage the Councils response to COVID-19.		
2.0	Key issues		
2.1	<p>Annual Assessment of Directorate Business Plan 2019-20</p> <p>Directorate Business Plans are an essential part of the Council's Business Planning and Performance Management Framework, which drives and provides assurance that corporate priorities are being delivered. In order to improve transparency and accountability, and facilitate a performance led approach to business planning, each Directorate has undertaken a review of their 2019-20 Business Plan. These assessments provide an overview of the performance of each Directorate during 2019-20 and form an important part of the Council's statutory responsibility to strengthen the way performance is monitored, reviewed and reported across the organisation.</p> <p>The annual assessment of the ERT Directorate Business Plan 2019-20 is attached at Appendix 1.</p>		
3.0	Recommendations		
3.1	<p>To consider and agree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The annual assessment of ERT Directorate Business Plan 2019-20		
4.0	Resource implications		
4.1	There are no financial resources implications within this report.		

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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
	Annual Assessment of ERT Directorate Business Plan 2019-20
8.0	Background Documents

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorate

Annual Assessment Business Plan 2019-20






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Introduction

This report provides an overview of progress in delivering the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Business Plan 2019-20, across the following service areas:















- Economic Development
- Regeneration
- Tourism Development and Promotion
- Tourism Facilities Management and Development
- Arts and Culture
- Heritage
- EU Funding
- AONB Management
- Planning Development Management and Control
- Local Development Plan
- Building Control
- Licencing
- Council Car Parks
- Events
- International Relations



Legend






Status	
	Target or objective achieved / on track to be achieved
	Target or objective partially achieved / likely to be achieved / subject to delay
	Target or objective not achieved / unlikely to be achieved





Progress at a glance








ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT & REGENERATION	
2 new business support programmes up and running through agreed delivery mechanism.	
298 business plans produced, 183 jobs promoted and 203 new business stats supported	
Belfast Region City Deal Heads of Terms signed and OBC's for NMD Projects underway	
Castlewellan Forest Park NLHF Development phase project well underway	
New AONB and Geo Park management structure implemented.	
Work commenced on development of new Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy	
Plans and funding for Newry, Hill Street public Realm scheme (£1.7m) secured and due to commence on site spring 2020	








Downpatrick former PSNI site purchased by DfC	
TOURISM, CULTURE, HERITAGE & EVENTS	
Destination Tourism Marketing Campaigns delivered & Experience Brand launched	
Tourism Events Programme generated around c£5m for the local economy	
45 new and unique visitor experiences include food, heritage and outdoor experiences developed	
Outline Business Case for the Mournes Gateway project progressed and capital investment in key tourism sites ongoing	
Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy developed and approved	
BUILDING CONTROL & REGULATIONS	
Target exceeded for increasing online Dog Licensing applications to more than 40%.	
Online facility for submitting Building Notice and Regularising applications implemented.	
Park & Ride and Park & Share facilities at the Bann Road site in Castlewellan and Down Business Centre in Downpatrick being progressed in partnership with DfI.	
Work is ongoing to align the Bye-laws for Off Street car parking and the Dog Control Services throughout the District.	
Building Control has met all key performance indicator targets in terms of processing applications submitted to the Council.	
PLANNING	
Statutory standards for processing local and major planning applications not achieved	
Decrease in the number of live planning applications to <900 in Q4	
Local Development Plan and replacement Planning IT system being progressed	




Key Supporting Actions				
	Key Actions	Timescale	Status	Progress
Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration	Implement and deliver ERDF funded business mentoring programmes to support the continued growth of our existing business case.	Q1-Q4		2 programmes up and running through agreed delivery mechanism. Continual review with delivery agent to ensure targets remain achievable
	Establish a cohesive Social Enterprise Programme that compliments and adds	Q1-Q4		NMD Social Enterprise programme – ongoing delivery via LEA



value to the work of other agencies (DfC, INI etc) that operate in this sector.			
Delivery of NI Business Support Programme in collaboration with 10 partner Councils and Invest NI.	Q1-Q4		'Go for It' Programme underway via 11 Council regional model, producing 298 business plans, promoting 183 jobs and supporting 203 new business starts during the financial year April 2019 – March 2020
Develop a new funding proposal for continued Business Start Up support for March 2021 onwards that delivers against statutory job creation targets.	Q4		Application submitted to Invest NI for grant aid assistance for delivery of a new programme April 2021 - Dec 2022
Sign Heads of Terms for the Belfast Region City Deal bid in co-operation with 5 partner Councils and continued development of the City Deal investment pillars and associated Governance arrangements.	Q1-Q4		Heads of Terms signed. Outline Business Cases underway for NMD Projects. Advisory Boards operational to monitor progression of OBCs. OBCs to be completed summer / autumn 2020.
To continue to explore and engage in opportunities to build international relations and stimulate investment opportunities for local businesses.	Ongoing		International Relations Policy developed and agreed by International Relations Forum which sets the criteria for future engagement. Government visit from Changchun municipal Committee hosted in October 2019. Funding secured to develop a new investment video to promote and position the region.
Deliver a National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Development Phase at Castlewellan Forest Park and	Q1-Q4		Development phase project underway with the completion of Conservation Management Plan, drafting of a Management and




Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration	prepare a second round application for funding to develop the park as a heritage led visitor and tourist destination.			Maintenance Plan, Ecology surveys, Interpretation report, design framework, activity, job descriptions in preparation of an application to NLHF in November 2020.
	Warrenpoint Municipal Park: Implement the Activity Plan as per the National Lottery Heritage Fund Letter of Offer.	Q1-Q4		Partnerships forged with local schools. Collective memory project advanced with reminiscence training and online videos. produced. A range of activities were organised in the Park throughout 19/20 to engage people with heritage. A successful summer season was hosted. 225,000 visitors to the Park during 19/20 (people counters installed in April 2019)
	Delivery of the NI Rural Development Programme as per strategy for 2019/20.	Q1-Q4		The Local Action group continues to work towards the completion of the Rural Development Programme.
	Implementation and delivery of RDP Funded Village Renewal schemes across the NMD area.	Q1-Q4		Capital investment has been made and grant assistance awarded to NMDDC. The project continues to work towards completion.
	Implementation and delivery of a regeneration schemes in Derrymore Demense, Bessbrook.	Q1-Q4		The partnership with Mayo County Council and Carnacorn Community Association continues to flourish with projects on both sites working towards completion.





Delivery of the Rural Business Support TRIPSI funding on behalf of DAERA to assist with the COVID19 response	Q3 – Q4		Programme promoted and applications working towards assessment.
Delivery of the SEA FLAG Fisheries Programme as per strategy for 2019/20.	Q1-Q4		Ongoing delivery of the programme. The Fisheries Local Action Group continues to accept applications until 30 October 2020, to be fully committed by 31 December 2020.
Conclude development brief exercises for sites at Warrenpoint Baths.	Q2		Development brief exercise concluded following public advertisement. No EOIs taken forward to the next stage. Council to review the project in 20/21.
Conclude development brief exercise for Lisburn Street Carparks Ballynahinch.	Q2		Exercise completed as planning constraints on the site limit development opportunities. The project is not feasible to proceed.
Secure all lands and carry development brief process to realise the regeneration of the former PSNI station site and adjacent lands in Downpatrick.	Q3		Agreement on land purchase reached. Development brief to be launched during Summer 2020.
Further development of the Regeneration forward plan and implementation of public realm works along lower Hill Street, Newry.	Q1-Q4		Scheme design completed and tendered. Contract awarded and works due to commence early 20/21.
Secure a preferred partner for the development of Theatre, Conference and Civic Centre for Newry City.	Q1		Project development and design ongoing.









Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration	Establish an effective programme and structure for AONB management across the 3 AONBs in the District.	Q2		The new structure agreed by Council in October 2019 has now been implemented. Management review report underway, to be tabled at AONB Management groups in Q1 2020/21.
	To secure funding for the implementation of a new 3 year action plan for the Ring of Gullion and Strangford Lough and Lecale AONB.	Q1		Action Plan in place for delivery of AONB activity 2019/20 to 22/23. Funding in place for year 2.
	Implementation of the LPS for Ring of Gullion as per agreed action plan.	Q2		The 10 year delivery plan for the LPS legacy in place via the new AONB Structure.
	Continued development of collaboration across all sectors to promote regeneration, business growth and international investment within the District.	Ongoing		Council has delivered: a comprehensive programme of business support activity during 2019 enterprise week, NI Small Business Conference with Newry Chamber of Commerce, and NI apprenticeship week.
	Work in partnership with Councils and other partners in relation to Brexit.	Ongoing		Council continues to promote Brexit advice and guidance, as directed by our advisory partners.
	Deliver an Innovation Conference for the District.	Q3		Plans underway for delivery of a conference during Autumn 2020
	Deliver a Tourism Marketing Programme in line with Tourism NI's new Tourism Strategy and Marketing Brand Proposition to	Complete		Destination Marketing Campaigns delivered, including campaigns for the 'Giant Adventures Events Programme' (in Summer 19)






	support the district becoming one of the premier tourist destinations and reinforce the position of Outdoor Capital.			and the 'Taste the Island' initiative (in Autumn 19) Tourism NI Experience Brand launched in partnership with Council to local industry in November 2019.
Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events	Create destination experiences through: 1. The development and delivery of Visitor Experience Plans; 2. Experiential Package Development	Complete		Council has supported local tourism businesses to develop new and unique visitor experiences and has provided a support programme which focuses on sales techniques, marketing insights and pricing. Ten businesses, including the Mourne Seafood Cookery School, Denvirs of Downpatrick, Killowen Distillery and Montalto Estate currently offer 45 destination experiences which are bookable online and include tasting, cookery, history and outdoor experiences.
	Create and deliver a new Tourism Business Support Programme to support micro-tourism businesses to: 1. Develop new commercially-sustainable visitor experiences; 2. Grow business capacity and skills 3. Grow tourism revenue	Complete		The Council has engaged with 50+ tourism businesses in the development of new experiences and engagement in a variety of industry programmes. The Council engaged with more than 200 tour operators on behalf of industry at key tour operators platforms such as meet the Buyer, World Travel Market, etc.
	Collaborate and engage with key stakeholders to ensure the ongoing delivery of the Tourism Strategy and to reinforce a strong partnership	Complete		Engagement with tourism industry stakeholders, Council members and Council colleagues delivered established forums.


	<p>approach to tourism growth and leadership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tourism Forum of industry stakeholders 2. Cross-party Tourism Task and Finish group 3. Cross-departmental Project Teams from Cleansing, Estates, Leisure, Community to address key issues 			
	<p>Develop and deliver a new Tourism Events Programme in line with strategic priority of growing the economic impact of tourism in the district.</p>	Complete		<p>In 2019/20, Council successfully delivered Footsteps in the Forest, Wake the Giant, Festival of Flight, Skiffies and Halloween events, and supported the delivery of festivals across the district. Events generated an economic impact of approximately £5m for the district. St Patrick's Day Parades in March 2020 were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The 2020/21 tourism events programme was approved by Council in December 2020. The delivery of all tourism events in 2020/21 are currently under review.</p>
Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events	<p>Work with key partners in industry and Government to create a Sustainable Tourism Plan for the region, to address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental impact of tourism growth in rural areas 			<p>Consultation and engagement with key local stakeholders, Council members and Government officials commenced in November 2019 and has been ongoing to address concerns on the environmental impact of tourism growth in rural</p>








Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic and visitor management at key sites Maintaining and improving quality standards and visitor experience, whilst ensuring tourism growth 	Ongoing		<p>areas, and on traffic issues at key sites.</p> <p>A Geopark Development Plan is currently being produced to progress key priorities in ensuring sustainable tourism growth for the district.</p>
	Continue to prioritise the reorganisation of the structure within ERT to ensure delivery of tourism development, visitor services and marketing, tourism event delivery, and heritage and arts development.	Ongoing		Progress ongoing with regards ERT Structure.
	<p>Develop sales plans and deliver key projects to prioritise growth in the following Key Tourism Sectors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Food and drink Golf Tourism Screen Tourism Incentive Tourism 	Complete		Key initiatives delivered for Food and Drink (including Taste the Island); Golf Tourism (including Golf Travel Trade Engagement); Screen Tourism (including Game of Thrones specific campaigns). Officers supporting key stakeholders on growing incentive tourism markets.
	<p>Continue to progress key Tourism Capital Investment Projects in partnership with Government stakeholders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway to the Mourne as part of the BRCD Investment in our Forest Parks, Country Park, and Beaches 	Ongoing		<p>The OBC for the Gateway to the Mourne project progressed as part of the BRCD programme.</p> <p>Capital investment in key tourism sites ongoing, including Kilbroney FP, Slieve Gullion FP, Tyrella Beach, and Delamont Country Park.</p>








	Submit a full application for the UNESCO Geopark Project to International Geoscience and Geopark Programme (IGGP) by November 2019.	Ongoing		The application for Global Geopark status for the Mourne and Ring of Gullion was submitted in November 2019. If successful Global Geopark status for the Mourne and Ring of Gullion will be confirmed in 2021.
	<p>Launch the Council's new Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy and Action Plan to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grow and develop our arts and heritage offering in Council venues; 2. Increase participation and engagement of communities throughout the district in our arts and heritage offering; 3. Support key events organisers, musicians, artists and arts groups to promote and celebrate the unique arts, culture and heritage offering of this district 	Strategy approved. Longer-term Objectives currently under review.		<p>The Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy was approved by Council in March 2020. It sets out an ambitious vision for the transformation of arts, culture and heritage, to attract new audiences, offer quality events and generate significant economic benefits for local businesses, residents and the District.</p> <p>In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the objectives and Action Plan of the strategy is under review.</p>
Building Control and Regulation	Increase the online/automated phone applications for Dog Licences from 20% to 40%.	Q3		Target of 40% achieved
	Introduce the online facility for BN and RG BC applications.	Q2		Online facility now fully operational


	Introduce the online facility for Licences (General).	Q4		Online facility delayed due to costs, IT and Covid 19 priorities. Applications now accepted via email.
	Set performance targets for Licensing applications.	Q3		Complete and operational
	Rationalise the alignment of bye-laws enforcement of the off street car parking service through the district.	Q3		Ongoing
	Maintain an effective monitoring and reporting procedure to demonstrate effective performance within Building Control and Licensing.	Ongoing		Ongoing and 6 month reports provided to the ERT committee.
	Work in conjunction with DfI and Translink to identify and develop P&R and P&S sites within the district.	Ongoing		Ongoing, Bann Road site in Castlewellan prioritised and Planning Application submitted Sept 2020.
	Maintain an effective information sharing procedure between Building Control and Planning	Ongoing		Ongoing, monthly BC reports shared with Planning. Unauthorised Works notifications shared.
	Rationalise the alignment of bye-laws enforcement of the dog control service throughout the District.	Q3		Ongoing
	Implementation of the car park strategy in line with overall regeneration objectives for the district, initially concentrating on Newry.	Ongoing		Ongoing but delayed due to Covid 19 priorities.

