



June 11th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 14th June 2021 at 6:00 pm** in **Via Microsoft Teams**.

Committee Membership:

Councillor R Howell **Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor D Curran

Councillor M Gibbons

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor M Savage

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairpersons remarks.

2.0 Declarations of Interest.

3.0 To agree start time for ERT Committee Meetings from June 2021 to April 2022. (Proposed timetable attached)

📎 *Start Times ERT Committee Mtg June 2021 to April 2022.pdf*

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4.0 Action Sheet: Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting - Monday 10 May 2021. (Attached)

📎 *Action Sheet - ERT May 2021.pdf*

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Notices of Motion

5.0 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor G Malone and Councillor M Gibbons re Additional Funding: (Attached)

"I refer to recent announcements by the Government on its proposals to provide additional funding to Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales totalling £800m. This funding is to replace lost EU funding and will target Town / City Centre regeneration etc. I am calling on the Council to set up a committee including Councillors, Senior Management Officers, Chambers of Commerce, Newry BID, Voluntary Sector, etc, to develop an innovative strategy and action plan to maximise our opportunities with this substantial pot of money. I also request that the Council's number one priority ie, 'The People's Park' on the Albert Basin site be seriously considered as a priority for this funding."

📎 *Report on Notice of Motion - Additional Funding Cllr G Malone.pdf*

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6.0 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the names of Councillor C Mason and Councillor O Hanlon regarding Mental Health - Covid Recovery Strategy: (Attached)

"This Council is alarmed at the findings of the recent Down Business Centre Survey which revealed the impact that Covid-19 has had on local self-employed and notes that the two-thirds of small businesses in the Newry Mourne and Down Council area and over a third of business owners have experienced major or severe mental health problems as a result.

This Council will ensure that the mental health services, support and resources are made a priority within the Covid-19 recovery strategy.

This Council will create specific action plan for supporting the mental health of our business owners and local self-employed."

📎 *Report on Notice of Motion - Provision of Mental Health Services Cllr C Mason.pdf*

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7.0 ERT Directorate Business Plans. (Attached)

-  *ERT Report - Enterprise Regeneration Tourism Directorate Business Plans.pdf* Page 12
-  *Appx 1 ERT Emergency Business Plan Assessment October-March 2021.pdf* Page 15
-  *Appx 2 Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Annual Business Plan 2021-22.pdf* Page 38

Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

8.0 Business Start Up School. (Attached)

-  *ERT Report - Business Start Up School.pdf* Page 55

9.0 Electric Charging Points. (Attached)

-  *ERT Report - Electric Charge Points.pdf* Page 60

10.0 ERDF Digital Transformation Programme. (Attached)

-  *ERT Report - ERDF Digital Transformation Programme.pdf* Page 63

11.0 Greater Newry Business Awards. (Attached)

-  *ERT Report - Greater Newry Area Business Awards.pdf* Page 67



12.0 Labour Market Partnership. (Attached)

-  *ERT Report - Labour Market Partnership.pdf* Page 70

13.0 Lunasa Festival 2021 - Service Level Agreement. (Attached)

-  *ERT Report - Lunasa Festival 2021 SLA.pdf* Page 74

14.0 Warrenpoint Frontshore Public Realm Scheme. (Attached)

-  *ERT Report - Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme.pdf* Page 78
-  *Appendix 1 Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm TF Report.pdf* Page 82

Tourism, Culture and Events Items

15.0 Annalong Harbour SEAFLAG - Funded Elements. (Attached)

16.0 Financial Assistance for Tourism Events and Arts. (Attached)

ERT Report - Financial Assistance for Tourism Events & the Arts.pdf

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Exempt Information Items

17.0 International Tourism Events 2022 - World Rally Championship & Mournes. (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 of 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 - International Tourism Events - World Rally Championship.pdf **Not included**

Appx - International Tourism Events 2022.pdf **Not included**

Appx - International Tourism Events 2022.pdf **Not included**

18.0 Report of Covid Recovery Working Group Meetings. (Attached)

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ERT Report - Covid 19 Recovery Group Mtgs Recommendations.pdf **Not included**

19.0 Kilbroney Trails - The Fallows Walk Phase 2 (Attached)

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ERT Report - Kilbroney Trails - The Fallows Walk Phase 2 (RESTRICTED).pdf **Not included**

Appx - Kilbroney Trails - The Fallows Walk Ph2 Business Case (RESTRICTED).pdf **Not included**

For Noting

20.0 Update re: Annalong Harbour North Pier Wall Restoration. (Attached)

ERT Report - Annalong Harbour North Pier Works Update.pdf

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21.0 Community Renewal Fund. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Community Renewal Fund.pdf*

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22.0 Fishing and Seafood Development Programme. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Fishing & Seafood Development Programme.pdf*

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23.0 ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)

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

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24.0 Update re; Irish Street Regeneration Project. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Irish Street Regeneration Project.pdf*

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 *Appx - Irish Street Regen - PSNI Working Group Minutes - 27 May 2021.pdf*

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25.0 Report of Louth / NMD Strategic Alliance - 24 February 2021. (Attached)


 *Report L.NMD S.Alliance 24.2.21.pdf*

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26.0 Marketing Campaign. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Marketing Campaign.pdf*

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 *Appx - Marketing Campaign - Make it Local Presentation.pdf*

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27.0 Planning Performance Figures - May 2021. (To follow)

 *Planning Committee Performance Report May 2021.pdf*

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28.0 Visitor Management Social Media Campaign. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Visitor Mangement Social Media Campaign.pdf*

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 *Appx - Visitor Mangement Social Media Campaign.pdf*

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29.0 Warrenpoint Municipal Park. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Warrenpoint Municipal Park.pdf*

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 *Appx - Warrenpoint Municipal Park Steering Group 07.05.2021.pdf*

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Ms Kate Bingham

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr Charlie Casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Roisin Howell

Mr Colum Jackson

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Jonathan McGilly

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Barra Ó Muirí

Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr 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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ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Proposed start times for consideration at ERT Committee Meeting – 14 June 2021

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| 14 June 2021 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 09 August 2021 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 13 September 2021 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 11 October 2021 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 08 November 2021 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 13 December 2021 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 17 January 2022 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 14 February 2022 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 14 March 2022 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 11 April 2022 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |
| 09 May 2022 | 6pm | Remotely via Teams |

ACTION SHEETENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 10 MAY 2021

| Minute Ref | Subject | Decision | Lead Officer | Actions taken/ Progress to date | Remove from Action Sheet Y/N |
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| ERT/089/2021 | NOTICE OF MOTION RE: DOWNPATRICK TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT | To defer the Notice of Motion until such times as the Development Brief has been submitted to the Downpatrick DEA Councillors for consideration and allow a more informed decision thereafter. | J McGilly | Work In Progress | n |
| ERT/090/2021 | (EXEMPT) ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF WATER BASED ACTIVITIES | <p>To reconsider the findings of the independent economic assessment on the potential future economic benefit a lifting bridge would bring to Newry City as part of the Southern Relief Road proposals, and to submit this assessment to Department for Infrastructure officials, together with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advise the Department for Infrastructure in writing that Newry Mourne and Down District Council's preferred option is for a Lifting Bridge over the Newry Canal as part of the Southern Relief Road project. 2. Include the correspondence from Warrenpoint Port on the potential for the future berthing of tall ships. | A Patterson | In progress | Y |

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| ERT/091/2021 | UPDATE RE: BUSINESS PROGRAMMES | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the update provided under the following business development initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go For It • NMD Growth • Digital Growth • Tender for Growth 2. To approve the signing of a Deed of Variation for the extension of NIBSUP Central Services team between April 2023 and September 2023 at a cost of £8,490. | J McGilly | Work ongoing | y |
| ERT/092/2021 | COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP | <p>The Corporate Planning and Policy Department/Communications and Marketing Section, to continue with a prioritisation approach to media which is agreed on and signed off by the Director/Chief Executive (similar to the last 12 months approximately) – this approach provided clear and simple direction and prioritisation for the most important communications work to be developed and delivered during the crisis.</p> <p>Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism to recommend the funding of an Economic study led by UUJ Economic Policy Unit to</p> | C Mallon | In progress | Y |

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| | | understand the impact of Covid 19 on the future travel to work behaviour of our working population across the District. | | | |
| ERT/093/2021 | LEVELLING UP FUND | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council do not submit an application in the current call for 18 June 2021 Levelling Up Fund, but explore and develop initiatives that best fit the criteria utilising the Development fund that will become available early summer. 2. In respect of CRF, the Council explore potential joint funding bids with FE sector aligned to economic development and regeneration strategy. | J McGilly | Work ongoing | n |
| ERT/094/2021 | NEWRY CHAMBER CORPORATE PATRONS | Newry Mourne and Down District Council renew membership of the Corporate Patrons Programme for 2021-2024. | J McGilly | Completed | y |
| ERT/095/2021 | NI FOOD & DRINK ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP (NIFDA) | Newry Mourne and Down District Council subscribe to the 2021 membership of the Northern Ireland Food & Drink Association. | J McGilly | Completed | y |
| ERT/096/2021 | SMALL RURAL BUSINESS MICRO GRANT PROGRAMME 2021 | The Council will participate in a 2021/2022 Small Rural Business Grant Scheme, including the implementation of the next steps as follows: | J McGilly | Work ongoing | y |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers will continue to work a regional basis to agree the new programme formation, including completion of a business case, eligibility criteria and programme application and assessment processes. When received, Council will sign and accept a Letter of Offer from DAERA to enable implementation of the programme, with detail of final grant aid awarded to be presented to a later Council Meeting. Council to open and administrate the grant process which will be agreed within the programme business case. | | | |
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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 June 2021 |
| Subject: | Notice of motion – Additional Funding Cllr G Malone and Cllr M Gibbons |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director EER |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director EER |

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 provide some background and context to the notice of motion proposed by Councillor G Malone and seconded by Councillor M Gibbons.</p> <p><u>Background</u> “I refer to recent announcements by the Government on its proposals to provide additional funding to Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales totalling £800m. This funding is to replace lost EU funding and will target Town/ City Centre regeneration etc. I am calling on the Council to set up a committee including Councillors, Senior Management Officers, Chambers of Commerce, Newry Bid, Voluntary Sector etc to develop an innovative strategy and action plan to maximise our opportunities with this substantial pot of money. I also request that the Council’s Number 1 priority ie; ‘The People’s Park’ on the Albert Basin site be seriously considered as a priority for this funding.”</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>Recent government announcements have provided funding opportunities for a range of initiatives via the Levelling up fund, Community renewal fund etc.</p> <p>In parallel to this, Council is also actively working to input on other funding initiatives such a Peace Plus and the Shared Prosperity Fund.</p> <p>Thorough the Economic forum the Council has developed and a new Regeneration and Economic Development and Strategy which was launched in 2020. The Strategy outlines the key theme of development for period 2020 – 2025.</p> |

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| | <p>The existing Economic Forum for the district includes elected members, Senior Management Officers, Chambers of Commerce, Newry BID, Voluntary Sector and a range of businesses across all sectors.</p> <p>This is the vehicle via which Council engages with key stakeholders from the district across the public and private sector to implement this strategy. A series of working groups have been established under each theme to bring forward action plans and project proposals that can be submitted to a range of potential funding programmes.</p> <p>The Levelling up fund offers significant opportunities for local authorities to make applications for capital lead projects across the themes of Transportation, Urban Regeneration and Cultural Assets. Council Officers have been engaging with the funding department to understand the details of the fund and the conditions to be met to submit applications to the fund.</p> <p>At June Council meeting it was agreed that applications to the Levelling up fund should be made utilising the capacity/development funds that will be made available to Council in June 2021.</p> <p>This capacity funding will allow officials to develop a list of suitable capital projects and bring forward proposals to Council on the projects that best fit the criteria and allow strong applications to be submitted.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <p>That members note and consider the content of the paper as background information in relation to the notice of motion and the debate.</p> <p>That members note the report taken to ERT in May 2021 and ratified at council in June 2021 in respect to the approach, and the intent to submit future applications to the Levelling up Fund.</p> <p>That members note the existence of the Economic Forum and the recent launch of the Regeneration and Economic Development strategy for the district.</p> |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | NA |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 5.1 | <p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |

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| 5.2 | <p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 5.3 | <p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> |
| 6.0 | <p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p> |
| 6.1 | <p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 7.0 | <p>Appendices</p> |
| | <p>N/A</p> |
| 8.0 | <p>Background Documents</p> |
| | <p>N/A</p> |

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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | Notice of Motion – Provision of Mental Health Services in Covid Recovery Strategy Councillor C Mason and Councillor O Hanlon |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director EER |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director EER |

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

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| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> To provide some background and context to the notice of motion proposed by Councillor Mason and seconded by Councillor Hanlon.</p> <p><u>Background</u> This Council is alarmed at the findings of the recent Down Business Centre Survey which revealed the impact that Covid-19 has had on local self-employed and notes that the two-thirds of small businesses in the Newry Mourne and Down Council area and over a third of business owners have experienced major or severe mental health problems as a result.</p> <p>This Council will ensure that mental health services, support and resources are made a priority within the Covid-19 recovery strategy.</p> <p>This Council will create specific action plan for supporting the mental health of our businesses owners and local self-employed."</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>The research carried out by Down Business Centre shows the alarming impact Covid has had on business owners and self employed.</p> <p>Via the Council networks with a range of businesses, support agencies and business representative bodies i.e Chambers of commerce etc, it is clear the impact has been felt across sectors and the entire council region. Businesses also report adverse impact on staff generated by Covid.</p> <p>Business support programmes assist businesses with development needs and during Covid some of the early interventions assisted businesses with consolidation</p> |

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| | <p>plans and how to explore new routes to market etc, however support for mental health is not a service support agencies have expertise in, this is often provided most commonly via the health sector with Business support agencies signposting to sources of assistance for mental health related issues.</p> <p>Council is bringing forward, through the Covid 19 Recovery Working Group a financial support programme for business and communities to avail of mental health support that can be provided to support owner managers and their staff deal with the stresses and negative impacts Covid has caused.</p> <p>Council could also work, with other stakeholders, namely the Enterprise agencies, Chambers etc to explore how this funding could be utilised to support many of the SMEs in our district through sectoral programmes etc.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | That members note and consider the content of the paper as background information in relation to the notice of motion and the debate. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | As presented to the Covid 19 Recovery Working Group |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 5.1 | <p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 5.2 | <p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p> |

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

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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | - Assessment of Emergency Business Plan Oct 20 – Mar 21 - Directorate Business Plan 2021-22 |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Conor Mallon, Director ERT |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Conor Mallon, Director ERT |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background | | |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> Purpose of the report is to ask the committee to consider and agree the recommendations as set out in section 3.1 of the report</p> <p><u>Background</u> Directorate Business Plans provide an overview of planned activity for the year ahead, and contribute to the delivery of the Community Plan, Corporate Plan and other key plans and strategies. They form an essential part of the Council's Business Planning and Performance Management Framework, which demonstrates how corporate objectives are cascaded across the organisation and provides assurance that they are being delivered.</p> | | |
| 2.0 | Key issues | | |
| 2.1 | <p>Assessment of the Emergency Business Plans</p> <p>In order to improve transparency and accountability, and facilitate a performance led approach to business planning, each Directorate has undertaken an assessment of their Emergency Business Plan October 2020-March 2021. These assessments provide an overview of the performance of each Directorate and have been used to influence the development of the 2021-22 Business Plans. This exercise is 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 assessment of the ERT Emergency Business Plan October 2020-March 2021 is attached at Appendix 1</p> | | |
| 2.2 | <p>Directorate Business Plans 2021-22</p> <p>The Business Plan 2021-22 outlines the key actions and measures each Directorate will work towards and are aligned to the objectives within the Corporate Plan.</p> | | |

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| | The ERT Directorate Business Plan 2021-22 is attached at Appendix 2 |
| 2.3 | It should be noted that further improvements to the business planning process are underway across the Council, particularly in relation to cascading corporate objectives in a meaningful way to employees through the introduction and roll-out of Service Plans and People Perform Grow. This process seeks to improve the use of performance measures at all levels of the Business Planning and Performance Management Framework and create a clear 'line of sight' between the work of individuals and teams, and how they contribute to the achievement of the Corporate Plan. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <p>To consider and agree the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the ERT Emergency Business Plan (October 2020-March 2021) • ERT Directorate Business Plan 2021-22 |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | There are no financial resources implications within this report. |
| 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> |
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| 7.0 | <p>Appendices</p> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix 1 – Assessment of ERT Emergency Business Plan 2020-21 Appendix 2 – ERT Directorate Business Plan 2021-22 |
| 8.0 | <p>Background Documents</p> |
| | <p>None</p> |

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

**Six Month Assessment
Emergency Business Plan
October 2020-March 2021**



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**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**
**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council




1.0 Introduction

This report provides an overview of progress in delivering the Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Emergency Business Plan between October 2020-March 2021, across the following service areas, using the legend below.


- Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration
- Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events
- Building Control and Regulation
- Planning


Progress against the 'measures of success' has been monitored and reported for the 2020-21 financial year.


Legend


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|  | Target or objective achieved / on track to be achieved |
|  | Target or objective partially achieved / likely to be achieved / subject to delay |
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2.0 Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Emergency Business Action Plan October 2020-March 2021


| Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration | | | |
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| Objective / Activity | Timescale | Status | Progress |
| <p>Covid-19 Response</p> <p>Continue delivery of a consultation and engagement programme with local businesses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the continued challenges and support requirements they face in business practices Identify new skills and employability requirements Establish a support package for business recovery to guide them to adopt to the next normal environment | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>Launched a new Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy 2020 – 2025 which was reflected on actions to support businesses following Covid-19 challenges</p> <p>Established working groups aligned to the strategy with individual action plans addressing business development, skills and employability and regeneration</p> <p>Agreement with the Skills and Employability Working Group to act as a new Labour Market Partnership for NMD area with a focus on improving employability outcomes and/or labour market conditions locally. Research underway to inform action plan.</p> <p>Social media activity across all platforms was enhanced to ensure the dissemination of information to businesses to enable them to respond to Covid-19 new restriction and NI Executive Grant assistance</p> <p>On-going escalation to DFE on challenges faced by business arising out of covid-19.</p> <p>Flexed delivery of business support programmes to ensure support in key covid-19 related areas</p> |


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| | | | All Master plans in place for urban settlements were updated with Elected members to ensure aligned with key strategic priorities. |
| <p>Covid-19 Response</p> <p>Establish and roll out business support initiatives that support businesses to reestablish / reopen under social distancing restrictions, such as need to develop new business practices, integration of social distancing, new upskilling/reskilling requirements</p> | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>All mentoring support continued through virtual delivery. Mentoring programmes launched to offer support in areas most relevant to current challenges</p> <p>In 2020/ 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMD Growth: supported 198 businesses, delivered 2860 mentoring hours, 13 workshops and 6 Thematic programmes • Digital Growth: supported 90 businesses, delivered 1407 mentoring hours, 7 workshops and 2 Masterclasses • Tender for Growth: supported 39 businesses, delivered 737.8 mentoring hours, and 2 workshops • Supported 5 ESF funded employability programmes • Delivery of a Social economy programme supporting 12 new social economy startups and delivering 196 mentoring hours • 7 Food companies engaged in an International sales growth programme via Innovate Accelerate <p>£1,906,000 of revitalization funding secured from DFC, DAERA, and DFI. A significant element of this grant delivered a Covid-19</p> |


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| | | | <p>recovery revitalization grant scheme of up to £2,000 awarded to 807 Businesses.</p> <p>£165,749 of grant awarded to 59 micro businesses through the DAERA Rural Business Development Grant Scheme administrated by Council</p> <p>Downpatrick revitalization: £150,000 DFC grant delivered a shop front enhancement scheme to 13 shops (£95,000 business grants). Also delivered was brand development and marketing campaign for Irish Street.</p> |
| <p>Delivery of the 'Covid 19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme' supporting local businesses and their customers to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFC Urban Shop Front Enhancement/Creation of Space Scheme (866k) • DAERA Rural Shop Front Enhancement/Creation of Space Scheme (314k) • DFI Active Travel Scheme (527k) | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>Covid-19 Recovery revitalization Grant scheme administered in full, with 807 Letters of Offer issued to businesses awarding grants of up to £2,000. Total Grant aid awarded: £1,111,581.94</p> <p>District Wide Marketing scheme commissioned which will promote the Make it Local Make it NMD message across the District and in the neighboring regions utilizing a range of marketing platforms.</p> <p>Capital investments undertaken to enhance the safe operations of artisan markets across the District</p> <p>Capital Developments agreed to enhance outdoor space across the District with investment in seating;</p> <p>Council working closely with Sustrans to complete a</p> |




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| | | | <p>district wide Strategy for future development of Active Travel, while also working with schools across the Council to roll out an active travel educational promotion</p> <p>Improvements carried out to Murlough Car-Park Road Crossing / Commitment to develop Murlough to Dundrum Walkway-Cycleway / Construction of Dunleath Park Trail / Roll out of Bike Stands-Shelters across the district</p> |
| Expand digital connections with local business community, as the main communication channel during covid-19 | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>NMD Business Twitter, facebook and linkedin platforms were used extensively to provide information on covid-19 packages and the range of mentoring supports available. Businesses engaging across all of these platforms increased considerably</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average 58 posts per month • Average 88 new facebook followers per month • Facebook – average 16,274 organic reach per month • Twitter – average 25k impressions per month <p>Information was also carried on the below digital platforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NI Business Info • NI chamber • Newry Chamber Ezine <p>All business engagement events, meetings and consultations established virtual</p> |


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| Develop a programme of activity to support Business as the detail of Brexit deal/protocol emerges | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>Brexit Forum established with Council members and external partners. Brexit working group established internally with Council officers.</p> <p>A focused effort on providing Brexit readiness support mechanisms is being communicated to local businesses throughout the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area through several communication platforms including NMD Business social media channels; NMD Business monthly E-zine; and NMDDC Corporate social media channels</p> <p>NMD Business delivered Brexit focused workshop in partnership with Intertrade Ireland.</p> |
| <p>Recovery – stabilizing the economy</p> <p>Flexible delivery of existing ERDF Programmes to ensure alignment with evolving business requirements</p> | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>All programmes are being promoted online and all delivery is completed virtually. Feedback on virtual delivery has been remained good, with a high level of engagement now established during delivery.</p> |
| <p>Recovery – stabilizing the economy</p> <p>Launch of new ERDF Programmes to ensure a full range of support available to meet business requirements</p> <p>+ other non ERDF Programmes as required to adequately respond to need</p> | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>ERDF Funding secured for 3 new Business development Programmes:</p> <p>Sales and Trade Programme which will deliver the below between June 2021 – Dec 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Businesses supported from NMD • 320 mentoring days • 2 Export Visits facilitated <p>Digital Transformation which will deliver the below</p> |