Planning	Replace NI Direct call management system with Council's own internal call management.	Q3		Completed. Delayed until Q4 as a result of delays in the roll out of Council's own internal call management.
	To process 60% of local applications within 15 weeks.	Q4		Target not achieved. 33.7% achieved in 2019/20.
	To process 75% of major applications within 30 weeks.	Q4		Target not achieved. 13.3% achieved in 2019/20.
	Conclude 75% of enforcement cases within 39 weeks.	Q4		Target not achieved. 36.2% achieved in 2019/20.
	Publish Draft Local Development Plan Strategy by end of 2020	Ongoing		Ongoing. Delivery delayed by impact of COVID19.
	NI Planning IT System – complete the procurement exercise for the new IT System.	Q3		Completed in Q4. Delays beyond control of NM&DDC Planning Department.
	Develop Council guidance and checklists for the submissions of planning applications.	Q4		Completed.

Measures of Success					
	Measure	Target	Actual	Status	Explanation
Economic Development	The number of Business Plans approved	301	298		Performance in March 2020 was directly affected due to the onset of Covid-19 lockdown. Had the monthly target for March 2020 been achieved performance in 2019/20 would have been achieved by 102%. Over achievement throughout the year ensured the impact of March 2020 was minimal with a 98% achievement against the annual target

	The number of jobs promoted	155	183		Target exceeded.
	The number of new business starts	205	203		Performance in March 2020 was directly affected due to the onset of Covid-19 lockdown.
Building Control	Domestic Building Control applications processed within 21 days from the date of submission	77%	92%		Target achieved.
	Commercial Building Control applications processed within 35 days from the date of submission	77%	89%		Target achieved.
	All Building Control applications processed within 56 days from date of submission	100%	100%		Target achieved.
	Amendments to applications (BR3 returns) to be processed within 14 days from date of re-submission	82%	97%		Target achieved.
	All Building control applications to be validated within 7 days from the date of submission	100%	100%		Target achieved.

Tourism, Culture and Events	Tourism visitor revenue	-	*£69m		<p>*2018 Figures. Annual visitor statistics from NISRA for Local Authority districts not yet published for 2019, including visitor volume, revenue and jobs.</p> <p>The overall level of visitor spend increased by 44% since 2015, representing an increase of over £21.2 million generated by tourism into the local economy.</p>
	Tourism visitor volume (overnights)	-	1,289,821		<p>*2018 Figures. The overall number of overnight stays has increased by 22% since 2015, representing an increase of 229,758 additional stays.</p>
	Tourism jobs supported	-	5,451		<p>*2017 Figures. Tourism jobs statistics from NISRA for Local Authority districts not yet published.</p>
	Visitor revenue in arts, culture and heritage venues	-	£299k		<p>Figures for 2018-19 are the first year of data collection (baseline) of these figures.</p>
	Visitor volume in arts, culture and heritage venues	-	221k visitors		<p>Figure includes number of ticketed audience, active and users of facilities.</p>
	Engagement of local communities in arts, culture and heritage programmes	-	Baseline Year	-	<p>15% of respondents in 2018 Residents Survey participated in or attended an arts, heritage or culture activity. This was the first year of data collection (baseline) of these figures.</p>
Planning	Local planning applications to be processed within an average of 15 weeks	60%	33.7%		<p>Target not achieved. Figure given is for the year as a whole. However a high of 49% was achieved for the month of March 2020.</p>
	Major planning applications to be processed within an average of 30 weeks	75%	13.3%		<p>Target not achieved. Figure given is for the year as a whole. However a high of 50% was achieved for the month of August 2019.</p>

	70% of all enforcement cases concluded within 39 weeks of complaint receipt	70%	36.2%		Target not achieved. Figure given is for the year as a whole. However a high of 62.5% was achieved for the month of March 2020.
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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 October 2020
Subject:	Update on Belfast Region City Deal
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & 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:-

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 Belfast Region City Deal current position, working towards the establishment of a Deal Document by December 2020. To approve that Council will establish a financial agreement with Belfast City Council that sets out Governance costs to be incurred during 2020/21. This agreement will include contributions of up to £65,000 towards the development of the employability and skills programme, the regional digital programme, tourism research, comms and engagement, and programme assurance. Contributions are based on EPP ratio of which NMD is 14.1%. <p><u>Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work has been progressing from November 2017 towards securing a City Deal for the Belfast Region. In Sept 2018 a proposition for the City Deal was submitted to the UK Government. In March 2019 Heads of Terms were signed with the UK Government, NI Executive and City Deal partners and the UK Government approved investment of £350 Million into BRCD / first NI City Deal Work commenced on the completion of Outline Business Cases for the 22 BRCD Projects.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p><u>Programme</u></p> <p>All meetings associated with the BRCD have now moved online, and work across the City Deal pillars are continuing to progress towards completion of a Deal Document by December 2020. This is a revised timetable following delays early 2020.</p>

Council are participating on the Board, and on all Pillar Advisory Boards, including Regeneration & Tourism, Digital & Innovation, Infrastructure, finance and communication & engagement.

All 22 BRCD projects are working towards the completion of Outline Business Cases (OBCs) between September and December 2020 to enable DFC and DFE to assess all OBCs by December 2020. Through the Advisory Boards, extensive engagement & consultation is undertaken with Government Departments and City Deal partners on the progression of projects, which are also challenged to ensure robustness and effectiveness in delivery of BRCD outcomes in a post Covid-19 economy.

Due to the direct impact of the Covid-19 crisis and the delays in the completion of OBCs, planned work on strategic engagement, including both business and political engagement has been delayed. Briefing documents outlining key economic and social benefits of each project and overall BRCD programme are currently being updated to support the engagement activities that will take place in the coming months

Finance and Governance Arrangements / Deal Document

The Deal Document will set out financial and Government arrangements for the City Deal.

The completion of this document is dependent upon completed OBCs from all partners, as it is the OBCs that provide the necessary detail in relation project finances and timescales for implementation. In addition to the Financial Agreement, the Deal documentation will also comprise a Financial Plan, an Implementation Plan and an updated Governance Framework. BRCD partners are progress towards the submission of a Deal Document by December 2020.

BRCD Financial Model

- NI Executive committed £350 million match funding for the BRCD
- NI Executive further announced an additional £100 million for complementary projects
- This secures an overall investment package for BRCD projects of £850 million (including £150 million from BRCD Partners)
- Plus access to additional Complementary Funds

NMD City Deal Projects

Across the 22 BRCD Projects, all projects are at draft or final OBC stage. NMD projects have proceeded through Checkpoint 2 and are working towards submission of OBC. Once submitted, the OBC enters a "Department OBC review process" before it can be finalised in Deal Document

Southern Relief Road

- Draft OBC was submitted to Advisory Board Sept 20, and is currently under going further review by DFI

Newry City Centre Regeneration

- Cleared checkpoint 2 and progressing towards submission of final OBC – November 2020

Gateway to the Mournes

- Cleared checkpoint 2 and progressing towards submission of final OBC – October 2020

The below are other BRCD initiatives that will also have an impact on our area

Innovation Pillar

The 5 projects under the Innovation Pillar are University led and involves both the UK and NI Governments. Final engagement with NI and UK Governments on the OBCs will take place in early October through a workshop format before formal submission of the OBCs.

- Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre (AMIC): OBC completed Oct 2020
- Global Innovation Institute (GII): OBC completed Oct 2020
- Institute for Research Excellence in Advanced Clinical Healthcare (i-REACH): OBC completed Oct 2020
- The Centre for Digital Healthcare Technology (CDHT): OBC to be completed Oct 2020
- Screen Media & Innovation Lab: OBC to be completed Oct 2020

Employability and Skills

Employability and Skills programme of activity will under pin the wider City Deal programme of investment, by establishing a model of working that integrates and aligns the resources to help create an employability and skills pipeline in the growth sectors targeted by the BRCD. This will ensure that interventions are being designed with flexibility for changing market conditions. The overall programme is being designed around two overarching thematic areas of employability and skills, with underpinning priorities focused upon the development of digital skills for employability and/or business purposes. Key opportunities from the programme are:

- Improved alignment between skills supply and demand
- Interventions in targeted sectors/clusters
- Focus on unemployment & economic inactivity
- Aligning existing Council programmes and developing collective solutions
- Agreeing an approach to Social value

3 investment programme areas are:

- Apprenticeships
- Career development

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upskilling / Reskilling <p><u>Regional Innovators Network</u> NMD Officials are currently working directly with Xpand and key stakeholders on the creation of a purpose built Digital Innovation Hub in Newry City Centre. This innovation space will aim to develop greater awareness and uptake of new and emerging digital skills for students, entrepreneurs and local businesses. The study is undertaking consultation with universities, colleges, private sector and local digital groups / students to establish, need and demand for the functioning space. The feasibility study is to finalised October 2020, and will inform the development of a regional OBC completed for a network of Regional Innovation spaces across the Belfast Region</p> <p><u>Complementary Fund</u> In April 2020 - NI Executive announced an additional £100 million for City Deal complementary projects. City Deal Partners are working to consider suitable proposals, one area looking at short terms solutions for Digital Skills and also opportunities for active green travel. City Deal partners are working Government Departments to agree a priorities for spend and an process for accessing complementary funds.</p>
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	<p>n/a</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>n/a</p>

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	Assembly Brexit Stakeholder event
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To agree the recommendation contained in section 3 of this report</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Assembly Committee for the Executive Office has agreed to hold a Brexit stakeholder event to provide local councils with an opportunity to brief Committee Members on any issues and concerns they might have as a result of the UK's exit from the European Union.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to invite two attendees from each Council; one senior official and one political representative.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Each Council will have an opportunity to meet with a small number of Committee Members for 30 minutes. Attendees will be given 10 minutes to brief Committee Members and this will be followed by 20 minutes for questions and answers. The event will take place on Wednesday 4 November 2020, in Parliament Buildings, Stormont, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.</p> <p>Given the work Council has been doing to prepare for Brexit with local stakeholders this is an opportunity to highlight issues and concerns and explore with the Committee the plans Central Government has to support Business in preparation for and after 31 December 2020.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Chief Executive and Chair of Council attend the Event on 4 November 2020.

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	none
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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6.0	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
	Appendix – Invitation from NI Assembly Committee for the Executive Office
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A



Committee for the Executive Office

Marie Ward
Chief Executive
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
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25 September 2020

Dear Marie

COMMITTEE FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE: BREXIT STAKEHOLDER EVENT

At its meeting on 16 September 2020, the Committee for the Executive Office agreed to hold a Brexit stakeholder event to provide local councils with an opportunity to brief Committee Members on any issues and concerns they might have as a result of the UK's exit from the European Union.

The Committee agreed to invite **two attendees from each council; one senior official and one political representative**. This will allow for appropriate social distancing.

Each council will have an opportunity to meet with a small number of Committee Members for 30 minutes. Attendees will be given 10 minutes to brief Committee Members and this will be followed by 20 minutes for questions and answers.

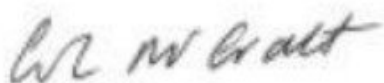
The event will take place on **Wednesday 4 November 2020, in Parliament Buildings, Stormont, from 2.00pm to 5.00pm**. Your 30-minute time slot will be allocated when the number of councils attending has been confirmed. Further details on the event will also issue at this time.

If representatives from Newry, Mourne and Down District Council wish to attend the event, please confirm by **5.00pm on Friday 9 October 2020**. Your confirmation, which should include the names and positions of attendees, should be emailed to:

Committee.Executive@niassembly.gov.uk

As mentioned above, further details will issue in due course. However, you should note that, if you wish to attend, you will be asked to submit a short written briefing paper, by **5.00pm on Thursday 22 October 2020**, outlining the issues you wish to raise.

Yours sincerely



Colin McGrath MLA
Chairperson, Committee for the Executive Office

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 October 2020
Subject:	DFC / DAERA / DFI - Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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1.0	Purpose and Background															
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To present to members the recommendations outlined in section 3 and provide a general update on the progress of the scheme.</p> <p><u>Background</u> A previous update had been provided at the August ERT meeting, detailing the grant aid secured from DAERA and DFC under the Covid-19 recovery & revitalisation initiatives.</p> <p>Since the last update officers have been working closely with the Department For Communities (DFC) to establish an agreed programme of support that will target a range of Business Revitalisation and Regeneration measures across the 6 main urban centres within the district utilising DFC grant aid, and across the rural settlements, utilising DAERA grant aid.</p> <p>The agreed programme of activity will be delivered over 2 Tranches, with the majority of the grant aid to be implemented / completed before 31st March 2021.</p> <p>The level of funding is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note: from August ERT report addition monies have been secured: DAERA £157,000, DFI £527,000 and DFC Revenue £52,000 <table><tr><th>Funding Allocations</th><th>DFC</th><th>DAERA</th><th>DFI</th><th>Revenue (DfC)</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>£866k</td><td>£314k</td><td>£527k</td><td>£52k</td></tr><tr><td>Total Funding</td><td colspan="4">£1,779,000</td></tr></table>	Funding Allocations	DFC	DAERA	DFI	Revenue (DfC)		£866k	£314k	£527k	£52k	Total Funding	£1,779,000			
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2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p><u>TRANCHE 1</u></p> <p><u>Business: Covid-19 Compliance Grant - £886,000 grant available for this element</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFC: £650,000 • DAERA: £236,000 <p>Officers have complete stage 1: Expression of Interest and will now move to stage 2: Full application. Under stage 1: Expression of Interest 1017 EOIs were received, 27% of which were from rural settlements. The level of grant requested through the EOI process was significantly greater than the level of grant available.</p> <p>Stage 2 application process has been reviewed with DFC and in view of the grant aid limit available it is proposed that will now move to full application with eligible businesses being offered grant of up to £1,000 on a first come , first served basis towards defined eligible items relating to Covid-19 compliance: eg sanitising stations / equipment, sanitiser, social distancing screens/counters, social distancing signage.</p> <p>Grant is focusing on priority items of expenditure to ensure businesses can continue to operate in a Covid compliant manner</p>
2.2	<p><u>TRANCHE 2</u></p> <p>Across the remainder of the programme, Council officials continue to work with DFC, DAERA and DFI Active Travel to agree an implementation programme aligned to their grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAERA: Outdoor Space, Covid-19 Compliance - 78,000 • DFC: Environmental improvement, active travel initiatives, market development, District wide promotion £288,000 • DFI Active Travel Budget - 527,000.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To note the update for the DFC / DAERA / DFI ' - Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme and approve the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Council will now accept and approve the additional funding once relevant Letters Of Offer have been received: DAERA £157,000, DFI £527,000 and DFC Revenue £52,000 2) Council will continue to engage with lead Departments to agree an acceptable programme of activity in Tranche 2 that can be implemented within the appropriate timescales. 3) Council approve proceeding to Tranche 1 Stage 2 assessment of the Business: Covid-19 Compliance Grant offering eligible businesses a grant of up to £1,000 on a first come , first served basis towards defined eligible items relating to Covid-19 compliance

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>100% Grant Aid secured for the implementation of the scheme.</p> <p>No financial cost to Council other than staff resource for implementation of the grant assessment, award and processing of grant claims</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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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
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	<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:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	Town Centre Public WiFi
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Forster Full Fibre NI Operations Lead

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the contents of the report and seek approval for the recommendations contained in section 3 of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Newry, Mourne and Down District Council currently provides free outdoor WiFi in Downpatrick, Ballynahinch and Newcastle. This project was initially funded by DSD in 2013 to provide outdoor coverage in Town Centres. The original contract and grant agreement was with Down District Council and was to operate up to 2015.</p> <p>This current system is outdated but operational and costs the Council over £10k per year for licencing and maintenance fees. Public WiFi in the legacy N&M area is not operational.</p> <p>The Councils' IT department conducted a procurement exercise last year to appoint a new WiFi provider to replace all legacy-based WiFi systems and ensure that one supplier is used for all WiFi on a corporate, guest and visitor level across the estate and district.</p> <p>Upgrading and replacing town centre outdoor WiFi with this new provider has been estimated by the IT department to be in the region of £140k capital for equipment and £15k revenue per year for licencing and fibre connectivity. This quote was to provide public Wifi services to Ballynahinch, Downpatrick, Kilkeel Newry, Newcastle and Warrenpoint.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Since 2013 and the installation of the town centre Public WiFi service demand for outdoor connectivity has changed greatly due to a number of reasons:

	<p>Mobile Connectivity</p> <p>With improvements to mobile connectivity mainly 4G, more residents and tourists are relying on cheaper and larger data packages from their mobile network operator to access the internet in outdoor locations. Since 2017, EU roaming consumers (tourists) have also been able to use the minutes, texts and data included on their mobile phone tariffs when travelling in the EU. Many of the mainstream mobile network operators have said that they currently have no plans to change roaming services across Europe after 31 January 2020.</p> <p>Mobile Coverage</p> <p>OFCOM has recently reported in the Connected Nations 2020 report that the coverage of 4G across Northern Ireland is now at 92% outdoor coverage by all operators. This figure is set to increase with the Shared Rural Network (SRN) agreement between the UK Government and the four main mobile network operators. FFNI Officers currently sit on the SRN forum.</p> <p>Availability of Free WiFi Hotspots</p> <p>Many hospitality and accommodation providers offer their own WiFi hotspots to entice customers in or provide a service to visitors. These include accommodation businesses in the district, coffee shops and shopping malls etc, as well as libraries. Translink offers mobile WiFi on many of its main bus routes. Many Internet Service Providers (ISP) like BT, Vodafone, Sky as well as mobile network operators provide free to use WiFi hotspots across the district.</p> <p>NMDDC currently provides WiFi for corporate and public use in 16 sites across the district with further sites planned for 2021.</p> <p>Based on feedback from Tourism NI and our own Visitor Information Centres, most visitors who want digital information in-destination tend to get it via their own mobile networks, or via WiFi provision in local hotels or hospitality businesses, etc rather than depend on outdoor street WiFi.</p> <p>Visitors to our key tourism events generally cannot utilise the current public WiFi services due to the large number of concurrent connections which can cause the network to fail. In this case dedicated WiFi services are often procured and installed to offer connectivity services e.g. Irish Open & Festival of Flight.</p> <p>There is a requirement for dedicated Wifi provision however in specific areas in Forest and Country parks where mobile network coverage might be poor or where future tourism attractions may provide data heavy virtual/augmented reality tourism experiences. Currently this is offered in Kilbroney and Slieve Gullion.</p> <p>The offer of free external outdoor public WiFi across the six towns no longer represents best value for money due to the increased availability of 4G provided by mobile network operators and the large number of free WiFi hotspots across the district offered by the private sector.</p>
3.0	Recommendations

3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council discontinues the provision of current and new external outdoor WiFi due to increased mobile connectivity and access to private sector WiFi hotspots in town centres. To provide notice to the current supplier that the service will be cancelled and comply with the 90-termination period.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £5,706 to provide notice to current supplier (WiFi Spark) that the service will be cancelled and operate until the 90 day termination period is completed (March 2021).
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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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
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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:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	Allocation of Moorings at Newcastle Harbour
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson Assistant Director of Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

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 approve of allocation of Moorings at Newcastle harbour for a 3-year period as outlined in section 3.1 of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Prior to 2017 there was an annual process for the boat owners being allocated a mooring at Newcastle Harbour.</p> <p>The process included - An advert in the local newspapers Feb/Mar then Application forms being issued A drop-in day for accepting applications, insurance and payment from each boat owner.</p> <p>As each application would be dealt with on a first come, first served basis – this caused an issue with boat owners arriving as early as 6am on the day of receiving applications to try and secure the mooring they wanted. Following approval by committee in October 2016 Moorings were allocated in 2017 for a 3-year period. This has worked well over the past 3 years as it is a less time-consuming exercise for staff.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The previous annual process was a lengthy and time-consuming exercise for staff & caused friction between boat owners, who may not have got the mooring they wanted, due to another boat owner getting in first. • The three-year period has worked well but opportunity should be given to new applicants in line with Council Equality Action plan.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	The recommendation is that members agree to adopt the process of allocation of moorings at Newcastle Harbour for a 3-year period from March 2021 and for further 3 year periods thereafter.

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	There are no resource issues for this, annual mooring allocation brings in revenue. Less time consuming for staff than previous annual mooring allocation.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> N/A</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
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7.0	Appendices	
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8.0	Background Documents	
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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	Restocking of Quoile River - Coarse Fishing
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson: Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson: Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events

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1.0		Purpose and Background	
1.1		<p><u>Purpose</u> To seek approval for recommendations set out in section 3.1 of this report on the Notice of Motion on restocking of fish in the Quoile River and the District.</p> <p><u>Background</u> At ERT Committee in August 2020 it was agreed that officers table a report on the following Notice of Motion regarding Coarse Fishing:</p> <p>“Recognising the importance of Coarse Fishing to tourism and the local economy, particularly in the Quoile River, and noting the proactive approach taken by other Councils in Northern Ireland to restock fish on behalf of anglers, this Council will commit to investigate funding for restocking of fish in line with other Council areas, carry out a review of Course Fisheries across the District, and work with DAERA and other Councils, to develop a best practice approach.”</p>	
2.0		Key issues	
2.1		<p>Officers have engaged with DAERA officials on the requirements, regulations and legal requirements involved in restocking fish in the Quoile and other specific rivers in the district.</p> <p>The information included in appendix 1 has been provided by DAERA officials with regards stocking of fish in DAERA Public Angling Estate waters</p> <p>DAERA have commented specifically in respect of the restocking of fish in the Quoile and other rivers in the district and confirmed that this is the responsibility of the department.</p>	
3.0		Recommendations	
3.1		<p>Given the points raised by DAERA, specifically that the restocking of fish in the Quoile and other rivers in the district is the responsibility of the department, it is recommended that Council writes to DAERA to formally request that they develop and plan the necessary surveys, assessments and approvals from the relevant organisations to facilitate the re stocking of fish in the Quoile.</p>	

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)
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7.0	Appendices

	1. Correspondence received from DAERA officials on restocking of fish in the Quoile River and the District
8.0	Background Documents
	N/a

Appendix 1 - Correspondence received from DAERA officials on restocking of fish in the Quoile River and the District

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 August 2020 11:04
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Restocking of Quoile for Coarse fishing

Thank you for your enquiry regarding stocking the Quoile with coarse fish.

Background to the stocking of DAERA Public Angling Estate waters

DAERA Inland Fisheries manages the Quoile Pondage area as a part of its Public Angling Estate which is accessible to fish by those holding a DAERA angling licence and DAERA angling permit. It is one of over 90 waters that DAERA manage as part of the Public Angling Estate which is a diverse range of waters including rivers, natural and artificial lakes and reservoirs.

Many of the waters that DAERA manage, particularly the reservoirs, are stocked with triploid (sterile) brown trout and non-native rainbow trout from the DAERA fish farm at Movinagher. These are generally waters that would have very small populations of fish naturally and they mostly have a grill at the outlet to prevent fish escaping and interfering with wild populations.

Many other waters that DAERA manage are wild fisheries with natural populations of native fish such as brown trout, sea trout and salmon. Other waters have had non-native coarse fish such as perch, bream, roach, rudd and pike introduced over the last few hundred years and many of those are now fished with the coarse fish at self-sustaining levels as anglers tend to return the coarse fish that they catch alive. Some of the waters have both populations of native fish and introduced coarse fish.

While we do have a fish farm at Movinagher rearing brown trout and rainbow trout for certain waters, we do not breed coarse fish and do not stock waters with coarse fish. Where appropriate we will consider translocating coarse fish from a water where coarse fish have been inappropriately introduced or stock levels are too high to another water where stock levels are lower, perhaps due to a pollution incident or other event.

The Quoile

The Quoile is a river system that, as I am sure you are aware, has had a flood defence barrage (to protect Downpatrick from flooding) placed across its estuary where it joins Strangford Lough. The barrage is managed by DfI Rivers (formerly Rivers Agency) and includes a fish pass to allow the continued migration of salmon, sea trout and eels. The Quoile river catchment includes the Annacloy River which is also a Public Angling Estate water and which flows into the Quoile.

As well as being a part of the Public Angling Estate, the Quoile is also an internationally important area for conservation as a designated Special Protection Area, a Ramsar site, a National Nature Reserve and an Area of Special Scientific Interest.

Stocking the Quoile with coarse fish

The Quoile has current populations of coarse fish as well as native fish and migratory fish such as salmon, sea trout and eels. As previously indicated above, DAERA does not stock coarse fish but would occasionally carry out the translocation of coarse fish species from one water to another. These translocations can only occur where it is deemed suitable and where the potential receiving water has been assessed.

Before additional coarse fish could be translocated to the Quoile there would need to be an assessment by the DAERA Inland Fisheries Technical Advisory Group that includes fisheries scientists from AFBI. If relevant, fish surveys may need to be undertaken by AFBI. With regard to the international conservation designations a Habitats Regulation Assessment may need to be undertaken as a second stage.

There have been improvements and maintenance to the Quoile Barrage in the last 12 months, including improvements to the fish pass. It is now likely that populations of migratory and coarse fish will change slightly as species populations adjust to the changes. This will need taken into account by the assessments of the Technical Advisory Group.

Recent enquiries regarding stocking the Quoile with coarse fish

A few local anglers, including [REDACTED], have requested that DAERA consider introducing additional coarse fish into the Quoile. Those anglers have brought this matter to the attention of local Councillors including [REDACTED]. DAERA has had initial discussions with those local anglers and the Councillors, initially regarding the improvements to the Quoile Barrage and more recently regarding the translocation of coarse fish into the Quoile.

Summary

The Quoile is a formerly natural river system that continues to have natural migrations of salmon, sea trout and eels and in its current form is recognised as an internationally important wetland for conservation. Any proposals to translocate additional coarse fish into the Quoile system would require a series of surveys, assessments and approvals from a number of organisations and Departments. The surveys and assessments have not yet been carried out and would not be seen as a Departmental priority at the current time when the focus must understandably be on preparations for the EU Transition and the Northern Ireland Protocol.

I hope that the above information is helpful, and I appreciate that it may need further clarification which I am more than happy to provide.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards



Inland Fisheries

Environment, Marine and Fisheries Group

Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 October 2020
Subject:	Street Trading at The Square Warrenpoint
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Colum Jackson, Assistant Director, Building Control
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Fintan Quinn, Head of Licensing and Enforcement

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

For decision	X	For noting only	

To consider the recommendations at section 3

1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To consider Conditions of Trading at the 3No. Designated Trading Bays at The Square, Warrenpoint, and to impose restrictions on Hot Food Trading in that area.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Street Trading is Licenced and regulated by Councils under the Street Trading(Northern Ireland) Act 2001. Under Para.7(1)(b) of the Act, a council shall specify conditions...<i>identifying the class or classes of articles, things or services which the licence holder may sell or supply under the authority of the licence.</i></p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The council have previously considered complaints against Street Trading at The Square Warrenpoint and have recently revoked the licence for the existing hot food trader in that area.</p> <p>In consideration, the Council now need to consider conditions of trading in the area and specifically, the restriction of hot food trading at The Square Warrenpoint.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To restrict the location to the sale or supply of Hot Food only under the authority of the Street Trading Licence issued by the council for the 3No. Designated Trading Bays at The Square, Warrenpoint.</p> <p>The reference to Hot Food to be interpreted as typical takeaway hot food as supplied by take-away vendors, eg Burger & Chips, Sausage & Chips, Fish & Chips or similar as the council may determine.</p>

4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Administration and time required to review and amend existing Conditions of Licence.
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 checked="" 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

HISTORIC**ACTION TRACKER SHEET****ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE****(For Noting at ERT OCTOBER 2020)**

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		<u>DECEMBER 2017</u>			
ERT/218/2017	ARDGLASS HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT	(a) To contribute £25k (25%) to Local Harbour Development Group to complete a business case for Harbour Development and wider regeneration projects. (b) That the Group contribute 10% overall costs. (c) That the Group secure remaining (65%) budget from external source i.e. FLAG. (d) That a Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Officer support the Group in their work.	J McGilly	NI seafood and Fisheries study launched 28 Sept 2020 – next steps to be considered at October ERT	N
		<u>MARCH 2018</u>			
ERT/044/2018	FORKHILL FORMER BARRACKS SITE	1. Council Officials continue to work closely with DFC to ensure that Councils interest in the site is maintained and any follow up Business Cases are completed and	J McGilly	Playarea complete – work	N

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		<p>submitted to the Department for Communities.</p> <p>2. Council Officials and DEA reps on the Forkhill Site Development Steering Group to liaise closely with DFC and any other registered government departments to ensure that a balanced mixed use development of the site takes place.</p>		<p>ongoing regarding use for the remainder of the site.</p> <p>DFC to complete questionnaire of local residents on future use and report back to next steering committee May 2020. Consultation delayed due to Covid DfC exploring alternative options</p>	N
		<u>AUGUST 2018</u>			

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ERT/122/2018	DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council offices continue to progress land purchase to include the additional property at No.39 Irish Street which is adjacent to Former Police Station. Officers explore with relevant government departments any issues that may arise due to Heritage Merit of the site As the site was purchased on the basis that the link road not being included in the brief. DEA Cllrs request via DEA officers a meeting with Transport NI Officers bring back to council via ERT suitable governance structures for the project 	J McGilly	Soft market testing closed Sept 2020 Returns currently being considered by DfC with report to be brought back to Working group October 2020	N
		MARCH 2019			
ERT/044/2019	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS ARTISAN MARKETS NEWCASTLE & DOWNPATRICK	(c) Council Officials to investigate the option of supporting an Artisan market in Saintfield.	J McGilly	In progress – events planned for 2020 delayed due to covid – revised plans have been submitted for a number of events to be held. Downpatrick and Warrenpoint have	N

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				recommenced in July, others to follow. Update report tabled at Sept ERT	
		JUNE 2019			
ERT/073/2019	LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK: FUNDING BID	<p>(a) Council Officers be authorised to sign the Letter of Offer, on behalf of the consortium, for £15 million of funding from the Department for Digital Culture Media & Sport (DCMS), under the Department's LFFN Challenge Programme.</p> <p>(b) Council Officers be authorised to operate the procurements on behalf of the consortium to deploy the funding.</p>	J McGilly	Programme implementation ongoing – currently at tender stage	N
		AUGUST 2019			
ERT/097/2019	BALLYNAHINCH BYPASS ART FEATURE	<p>As a contribution to the Ballynahinch By pass the Council proceed as follows:</p> <p>(a) Provide agreement in principle that the Council will provide an Art Feature for installation on a site to be agreed on the Ballynahinch By-Pass</p>	J McGilly	On hold – clarification update from DFI	N