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| | | | <p>between June 2021 – Dec 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Businesses supported from NMD who will receive: • 2 x half day workshops • Innovation roadmap • Approx. 6 days mentoring per business • Half day cluster development workshop • Digital Acceleration plan <p>Business Start Up Programme: April 2021 – March 2023 with a target of 312 new business plans to be approved by March 2022</p> |
| Promote shop local to encourage support for SMES, alternative methods of trading & engaging with customers | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>Make it Local will continue to roll out appropriate messaging, encouraging football back into our City, towns and villages, with clear messaging of the need to support our small businesses, with shop local and shop safe being key</p> <p>Make it Local campaign launched at Halloween and Christmas to promote the shop local shop safe message.</p> <p>New Make it Local campaign commissioned for re launching the shop local message following the lifting of restrictions in spring summer 2021</p> |






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| <p>Progress the consultation, design development & procurement of the following Capital Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrenpoint Front Shore • Legacy Public Realm Enhancement • Carlingford lough greenway • Forkhill Barracks site • Warrenpoint Baths | <p>Q3 – Q4</p> |  | <p><u>Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Consultation Process</u> on the Concept Design carried out in April/May 2021, with Economic Appraisal and Planning Application both submitted in June 2021. Subject to Funding approval from DFC in Sept 2021, it would be intended to appoint a contractor thereafter and works to commence in site in Mar/Apr 2022.</p> <p><u>Legacy Public Realm Enhancement</u> On-site works commenced across the Council Urban Centres in February 2021, with Physical Infrastructure Improvements being carried out to those elements of the previously completed Public Realm schemes in need of repair. Works are expected to continue until Dec 2021, before completion will be achieved</p> <p><u>Carlingford lough greenway</u> Planning permission being sought in 2021 for the Victoria Lock to Border section of the proposed project. Subject to both this and land owner agreement it is hoped that onsite works could commence in early/mid 2022</p> <p><u>Forkhill Barracks site</u> A Public Consultation process was carried out with the Forkhill Community in early 2021, which identified a clear desire for no further housing on the site. Instead a partnership with Council in</p> |
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| | | | <p>being sought to identify future community type projects/facilities for the village.</p> <p><u>Warrenpoint Baths</u></p> <p>Development Brief exercise completed. Council agreed to progress project internally as per Planning approval. Procurement commenced for OBC to be developed and PTE to be completed.</p> <p><u>Warrenpoint Marina</u></p> <p>Outline Business Case updated with agreement through Council on progression for next steps</p> |
| <p>Delivery of onsite Regeneration & Environmental Improvement Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Rural EI Schemes • Derrymore Estate • Newry Lower Hill St | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p><u>7 Rural EI Schemes</u></p> <p>4 of the 7 Environmental Improvement Schemes completed by March 2021 (Ballyhornan, Dundrum, Hilltown & Annalong). 3 Environmental Improvement Schemes which are underway remain onsite with completion due by June 2021 pending no further covid-19 related delays (Newtown, Meigh, Killyleagh).</p> <p><u>Derrymore Estate</u></p> <p>Derrymore House Regeneration scheme completed by March 2021 however scheme launch delayed in efforts to manage footfall onsite.</p> <p><u>Newry Lower Hill St</u></p> <p>Project completion achieved for the end of March 2021 and formal launch delayed until DFI have carried out a follow road resurfacing</p> |

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| | | | scheme in the summer of 2021 |
| Progress the Downpatrick Regeneration Project including soft Market testing | Q3-Q4 |  | Soft Market testing completed, with 17 EOI received. Next stage implemented which is the creation of a Development Brief to be issued Q1 2021/2022 |
| Progress the City Deal: Digital Programme and Skills and Employability Programme | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>BRCD Digital Programme OBC completed Dec 2020 and submitted to BRCD Ex Board. NMD completed a feasibility study on an Newry City based Innovation Hub. NMD Commissioned a delivery team for the development of an OBC for an Innovation Space in Newry City to be completed by Q3 2021/2022</p> <p>Skills and Employability Proposition completed by March 2021 with partner and industry engagement to take place Q1 2021/2022. Deal Document completed in draft form.</p> <p>BRCD secured funding from DFE Apprenticeship Challenge Fund to undertake development work to inform the creation of a virtual apprenticeship platform, to undertake a best practice review of apprenticeship delivery models, and to undertake employer engagement. NMD have provided a resource in the development of public sector apprentices, and commencing in Q1 2021/2022, in the development of creative industries apprentices.</p> |
| Revise and launch the Economic Development Strategy in light of new | Q3 – Q4 |  | Regeneration and Economic Development Strategy Launched in November 2020 with online event including |

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| challenges arising from covid-19 | | | <p>panelist discussion steamed and available online for later viewing.</p> <p>Meeting of a renewed Economic Forum held in March 2021, and working groups established to take forward actions aligned to each of the strategy's key investment pillars.</p> |
| <p>Delivery of industry engagement events using alternative methods of engagement:</p> <p>Enterprise Week – Q 3</p> <p>NI Apprenticeship Week – Q4</p> <p>Small Business Conference – Q2</p> <p>Agenda NI Conference _ Q3</p> | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>Enterprise Week - Over 400 participants got involved with NMD Enterprise Week 2020 which focused on economic support and recovery across key business sectors via virtual seminars, workshops, networking opportunities and mentoring sessions online. Over 20 events looked at pre-start businesses and business start-up support, focusing on the early stage of developing a business idea. Growth was a key area of support for events presented by a range of industry guest speakers and local businesses in raising their profile and discussing the current range of issues and challenges they face.</p> <p>Eastern Economic Corridor launched showing business collaboration growth across the border, which included the production of a video on the NMD and Louth Strategic Alliance</p> <p>NI Apprenticeship was postponed from February 2021 to April 2021 as many businesses were closed Q3 / Q4 2020/2021 under covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Supported the delivery of a Cross Border business</p> |

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| | | | <p>conference on Brexit which was lead by and host by Newry and Dundalk Chambers</p> <p>Small Business Conference postponed to Sept 2021 as many businesses were closed Q3 / Q4 2020/2021 under covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Agenda NI Conference proceed online December 2020 with NMD as headline sponsor, key note speaker and presenting on strategic roadmap for covid-19 recovery.</p> |
| FFNI - Appointment of contractors for delivery of scheme. | Q3 |  | Fibrus appointed. Surveying and implementation underway and first claim £13m Submitted for QE March 2021 |
| RDP – continued delivery of Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme to rural businesses, the local authority (NMDDC) and the community and Voluntary sector. Liaising with DAERA, the Local Action Group and NMDDC re time extensions and ongoing delivery as a result of Covid-19 to include the processing of the NMDDC financial contribution. | Q3 – Q4 |  | 13 No. payments were made to 6No project promoters from the private, community and voluntary sector and local government across a range of schemes to include Rural Business Investment, Rural Basic Services, Village Renewal and Cooperation leading to high quality projects across the district amounting to over £900K of grant assistance disseminated. |
| Delivery of the Rural Business Support TRIPSI funding on behalf of DAERA to assist with the COVID19 response | Q3 – Q4 |  | Over 60 letters of offer were issued and claims to the value of £180K have been submitted and processing is underway. |
| SEA Flag - On-going assessment and commitment of SEA Flag Funds, and | Q3– Q4 |  | SEA FLAG received a commitment extension for the Programme. The new |

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| liaising with DAERA re time extensions as a result of Covid-19 | | | commitment date is 30 June 21. Further call made and assessments ongoing |
| Warrenpoint Park Regeneration – review and amend action plan for delivery of events in line with covid-19 regulations | Q1 – Q4 |  | Warrenpoint Municipal Park received an extension for the Project to 31 December 2021 due to the impact of COVID. Activities moved online due to PHA guidelines. |
| Castlewellan Regeneration – develop and submit stage 2 application to HLF | Q1 – Q4 |  | Round two application submitted in November 2020. Award letter issued in March 2021. NLHF awarded Council £2.695 million in investment |
| Atlantic Cultural Scape - review and amend action plan for delivery of programme in line with covid-19 regulations | Q3 – Q4 |  | Atlantic Cultural Scape has worked with partners to review and amend action plan in light of Covid-19 delays. A 6-month time only extension has been secured to mitigate against lost time and ensure the full implementation of programme activity |
| AONB Environment Fund and LPS legacy - review and amend action plan for delivery of programme in line with covid-19 regulations | Q3 – Q4 |  | AONB Action Plans have been reviewed and amended as appropriate in light of Covid-19 delays. All activity as outlined in the NIEA LoO was achieved with the exception of volunteering activity that could not proceed under Covid-19 safety regulations. All funding awarded was claimed in full. |
| Flexible delivery of Business Start-Up programme to ensure support for new business starts | Q3 – Q4 |  | NI Business Start Up Programme continued with virtual delivery. Tailored marketing campaign with the messaging “new opportunities” and “new lockdown business idea” continued over outdoor and social media platforms. Over April 2020 – March 2021 |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 265 Business Plans were approved • 164 Jobs promoted • 180 new business Starts |
| International Relations Activity – update investment brochure, finalize investment video, and review international relations activity for 2020 | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>Investment Video positioning the NMD District was completed and launched in November 2020.</p> <p>Communication lines re-engaged with NI Bureau in China and Consul general in Belfast, and a programme of activity agreed for Q4 2020/21 and Q1-Q4 2021/2022.</p> <p>An investment portfolio completed with BRCD partners listing key public and private sector development opportunities across NMD</p> |
| Innovation Nation & Day of Ambition Conference - Develop a more appropriate conference programme suitable for covid-19 recovery | Q4 |  | Plans developed for a proposal Digital Transformation Conference in Summer 2021 subject to Council approvals. |
| Regeneration Initiatives & events – Ensure implementation of works in line with covid-19 regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downpatrick Revitalization • Newry & Downpatrick Regeneration Marketing Campaign | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>All regeneration schemes were managed within Covid-19 regulations with appropriate covid-19 risk assessments in place.</p> <p>Isolation was implemented when required among site staff and project delays managed accordingly.</p> |
| Artisan Markets | Q3 – Q4 |  | <p>The implementation of markets was directly impacted by covid-19 restrictions. Aspirations was to up to 8 monthly markets in 3 areas.</p> <p>Opening of markets was supported by the development of a risk assessment to be applied to each artisan market operated. Capital</p> |

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| | | | <p>investments also to support social distancing. In total 12 artisan markets delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downpatrick – 5 • Newcastle – 3 • Warrenpoint – 4 |
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Areas of Good Practice /Improvement

Use of social media has proved highly successful in reaching business community and should be built on as part of our transformation as we move forward.

Virtual consultation and delivery of mentoring support has been engaging, and is an efficient method of delivery

Areas for Business Transformation

Use of social media platforms as a future means of engagement with businesses, communities and stakeholders should be developed to ensure professional image and appropriate reach to target audience

Particularly this includes service area websites, which need appropriate functionality to implement virtual engagement and interaction


Access to technologies to interact virtually more efficiently, i.e. consultation, sharing videos / presentations virtually






An appropriate system for hosting of virtual conferences, workshops and events should be considered





Ability to transfer documents, access to e-documents as opposed to print

With the high level of funding now being managed in the service area, an appropriate management information system should be developed to monitor and report against project outputs and deliverables. This was also assist with management of data as across programmes large volumes of data is collected, appropriate MIS system would enable analysis and interpretation of data for performance reporting and improvement.

Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events

| Objective / Activity | Timescale | Status | Progress |
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| Support local tourism & hospitality businesses to access TNI's Business Recovery Support Programmes and – online training & mentoring. | Q3-Q4 |  | <p>Webinar series delivered to approx. 160 tourism and hospitality businesses. Delivered mentoring support programme to 13 businesses.</p> <p>Funding secured for a new food and drink cluster through DAERA funding. Facilitator appointed, recruitment underway and the project seeks to</p> |

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| | | | deliver five new food and drink experiences. |
| Deliver Winter/Spring Destination Marketing Campaign to boost local tourism industry | Q4 |  | <p>Targeted campaign activity undertaken in summer 2020. From Autumn promotional activity focused on 'planning for reopening' phase and reinforcement of positive visitor behavior at tourism sites – delivered with partner agencies/stakeholders.</p> <p>New tourism website launched, and 15 new videos created focusing on visitor experiences.</p> <p>Officers attended 20 virtual tourism trade events in partnership with Tourism NI, Tourism Ireland and trade associations, with meetings held with over 800 international and domestic buyers to promote the destination and sell new experience.</p> |
| Develop new visitor experiences/product with industry partners, including new Coastal Flavors Cluster proposition. | Q3-Q4 |  | Work ongoing with 25 tourism and hospitality businesses on the development of new and existing tourism experiences. |
| Collaborate and engage with key tourism & hospitality sector stakeholders to reinforce a strong partnership approach to tourism growth and leadership in the current climate. | Ongoing |  | Engagement with tourism and hospitality businesses has continued throughout 2020/21 via business cluster groups, regular industry updates and stakeholder engagement with industry associations. |
| Continue to progress BRCD projects – including the OBC for the Mourne Gateway Project. | Q3-Q4 |  | Progression on Mourne Gateway OBC ongoing in line with BRCD timelines. |
| Continue to progress towards UNESCO Global Geopark Status. | Ongoing (Q3-Q4) |  | <p>Work continuing to plan on UNESCO Geopark application.</p> <p>Education resources and site interpretation in place at key sites. Geopark Masterplan reviewed and in place</p> <p>New visitor counter monitoring in place at 20+ sites across the District including 3 weather stations to help</p> |






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| | | | inform traffic and visitor management across the district. |
| Continue to progress key Tourism Capital Projects in partnership with Government stakeholders. | Ongoing (Q3-Q4) |  | Progress continuing on key capital projects at tourism sites across the district, including Tyrella, Delamont, Slieve Gullion FP & Kilbroney FP. |
| Tourism Events Programme - review plans for SPD 2021 & 2021/22 Giant Adventures Events Programme in line with Gov advice on mass-gatherings. | Q3-Q4 |  | Council unable to host tourism events in 2020/21FY due to Covid restrictions. Tourism Events Challenge Fund supported the delivery of 8 online tourism events in Q3 & 4 with funding of £29.4k |
| Museums 1. Develop proposals for cultural & heritage programmes that provide outreach to local communities – including the ongoing Living History programme. 2. Deliver objectives of Museums' Forward Plans | Q3-Q4 |  | Museums opened for a short-period in October 2020. Museum outreach activities have been delivered with a very positive response. Museum forward plans reviewed, and partial reopening scheduled for end of May 2021. |
| Review Arts Centres & Museums' Winter/Spring Programme of activity in line with Government restrictions and budgets. | Q3-Q4 |  | Arts Centres remain closed in 2020/21 due to Covid restrictions. Officers working with the LG Arts Managers Group, the Arts Council and DfC to progress guidelines for the re-opening of arts & cultural venues across NI in 2021. A series of online arts concerts were delivered in Autumn/winter which received a very positive response, including St Patrick's concert (reach: 51k online viewers) and Christmas Concert (reach: 143k online viewers). |
| Areas of Good Practice /Improvement | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor use of Forest Parks, Country Parks and Beaches has been positive with key messages on adhering to COVID guidelines and 'leave-no-trace' being respected over-all within Council facilities. Challenges continue to exist with visitor management issues in the Mourne and outside of Council sites in general. | | | |








- Very-close and ongoing engagement with tourism and hospitality businesses throughout the COVID response period has been positive and productive to support the ongoing recovery of the local tourism industry.
- New tourism website launched in partnership with Tourism NI and promotional content created to support the reopening of the tourism industry during the Covid-recovery phase.
- Community response to heritage outreach programmes (Living in lockdown & social media activity) was very positive in 2020/21FY.
- Support for the tourism events industry and arts sector provided through the delivery of online concerts and financial assistance grants.

Areas for Business Transformation

- Significant challenges experienced at key tourism sites that are not within direct management control of Council. Issues and challenges being considered and addressed via a Multi-Agency Working Group with representation from statutory agencies. Proposals for a visitor management plan to be progressed in 2021/22FY.
- Significant loss of income experienced at tourism sites, arts and heritage venues due to COVID pandemic.

Building Control and Regulation

| Objective / Activity | Timescale | Status | Progress |
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| Continue with remote working practices and implement offices Rota's to ensure an effective & efficient service provision. | Q3 -Q4 |  | Ongoing and satisfactory |
| Continue to promote the online Building Control application process. | Q3 -Q4 |  | Ongoing and over 900 online applications received from introduction. |
| Undertake all office meeting via Skype or Microsoft Teams. | Q3-Q4 |  | Ongoing and satisfactory |
| Continue to carry out Fire Risk Assessments on Council premises | Q3 – Q4 |  | Ongoing and on target |
| Continue to undertake Development Naming, Street Naming, Postal Numbering and Dual Language nameplate functions. | Q3 – Q4 |  | Ongoing for all the services, but a spike in requests for Dual Language nameplates will have a negative impact upon response times for that service. |

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| Continue to carry out the EPB process remotely. | Q3 – Q4 |  | Ongoing but due to the Covid restrictions many buildings are closed and reduced access to relevant data. |
| Continue to enforce the Building Regulations, process applications and undertake site inspections & Dangerous Structures inspections. | Q3 – Q4 |  | Ongoing and satisfactory |
| Continue to process all Licensing application and inspections. | Q3 -Q4 |  | Ongoing and satisfactory |
| Continue to complete Property Certificates | Q3- Q4 |  | Ongoing and satisfactory |
| Continue to provide a Dog Warden service | Q3 – Q4 |  | Ongoing and satisfactory |
| Undertake a car park project at Bann Road, Castlewellan | Q4 |  | Delay in Planning Approval and Ground Investigation reports. |
| Undertake a resurfacing of a car park and adjoining road at Market Street, Downpatrick. | Q3 |  | Works complete March 2021 |




Areas of Good Practice /Improvement

The introduction of remote working, the provision of IT equipment and changes to working practices has been a great success.
 The introduction of online applications for Building Control, and the ability to receive Licensing application via email have been a great success.
 All meetings are conducted by skype, Microsoft Teams or Zoom for both internal and external customers with benefits in terms of time and travel costs.

Areas for Business Transformation

The ability to have remote access to 'all' files and documents is a priority.
 Commenced a pilot to transform BC files to digital files using staff on furlough.


Planning









| Objective / Activity | Timescale | Status | Progress |
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| Revised operating procedures to reflect continuing restrictions and social distancing requirements. | Q3 |  | Revised procedures in place. Planning Staff working from home. Business support operating from offices in line with new requirements / restrictions. |
| Revised Scheme of Delegation | Q3 |  | Scheme of delegation reviewed. No changes required. |
| Revised Operating Protocol for Planning Committee | Q3 |  | Planning Committee meetings being held remotely, following the usual four |


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| | | | week cycle. Protocol reviewed and left unchanged. |
| Revised LDP timetable | Q3 |  | LDP work progressing in line with revised timetable. |
| Pre application discussions / meetings. | Q3 |  | Meetings and discussions being held remotely. |
| Site visits | Q3 |  | Site visits being conducted in line with agreed protocol. |
| Property Certificates | Ongoing |  | Normal service. |
| Business Support | Ongoing |  | Business support staff operating normally. |
| Development Management | Ongoing |  | Working towards achieving key performance indicators. |
| Enforcement | Ongoing |  | Working towards achieving key performance indicators. |
| Development Plan | Ongoing |  | Work progressing in line with revised LDP timetable. |
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| Advertising Planning Applications | Ongoing |  | Revised advertising arrangements established. |
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| Areas of Good Practice /Improvement | | | |
| Transition to a more agile form of working. Electronic submission of information and issuing of decisions. Revised advertising arrangements – with cost savings. | | | |
| Areas for Business Transformation | | | |
| Consultation process. Neighbour notification. | | | |

3.0 Measures of Success

The following 'measures of success' have been monitored and reported for the 2020-21 financial year:

| Measures | Target | Actual | Status | Explanation |
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| Economic Development | | | | |
| Number of Business Plans approved | 293 | 265 |  | With the impact of Covid-19 NISUPB had an immediate drop in performance, and over Q1 and Q2 was behind targets by 50 Business Plans. The programme over performed in the final 2 quarters, with an additional 22 Business |

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| | | | | Plans, concluding the annual performance with - 22 under target. |
| Number of jobs promoted (statutory performance indicator) | >155 | 164 |  | |
| Number of new business starts | 199 | 180 |  | As a result of the underperformance in Q1 and Q2 there was a direct consequence on the number of business starts. |
| Building Control | | | | |
| Domestic Building Control applications processed within 21 days from the date of submission | 77% | 82% |  | Target achieved for Q3&Q4 |
| Commercial Building Control applications processed within 35 days from the date of submission | 77% | 88% |  | Target achieved for Q3&Q4 |
| All Building Control applications processed within 56 days from date of submission | 100% | 98% |  | Target not achieved for Q3&Q4 |
| Amendments to applications (BR3 returns) to be processed within 14 days from date of re-submission | 82% | 92% |  | Target achieved for Q3&Q4 |
| All Building control applications to be validated within 7 days from the date of submission | 100% | 100% |  | Target achieved for Q3&Q4 |
| Tourism, Culture and Events | | | | |
| Tourism visitor revenue – NISRA Statistics of Tourism Performance Indicators | £69m | TBC | | Date for publication of 2020 tourism statistics by NISRA to be confirmed. 2019 visitor spend in NMDDC - £84m |
| Tourism visitor volume (overnights) - NISRA Statistics of Tourism Performance Indicators | 1.28m | TBC | | 2019 visitor volume (overnights) in NMDDC – 1.56m |
| Tourism jobs supported - NISRA Statistics of Tourism Performance Indicators | 5,451 | TBC | | Tourism jobs supported (2019) – 5,897 |
| Planning (statutory performance indicators) | | | | |
| Average processing time of local planning applications | <15 weeks | 16.7 weeks |  | Working towards achieving key performance indicators. |

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| Average processing time of major planning applications | <30 weeks | 64.6 weeks |  | Working towards achieving key performance indicators. |
| Percentage of planning enforcement cases that are processed within 39 weeks | 70% | 54.8% |  | Working towards achieving key performance indicators. |

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorate

Annual Business Plan 2021-22



Comhairle Ceantair
**an Iúir, Mhúrn
agus an Dúin**
**Newry, Mourne
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District Council