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		(b) Procure an artist to undertake the necessary consultation on potential design proposals (c) Development of the art feature to concept design stage (d) Subject to the confirmation that the funding has been secured for the By pass and the road will be constructed, to undertake the fabrication of the Art Feature (subject to the necessary funding being secured in 2020/21 rate estimates)			
		SEPTEMBER 2019			
ERT/118/2019	APPLICATIONS: HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME (LPS) RE: STRANGFORD & LECALÉ AONB	(a) Officers to explore the possibility of applying to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a Landscape Partnership Scheme (LPS) type project for the Strangford and Lecale AONB before March 2020. (b) If feasible, submit an EOI to the National Lottery Heritage Fund in 2020.	J McGilly	On-going	N

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ERT/119/2019	PUBLIC REALM SCHEME PHASE III HILL STREET NEWRY	The Council accept the Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities (DFC) totalling £1.6 million and proceed to deliver the next stages of the Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme	J McGilly	Work commenced on site 25 May – review ongoing via Task and finish working group	N
		October 2019			
ERT/137/2019	URBAN REGENERATION FORWARD WORK PLAN	<p>(a) Council approve the updated 'Outline Urban Regeneration Public Realm Work Plan Oct 2019' to allow continued lobbying of DFC in regards their Newry Mourne and Down budget allocations.</p> <p>(b) Council work with the Department for Communities to agree Regeneration intervention measures are required in each of the 5 settlements (Saintfield, Killyleagh, Castlewellan, Bessbrook and Rostrevor) with a population of between 2,500 and 5,000 in the district over the next 5 years.</p> <p>(c) Council Officials to liaise with the relevant Departments regarding funding to regenerate Newcastle Harbour and surfacing of Harbour Road Kilkeel.</p>	J McGilly	Council officials continue to liaise closely with DFC across all regeneration elements within the Outline Regeneration Plan.	N

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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	Negotiations ongoing with landowners and funder. Revised submission submitted to funders May 2020. Planning submitted and awaiting decision. SEUPB considering additional funding bid	N
ERT/140/2019	SMALL BUSINESS SALES AND EXPORTING BUSINESS	To procure and implement a Small Business Sales and Exporting Programme that will support at least 20 SME businesses to increase sales to markets outside of NI (particularly GB and South of Ireland), and raise awareness of the Newry, Mourne and Down area as an attractive location for business development and investment.	J McGilly	Funding application submitted. Currently working through assessment queries	N
ERT/142/2019	NI BUSINESS START PROGRAMME	(a) Participate in a new Business Start Up Collaborative programme with other NI	J McGilly	On-going – Application submitted Dec 19	N

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		<p>Councils and collaboratively submit a funding application for ERDF Jobs and Growth.</p> <p>(b) LCCC will continue as Lead Council of the New Programme if the funding application is successful for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2023.</p> <p>(c) To enter into a new Collaborative agreement which sets out the governance arrangement for the new programme, subject to review by Council's legal representatives.</p> <p>(d) Agree the proposed outcomes and associated financials for the New Programme, accepting that these are subject to change as a result of funding application, assessment and Letter of Offer (any amendments will be reported through Council)</p>		Currently being evaluated and awaiting feedback	
		NOVEMBER 2019			
ERT/172/2019	WARRENPOINT MARINA PROJECT	(a) To update the business case and Economic Appraisal (EA) for the Warrenpoint Marina project, to ensure issues of displacement are addressed and economic viability of the project is updated.	J McGilly	Consultants appointed to review draft business case – due to complete May 2020 – draft	N

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		<p>(b) To explore funding options that would enable implementation of the project</p> <p>(c) Report back to this committee the outcome of the updated EA and funding options.</p>		received and being reviewed currently	
ERT/174/2019	APPLICATION: CREATIVE EUROPE CULTURAL SUP-PROGRAMME RING OF GULLION AONB	To explore the possibility of applying to the Creative Europe – Culture Sup-Programme category 1- Smaller scale cooperation projects for an artist in residents project with Mayo and Norway and, if feasible, submit an application to the Creative Europe – Culture Sup-Programme category 1- Smaller scale cooperation projects, by the deadline of 27th November 2019.	J McGilly	Awaiting outcome.	N
		DECEMBER 2019			
ERT/193/2019	RPT WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME TASK & FINISH STEERTING COMMITTEE – 29 OCTOBER 2019	<p>(a) Council Officers meet with Council Framework Consultants to commission RIBA Stages 1-3 of the project.</p> <p>(b) A site meeting of the Task & Finish Committee to be arranged once consultants in place.</p>	J McGilly	Consultants appointed and work has commenced on review of the study area. Consultation underway and steering group	N

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		<p>(c) Council Officers to work closely with the Framework consultants once appointed, to produce a more accurate project programme.</p> <p>(d) Council Officers and consultants to proceed with the Topographical GPR and other associated studies as part of the design process.</p> <p>(e) All relevant Council departments, DFI sections and other statutory and Utility Groups to be liaised with.</p> <p>(f) Phasing priorities of Existing Town Centre Frontage, Baths to Balmoral and then to Cole's Corner, to be further considered once concept stage costings are known.</p> <p>(g) Council officers to ensure the DFI maintain good communications with the local community regarding the out workings of future studies into the concept of a one-way system.</p>		meetings set up to review progress	

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ERT/194/2019	MASTERPLANS: PRIORITY ACTION PLANS	To approve the updated content and actions outlined in Priority Action Plans for each of the following 4 No. Master Plans: - Newry City Master Plan - Ballynahinch Master Plan - Downpatrick Master Plan - South East Coast Master Plan	J McGilly	Ongoing implementation – updates provided through DEA	N
		(JANUARY 2020)			
ERT/005/2020	DRAGONS IN THE HILLS PROJECT	<p>a) To sign and accept the Joint Letter of Offer from National Heritage Lottery to Amphibian and Reptile Groups of UK (ARG UK), Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and Herpetological Society of Ireland (HIS) (subject to satisfaction of all Letter of Offer terms and conditions).</p> <p>(b) To establish a MOU with the lead partner, establishing roles and responsibilities for project management and delivery.</p> <p>(c) To host the part time staff member, fully funded by the programme, employed by Amphibian</p>	J McGilly	Application approved – Implementation ongoing	N

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		and Reptile Groups of UK, but located in the AONB office to facilitate programme delivery.			
		(FEBRUARY 2020)			
ERT/024/2020	BELFAST CITY REGIONAL DEAL DIGITAL INNOVATION PROJECT	To approve the appointment of an external consultant to assist officers with the design, development and implementation of key Belfast City Regional Deal digital projects.	J McGilly	Xpand appointed to complete this work. Project initiation meeting completed and desk research underway. Stakeholder consultation planned for mid August onwards. Draft report due October 2020	N
		(MARCH 2020)			
ERT/040/2020	WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK	(a) Council Officers to review and develop a proposed booking system for Warrenpoint Municipal Park and report back to a future meeting. (b) Council to review the Event	J MC GILLY	Work ongoing	N

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		<p>Management Plan charges for commercial, voluntary and charity bookings for Warrenpoint Park.</p> <p>(c) To identify the best model for a “Friends of Group”.</p> <p>(d) To commission and install artwork in the Park celebrating the heritage of Warrenpoint adhering to Council Policy. Local primary and secondary Schools will be engaged.</p> <p>(e) Officers to hold a Workshop with Councillors to look at ways to sustain activity at Warrenpoint Municipal Park, including reducing fees, and incorporate arts and culture in the “Friends of” group.</p>			
ERT/041/2020	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	(a) To procure an Integrated Supply Team to deliver the DAERA capital works scheme.	J MC GILLY	Work ongoing	N

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		<p>(b) To seek an extension of the DAERA LoO from 31 January 2021 to March 2021</p> <p>(c) Council has committed £1,049,890 of capital investment to Castlewellan Forest Park and it is recommended that income will be factored as part of the funding package (capital and revenue) to NLHF.</p> <p>(d) Additional funding may be sought from Council depending on the project costs and the funding package offered by NLHF.</p> <p>(e) To develop in principle a Memorandum of Understanding with RBGE, CAFRE and National Botanic Gardens, Kilmacurragh for the purposes of propagation of trees/shrubs, student exchanges, sharing bio-security information etc.</p> <p>(f) To investigate the potential of developing a Partnership Agreement with Annes Grove (managed by Office of Public Works) in Co. Cork for the purposes of co-marketing of gardens, propagation of trees/shrubs, student exchanges etc.</p>			

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		<p>(g) Request a license agreement from Forest Service/DAERA for the Walled Garden, Bothy Yard etc. to undertake the capital works funded via DAERA.</p> <p>(h) To develop an Expression of Interest for vacant space using criteria based on the NLHF project outcomes.</p> <p>(i) To organise a Public Consultation for April 2020 in Castlewellan regarding NLHF application.</p> <p>(j) To submit an application to NLHF on 1 June 2020.</p>			
ERT/043/2020	MEETING: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FORUM – 25 FEBRUARY 2020	<p>To approve the following recommendations arising from the Report of the International Relations Forum Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2020:</p> <p><u>China</u></p> <p>(a) To note update provided to the International Relations Forum on recent activity with China.</p> <p>(b) To continue to progress opportunities to strengthen the relationship between Newry,</p>	J MC GILLY	Work ongoing	N

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		<p>Mourne & Down and China and facilitation of international exchanges for purposes of economic and trade growth, investment, education/skills development and growth of tourism industry.</p> <p>(c) To approve the participation in an NI Innovation Mission China, in partnership with Invest NI, NI Bureau, other NI Councils, Colleges and Universities</p> <p>(d) To approve the delivery at a local level a series of Spot Light in China Business workshops, promoting trade opportunities with China and building capacity among local businesses to engage in these opportunities.</p> <p>(e) To discuss further with NI Bureau in China, and write to Changchun FAO regarding the potential of upgrading the Council to Changchun City partnership from a Friendship Agreement to a full Sister Cities agreement</p> <p>(f) To renew for a further 12 months the MOU between Council and the Confucius Institute at Ulster University for support in China – NMDDC relations (translation services,</p>			

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		<p>interpretation services, support in cultural activities etc.</p> <p>Russia, Southern Pines, Pinehurst and <u>Aberdeen</u></p> <p>(g) Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor McKeivitt and seconded by Councillor Tinnelly that Officials would share Council's International Relations Strategy with representatives of Kirovsk and Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen. Any proposal to then to be assessed against the International Relations Strategy.</p> <p>(h) As the International Relationship with both Russia and Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen have expired, the relationship will not be renewed until a further proposal is submitted and assessed.</p> <p><u>Lamorlaye, France</u></p> <p>(i) To establish a new International Relations Agreement with Municipalité de Lamorlaye, North of France, on the basis that this proposal meets the essential criteria and at least 2 primary</p>			

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		<p>criteria as detailed in the strategy.</p> <p>(j) Council to explore the opportunity to establish an international relationship with an appropriate region in North East America that would complement our international strategy. The Council engages in the opportunity to attend as a platinum sponsor the New York-New Belfast Conference in New York on 11-12 June 2020 at a cost of £5,000 (+ flights / accommodation) as the first step in exploring this potential.</p> <p>To appoint 1 No. Officer only, to attend the New York – Belfast Conference to be held in New York on 11-12 June 2020 at a cost of £5,000, plus flights and accommodation.</p>			
		(JUNE 2020)			
ERT/060/2020	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<p>(a) To review costs of the DAERA project and continue to liaise with IDT and DAERA.</p> <p>(b) Council to continue to review costs for the</p>	J MC GILLY	ACTIONED	N

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		<p>NLHF project with no detriment to the integrity of the project.</p> <p>(c) To approve the submission deadlines to NLHF. Council to submit on 1 September 2020, however if there are external forces that Council cannot mitigate for, Council will apply on 23 November 2020.</p> <p>(d) To approve the actions of the Task and Finish Board meeting on 21 February 2020.</p>			
ERT/061/2020	WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK	<p>(a) To approve the appointment for a pool of facilitators for activities in the Park. Once permitted officers to organise activities in the Park to encourage the use of green space and reconnection with nature.</p> <p>(b) To approve the appointment of digital management content facilitator to develop an online resource for the School's Programme in conjunction with Project Officers.</p> <p>(c) To approve the process for procurement of an art commission and installation for Warrenpoint Park.</p>	J MC GILLY	WORK IN PROGRESS	N

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		(d) To approve the appointment of a consultant to undertake a mid and final evaluation of the NLHF project.			
ERT/064/2020	(Exempt) WARRENPOINT BATHS	<p>(a) Council formally concludes the current EOI process.</p> <p>(b) Officer review the above options and forward recommendations on the options outlined in the Report.</p>	J MC GILLY	EOI process concluded. Following September Council meeting considering options to progress project in line with planning approval.	N
		(AUGUST 2020)			
ERT/083/2020	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: ENVIRONMENTAL WARDENS	To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding Environmental Wardens, and that Officials prepare a report outlining options towards the establishment of Environmental Wardens, including delivery model, resource implications and partnership opportunities with existing organisations, to be tabled at a future meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism	A Patterson	In Progress	N

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		Committee.			
ERT/084/2020	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME	<p>To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding a Universal Basic Income, and proceed as follows:</p> <p>(a) Council calls on the Departments of Communities and Finance and the UK Treasury to design and deliver a recovery Universal Basic Income (UBI) for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>(b) Council commit to producing a plan for how a pilot of a full Universal Basic Income would be implemented within the District, and formally express its support for said pilot.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	
ERT/085/2020	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: COARSE FISHING	<p>To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding Coarse Fishing, to read as follows:</p> <p>"Recognising the importance of Coarse Fishing to tourism and the local economy, particularly in the Quoile River, and noting the proactive</p>	A Patterson	Paper to be tabled at Oct 2020 ERT	Y

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		approach taken by other Councils in Northern Ireland to restock fish on behalf of anglers, this Council will commit to investigate funding for restocking of fish in line with other Council areas, carry out a review of Course Fisheries across the District, and work with DEARA and other Councils, to develop a best practice approach."			
ERT/086/2020	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	To approve the draft Economic Development and Regeneration strategy as attached in Report dated 10 August 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration.	J McGilly	Working group meeting October 2020, Lunch planned Nov 2020	N
ERT/087/2020	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT RESEARCH PROJECT RED SQUIRREL	Council sign a Service Level Agreement with the Waterford Institute of Technology for implementation of a research project which will provide monitoring data on red squirrel (<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>) abundance in the Ring of Gullion area for the period of 2020/21. Project is an action within the NIEA Letter of Offer for Ring of Gullion	J McGilly	Completed	Y

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		and funding / budget is available meet the cost of £3,100.			
ERT/088/2020	COVID 19 REVITALISAION PROJECT	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding the Covid 19 Revitalisation Programme:</p> <p>(a) Subject to final approval and confirmation from the funder, Council accept relevant Letter Of Offer from DFC/DAERA for £1,024,000 for the respective 'Covid19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan'.</p> <p>(b) Council approve relevant Business Cases in association with the carrying out the required procurement of consultants/contractors/suppliers for the 'Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan'.</p> <p>(c) Council proceed to carry out the required procurement exercises for the 'Covid19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan' and following assessment and award, appoint relevant suppliers, if within available sectional programme</p>	J McGilly	Implementation of project ongoing . Update at October ERT	n

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		budgets.			
ERT/089/2020	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding the Carlingford Lough Greenway:</p> <p>(a) Council to note submission of the Formal Planning Application for the Carlingford Lough Greenway (Northern Section) and Council Officials to follow-up with Planners to ensure progress and a decision by early 2021.</p> <p>(b) Council to note the submission of an amended Business Case to the Interreg funder seeking the required additional funding to deliver the project.</p> <p>(c) Council to enter into the required legal tenure agreements with Land Owners along the Northern Section of the route.</p> <p>(d) Subject to SMC approval, phase 1 repairs to be agreed with Council and its consultant, with the existing</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		Contractor to proceed with completion of the works.			
ERT/090/2020	PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding the Public Realm Enhancement Scheme:</p> <p>(a) Subject to final approval of the funding application and confirmation from the funder, Council proceed to accept the relevant Letter Of Offer once received from DFC for £500,000 for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme'.</p> <p>(b) Council approve relevant Business Cases in association with the carrying out the required procurement/appointment of consultants/contractors/suppliers for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme'.</p> <p>(c) Council proceed to carry out the required procurement exercises for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme' and following assessment and award, appoint relevant suppliers, if within available</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		sectional programme budgets.			
ERT/091/2020	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding Castlewellan Forest Park:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the actions of the Task and Finish Board meeting on 19 June 2020. 2. To note the repurposing of the Stove Conservatory to an interpretation centre. 3. To approve the award of the Most Economically Advantageous Integrated Supply Team to undertake the construction/refurbishment of the Bothy Yard/Walled Garden subject to being within budget. 4. To note the application date of 23 November 2020 for NLHF. 5. To note the receipt of a draft lease and license agreement from Forest Service. 6. To approve developing a Terms of Reference for an Advisory Group for Castlewellan Historic Demesne and approve inviting key professionals from Northern Ireland, Ireland, England, 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>Scotland and Wales to attend bi-annual meetings (either in person or online) for them to sit on an Advisory Group for Castlewellan Historic Demesne - Expert knowledge of the management of botanical collections and historic designed landscapes required.</p> <p>7. To approve Council submitting a planning application in November 2020 for the scheme.</p> <p>8. To approve the MoU with RBGE for the purposes outlined.</p>			
ERT/092/2020	WARRENPOINT PARK MUNICIPAL PARK	<p>(a) To liaise with CAFRE regarding hosting a student placement to undertake a horticulture project – catalogue of woody plants in Warrenpoint Municipal Park.</p> <p>(b) To procure horticulture training for volunteers</p> <p>(c) To procure a landscape architect to design a planting scheme in line with the historic nature of Warrenpoint</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		Municipal Park.			
ERT/093/2020	WARRENPOINT BATHS	<p>(a) Council to note the ongoing progress on looking at options for the Warrenpoint Baths site and identification of learning from other similar projects.</p> <p>(b) Council consider including £10,000 funding for the 21/22 financial year to progress options and carry out consultations within the local community.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/094/2020	CAR PARK MARKET STREET DOWNPATRICK	To approve the business case for the projected spend of approximately £45,000 to carry out the resurfacing project for the Market Street access roadway.	C Jackson	Tender process ongoing	No
ERT/095/2020	CAR PARK BANN ROAD CASTLEWELLAN	To progress the proposed redevelopment of the Bann Road parking area in collaboration with DFI and approve the submission of a planning application for a change of use for the area concerned.	C Jackson	Planning Application submitted, Sept 2020.	No

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ERT/096/2020	(Exempt) SUPPORT PROGRAMME TOURISM, EVENTS AND ARTS SECTOR	<p>(a) To engage local audiences and visitors, and to provide support to the local tourism, events and arts sectors over the next six months, the available underspend from the Tourism Events Programme & Tourism Events Financial Assistance Budget to be allocated as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to launch a new Challenge Fund for Arts & Tourism Events - £60,000 2. Council to re-launch a Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund - £10,000 3. NMD Autumn Concert Series to be produced & broadcast online - £10,000 4. Council to utilise an allocation of the budget underspend from the DownTime festival to deliver a programme of art installations and animation in Downpatrick – to be delivered through a SLA with Down Community Arts in partnership with Downpatrick Town Committee - £8,000. 5. Following the success of the recent al fresco dining experience hosted in 	A Patterson	In progress	Y

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		<p>Newry Market, officers will progress plans to pilot similar events in Newcastle, Downpatrick and again in Newry – up to c£8,000 in each of the three locations. Other additional locations will also be considered following the outcome of this pilot.</p> <p>(b) All events and activities will be delivered in strict adherence to the latest Government guidelines on the COVID response.</p>			
ERT/097/2020	(Exempt) SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY NI	<p>To approve a Service Level Agreement with Geographical Survey NI for a 3 year period from April 2020- March 2023, based on a total budget of £23,581.16</p> <p>The SLA will be issued annually and in 20/21 the SLA will be issued in the amount of £10,144.29</p>	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/098/2020	(Exempt) TENDER FOR ICE CREAM PROVISION SLIEVE GULLION	To proceed to tender for a service provider for ice cream provision at the Upper carpark (beside play area) at Slieve Gullion Forest Park for a period of 3 years renewed annually.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		(SEPTEMBER 2020 TO FOLLOW)			

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	AONB and Geopark Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>1. To note the update provided in section 2.1 on the following AONB initiatives:</p> <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 • Geopark • AONB management review recommendations implementation <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>This report summaries the achievements of the AONB and Geopark team for Q2 2020/21 (July-September 2020).</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"> • A Letter of Offer from NIEA was secured and accepted in September 2020 at 100%, which ensures additional funding of £36,280 to go towards projects impacted by the Covid situation: Slieve Gullion Path maintenance; Mullaghbane River Walk; Wildlife disturbance around Strangford lough. • Terms of Reference for Strangford Lough Rangers Network drafted and sent out to members for agreement. • eZine issued in both AONB for July, August and September • Strangford and Lecale Newsletter distributed • Launch and promotion of 2020 AONB Calendar Competition for 2021 Calendar. Closes 30th Sept with calendar printed and distributed before Christmas. • Summer Fixed Point Photography images for SL and RoG taken and submitted to NIEA

- response to wildlife disturbance due to increased visitors around Strangford and Lecale over the summer months
- Plans for Q3: Recommencement of volunteer activities, Autumn rangering projects (wildlife disturbance community engagement), litter lifting equipment loan scheme, Online wildlife disturbance maps and alternative dog walking facilities, Strangford SAC biodiversity enhancement projects, delivery of LHLH grant funded project Spring 2021, WiSe Scheme training Spring 2021
- Successful application for Lace project to Department of Culture, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht for €10,000 working with South Armagh Lace Collective and Borris Lacemakers.
- Submitted funding application for NIEA's River Improvement Grant for £15,000 for a rivers engagement project in the Ring of Gullion.
- Service level agreement signed with Waterford IT for Squirrel monitoring work in the Ring of Gullion area.
- Tendered out and assessed for Ring of Gullion Way Scoping
- Worked with Queens University and Creggan Historical Society to survey for Killyloughran Site Project. Site visit and online meetings in regards engaging with stakeholders online.
- Dragons in the Hills project conference held on line
- COVID -19 Risk Assessment prepared for the return to volunteering.
- Site visit for location of weather station on Slieve Gullion and associated paperwork complete
- First cross council AONB Officers group held via Zoom
- Represented NIPAN at two Department and eNGO meetings to discuss issues and inform government about eNGO needs relating to Covid and Brexit.

Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme Legacy Phase

- Completion of procurement and appointed of supplier- Welig Heritage and Crafts for Roundhouse at Bluebell Glamping
- Additional requirements for legal agreements for the relocation of the Tram to be completed – structural engineer and CBR testing (to be completed Oct-Nov 2020)
- Lúnasa Festival was cancelled for 2020 due to coronavirus

Atlantic CultureScape (ACS)

- ACS 6 monthly partner financial claim and progress report submitted
- ACS 3rd Steering Committee meeting completed virtually
- Completion of procurement and appointed of supplier- Fourum for ACS Cluster facilitator wp 5.3
- Completion of procurement and appointment of supplier = Runda Travel LTD for ACS Tiered Tourism Training Programme -wp 6.1
- Expressions of Interest from interested Intangible Cultural Heritage, tourism providers & tour guide ambassadors received to select attendance for both cluster facilitation and training programme.
- Commenced consolidation of Lead Partner Project Report for upload onto SIGI AA reporting platform.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will review output reduction due to Covid – and propose new outputs to funder in Q3 <p>Geopark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO site assessment has been postponed again, waiting update on new date to be issued, likely to be Jan/Feb 2021. Agreed action plan for progressing geo park evaluation mission is 90% complete. Geopark Development Plan and Action Plan to be finalised in Q3. • Draft itinerary for Evaluation Mission Complete • Met with and presented to members of UFU and the farming community via Zoom in July, and provided written feedback in August <p>AONB Management Review – final report and recommendations</p> <p>New terms of reference for the AONB partnerships has been drafted and reviewed by NMDDC legal team. ToR to be agreed and implemented in Q3.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>1. To note the update provided in section 2.1 on the following AONB initiatives:</p> <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 • Geopark • AONB Management Review implementation
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	All projects are delivered within Letter of Offer and match funding agreed 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> 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:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	Consultation on Amendments to the Building Regulations (NI) 2020
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Colum Jackson Assistant Director, Building Control & Licensing
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Patrick Hobson Senior Building Control Surveyor

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>The Department of Finance are proposing to introduce amendments to the Building Regulation (NI) 2020 and have asked for the Councils response to their consultation.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The DoF has launched a consultation on amending the Building Regulations and associated Technical Booklets in relation to external fire spread on buildings, and a review of the Radon maps for NI.</p> <p>Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy and the lessons and findings coming out of the ongoing Public Inquiry, the consultation proposes setting a minimum performance standard for materials which can be used or attached to the external walls of certain types of buildings.</p> <p>The amendments will provide certainty about the materials to be used in external wall systems for relevant buildings that are being newly constructed, altered, extended or created due to a material change of use.</p> <p>The consultation seeks views on a range of issues including the types and heights of buildings to which the new standard should apply. The proposed amendments include more detailed definitions of key terms such as 'external wall', 'specified attachment' and 'relevant building'.</p> <p>The Department is also seeking the views on amendments to guidance for external fire spread for other buildings and new guidance on desktop studies.</p> <p>The Consultation includes a proposal to reference a more up to date publication containing Radon Maps showing the probability of Radon concentration in dwellings.(1994 maps updated with 2015 maps)</p>

	The Building Control section has reviewed the proposals and submitted a response to the DoF on behalf of this Council.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	The consultation response shall form part of the proposals for the implementation of amendments to the Building Regulations. 2020.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the content of this report and the consultation response.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The introduction of amendments to the Building Regulations will have resource implications for Building Control in relation to training our staff, Architects and Builders. Additional time taken to check applications for compliance at the Plan Checking stage and on site during the construction phase. It will also have financial implications for manufactures and the Construction Industry.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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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	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix A – The consultation response complete by Building Control on behalf of the Council.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>n/a</p>



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Public consultation document C.3

Consultation Response Form

August 2020

(closing date for receipt of responses is 4:00 pm on Friday 09 October 2020)

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Completion of the Response Form

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We would be grateful if you would use e-mail to return the completed Response Form to: info.bru@finance-ni.gov.uk

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Please refer to the package of Consultation Documents which outline fully the proposed amendments and to the consultation Regulatory Impact Assessments which accompany this Response Form.

These documents are available at –

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/consultations>

Consultees are encouraged to respond on any aspects of the proposals. However, the Department would welcome answers to and comments on the questions in this Response Form.

For ease of use, questions relating to each aspect of the consultation are referenced by a letter relating to the Part of the Building Regulations that the aspect is considering, for example A1 is a question on Part A: Interpretation and general; B1 is a question on Part B: Materials and workmanship; C1 is a question on Part C: Site preparation and resistance to contaminants and moisture; while C2, C3 etc. are questions on Technical Booklet C: Site preparation and resistance to contaminants and moisture and E1, E2 etc. are questions on Technical Booklet E: Fire safety.

Click on the box (or insert an “x”) beside “Yes”, “No” or “No view” as appropriate. It is not essential to give an answer to every question. The last question is completely open to enable consultees to make suggestions or observations on relevant issues that are not addressed by answering the preceding questions.

Please make any comments you might have in the box provided. If you disagree with any of the proposals the Department would be interested to know why you disagree.

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Are you responding as an individual? ☐

Or are you representing the views of an organisation? ☒

Responses to this consultation may be made available to the Northern Ireland Assembly or for public inspection, either at the Building Standards Branch office or website.

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Is your response confidential? Yes ☐ No ☒

PART A, INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL: QUESTION

Part A of the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended) (the Building Regulations) defines certain terms used in the regulations and establishes processes which relate to the application of the regulations.

(Refer to Section 4 of the Consultation proposals document)

It is proposed to amend Part A of the Building Regulations and in particular regulation 8 (Application to material change of use) so that, when a building becomes a 'relevant building' due to a material change of use, then that building will be subject to the new requirement of regulation 23(2).

The intention is to amend the existing Table to Regulation 8 (Application to material change of use) to demonstrate in the existing Cases where the new requirement in regulation 23(2) will apply.

Note:

This will mean any building which undergoes a material change of use and becomes a 'relevant building' by definition will be required to adhere to the requirements of regulation 23(2) i.e. remove all combustible material from the external walls and replace with non-combustible or limited combustible materials to A1 or A2-s1,d0 standard.

A1. *Do you agree with the proposal to require a building which becomes a 'relevant building' due to a material change of use to be subject to the requirements of new regulation 23(2)?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

It is the Councils' opinion that any requirements to restrict fire spread over the external walls of new build residential buildings with a storey over 18m should equally be applied to residential buildings formed by a material change of use. The risk to occupants in either scenario from a fully involved external wall/cladding fire will be the same. However, it is clear that the height at which this higher standard will apply is arbitrary in nature and the proposal does not take into consideration risks in buildings with a storey level lower than this height.

PART B, MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP: QUESTIONS

Part B of the Building Regulations sets out requirements in relation to the materials and workmanship used in construction.

(Refer to Section 5 of the Consultation Proposals document).

It is proposed to amend Regulation 23 'Fitness of materials and workmanship' to introduce a new requirement through regulation 23(2) so that materials which become part of an external wall, or specified attachment, of a 'relevant building' are of European Classification A2-s1, d0 or Class A1, classified in accordance with BS EN 13501-1: 2018 (an effective ban on the use of combustible materials for these buildings).

B1. *Do you agree that combustible materials (bar the exemption list - see proposed regulation 23(3)) in external walls of relevant buildings as defined, should be banned through law? If no, please comment how else the ban could be achieved.*

Comments (if any):

The new regulation will avoid the confusion which exists with the current performance base standard including the various methods of compliance provided in both building regulations guidance and adopted by industry. The current standard calls for an 'adequate' resistance to the spread of fire over the external walls of a building without any quantifiable measure of what is considered adequate. Whilst the established BS8414 test and classification methodology in BR 135 provides a mechanism for determining adequacy for tested systems there is little understanding of what rate of fire spread is achieved with various combinations of materials outside this route nor indeed what rate is deemed adequate. In addition, the current guidance in Technical Booklet E which carries a presumption of compliance, provides no restriction on the quantities or type of combustible material in the external walls of any building with a storey over 18m other than insulation material. The current guidance for example would not prevent the use of polyethylene filled aluminium composite materials (PE filled ACM's) which was the major cause of fire spread on Grenfell tower thus, harmonising the standards in Northern Ireland with other parts of the UK.