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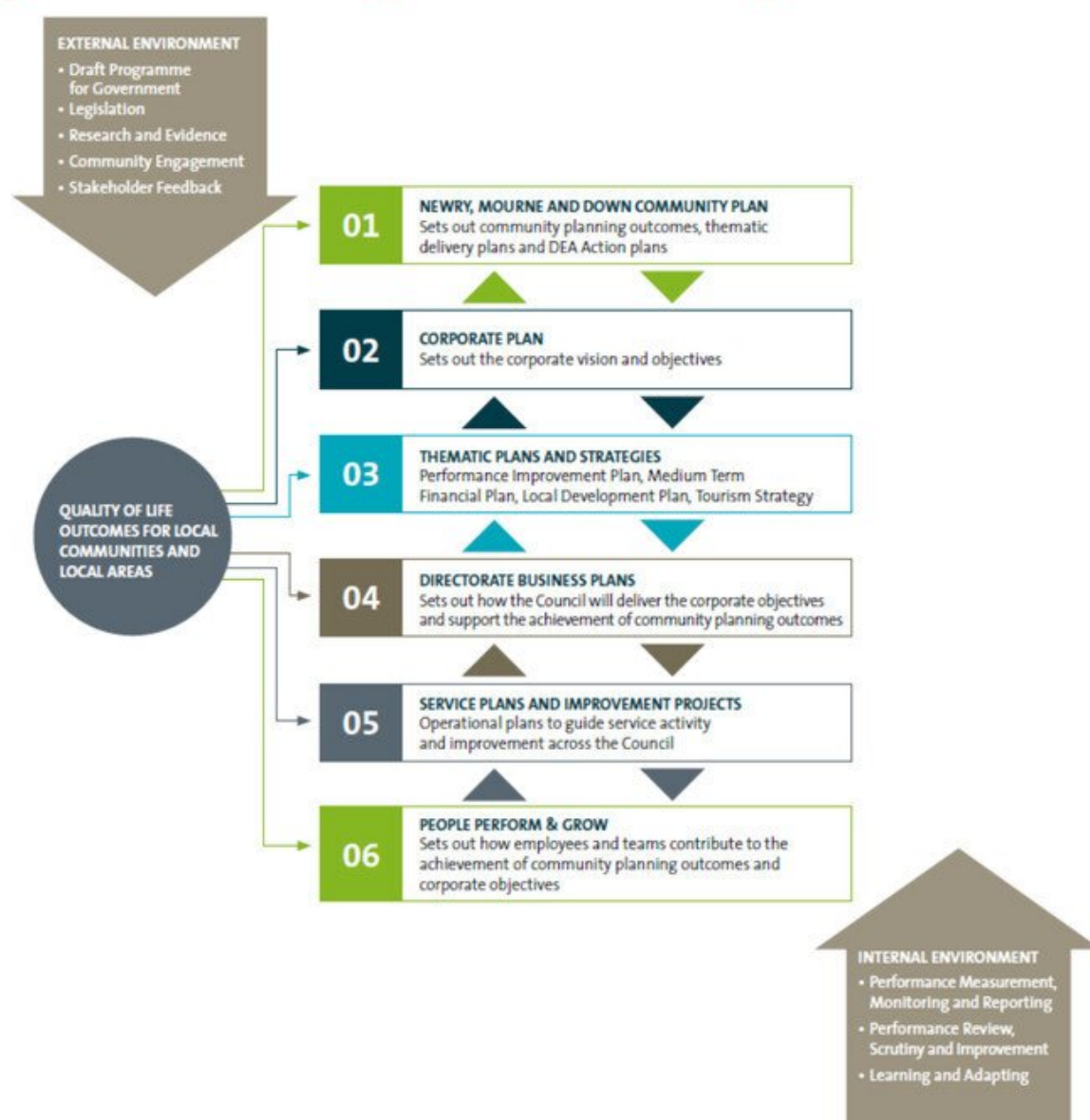
1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism (ERT) Directorate is responsible for the following key functions of Council:
- **Economic Development**
 - **Regeneration**
 - **Tourism Development and Promotion**
 - **Tourism Facilities Management and Development**
 - **Arts and Culture**
 - **Events**
 - **Heritage**
 - **EU Funding**
 - **AONB Management**
 - **Planning Development Management and Control**
 - **Local Development Plan**
 - **Building Control**
 - **Licencing**
 - **International Relations**
- 1.2 The ERT Business Plan 2021-22 is focused on identifying opportunities for business recovery and transformation, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.0 Background and Context

- 2.1 The ERT Business Plan is developed within the context of the Community Plan and Corporate Plan 2021-23. The Community Plan sets out the long term outcomes for the District, based on the needs and aspirations of local people. The Corporate Plan sets out the key strategic objectives for the Council between 2021-23, and how it will contribute to achieving the community planning outcomes.
- 2.2 The Community Plan and Corporate Plan are cross cutting and strategic in nature. They guide all activity within the organisation, as well as the subsequent allocation of resources, and sit within a hierarchy of plans, as outlined in the 'Business Planning and Performance Management Framework' (Figure 1).
- 2.3 The Business Planning and Performance Management Framework drives and provides assurance that the Council is delivering its corporate vision and priorities, whilst securing continuous improvement in the exercise of functions. It provides a mechanism to join up and cascade the various plans and strategies across the organisation, demonstrating how employees contribute to achieving community planning outcomes and corporate priorities, for the ultimate benefit of the citizens we serve.

Figure 1: Business Planning and Performance Management Framework



- 2.4 Whilst the Corporate Plan focuses on issues which cut across the organisation and are strategic in nature, the ERT Business Plan provides an overview of the key operational activities for the coming year. These activities are explicitly linked to corporate objectives, and coupled with 'business as usual' service delivery, provide clear direction for all employees within the Directorate (Figure 2). Directorate Business Plans are supported by Service Plans and the 'People Perform and Grow' initiative.
- 2.5 The ERT Business Plan is published annually and is the basis upon which performance is managed and reviewed by the full Council, Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee and Senior Management Team.

Figure 2: ERT Alignment across the Business Planning and Performance Management Framework



3.0 Purpose and Values

3.1 Purpose

- 3.1.1 The ERT Directorate's primary purpose is to develop, implement and monitor key strategies and plans to deliver economic, regeneration, tourism, arts and culture outcomes for the Council that contribute to the delivery of community planning outcomes and corporate priorities.

3.2 Values

- 3.2.1 The Department adheres to the Council's values which are outlined in the Corporate Plan 2021-23:

| We Will Be | What This Means |
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| Accountable | We will be accountable for how we plan for and use resources sustainably |
| Collaborative | We will work in partnership with others |
| Transparent | We will be transparent in how we make decisions |

3.2.2 In accordance with the Section 75 requirements of the Northern Ireland Act (1998), the Chief Executive's Department is committed to carrying out its functions having due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity and regard for the desirability to promote good relations. All new and revised policies, procedures and programmes of work will be subject to an equality screening and rural needs impact assessment (where appropriate).

4.0 Challenges and Opportunities

- 4.1 The ERT was established in 2017 following the reorganisation of the former Strategic Planning and Performance Directorate and Regulatory and Technical Services Directorate. The directorate continues to evolve in line with organisational change, and remains committed to developing and embedding the necessary plans, policies and processes to deliver improvement across the organisation.
- 4.2 Influences within the external and internal environment continuously present challenges and opportunities, which have an impact on the overall management and operation of the ERT Directorate. These influences can be summarised as follows:

External Environment

- Macro Economic Environment
- Funding availability – transition from EU funding to Shared prosperity fund etc
- Stakeholder engagement and varying sectoral needs
- Wider societal and economic recovery from the Covid pandemic
- Resumption of international travel market
- Level of disposable income and consumer confidence
- Inflation and interest rate changes
- Potential supply chain & labour market impacts as a result of Brexit and Covid recovery, etc
- Available external match funding for project delivery
- Lack of appropriate space to accommodate requests for use of Council land.
- Reduced income from services due to Covid.
- Reliance on external partners to effectively discharge planning function.

Internal Environment

- Available match-funding for project delivery
- Limited funding for resource support
- Requirement to deliver business plan objectives on time with available resources, whilst ensuring the need for efficiencies.
- Working in partnership with the private sector to grow opportunities for greater economic return to Council and the district.
- Service delivery via remote working style, equipment etc.

5.0 Directorate Objectives and Supporting Actions

Key Office Actions

Enterprise and Regeneration – Work with partners to lead the implementation of the Economic, Regeneration and Investment Strategy to support the development of the local economy and infrastructure to ensure the district is competitive and attractive to investors and residents.

Tourism, Culture and Events – Work with partners to lead the implementation of the Tourism Strategy. Lead the development and implementation of Culture and Arts Strategy

Building Control and Regulation – A statutory duty to apply the Building Regulations and licencing obligations of Council. The management of Car Park facilities owned and operated by Council

Planning – Provide a robust, efficient and responsive development management service within the Council Planning Department
Progress the preparation and delivery of the Local Development Plan in accordance with the agreed timeframe to determine future land use planning policy across the district.
Provide a robust, efficient and effective planning enforcement function within the Council Planning Department to address breaches of planning control.

| Enterprise and Regeneration | |
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| Work with partners to support the economic recovery of the District | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN |
| | Invest in and support new and growing businesses, job creation and employment skills |

| Action | | Timescale |
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| Implement and deliver range of business mentoring and support programmes to assist/support local businesses | | Q 1-4 |
| Implement the councils Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy through 3 Working Groups (maybe list the groups?) | | Q 1-4 |
| Progress the Belfast Region City Deal and develop programmes of activity around: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skills and Employability 2. Digital and Innovation | | Q 1-4 |
| Complete the implementation of Covid 19 Recovery Action Plan and monitor/evaluate progress – Business support | | Q1&2 |
| Complete the delivery of the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rural Development Programme 2. SEA Flag Programme | | Q 1-4 |
| Research, advocate for and develop proposals / action plans for future funding programmes, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shared Prosperity Fund 2. Peace Plus 3. Levelling Up Fund 4. Community Renewal Fund 5. Rural Development 6. SEA Flag | | |
| Deliver a programme of urban and rural regeneration initiatives/projects | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN | |
| | Promote the revitalisation of our city, towns, villages and rural communities | |
| Action | | Timescale |
| Implementation of Council's Regeneration Strategy via <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Realm Enhancement Schemes 2. Master Plans 3. Village Plans | | Q 1-4 |
| Progress the development & delivery of the following key capital projects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Downpatrick Regeneration Project 2. Warrenpoint Baths 3. Warrenpoint Marina 4. Forkhill 5. Castlewellan Park, in partnership with NLHF and DAERA 6. Carlingford Lough Greenway | | Q 1-4 |
| As lead partner, continue to implement and deliver the Full fibre NI project. | | Q1-4 |

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| Develop the regeneration forward plan and funding strategy, exploring potential funding sources ie Levelling Up Fund, Peace Plus | | Q 1-4 |
| Protect and enhance the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty across the District | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN | |
| | Enhance, protect and promote our environment | |
| Action | | Timescale |
| Continue to implement the AONB Management Plan | | Q1-4 |
| Develop and implement Geo Park Development Plan | | Q 1-4 |
| As lead partner, continue to implement and manage the Atlantic Culture Scape multi-national project | | Q 1-4 |

| Tourism, Culture and Events | | |
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| A. Tourism Development & Promotion B. Tourism Facilities Management & Development C. Tourism Events D. Museums, Arts & Heritage | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN | |
| | Support sustainable forms of tourism which value our environment and cultural heritage | |
| Action | | Timescale |
| 1. Continue the delivery of Council's Tourism Strategy across the district. | | Q 1 - 4 |
| 2. Commence the review and development of new Tourism Strategy for 2022 - 2026 | | Q 4 |
| 3. Support local tourism & hospitality businesses to access Business Support Programmes , training & mentoring. | | Q 1 - 4 |
| 4. Deliver Seasonal Destination Marketing Campaigns to support the recovery of the tourism industry & that reinforce positive visitor behaviour in tourism areas. | | Q 1 - 4 |
| 5. Develop the tourism proposition for the district and new visitor experiences with industry in line with the Tourism NI Experience Brand, including Coastal Flavours Cluster proposition. | | Q 1 - 4 |
| 6. Collaborate and engage with key tourism & hospitality sector stakeholders to reinforce a strong partnership approach to tourism growth and leadership during recovery from the Covid pandemic – including tourism business clusters & industry associations. | | Q 1 - 4 |
| 7. Continue to progress proposals and business cases for the Mournes Gateway Project as part of the Belfast Region City Deal investment programme. | | Q 1 - 4 |
| 8. Progress proposals for a Visitor Management Plan for the Mournes in partnership with tourism businesses, land owners and central Government stakeholders, to address: | | Q 1 - 4 |
| A. Potential environmental impact of tourism growth in rural areas B. Traffic and visitor management issues at key sites C. Maintaining and improving quality standards and visitor experience, whilst ensuring tourism growth | | |
| 9. Progress proposals for a Sustainable Tourism Growth Plan | | |