It is our opinion that a ban on combustible material ensures clarity on the requirements for 'relevant' buildings and should fully negate the impact of fire spread caused by the external walls for this category of building.

Given the proposal to ban combustible materials, for example insulation material in cavity wall construction, the Council would ask the Department to examine the need for cavity barriers at compartment interfaces and around openings where full fill insulation is proposed.

Please also refer to our answer in QA1 regarding the arbitrary nature of the height at which this new requirement applies.

Ys ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

It is proposed to apply the ban to buildings as defined by being a relevant building in regulation 23(4) i.e. a building 18m or more in height, that contains one or more dwellings, an institution or a room for residential purposes (excluding an hotel, hostel or boarding house).

Buildings not within the scope of the ban (for example office buildings) are usually considered to have lower risk due to their reduced occupancy overnight (i.e. no sleeping risk) and are provided with different fire safety provisions to those buildings within the scope of the ban.

Remembering that the requirement of regulation 36 'External fire spread' applies to all buildings irrespective of the requirements of the ban, designers should ensure buildings adequately resist fire spread over the external walls.

There have been several recent fires in hotels in England that have raised concerns. Hotels and hostels are often staffed overnight, can have multiple escape routes, signage and emergency lighting to assist evacuation and a higher level of fire detection and alarm systems in comparison to residential buildings. On the other hand, there is still a sleeping risk in these buildings and residents are generally less familiar with their surroundings than in their own residences.

B2. (a) *Do you agree that the ban should apply to the scope of buildings as defined by a relevant building?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

(b) *Do you think hotels, hostels and boarding houses should not be excluded in the definition of relevant building but rather included and thus be subject to the ban?*

Yes ☐ No ☒ No view ☐

Please provide any details and evidence why in the comments box below.
Comments (if any):

It would be appropriate to apply the ban to buildings where the highest risk to occupants from a fully involved external wall or cladding fire would occur. Taking into consideration factors such sleeping risk, the lack of management control, the likelihood of a remain in place design and evacuation strategy, the number, design and construction of escape routes this would most likely be in high rise buildings containing dwellings. Whilst the majority of fire deaths in Northern Ireland are in single (low rise) dwellings the consequences of a cladding fire of the magnitude as seen at Grenfell tower would have a devastating impact on lives in any high rise residential building containing dwellings. We do however hold the opinion that the choice of height is arbitrary in nature and no analysis has been carried out to determine the appropriate cut off point for this higher standard based on risk or consequence to occupants.

The risk in high rise managed accommodation such as hotels would be less given factors such as the management control, requirement for common alarm systems, total evacuation strategies and increased number of escape routes. However a fire in a high rise hotel of the magnitude as seen at Grenfell tower would still pose a serious risk to occupants where there would be a reliance on fire warnings systems and management control to ensure a safe evacuation. The proposed changes to Technical Booklet E with regard to non-relevant buildings over 18m i.e. more stringent restrictions applying to all materials in the external wall or alternatively provision of a test to BS8414 will increase the requirements in these buildings from its current level.

The proposed height threshold for the ban in a relevant building is 18m. In light of a recent fire in The Cube building in Bolton which was just under the 18m height, there may be a case to set the height threshold lower. Some suggest 11m is the accepted upper limit of traditional external fire-fighting techniques. 11m is currently used in Scotland for more stringent provisions on external wall construction, although not for an outright ban.

B3. (a) Do you agree that the height threshold of the ban should be set at 18m?

Yes ☐ No ☐ No view ☒ **Please see comments below**

(b) Do you think a lower height threshold of 11m should be set?

Yes ☐ No ☐ No view ☒ **Please see comments below**

*Please provide evidence on (a) or (b) in the box below as to your reasons why.
Comments (if any):*

While the Council has no evidence regarding the height at which control should be exercised, The Council would point out that the threshold height of 18m would have limited impact in Northern Ireland given the number of residential buildings containing dwellings that fall into this category. If flammable cladding was specified as part of the external wall construction i.e. certain high-pressure laminates (HPL's) or PE filled ACM's the impact may be equally devastating on residential buildings at heights lower than 18m with occupants reliant on 'remain in place' strategies, no common alarm system etc.

While the Council understands further control may be placed on buildings lower than 18m to restrict the use of polyethylene in the external walls (outlined in this consultation) the Council does consider that the full ban could be extended to buildings lower than 18m. Perhaps there may be merit in considering building size (area) in conjunction with building height. For example; a 5 storey building of limited footprint, typically with an uppermost storey height of 11 m may have less risk and consequence than a 4 storey building, typically 8.5m to floor level of uppermost storey which covers a much larger area and has a much increased level of occupancy. While these larger buildings may have more than one stair they

are still designed and operated on the basis of 'remain in place' in the initial instance of fire.
 The height of buildings to which these regulations apply in the remainder of the UK differs, i.e. Scotland 11m, England and Wales 18m.

Introducing a ban on combustible materials requires consideration of what is meant by “combustible”. There are a number of possible classifications for combustibility that could be used (National classifications, European classifications and other International assessments). The current guidance in TBE includes reference to the National classifications for combustibility and the European classification system. The Department feels it would be more straightforward to reference a single system for external walls and that would be the more up to date European system.

The European classification system for combustibility is set out in BS EN 13501 and classifies construction products from Class A to Class E using a series of tests. Class A materials have the best performance in a fire and the proposal is to require A2 s1,d0 or better as the acceptable classification under the proposed ban. This is in line with England, Scotland and Wales and standards in a number of EU member states.

Alternative classifications Class A2fl-s1 and A1fl are available for materials tested horizontally as a floor. Some balcony floors are only tested to A2fl-s1 or A1fl classification. These classifications have equally stringent requirements as A2 or A1, however these materials need to be tested in a horizontal position rather than a vertical position.

B4. (a) *Do you agree that the European classification system should be used and do you consider that Class A2 s1, d0 or better to BS EN 13501-1 2018 is the correct classification for materials to be used in wall construction for relevant buildings?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

(b) *Do you think the classifications should include A2fl-s1 and Class A1fl for materials used horizontally?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Please explain why.

Comments (if any):

The Council has no firm opinion on the classification system that should be used however, The Council is not aware of a more relevant system of defining and classifying the reaction to fire characteristics of materials to be considered 'non-combustible'.

This classification system will bring Northern Ireland into line with the remainder of the UK.

The ban of combustible materials will also apply to specified attachments to the external wall. It is proposed that these specified attachments are balconies attached to the external wall, solar panels attached to the external wall and sun-shading devices (including but not limited to blinds and shutters) attached to the external wall. These will all be required to meet the performance requirements of regulation 23(2).

B5. *Do you agree with the ban applying also to specified attachments (as defined) to external walls?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

In some external facades the balcony construction can cover an extensive area and for this reason the Council thinks they should be considered as part of the external wall and should equally be controlled. This should include any fixed attachment which has the potential to cover an extensive area and therefore increase the potential for fire spread.

The Council also thinks that the definition does not go far enough as it only deals with 'attached' balconies and does not appear to cover recessed balconies or common external walkways set back from the façade.

Awnings are a sun shading device which will fall under the definition of specified attachment and hence subject to the ban. Retractable awnings provide benefits for commercial premises at ground level. We would welcome any views on exempting such awnings, particularly retractable awnings over shops at ground level.

B6. *Do you agree that retractable awnings fitted to the ground storey should be exempted?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

If yes what restrictions should be placed on these?

Comments (if any):

If they are limited to ground floor, it is the opinion of the Council that these should have a negligible impact on external fire spread on a façade which is otherwise non-combustible.

The proposed ban will apply to all components of the external wall system. There will obviously be some components of the wall system that are necessary for the wall to function correctly, and where a Class A1 or A2-s1, d0 product is not available.

The proposed exemption list is to allow the use of some components where there is no practical alternative to using materials that are not Class A1 or A2-s1, d0 and where the risk of external fire spread caused by the use of combustible materials would be so low that it would be disproportionate to ban their use.

Products such as boiler flues that have a plastic inner lining and the use of paint on masonry walls which is often applied on site, are products not on the list of exemptions. Cavity trays between two leaves of masonry are proposed to be exempt and there may be a case to exempt all cavity trays.

It is proposed that glass including laminated glass is exempt from the ban but only when included within a window frame or door. Laminated glass is also used in balcony construction. Under the proposal, laminated glass in balconies will have to comply with the new requirement of A1 or A2-s1, d0 classification.

Insulation and water proofing materials used below ground level are proposed to be exempt. These materials can be continued up to 250mm above ground to prevent moisture penetration of the external walls.

B7. (a) *Do you agree with the list of exemptions in Regulation 23(3)?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

(b) *Do you think boiler flues with a plastic inner lining should be added to the list?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

(c) *Do you think certain paints used on external masonry walls should be added to the list?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

(d) *Do you think all cavity trays should be exempt?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

(e) *Do you think laminated glass in balcony construction should not have to achieve A2-s1, d0 or A1 classification and be exempt?*

Yes ☐ No ☐ No view ☒

(f) *Do you think water proofing and insulation material from below ground level to up to 250mm above ground level should be exempt?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Please explain your reasons why to the answers to any of the questions to **B7** in the box below.

Comments (if any):

While a list of exemptions is useful the Council acknowledges that it is difficult to provide an exhaustive and definitive list. It is important for the industry including those involved in the design, construction and inspection of buildings for there to be clear agreement on the types of materials and components that are exempt from the requirements. This list may need to be periodically updated as further components with negligible impact on fire spread are identified or a mechanism is included by which these can be deemed to be exempt. i.e. a 'catch all' clause. This would have to be carefully worded however.

Research carried out on behalf of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in England indicates that products with a polyethylene core are by far the most hazardous cladding materials of those tested¹ post Grenfell fire tragedy. In New South Wales, Australia, the use of Aluminium Composite Metal (ACM) cladding (with a core comprised of 30% or more polyethylene by mass) has been banned with exceptions, in various buildings. As the use of polyethylene cored products as cladding materials poses such a high fire risk, we would like to hear views on an outright ban of their use on any buildings, regardless of height or purpose. The thinking would be to apply the ban to any metal composite panel (including but not limited to zinc and copper) with a core comprised of greater than 30% polyethylene by mass.

B8. *Do you agree metal composite panels with a polyethylene core of 30% or more should be banned from being used in external wall construction of any building regardless of height or purpose? If no please explain why.*

Yes ☐ No ☒ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

The Council is fully aware of the highly flammable nature of polyethylene and the risk in certain buildings but, would have no evidence that would allow the Council to form a strong opinion that these materials should be banned on buildings of any height or purpose.

The Council would certainly see merit and would welcome a ban on any highly flammable cladding panels or materials on the external walls on a range of buildings especially those that contain a sleeping risk, irrespective of height.

The Council does acknowledge the decision to which buildings using this particular material should be banned is difficult and perhaps leads to the conclusion that an outright ban is the

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/aluminium-composite-material-cladding>

only option. Outside a full ban this should be based on the risk to occupants and the consequences of a fully involved cladding fire which is the worst case scenario.

Consideration should also be given to a ban on other products on external walls that have been found to promote and sustain rapid fire spread. The Council understands further studies are required however, evidence in relation to products such as HPL's would indicate that particular classifications of these products may be equally dangerous on certain buildings including those that contain a sleeping risk, particularly buildings designed and operated on the basis of 'remain in place'.

The Department has published a Consultation Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) as part of the consultation documents and welcomes further evidence to inform a final stage RIA.

(Refer to Consultation Regulatory Impact Assessment)

B9. *Do you agree with the assumptions, costs and impacts set out in the consultation stage RIA?*

Yes ☐ No ☒ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

It is the Councils' opinion that the lead-in times provided for the familiarisation of building control surveyors with the new requirements and the times taken for updating office guidance and disseminating same is unrealistic.

The time taken for a building control surveyors to familiarise themselves with this new regulation and guidance including attending any in-house training session and team discussions would be closer to 1 day or 7.5 hours.

In terms of updating and disseminating information for building control offices this should be based on an 11 Council model. The times taken for putting together briefing/training sessions including updating any relevant internal procedures and delivering these across all office's within a Council area would be more in the order of 2 days preparation and organisation and one day for delivery (3 days total per Council).

PART C, SITE PREPARATION AND RESISTANCE TO CONTAMINANTS AND MOISTURE: QUESTIONS

Part C of the Building Regulations sets out requirements in relation to: site preparation; resistance to contaminants (such as radon), subsoil drainage; resistance to moisture and weather, and interstitial condensation.

(See Section 5 of Consultation proposals)

The proposal is to amend the definition of “radon affected area” in regulation 25(3) to make reference to the Public Health England (PHE) publication ‘Radon in Northern Ireland: Indicative Atlas’. This will mean through the application of regulation 26(2) that a radon affected area for Northern Ireland can only be established through the use of this 2015 PHE publication. The subsequent measures that need to be taken to prevent or limit the ingress of radon from the ground into any dwelling in a radon affected area are then given in guidance in Technical Booklet C.

C1. *Do you agree with the proposal to update the definition of “radon affected area” to reference the PHE publication ‘Radon in Northern Ireland: Indicative Atlas’ of 2015?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

The Council welcomes the amended definition and the use of the 2015 PHE Atlas publication, but would like a footnote added, that whilst the 2015 maps are the most recent any future updated maps should be referenced so that radon measures are based on the latest radon risk information available in the future without having to wait for map references to be updated in the Regulations/guidance document..

While the date reference has been removed from Regulation 25(3) and also Paragraph's 0.4 and 3.7 in Technical Booklet C but would be better to have footnote as above.

The Council acknowledges that The Department issued a BSB information notice highlighting the existence of the updated maps in 2016 recommending Agents/Developers etc. use the updated information, However, the maps were not enforceable through the Building Regulations and as such Councils could only suggest to Agents/Developers etc. to consider their use.

The Council is concerned that it has taken 5 years (from their publication) to propose amendments to Part C of the Building Regulations to adopt the use of the PHE 2015 publication and would contend that a large number of dwellings, extensions and changes of use to form a dwelling have been constructed in that time frame which under the current maps would not have required Radon preventative measures to be incorporated which under the proposed maps are now being included, their omission due to the delay, may lead to potential additional cancers as a result of the delay.

The Council is also disappointed that the Department has not taken this opportunity to extend the provision of Radon barriers/membranes to other building types, such as: Residential/Nursing Homes; Halls of residence; Schools and Hospitals as has been highlighted in previous consultation responses by Councils.