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| for the district to ensure responsible development of our tourism offering with respect to environmental, social and economic considerations. | |
| <p>10. Develop & deliver a revised Tourism Events Programme in line with easing of restrictions and Government guidance of recovery of the sector.</p> <p>11. Support the recovery of the Tourism Events sector in NMDDC through a Covid recovery grant support programme</p> | Q 2 – 4 |
| 12. Continue to invest in and deliver major Tourism Capital Projects that will attract international visitors to NI and the district. | Q 1 – 4 |
| 13. Deliver the objectives of the Museums forward plan, to include a review of commercial return to the museums and engagement with local communities. | Q 1 – 4 |
| <p>14. Progress reopening plans for Council's Arts Centres in line with the Covid recovery, to include proposals to maximise the use of outdoor performance spaces and other alternative venues.</p> <p>15. Support the recovery of the arts sector through a Covid recovery grant support programme.</p> <p>16. Review the Arts, Culture & Heritage Strategy in line with the Covid recovery and revised priorities for the sector and formally launch the strategy.</p> | Q 1 – 4 Q3 |
| 17. Continue to prioritise the reorganisation of the structure within ERT to ensure delivery of tourism development, tourism events, heritage and arts development. | Q 1 - 4 |

| Building Control | | |
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| The management of Car Park facilities owned and operated by Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with partners to deliver projects to benefit towns and villages. | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN | |
| | Promote the revitalisation of our city, towns, villages and rural communities | |
| Action | | Timescale |
| Deliver the park & share - car park facility at the Bann Road site in Castlewellan in partnership with DfI Roads Service. | | Q3 |
| Progress work on the introduction of parking charges at selected sites | | Q1 - 4 |
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| A statutory duty to apply the Building Regulations and licencing obligations of Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the processing times of BC applications. | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN | |
| | Provide accessible, high quality and integrated services through continuous improvement | |
| Action | | Timescale |
| Continue to work with agents and applicants to deliver a high level of customer service and improve response times for processing Building Control applications. | | Q1- 4 |
| Continue to promote the Building Control online application process and improve the percentage of online applications. | | Q1- 4 |
| Complete the digitisation of building control paper records. | | Q3 |
| A statutory duty to apply the Building Regulations and licencing obligations of Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with partners to support the economic recovery of the District | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN | |
| | Promote the revitalisation of our city, towns, villages and rural communities | |
| Action | | Timescale |
| Work with business owners to increase the viability of securing Pavement café Licenses throughout the District. | | Q1 - 4 |
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| Planning | | |
| Provide a robust, efficient and responsive development management service within the Council Planning Department | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN | |
| | Promote the revitalisation of our city, towns, villages and rural communities | |
| Action | | Timescale |
| Deliver against statutory targets for major planning applications and local planning applications through a programme of performance improvement measures. | | Q 1-4 |

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| Work with applicants and agents to deliver an efficient service that contributes to the Council's Regeneration and Tourism strategies across the District. | Q 1-4 |
| Work with Council Capital Projects Team and Officers to ensure the planning department contributes positively to the delivery of the Council's capital programme across the District. | Q 1-4 |
| Provide a robust and responsive service to Applicants, Agents, elected members and respond to complaints in accordance with council complaints procedure. | Q 1-4 |
| Develop further design and planning guidance for applicants and agents | Q3 |
| Review and implement improvements to Neighbour Notifications | Q3 |
| Progress the preparation and delivery of the Local Development Plan (LDP) in accordance with the agreed timeframe to direct future land use across the district. | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN Promote the revitalisation of our city, towns, villages and rural communities |
| Action | Timescale |
| Prepare a series of Planning Policy Review papers, evidence-based study reports and technical supplements to inform and support the draft Plan Strategy. Reports to be presented to Planning Committee for consideration and approval. | Q1-3 |
| Provide Quarterly updates on progress in the preparation of the LDP to Planning Committee. | Q1-4 |
| Monitor progress in the preparation of the LDP against the LDP Timetable. | Q1-4 |
| Progress preparation of draft Plan Strategy for Council approval and publication. | Q3-4 |
| Provide a robust, efficient and effective planning enforcement function within the Council planning department to address breaches of planning control. | ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PLAN Enhance, protect and promote our environment |
| Action | Timescale |
| Meet statutory targets for bringing enforcement cases to conclusion through a programme of performance improvement measures. | Q 1-4 |
| Ongoing review and implement the Council's Planning Enforcement Strategy. | Q 1-4 |
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6.0 Performance

6.1 The following performance measures will be monitored during 2021-22:

Measures of Success

Economic Development (statutory):

- Number of jobs promoted through business start-up activity (statutory)
- Number of jobs created and businesses supported through Council programmes
- Amount of investment secured by the Council
- Number of urban and rural regeneration initiatives delivered

Tourism, Culture and Events:

- Visitor spend (£)
- Volume of overnight stays in the district
- Visitor satisfaction
- Investment into tourism capital projects (£)

Building Control:

- Deliver the P&S facility in Castlewellan.
- Increase the percentage time for processing Domestic BC applications within 21 days to 80%
- Increase the percentage time for processing Commercial BC applications within 35 days to 80%
- Increase the percentage time for processing all application returns within 14 days to 85%
- Increase the percentage online BC applications from 22% to 50% in 2020/2021.
- Increase the number of Pavement Café Licences issued in 2021 from 11 in 2020

Planning:

- Average processing time for local planning applications of 15 weeks.
- Average processing time for major planning applications of 30 weeks.
- 70% of planning enforcement cases are processed within 39 weeks.
- Reduce the number of planning applications in the system for more than 12 months to 150.
- Reduce the number of planning applications in the system for less than 12 months to 700.
- Reduce the number of enforcement cases in the system for more than 12 months to 450.

ERT Plans and Strategies

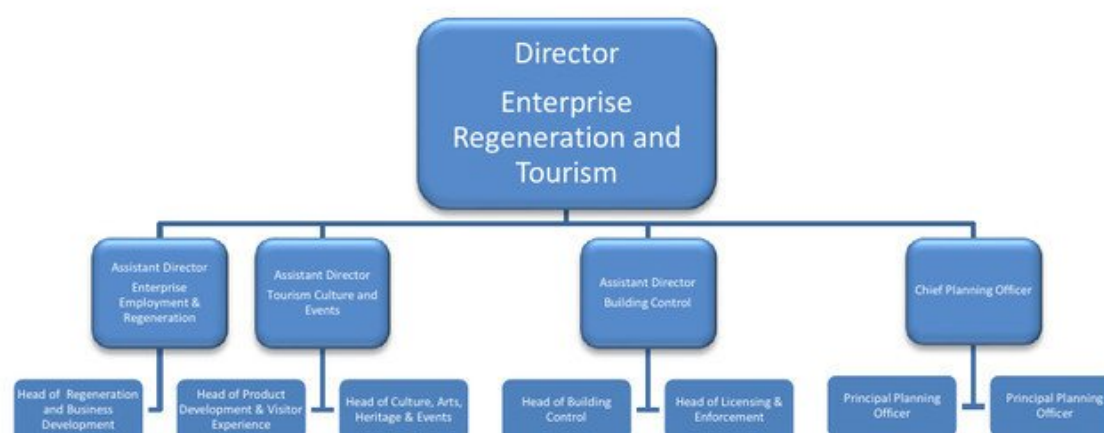
6.2 The ERT Directorate is responsible for leading the development, implementation and review of the following plans and strategies, which influence the work of the Office and Council:

- Economic, Regeneration and Investment Strategy
- Tourism Strategy
- Rural Development Strategy
- Arts and Culture Strategy
- Local Development Plan – Preferred Options Paper

7.0 Organisation and Directorate Structure

7.1 The ERT Directorate is one of five Departments, which together, comprise the Management structure of the Council. The ERT Structure is shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 Existing ERT Departmental Structure



8.0 Financial Information

| Net estimated expenditure Revenue (2021-22) | |
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| Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration | £1,417,755 |
| Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events | £4,572,634 |
| Building Control and Regulation | £395,147 |
| Planning | £1,016,400 |
| TOTAL: ERT Directorate | £7,401,936 |

9.0 Governance Arrangements

- 9.1 Reviewing performance and reporting progress to Elected Members and other key stakeholders facilitates transparency, accountability and improvement in everything the Council does. The political and organisational governance arrangements to develop, monitor and report the Council's progress in implementing the ERT Business Plan are outlined below, and are supplemented by regular reviews by the ERT Director and his team. The governance arrangements the Council has put in place to deliver continuous improvement are also subject an annual audit and assessment by the Northern Ireland Audit Office.

Figure 4: Governance Arrangements

Full Council

- Ratification of ERT Business Plan
- Ratification of annual and biannual reviews of ERT Business Plan

Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee / Audit Committee

- Scrutiny and challenge around the Duty of Improvement
- Provide assurance that performance management arrangements are robust and effective

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee

- Consideration, scrutiny and approval of ERT Business Plan
- Consideration, scrutiny and approval of the annual and biannual reviews of ERT Business Plan

Senior Management Team

- Development, consideration and approval of ERT Business Plan
- Development, consideration and approval of the annual and biannual reviews of ERT Business Plan

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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | Council's involvement and support in: 1) Rebel Business School – Rebel OnDemand Virtual Platform 2) 4C UR Future event in 2022 |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development |

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

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the below recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to support a 6-month free pilot programme with the Rebel Business School – Rebel OnDemand Virtual Platform providing support to businesses who are at the pre-start, start -up and early start up stage. • Council to enter into a collaboration agreement with 4C UR future for delivery of a 4C UR Future <i>Live</i> event in Council area in spring 2022. Approx. cost for support of event will be £3,000 <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Officers are proposing the Council's involvement and support in 2 pilot / short term business and skills related events:</p> <p><u>Rebel Business School</u> Council has been approached by the Rebel Business School to consider implementing a 6 month pilot scheme, free of charge, aimed at helping to assist those who are thinking about starting a business. The Business School aim is to support pre-starts, start-ups and those that have started but are struggling. The Rebel OnDemand service is a 24/7 business support platform, made up of specially created video, written and audio content aiming to support anyone thinking about starting a business, need help to grow and those who aren't even aware it's an opportunity for them.</p> <p><u>4C UR Future</u> 4C UR Future collaborates with key employers, companies, and the main sector groups within the Northern Ireland economy to inform young people about the skillsets that are desirable both now, and in the future. 4C UR Future <i>Live</i> is a series</p> |

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| | of regional events to be held in 2022 around Northern Ireland to enable as many 13-year-olds as possible gain insights into their future career opportunities, <i>before</i> they make their GCSE choices. |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p><u>Rebel Business School</u></p> <p>Most business support is only available between 9am and 5pm. This captures many start-ups, however, it is realised that there is a huge demographic that could be missing. 9am-5pm doesn't work for everyone, e.g. carers, lone-parents, under 25s, insomniacs, employed individuals looking to build side hustles and anyone who works best in the evening / early morning.</p> <p>Rebel OnDemand virtual platform can help plug the gap in supporting pre-starts, pre-pre-starts, those with lots of ideas, those lacking confidence and even those who haven't thought about self-employment yet. The Rebel business support service helps users figure out their next steps, no matter their starting point or background.</p> <p>The business support methods can help any budding entrepreneur but it particularly attractive to creatives, artists, crafters, foodies and many others. The focus is to help pre-start to get the ball rolling with their ideas and better prepares them for what is next.</p> <p>This platform consists of 10 videos, 2 podcast seasons and countless written articles covering the fundamentals of starting.</p> <p>For Council, the benefits of a new pre-start audience could be considerable. The virtual platform is an alternative approach and perspective to business start-up. In addition, there is no eligibility criteria – it is open to all. The platform could also be a useful referral tool for participants onto the Councils' flagship business start programme – Go for It and act an entry point to other relevant business supports.</p> <p>It is planned to launch Rebel OnDemand on the week commencing 28th June 2021 across all local Councils in Northern Ireland for 6 months to end in January 2022.</p> <p>The 6-month pilot programme is free, which will provide the service until end of January 2022. If Council wished to engage in the service thereafter, there would be a cost implication of approx. £6,500. However, this decision will not be made until a report on the pilot is considered at a future ERT meeting. Council's involvement in the pilot does not commit Council to engaging any future paid contract.</p> <p><u>4C UR Future</u></p> <p>4C UR Future <i>Live</i> events follow-on from a hugely successful pilot held in 2019, which saw almost 1,200 young people from eight local schools gather at Ulster University, Jordanstown, for a day of sector-related skills games and challenges. The pilot was supported by over 120 volunteers from 30 cross-sectoral companies and</p> |