TECHNICAL BOOKLET C, SITE PREPARATION AND RESISTANCE TO CONTAMINANTS AND MOISTURE; QUESTIONS

The proposed amendment to regulation 25(3) will consequently mean an amendment to accompanying guidance in TBC. The Department is issuing a draft version of an amended TBC alongside this consultation package (see paragraph 3.1 of document C2 'Consultation proposals'). The amended guidance will:

- Reference the 2015 PHE publication 'Radon in Northern Ireland: Indicative Atlas', replacing the previous 'Radon in dwellings in Northern Ireland 2009 Review and Atlas';
- highlight the UKradon website for a free download of the 2015 PHE publication and also where free interactive UK maps of radon are available;
- replace the reference to the Northern Ireland Environment Agency with Public Health England, Geological Survey of Northern Ireland and the British Geological Survey for further advice;

- update the 'Radon protection in dwellings' guidance with reference to 2015 BRE publication BR 211 'Radon guidance on protective measures for new buildings' which incorporates for the first time, Northern Ireland indicative atlas maps for assessing the need and level of protection measures. This guidance replaces reference to the previous BRE publication BR 413;
- reference Section 4 of BR 211 which considers the level of protection measures required including consideration of the use of site specific radon risk reports (where available) as an optional measure in a radon affected area; and
- reference BR211 as appropriate guidance to follow in the application of regulation 26(2) for extensions, alterations to existing dwellings and buildings converted to a dwelling through a material change of use. Existing references to GBG 73 (2008) and BR 267 (2008) for radon protection measures for domestic extensions and alterations and conversions to existing dwellings respectively to be deleted.

The Northern Ireland indicative atlas maps contained in the 2015 PHE publication are for the first time replicated in BR 211 'Radon – Guidance on protective measures in new dwellings'. The new edition of the standard is proposed to be referenced in the amended guidance as the document to follow in relation to the measures needed to limit or prevent the ingress of radon from the ground into a dwelling. The BR 211 standard not only gives guidance for new dwellings but also extensions and alterations to existing dwellings and to dwellings created as a consequence of a material change of use.

C2. *Do you agree with the inclusion of BR 211 in the draft Technical Booklet C as the guidance to follow in relation to the measures for preventing or limiting the ingress of radon in new dwellings?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

The Council welcomes the updated guidance and adoption of BR 211 in that guidance. However;

- Regulation 26(2) requires the limiting of Radon into dwellings only. In BR 211 it states that the guidance in it applies to all new buildings, extensions, conversions and refurbishment projects, whether they be for domestic or non-domestic use. Public health England also state that radon can be the largest occupational health risk in the workplace. With this in mind should the references to dwelling only in Regulation 26(2), Paragraph 0.4 and 3.10 be changed to "Buildings" so that radon measures are now introduced in non-domestic buildings also in line with the guidance in BR 211.
- Reference should also be made to GBG 73, GBG 74 & GBG 75 (all 2015) in the guidance as reference documents. These were created by the same author as BR 211 at the same time and are intended to be companion references to BR 211.
- Paragraph 3.11 of Technical Booklet C makes reference to BR 211 with (i) and (ii) stating the 2015 Edition. In the BR 211 document it states that the guidance is updated from time to time and users should ensure they are using the most current edition. It is felt that like with the maps a footnote should be added stating that any future updates would be relevant, as this is already a document that is 5years old and could potentially be updated.
- In zone 2 BR211 requires the provision of a sump, so that if it is found through testing after occupation that the building has an unacceptably high radon level an electric fan should be connected to the pipework. As Building Control have not continuing control after the building is complete it is suggested that, if the building is in zone 2 then the fan should be required at completion stage, otherwise the provision of a sump within zone 2 without a fan being installed is effectively the same radon measure as buildings within zone 1.

The Council would request that the Department clarifies what the difference between a Radon Membrane and a Radon Barrier is and in what circumstances they apply. BR 211 appears to imply the terms are interchangeable which will lead to confusion.

The Council would suggest the Department consider Radon Membranes as being only suitable for Zone 1 and that 1200-gauge DPM material could be considered being a suitable material in that zone and that in Zone 2, a barrier should be fitted with the material being a bespoke reinforced material.

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C3. *Do you agree with the citing of BR 211 in the draft Technical Booklet C as the guidance to follow in relation to the measures needed in relation to preventing or limiting the ingress of radon for extensions and alterations to existing dwellings or to buildings converted to a dwelling through a material change of use?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

See comments for question C2 above, i.e. should also be applicable to non-domestic buildings.

Section 4 of BR 211 gives guidance on determining the level of protection required for radon in a radon affected area or not. The level of protection is site specific and can vary from no protection to basic protection measures (provision of a radon barrier) to full radon protection measures (provision of a barrier plus subfloor de-pressurisation e.g. a sump and stub duct).

BR 211 also suggests the use of site specific radon risk reports for new development sites or for existing dwellings with a postcode as an optional measure, that if followed may allow a lower level of protection than would otherwise be required.

C4. *Do you agree with the use of site specific radon risk reports in BR 211 for new development sites or for existing dwellings with a postcode, as an optional measure to take that may allow a lower level of protection than would otherwise be required?*

Yes ☐ No ☒ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

The Council would welcome the use of site specific Radon risk reports if free access is provided to GIS site-specific postcode level risk report data and GIS site-specific 'Georeport' Radon risk reports, as is available to Councils in England. This information will permit Councils to make informed assessments when offered alternative solutions by an Agent/Developer for consideration. Without such access, it will be impossible for Councils to make informed assessments as such, the Council recommends a 'risk approach' should not be adopted.

The Department has published a Part C Consultation Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) as part of the consultation documents and welcomes further evidence to inform a final stage RIA.

(Refer to Part C Consultation Regulatory Impact Assessment)

C5. *Do you agree with the analysis/principal assumptions, costs and impacts set out in the Part C consultation stage RIA?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

The Council agrees with the analysis and assumptions as set out in the RIA by the Department.

TECHNICAL BOOKLET E, FIRE SAFETY; QUESTIONS

Part E of the Building Regulations sets out fire safety requirements in relation to buildings.

(Refer to Section 6 of the Consultation Proposals document and consultation version Technical Booklet E).

No changes to Part E legislation are to take place however a number of changes to Technical Booklet E (TBE) are proposed. The Department is issuing a consultation version of a TBE indicating the proposed changes as part of this consultation (see paragraph 3.1 of document C2 ‘Consultation proposals’). The amended TBE will provide guidance on demonstrating compliance with the new Part B requirement 23(2).

This new guidance to regulation 23(2) in Part B will be placed in Section 5 ‘External fire spread’ of TBE.

E1. *Do you agree with the guidance proposals in Section 5 of the consultation version TBE for ‘relevant buildings’?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

The Council would agree that the guidance proposals in relation to relevant buildings appears to provide sufficient guidance to industry with regard to the new Part B requirement for ‘non-combustible facades’.

The proposal will also involve an amendment to the existing guidance in Section 5 of TBE to give recognition to the alternative method of compliance with external fire spread requirements via a BS 8414 large scale test and BR135 classification report for other non-relevant buildings.

E2. *Do you agree with the guidance proposals regarding changes to external fire spread requirements in external walls which includes introduction of the alternative method of compliance via a BS8414 test and BR135 classification report for non-relevant buildings?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

As an alternative to restricting the combustibility of individual elements within the external walls of non-relevant buildings over 18m the Council would have no evidence or reasons to suggest this methodology should not be included as an alternative means of compliance.

The current guidance in TBE includes reference to the National classifications for combustibility and the European classification system. The Department feels it would be more straightforward to reference a single system and that would be the more up to date European system. The European classification system for combustibility is set out in BS EN 13501 and classifies construction products from Class A to Class E using a series of tests.

The exclusion of the alternative British Standard classifications from the guidance does not necessarily mean these classifications are not acceptable for demonstrating compliance with regulation 36 for non-relevant buildings. The change brings TBE into alignment with England and Wales equivalent ADBs and Scottish Technical Handbook guidance in referencing the European classifications only in relation to reaction to fire tests for external surfaces of walls.

E3. *Do you agree that TBE uses only the European classifications for the specification for reaction to fire performance of external surfaces of walls for all buildings?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

See answer to B.4 above. This classification system brings NI into line with the remainder of the UK.

The functional requirement of regulation 36 of the Building Regulations 2012 requires that – “the external walls and roof of a building shall be so designed and constructed that they offer adequate resistance to the spread of fire over them, and from one building to another, having regard to in the case of an external wall- the use, position and height of the building”. This requirement applies to buildings of any height.

Whilst these consultation proposals do not intend to expressly prohibit the use of combustible materials within or attached to the external walls of buildings below 18m, it is necessary to consider the risk from fire spread to health and safety in relation to buildings of any height. Designers should ensure that the building adequately resists fire spread over the external walls, not just in relation to buildings over 18m in height but also to low rise buildings. New guidance in TBE will give effect to this clarification.

E4. *Do you agree with the new guidance in relation to external fire spread considerations in relation to all buildings irrespective of height or use?*

Yes ☐ No ☒ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

It is the Councils' opinion that the new guidance is inadequate with regard to buildings other than non-relevant and relevant buildings over 18m in height. Apart from recommendations on measures to restrict the combustibility of external surfaces Technical Booklet E provides no guidance to industry on how to ensure the external walls of these other buildings can be constructed to adequately resist the spread of fire. In practice there is no industry or regulatory understanding of what 'adequate' resistance to spread of fire means quantitatively, nor is there sufficient understanding of how any specific resistance can be achieved by different combinations of materials. Further guidance is required outlining what the regulators expectation is with respect to adequate resistance to spread of fire over the external walls of buildings of any height or use and methods of how this can be achieved. Without this the industry including those involved in the enforcement of the regulations have no understanding of what is required or how this can be achieved.

The Council would further point out in relation to the guidance provided for non-relevant buildings above 18m in height the recommendations of paragraph 5.4 relating to restrictions on the combustibility of the external wall construction appears to conflict with the recommendations for the surface combustibility of external walls in paragraph 5.3 and table 5.1A. Paragraph 5.3 and table 5.1A allows a lower standard for surfaces with no guidance on what constitutes the extent of the 'surface' and how this relates to the rest of the external wall.

Assessments in lieu of tests (AILOTs)

The purpose of this new guidance in Technical Booklet E (TBE) is to introduce requirements on the use of AILOTs and to ensure that they are only used where appropriate, with sufficient and relevant test evidence and that they are carried out by organisations with the necessary expertise. Organisations listed as 'notified bodies' in accordance with the European Construction Products Regulation or laboratories accredited by UKAS for the relevant test standard can be assumed to have the necessary expertise.

E5. *Do you agree with the guidance proposals in relation to Assessments in lieu of tests in the consultation version Technical Booklet E?*

Yes ☒ No ☐ No view ☐

Comments (if any):

A methodology and procedure including advice on the experience and qualifications of those individuals within appropriately certified organisations deemed competent to carry out these assessments is to be welcomed. However, further consideration should be given to the extent to which these assessments should be allowed. Those involved in the design, construction and inspection of buildings will be reliant on the expertise of the assessor and given the degree of subjectivity involved with these assessments there may be situations based on risk and consequence that their use should be banned rather than a reliance on the competency of individuals within certified organisations. Clearly these assessments will only be suitable for non-relevant buildings, however, consideration could be given to the banning of these in certain situations, for example in buildings that contain a sleeping risk.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The Department encourages consultees to respond on any aspects of the proposals, therefore the last question is completely open to enable consultees to make suggestions or observations on relevant issues that are not addressed by answering the preceding questions.

G1. *Please set out any additional comments you have below.*

Comments (if any):

The proposals to review and update guidance and regulations pertaining to external fire spread is welcomed. The Council raises concerns with the Department that the guidance concentrates on the methods to achieve adequate fire resistance in buildings higher than 18m with potential proposals to cover 'relevant' buildings over 11m.

The Department through this consultation reaffirms the requirement for adequate resistance to fire spread to be achieved in all buildings of any height or use however the Council is concerned that the lack of guidance in this area will lead to confusion and inconsistency across NI with a lack of understanding of how to comply.

NEXT STEPS

The consultation will close on 09 October 2020. Responses to this consultation will be analysed and the Department response will follow.

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	Update on Covid-19 support
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise Employment & 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 in relation to COVID19 Government Support Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat Out to Help Out Scheme • Retail • Social Enterprise Fund • Centralised Government Support • Business Support Programmes <p><u>Background</u> From March officers have been promoting, offering guidance and sign posting businesses to the range of programmes and government support initiatives which have been launched by both NI and UK Governments. Social media platforms and business networks have been key to dissemination of this information to the business community.</p> <p>In addition, Council have been delivering several business development programmes to assist local SME's in all aspects of business advice, start-up and growth, to include necessary steps to relaunch following COVID19.</p> <p>The four largest programmes which have received substantial letters of offer of funding for are the 'Go For It' Northern Ireland Business Start-Up Programme; NMD Business Growth Programme; Digital Growth Programme; and Tender for Growth programme. The funding is provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Invest NI and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<u>Update on Government Covid-19 Recovery Programmes</u>

Eat Out to Help Out Scheme

Eateries throughout the NMDDC area participated in the Government backed Eat Out to Help Out Scheme in August, with consumers availing of up to £10 off per person per meal. The scheme provided a boost for the sector at a difficult period in enticing consumers to dine out. Anecdotal evidence would suggest the scheme was a success, particularly based on several eateries in the District continuing to offer similar incentives in September and October at their own expense.

According to a survey conducted by YouGov¹, 46% of consumers availed of the scheme, yet despite it's success, the obvious concern is that sales will slip once again and unfortunately it would seem those fears will be confirmed. Whilst 46% of those who have used the scheme indicate they will maintain similar levels of dining out, 36% have indicated they will dine out less.

Retail

Local retailers have also experienced difficulties as a result of COVID19 and have been provided the opportunity to apply for a Recovery Revitalisation Grant, funded by the Department for Communities and DAERA for up to 100% funding to assist businesses in social distancing compliance.

Additionally, retailers and wholesalers can apply for a new Digital Selling Capability Grant up to a maximum of £20,000 from Invest Northern Ireland aimed at helping such businesses grow online sales. This will be particularly welcome as shopping habits will undoubtedly shift more to online operations, however this scheme is only eligible to businesses with more than 10 employees.

Social Enterprise Fund

Launched in September, the COVID19 Social Enterprise Fund will support social enterprises that already deliver services and products but find themselves in financial difficulties directly as a result of the corona virus pandemic. The primary intention of the fund is to help social enterprises to stabilise and manage cash flow over this difficult period. Applications are accepted up to 23rd October.

Centralised Government Support

Several centralised Government support initiatives are available to individuals and businesses whose incomes and lives have been affected by COVID19. ERT continue to share updated information from relevant stakeholders regarding such support and changes to schemes.

Continued business support

ERT continue to support individuals and businesses by providing guidance and awareness of support through digital and social media platforms as they become

¹ Source: CGA, Views from the top: Leaders on post lockdown recovery, 28th Aug 2020 & YouGov, Majority of Britons support extending 'Eat Out to Help Out', 26th Aug 2020.