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| | <p>aimed to highlight young peoples' natural attributes and talents, and their potential future career choices.</p> <p>At these events, young people take part in a range of interactive games and work-based skills challenges that are specifically designed to draw out and identify their key strengths, all with a view to helping them make better-informed subject choices and career planning.</p> <p>The 4C UR Future <i>Live</i> events aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspire, inform, and enable young people to make the most of their opportunities. • Enhance equality of opportunity by ensuring all young people are aware of subjects and career paths that provide options that work for them. • Boost confidence and awareness in young people in relation to their capabilities. • Help businesses share their existing and potential opportunities with young people at an early and pivotal age. <p>Request for Council to support the event through a collaboration with 4C UR Future in the provision of a local live event. The ask from Council is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of the event venue (providing of a suitable venue) • Cover event set up costs via a financial contribution to event organiser (tables / chairs/ equipment / Audio / visual and actual set up will be procured on a regional basis to cover all live events) • Provision of lunches for staff and volunteers (approx. 150 nr) • Supporting event organisers to engage with schools • Supporting event organiser to promote event |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to support a 6-month free pilot programme with the Rebel Business School – Rebel OnDemand Virtual Platform providing support to businesses who are at the pre-start, start -up and early start up stage. • Council to enter into a collaboration agreement with 4C UR future for delivery of a 4C UR Future <i>Live</i> event in Council area in spring 2022. Approx. cost for support of event will be £3,000 |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | <p><u>Rebel Business School</u></p> <p>There are no resource implications to participating in the pilot programme. Upon completion of the pilot programme in January 2022, Council will review the impact and see how the support could be developed in the future giving consideration on the financial impact on Council then.</p> <p><u>4C UR Future <i>Live</i> event</u></p> <p>Approx. cost for support of event will be £3,000</p> |

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

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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: | 14 June 2021 |
| Subject: | E-Charge |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly (Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration) |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Kevin McGarry (Rural Development Programme Manager) |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> In order to progress the pilot approach of the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) from the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), an element of technical expertise is required in advance of submitting an application for capital funding.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Electric vehicles (EVs) are most conveniently and economically charged at home, but off-street parking, and therefore a home chargepoint is not available to everyone. To improve local charging infrastructure, the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) have created the 'On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme' (ORCS), providing grant funding for local authorities across the UK to install on-street chargepoints. The funding available is for 75% of the capital costs (up to £100K) of procuring and installing a chargepoint. The remaining 25% must be secured via sources other than OLEV funding. There is no resource funding available for project development.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | As the funding on offer is for capital infrastructure only, consultancy advice on the technical feasibility of installing technology is required to be procured (up to a maximum of £5K). |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | To approve the request to procure consultancy services to investigate the feasibility of identified sites in order to work towards the submission of a full application to OLEV. |

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| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | £5k from existing ERT budgets. |
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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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| 6.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) |
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| 7.0 | Appendices |
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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | ERDF Digital Transformation Programme update |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan Mc Gilly – Assistant Director EER |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Patricia McPolin – Business Intelligence Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recommend the signing of the collaborative agreement with all 11 Councils subject to review and commentary from Council's legal team. To recommend the budget allocation of £35,000 in total for the duration of the programme, with £17,500 allocated in 2021/22 and £17,500 allocated in 2022/23 <p>Background:</p> <p>The Digital Transformation Programme is a regional programme in collaboration with the 11 Councils which will support businesses throughout NI to enhance their productivity and digital capabilities. The lead Council, Antrim and Newtownabbey District Council have on behalf on the NI Council, accepted the programme Letter of Offer. ERDF & Invest Northern Ireland has allocated over £866,520 of grant aid, with councils contributing £342,204 collectively in match funding. This will result in a total contribution per council of £31,109.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>The Digital Transformation Programme has 3 broad themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To drive 'digital inclination' amongst the target market aligned to an innovation roadmap (for each core SME/micro-business); 2. To 'demystify' various advanced digital technologies /tools through high quality ideation support, exposure to and sharing of good practice, and active experimentation; and 3. To put in place a digital acceleration plan and to route participating businesses onto more intensive supports in the 'digital innovation ecosystem' (e.g. via Digital Catapult, impending digital offers in various City/Growth Deals, Invest NI supports etc). |

Programme targets are as follows

- Deliver Digital Transformation Programme one-to-many events that will engage at least 1,040 businesses by 31 March 2023
- Deliver initial diagnostic reports for at least 198 businesses selected for one-to-one mentoring by 31 March 2023 to include use of digital and innovation diagnostic tools and preparation of an innovation roadmap
- Deliver a minimum of 1,188 days of one-to-one Digital Transformation Programme mentoring to at least 198 participating businesses by 31 March 2023 with a maximum of 6 days one-to-one mentoring per business
- Deliver a final Digital Transformation Programme report for at least 198 businesses selected for one-to-one mentoring by 31 March 2023 to include a Digital Acceleration Plan that describes the next steps for their digital journey
- To use all reasonable endeavours to help create at least 185 new jobs as a result of support provided by the Digital Transformation Programme by 30 June 2023.
- To use all reasonable endeavours to help sustain at least 350 existing jobs as a result of support provided by the Digital Transformation Programme by 30 June 2023.
- To use all reasonable endeavours to refer at least 20 Digital Transformation Programme businesses to Invest NI as Quality Business Referrals

The programme will be rolled out in Summer 2021 across NI, to enable business transformation and to incorporate digital technology into their operations. 198 core participants will be selected for intensive support, identified as those with the highest potential for digital transformation.

Programme delivery will encompass a mix of

- 26 half day workshops on the fundamentals of Digital Transformation,
- 30 masterclasses,

For the 198 core businesses, to also deliver

- Specialist Mentoring Support of up to 6 days per core participant (198),
- 25 cluster networking events
- Innovation Road Map for each business
- Digital Acceleration Plan for each business

Targets for the core participants are equally split as 18 businesses per Council

One to one mentoring will assist with the production of a personalised Digital Acceleration Plan to signpost core participants onto more intensive supports in the

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| | <p>'digital innovation ecosystem'. This will include the next steps to further implement their plan including introductory meetings to ensure a seamless transition.</p> <p>The programme is open to operating SMEs with less than 50 employees across all sectors, however will particularly target tourism, hospitality and retail businesses which have been severally impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recommend the signing of the collaborative agreement with all 11 Councils subject to review and commentary from Council's legal team. To recommend the budget allocation of £35,000 in total for the duration of the programme, with £17,500 allocated in 2021/22 and £17,500 allocated in 2022/23 |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget allocation of £35,000 in total for the duration of the programme (includes £31,109 towards delivery and £4,000 towards governance and administration) 17,500 allocated in 2021/22 and £17,500 allocated in 2022/23. Budget available within the 2021/22 approved revenue budgets. Officer time and resources <p>(Indicative costs to Newry, Mourne and Down District Council were previously approved at £25,000 over 2 financial years which was based on application costs and not approved LoO costing)</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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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade Greater Newry Area Business Awards |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Martin Patterson, Regeneration and Business Support Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade has written to the Council to request support by being the main sponsor for the Greater Newry Area Business Awards 2021 to be held on Thursday 9th September 2021 in the Canal Court Hotel and Spa in Newry.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Council supported this event when last held in 2019 as main sponsor, which promoted business excellence across the District Council Area. Nearly 600 people attended the awards ceremony, with 27 awards presented to local businesses.</p> <p>This biennial event recognises and rewards business excellence across the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Area. By building on the success of 2019 when 232 entries were received, the Chamber have ensured that the 2021 Business Awards will be equally successful and have provisions in place to hold the event virtually if required subject to public health guidelines.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade have requested the Council is main sponsor for the event and as part of the sponsorship the Council will also be the sponsor of and present the award for the 'Best Tourism & Hospitality Business' category. The promotion and recognition of tourism and hospitality fits with the Council's objectives to grow the tourism offering in Newry, Mourne & Down.</p> <p>As main sponsor the Council will benefit from the following activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council logo and profile included in the awards information and application literature sent to all businesses. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prominent branding on all PR material surrounding the Awards. • Council logo and profile given prominence on the Awards Website, Chamber Social Media Platforms with over 13,000 followers. • Logo on Winners Framed Certificates and Runners Up Framed Certificates. • Listed in all press and media coverage surrounding the awards. Press coverage will include supporting quotations and photograph opportunities for Council Chair. • Opportunity for the Council Chair invited to participate in the Awards Launch and the Awards Ceremony. • Access to tables to display promotional material, branded pop-up stands and corporate merchandise within the Millers Suite, Canal Court Hotel & Spa and/or company promotional video. • Acknowledgement of your principal sponsorship in all pre and post event press releases. • A Complimentary Table for 8 to the Gala Awards Ceremony valued at £480 + VAT. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | Newry, Mourne and Down District Council to support the Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade by being the main sponsor of the event to be held on Thursday 9 th September 2021. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | Total cost is £5,000 |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
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| 7.0 | Appendices |
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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | Labour Market Partnership - Update |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director of Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To update members on the progress in regard to the Newry Mourne and Down District Labour Market Partnership (LMP) and the emerging priorities to be considered as part of the action plan for 2021 /2022. Members are asked to approve the following recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of a strategic assessment and action plan to DfC, for the establishment of a local Labour Market Partnership • Acceptance of a Letter of Offer from DfC for the implementation of a local Labour Market Partnership • Approval for business cases for LMP activity and proceeding to procurement of the required delivery agents (including where relevant the establishment of SLAs), which will enable implementation of LMP activity • Establishment of administration resource for LMP activity (working with Council HR section) • To note, for 2021/2022 delivery NMDDC are able to apply for a budget from DfC of up to £669,209.96, inclusive of programme delivery costs and 20% allocation to administration / resourcing. <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Employability NI is the new approach to helping unemployed individuals to get back into work. It is led by DfC but it is intended to be a cross governmental approach to co-designing a sustainable future strategic employment offer, providing a tailored level of support proportionate to need. The governance of Employability NI includes the establishment of Labour Market Partnerships (LMPs), one in each District Council area.</p> |