	<p>available. Recent announcements regarding restrictions have also been communicated through such channels.</p> <p>ERT's key area of support will be to assist businesses in their relaunch and investigate alternative means of offering their products and services in line with future social distancing requirements. Officers are currently completing consultation with businesses as part of the NMD Growth mid-programme evaluation and this will be an opportunity to seek views from businesses on additional key areas of support sought. Officers will continue to build connections with the local business community and ensure a flexible programme of support available in line with business needs.</p> <p>As the economic impact of COVID19 and the challenges of the autumn and winter months are borne out, SME support will be critical.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To note the update in relation to COVID19 Government Support Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat Out to Help Out Scheme • Retail • Social Enterprise Fund • Centralised Government Support • Business Support Programmes
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>

	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>
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</p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks</p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)</p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices	
	n/a	
8.0	Background Documents	
	n/a	

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	NI Fishing and Seafood Development programme
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration

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 content of this report and the next steps</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Fishing and Seafood Development Programme (FSDP) is established in response to calls from the Northern Ireland (NI) fishing industry to make significant investments in fishing harbour infrastructure.</p> <p>The FSDP will review the opportunities for developing the sea fishing and seafood sectors in NI as a whole, including the potential role of new public investment in infrastructure, and will make recommendations to the Departments. This requires a long-term view (25+ years) as port infrastructure is intended to have a long life span. This Stage 1 report focuses on the current and future needs of Northern Ireland's fishing industry. Stage 2 of the FSDP will focus on post-harvest and shore-based sectors. Both will contribute to the FSDP, which is to be produced by June 2021 and will contain a comprehensive suite of recommended actions.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Council has been working with the key stakeholders in both Ardglass and Kilkeel Harbours to explore potential development opportunities. The scale of investment required to address the challenges of the sector moving forward are vast and this report provides the bases of an industry analysis within the context of NI and the wider macro fishing economy.</p> <p>This Stage 1 report focuses on the NI fishing fleet. The Stage 2 report will explore the wider seafood sector in Northern Ireland and other port-based users. Both will contribute to the Fishing and Seafood Development Programme that will contain a comprehensive suite of recommended actions.</p>

	<p>The recommendations below are made for earlier consideration and to further inform the FSDP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission an 'Outline Design & Costing' study for an extension to Kilkeel Harbour, which would develop fully costed options to determine how much additional cost would be required to accommodate the demersal fleet and all or part of the of the pelagic fleet. The study should also take account of desire to improve safety, access, efficient vessel movements within the port and provision of adequate quayside & space for shore-side development. 2. Additional work to inform a decision to carry out detailed technical and environmental studies to develop Kilkeel. Review of the outline business case for developing Kilkeel in the light of revised development options and costs. Review of the technical specifications for detailed technical and environmental studies at Kilkeel, to include the impact on sediment movement and possible mitigations. 3. Review the Ardglass feasibility study when available to inform an outline business case for developing Ardglass, prior to potential development of specifications for detailed technical and environmental studies.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Note the content of the report and the ongoing engagement by officials with the key stakeholders and DAERA in both Ports to bring forward the recommendations contained in the report and bring back required updates to Council.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	None at this stage
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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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
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7.0	Appendices	
	N/A	
8.0	Background Documents	
	N/A	

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1. Live Applications

MONTH 2020/21	NEW APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS
March, April & May	338	989	242
June	164	965	232
July	175	1,002	241
August	165	1,038	231
September	192	1,046	233

2. Live Applications by length of time in system

Month 2020/21	Under 6 months	Between 6 and 12 months	Between 12 and 18 months	Between 18 and 24 months	Over 24 months	Total
May	540	207	103	43	96	989
June	562	171	101	40	91	965
July	587	174	105	44	92	1,002
August	598	209	93	51	87	1,038
September	613	200	89	49	95	1,046

3. Live applications per Case Officer

Month 2020/21	Average number of Applications per Case Officer
May	53
June	66
July	68
August	71
September	71

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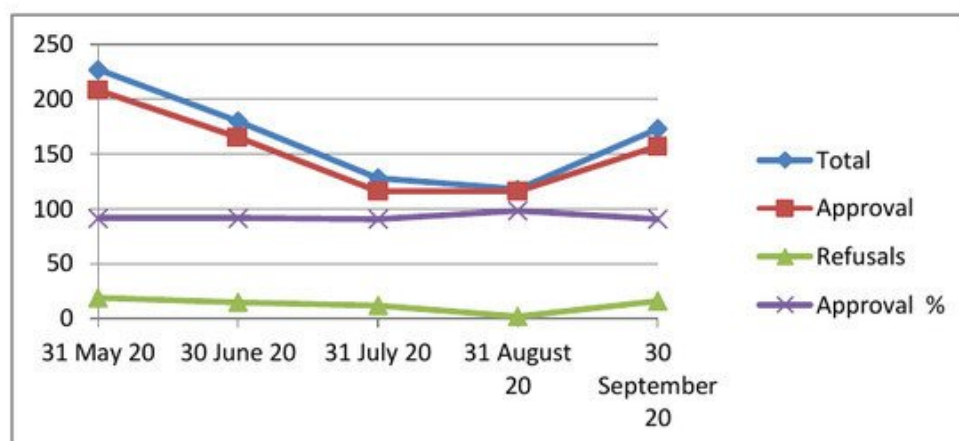
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4. Decisions issued per month

Month 2020/21	Number of Decisions Issued	Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority
March, April & May	227	216
June	180	166
July	128	122
August	118	110
September	173	163

5. Decisions Issued YTD

Month 2020/21	Number of Decisions Issued	Breakdown of Decisions	
March, April & May	227	Approvals (208)	92%
		Refusals (19)	8%
June	407	Approvals (373)	92%
		Refusals (34)	8%
July	535	Approvals (489)	91%
		Refusals (46)	9%
August	653	Approvals (605)	93%
		Refusals (48)	7%
September	826	Approvals (762)	92%
		Refusals (64)	8%



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6. Enforcement Live cases

Month 2020/21	<=1yr	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	5+yrs	Total
March, April & May	180	177	174	89	35	91	746
June	229	168	175	95	35	89	791
July	236	158	187	97	35	92	805
August	238	158	179	107	40	93	815
September	246	147	190	110	44	93	830

7. Planning Committee

Month	Number of Applications presented to Committee	Number of Applications Determined by Committee	Number of Applications Withdrawn/ Deferred for future meeting	Number of Officer recommendation overturned
3 June 2020	15	15	0	6
1 July 2020	5	4	1	1
29 July 2020	6	2	4	0
26 August 2020	16	8	8	4
23 September 2020	9	7	2	2
Totals	51	36	15	13

8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 September 2020 to 30 September 2020

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Withdrawn
Newry & Mourne	16	2	1	1	0
Down	15	2	1	1	0
TOTAL	31	4	2	2	0

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

Newry, Mourne and Down

Major applications (target of 30 weeks)					Local applications (target of 15 weeks)				Cases concluded (target of 39 weeks)					
	Number received	Number decided/withdrawn ¹	Average processing time ²	% of cases processed within 30 weeks		Number received	Number decided/withdrawn ¹	Average processing time ²	% of cases processed within 15 weeks		Number opened	Number brought to conclusion ³	"70%" conclusion time ³	% of cases concluded within 39 weeks
April	1	-	0.0	0.0%		63	3	18.2	33.3%		17	18	146.8	33.3%
May	1	-	0.0	0.0%		99	91	24.2	16.5%		10	69	228.2	14.5%
June	1	3	87.0	0.0%		122	161	26.4	18.6%		49	30	100.0	43.3%
July	2	1	31.8	0.0%		131	113	20.0	25.7%		23	19	91.8	31.6%
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%
Year to date	5	4	61.9	0.0%		415	368	23.0	20.4%		99	136	171.7	25.7%

Source: NI Planning Portal

Notes:

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

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

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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 application is received; or a case is closed. The value at 70% is determined by sorting data from its lowest to highest values and then taking the data point at the 70th percentile of the sequence.

Report agreed – 16.9.20



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District Council

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Joint Committee of Elected Members between Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, and Louth County Council

Report of Meeting held Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 10.00 a.m.
in the Boardroom, Council Offices, Newry

In the Chair: Councillor M Larkin, Newry, Mourne and Down DC
(Joint Chair)

Present:

Councillor D McAteer,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor J Tinnelly,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor H McKee,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor D Curran,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor R Mulgrew,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor A Watters,	Louth County Council
Councillor P McGeough,	Louth County Council
Councillor T Cunningham,	Louth County Council
Councillor, D Power	Louth County Council
Councillor E Corrigan,	Louth County Council
Councillor E McGreehan,	Louth County Council
Councillor J Byrne,	Louth County Council

Ms J Martin,	Chief Executive LCC
Mr F Pentony,	Director LCC
Mr C Mallon,	Director NMDDC
Mr R Moore,	Director NMDDC
Mr M Lipsett,	Director NMDDC
Ms P Arthurs,	East Border Region
Ms A Powell,	NMDDC (Notes)

Ms Emma McArdle,	Student Observer
Mr Pat McVeigh,	Observer

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Councillor M Ruane,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor W Clarke,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC

Councillor K Owen,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor E Coffey,	Louth County Council
	(Joint Chair)
Councillor J Sheridan,	Louth County Council
Ms M Ward,	Chief Executive NMDDC
Ms D Carville	Director NMDDC
Mr J McGilly	Assistant Director NMDDC
Mr P Donnelly	Director LCC
Ms B Woods	Director LCC
Ms C Duff	Director LCC
Mr J McGuinness	Director LCC

On Councillor Watters invitation, student Emma McArdle and observer, Pat McVeigh were invited to attend the meeting. This was accepted as per standing order.

2. Report of Louth/Newry Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 4 December 2019 (attached)

On the proposal of Councillor Watters, seconded by Councillor McGeough, report of meeting held on the 4 December 2019 was approved.

Councillor McAteer commented that he recalled Narrow Water Bridge being part of discussions at the meeting in December and that this had not been recorded.

3. Matters Arising

Narrow Water Bridge

Councillor McAteer commented that the NSMC proposal for the bridge is a dilution of the original plan. J Martin informed that she is supportive of the original proposal for the bridge and would like to see a meeting at an early opportunity to clarify the position of the NSMC.

AGREED: It was agreed that Officers would keep Councillors up to date with any developments in relation to the Narrow Water Bridge project and include on Action sheet under Lobbying section.

4. Presentation - Joint Tourism Event (attached)

C Mallon presented a Joint Tourism Event paper which had been developed by Events Officers from both Districts. They will also follow up on a request by the Joint Management Team to look at opportunities for joint tourism around Narrow Water Keep / Bridge.

Comments made by members included the following:

- Joint tourism events from Strangford Lough to Drogheda not just Carlingford Lough e.g. Heritage Trail
- Promote camper vans coming to the area with improved overnight parking availability
- Along with promoting Irelands Ancient East should be promoting each District's own trails
- Look to good practice examples like West of Ireland with borderless maps and factsheets to help join the areas for the tourists.
- Increase resources to promote the Cooley Mountains
- Concentrating on Carlingford Lough and the Sea Food Trail will provide clearly defined features to picked up by the media
- Less well known rural areas could be promoted as tourist attractions

Promotional Video

P Arthurs - Drone footage of Carlingford Greenway is available for sharing.

Councillor A Watters added that Drone footage of Carlingford Lough is also available for sharing

AGREED: Focus on joint tourism events will remain on Carlingford Lough and Festivals in the immediate future. However, officers will consider suggestions and collaborate to develop further proposals within current branding.

5. Update – Strategic Alliance Action Plan (attached)

Following discussions at the meeting the following additions will be made to the Action plan:

- Tourism

2.5 Explore Joint Benefits from a Tourism Perspective

- Lobbying

3.8 Lobby regarding benefits of unifying both Districts through Narrow Water Bridge

3.9 Lobby NSMC Joint Secretariat on Narrow Water Bridge Project

P Arthurs informed that a meeting is due to take place on Friday 21 February at Warrenpoint Golf Club involving NI Water and will include a visit to site of Narrow Water Bridge. All Councillors welcome to attend.

- Economic Development

P Arthurs informed that Peace Plus Stakeholder Engagement events have taken place recently and consultation is ongoing until 28 February 2020. This funding provides an opportunity for funding of tourism initiatives. All Local Authorities and EBR will do a submission to this individually.

It is expected a draft programme will be released in Summer 2020 with project implementation from 2022 – 2029.

6. Schedule of meeting 2020:

The next meeting will be held at 10am on Wednesday 16 September 2020 via ZOOM Platform

Signed: C Mallon
 Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

ACTIONS

	ACTION	Referred to
1.	It was agreed that Officers would keep Councillors up To date with any developments in relation to the Narrow Water Bridge project and include on Action sheet under Lobbying section.	F Pentony / C Mallon
2.	Focus on joint tourism events will remain on Carlingford Lough and Festivals in the immediate future. However, officers will consider suggestions and collaborate to develop further proposals within current branding.	F Pentony / C Mallon

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 th October 2020
Subject:	WHA – Onboard Statement
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon – Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Rengeneration

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

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the content of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Warrenpoint Port has established a Joint Consultative Forum with key Stakeholders to engage with ongoing developments at the Port with particular reference to Brexit and ongoing developments.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Warrenpoint Port has been requesting clarity for quite some time in relation to an SPS (Sanitary and Phytosanitary) Inspection Centre at the Port. The Port must comply with EU regulations but it is imperative that post Brexit the Port can continue to deliver the day-to-day activities of importing and exporting product for the agri-food sector in particular while planning for the future.</p> <p>WHA has been informed by DAERA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that an application for a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development has been submitted to Newry Mourne and Down Council 2. that procurement tenders have also been issued by CPD. <p>WHA have had access to an overview of this proposal and are engaged with DAERA in establishing the details to ensure that business can continue as usual in January 2021.</p> <p>The time for implementation will be challenging however WHA are committed to ensure they do all they can. Details provided by DAERA on size etc have also helped inform the location for the required facility and how it will integrate with the operations of the wider port and how consultation will be taken forward with key stakeholders.</p>

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Note the content of the report and the WHA statement attached
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	none
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
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7.0	Appendices
	WHA statement
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

1st October 2020**Statement:**

“Warrenpoint Port has been requesting clarity for quite some time in relation to an SPS (Sanitary and Phytosanitary) Inspection Centre at the Port. The Port would clearly prefer not to lose the land required for this centre, but we must comply with EU regulations. It is imperative that post Brexit we can continue to deliver our day-to-day activities of importing and exporting product for the agri-food sector in particular.

“We have been informed that an application for a Certificate of Lawful Use or Development has been submitted to Newry Mourne and Down Council in the last few days by DAERA- Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. We were made aware that procurement tenders have also been issued by CPD.

We have just had access to an overview of this proposal and we are engaged with DAERA in establishing the details to ensure that business can continue as usual in January 2021. We are aware that Government officials have said this will not be completed in time, however it will not be through a lack of effort on our behalf.

“It is now clear that given the facility’s required size, it has been earmarked for the area of land closest to the roundabout. We are pleased that our suggestion of a natural/ grass sloping roof at the rear of the building has been taken on board to support the environmental credentials and; to soften the visual aesthetics from the Newry to Warrenpoint Road.

A likely outworking of this is that the site of the former Aylesforte premises will be utilised to replace part of the existing lorry parking in that area.

“We are requesting access to artists impressions of what the facility will look like so we can discuss this with our key stakeholders. We have also requested DAERA to advise us on what they will be delivering in terms of public consultation. The development falls within the permitted development rights at the Port, however as we have committed to engaging more with the local community; we encourage those who are applying for planning permission on our land to do the same.”

ENDS

For further information please contact Deborah Loughran, at Onboard@Warrenpointharbour.co.uk