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| | Members previously approved that Council participates as a key stakeholder in the planning and development of a local Labour Market Partnership and that Officers work with the Department for Communities (DfC) on the implementation of an interim Labour Market Partnership for the District. Council have established a local Labour Market Partnership through the employment and skills working group which was established in October 2020. |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>The aim of the local Labour Market Partnership is deliver initiatives that assist those identified as unemployed / economically inactive into employment or closer to employment.</p> <p>Council will provide the administrative support and governance for the local LMP.</p> <p>The immediate next steps are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The completion of a strategic assessment: this is to provide the intelligence to underpin decision making and inform priorities for the above action plan. This assessment will look at needs in the labour market and undertake an analysis of skills shortages, mismatch, opportunities and long term structural challenges of getting people out to work. • the development of a local action plan: initially this interim action plan will be to March 2022 but, following this, the Department will welcome three year strategic Action Plans. This Action Plan will be locally focused and aligned to key strategic objectives identified in the strategic assessment and other strategic documents i.e. Council strategy, Programme for Government, Community Plan and LMP member organisations corporate plans. • The establishment of an Outcomes Based Accountability baseline: The LMP will then utilise the strategic assessment to agree an Outcomes Based Accountability baseline for improving the labour market conditions • The action plan will be costed with proposed delivery timeframes • The deadline for the completion of the above is August 2021, when Council are to submit the strategic assessment and action plan to DfC for assessment. If approved, council will receive a Letter of Offer in September 2021 for delivery against the Action Plan, up until March 2022. • Council are able to access 20% of the programme funding for establishing a LMP resource. This will follow Council internal recruitment procedures for establishing an additional project management resource that will focus on the delivery of the LMP pilot action plan (up to March 2022) and undertaking the required engagement, research and agreement for the establishment of a longer-term Action Plan from April 2022 onwards. Future Action Plans will be submitted to DfC for funding both activity and resources. All LMP activity (including resources) will be 100% financed by DfC. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 2021/2022 delivery NMDDC are able to apply for a budget from DfC of up to £669,209.96, inclusive of programme delivery costs and 20% allocation to administration / resourcing, as outlined above. The final budget to Council will be confirmed in a Letter of Offer subject to assessment of the LMP Action Plan to be submitted in August 2021. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <p>It is recommended to approve the following next steps for the establishment of an LMP Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of a strategic assessment and action plan to DfC, for the establishment of a local Labour Market Partnership Acceptance of a Letter of Offer from DfC for the implementation of a local Labour Market Partnership Approval for business cases for LMP activity and proceeding to procurement of the required delivery agents (including where relevant the establishment of SLAs), which will enable implementation of LMP activity Establishment of an LMP resource following Council HR policies and procedures. To note, for 2021/2022 delivery NMDDC are able to apply for a budget from DfC of up to £669,209.96, inclusive of programme delivery costs and 20% allocation to administration / resourcing. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | All LMP resource costs and programme costs will be 100% funded through the DfC Labour Market Partnership budget. |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
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| Report to: | Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | AONB and Geopark – Lúnasa Festival 2021 |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration. |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Darren Rice AONB and Geopark Manager |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note that NMDDC through the AONB Partnerships, the Lúnasa Festival Working Group have delivered an annual festival since 2015 (with the exception of 2020 due to Covid). To approve the establishment of an SLA with the Lúnasa Festival Working Group, with the working group Chairperson nominated as lead on behalf of the working group, for the period May 2021 – Oct 2021 for the total of a maximum of £25,000. Budget has been profiled from within existing Tourism budgets (£20,000), and Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Legacy Fund (£5,000). To note that the delivery of the 2021 Lúnasa Festival will be subject to favourable covid-19 easing of restrictions. The event organisers must comply with all current H&S guidance at time of event delivery. <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>A service level agreement is needed to deliver the festival in 2021. The Lúnasa Festival Working Group will oversee delivery, with the working group Chairperson nominated as lead on behalf of the working group, due to previous experience in the development and delivery of the annual festival since its inception. The Chairperson will work with the working group in the Festival delivery and report fully against delivery, timescales, and cost.</p> <p>This report summaries the annual festival, outcomes and the SLA required for delivery.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <u>The Lúnasa Festival</u> |

The annual Lúnasa Festival is an authentic and immersive experience. The Working Group focus on quality in a sustainable and regenerative setting. The 2021 festival will bring people together from all over Ireland and the UK, in a year like no other where staycations are set to dominate the tourism landscape, to experience the rich tapestry of heritage that NMDDC has to offer.

Visitors to the festival will have the opportunity to authentically engage in small groups with the experiences on offer, such as;

- Feeding your Senses - the perfect sensory slow experience where you will feel restored, re-connected and re-energised
- Immersive Celtic Woodturning - learn all about the art of woodturning, a traditional method of turning locally sourced trees into beautiful, functional pieces of art.
- The Songs of Oriel – an impressive retreat in the woodlands of Bluebell Lane to hear the beautiful and haunting songs from a time past – and learn a verse of two too.
- A Cultural dive back into the history of farming in the Ring of Gullion with a guided hike through traditional farmland, and a chance to make your own butter.
- Life as an Iron-Age Warrior – a chance to catch up with CúChulainn's friend 'Pat', and learn some iron-age warrior skills from the warrior that was so good, he had to stay behind
- A series of Lúnasa Lectures focusing on our townlands memories, the areas unique geology, our very own 'Dragons in the Hills'

This is a sample of what will be delivered during the festival. The festival has been developed as a partnership known as the Lúnasa Festival Working Group, with expertise from tourism, event planning, cultural heritage, music, farming, tour guiding and much more.

The outcomes

- Increased visitor spend in NMDDC
- Increased awareness of NMDDC as a tourism and events destination
- NMDDC delivering for sustainable tourism and regenerative tourism
- Supporting the local heritage sector
- Increased connectedness in the festival area

Service Level Agreements

The Lúnasa Festival Working Group will oversee delivery, with the working group Chairperson nominated as lead on behalf of the working group, due to previous experience in the development and delivery of the annual festival since its inception. The Working group will be supported by the Ring of Gullion Landscape partnership, as well as the AONB and Geopark Officer and Manager. The Chairperson will work with the working group in the Festival delivery and report fully against delivery, timescales, and cost, and be responsible for all risk assessments and submission of same to Council. Events will be structured to be in line with restrictions, and events will be outside to limit any unnecessary risk.

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| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note that NMDDC through the AONB Partnerships, the Lúnasa Festival Working Group have delivered an annual festival since 2015 (with the exception of 2020 due to Covid). 2. To approve the establishment of an SLA with the Lúnasa Festival Working Group, with the working group Chairperson nominated as lead on behalf of the working group, for the period May 2021 – Oct 2021 for the total of a maximum of £25,000. Budget has been profiled from within existing Tourism budgets (£20,000), and Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Legacy Fund (£5,000). 3. The delivery of the 2021 Lúnasa Festival will be subject to favourable covid-19 easing of restrictions. The event organisers must comply with all current H&S guidance at time of event delivery. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | £25,000 which is included in current budgets - Budget has been profiled from within existing Tourism budgets (£20,000), and Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Legacy Fund (£5,000). |
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| 7.0 | <p>Appendices</p> |
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| 8.0 | <p>Background Documents</p> |
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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme – Task and Finish Steering Group meeting held on 04/06/2021 |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration. |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Seamus Crossey – Project Manager |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> To seek approval for the recommendations as set out in Section 3 of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> As discussed previously at the ERT committee, a Task and Finish Group made up of Crotlieve Councillors and Trader Reps has been assembled to take forward the proposed Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme.</p> <p>With Consultants AECOM appointed in 2020, they were commissioned to look at the overall extend of a potential scheme to see what could be proposed and was possible within the various sections running from Dock Street to Coles Corner, along the Front Shore.</p> <p>Following acceptance of the original Concept Design proposals, the scheme proceeded to a Public & Business Perception Survey following by a Public Consultation Process on the scheme in early 2021.</p> <p>The Meeting on the 6th June 2021, was an opportunity for the Task and Finish Steering Group to see first sight of the proposals, post consultation and to give their feedback, prior to moving forward with the next stage of the scheme.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>The presentation to the Task and Finish Committee highlighted the details that have been obtained from discussions with DFI, various Utilities and the Public Consultation Process.</p> <p>The Project Board went through the Public Consultation report, examining comments in the context of the design. Key aspects such as Bins, Seating, Planting, Lighting, Railings, Pathway Materials and Pedestrian Accessibility were all raised as needing attention.</p> |

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| | <p>Other issues raised in the Public Consultation Report, but outside the reach of the scheme were also discussed in regards, dereliction, baths, marina, traffic management and car parking and these will be forwarded to the relevant Council Sections and other agencies dealing directly with them.</p> <p>It was also acknowledged that an Interpretation Plan reflective of past and present Front Shore issues when completed, needs to be brought back to the committee for comment.</p> <p>In order to move forward with the project, it is now important to proceed with the submission of a Planning Application, followed by consideration of an Economic Appraisal by both Council and DFC, in order to secure a funding package so that a scheme could then move forward in late 2021 to the appointment of a contractor, with a view to site works starting in early 2022.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| | Accept the recommendations from Task & Finish Steering Group to |
| 3.1 | Agree the Public Realm Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with inclusion of the suggested adjustments / amendments following consideration of the Public Consultation Report. |
| 3.2 | Proceed to submission of a Planning Application for the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme and shared with the Task & Finish Steering Group and wider public when available. |
| 3.3 | Complete an Economic Appraisal seeking Council match funding for consideration at a future Council meeting, in advance of formal submission to the Department For Communities. |
| 3.4 | Progress discussions with Warrenpoint Harbour Authority in regards future works to the Breakwater. |
| 3.5 | Extend AECOM appointment and develop & approve a Business Case to enable Breakwater design works RIBA Stages 1-3, at a projected cost up-to £20,000, from the Councils own existing Capital Budget, to be undertaken to allow a separate DFC Economic Appraisal to be completed and Planning Application submitted. |
| 3.6 | Proceed to procurement and appointment of Interpretation Plan consultants within the available budget of £15,000, with design costs to be covered from the Councils own existing Capital Budget, with the agreed Interpretation elements to be delivered via the DFC funding subject to Economic Appraisal approval. |
| 3.7 | DFI to advise when the local community will be informed of the next steps following the completed One Way System study for Warrenpoint. |

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| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | <p>Council have an available Capital Budget in 2020/21 (50k) and 2021/22 (130k) to cover ongoing costs of RIBA stages 1-3 of the project. In the next few weeks, an Economic Appraisal will be completed and submitted for main scheme funding from DFC and Council. A separate report on this will be taken back to Council when ready.</p> <p>The anticipated costs of item 3.5 Breakwater Design (£20,000) and item 3.6 Interpretation Plan (£15,000) will be covered within the Councils existing Capital Programme figures as outlined above.</p> |
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| 7.0 | Appendices |
| | Report of the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme Task and Finish Steering Group meeting held on 4 th June 2021. |
| 8.0 | Background Documents |
| | N/A |

Title of Working Group/Forum: Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme - Task and Finish Steering GroupDate/time/venue: Friday 4th June 2021 at 2pm via Microsoft TeamsCllrs present: Cllr M Gibbons, Cllr D McAteer, Cllr K McKeivitt, Cllr M Ruane,Other Attending: Ms B Murphy (DFC), Mr R Preston (Consultants), Mr M Kelly (WBR Chamber)Chaired by: Cllr D McAteer Officers present: Mr J McGilly, S CrosseyApologies for non-attendance: None

| Agenda Item Number | Subject | Agreed way forward (if matter requires Committee/Council approval, a separate Report should be compiled and submitted to Committee) | Lead Officer | Actions taken/Progress to date | Remove from Action Sheet Y/N |
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| 1 | Scheme Background | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S Crossey outlined that since the last meeting in late 2020, much had happened, with the project carrying out a public perception followed by a public consultation process. - He added that this meeting was very much about presenting the Design for consideration by the Task and Finish Committee, considering the Public Consultation/Statutory sector views having been received. | S Crossey | | N |
| 2 | Presentation by AECOM of the Warrenpoint Front Shore post-consultation Design Proposals | The presentation to the Task and Finish Committee highlighted the details that have been obtained from discussions with DFI, various Utilities and the Public Consultation Process. | S Crossey | 1.)_Accept the Public Realm Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with inclusion of the suggested adjustments / amendments following consideration of the Public | N |

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| | | <p>Consultants took the Project Board through the Public Consultation report, examining comments in the context of the design. Key aspects such as Bins, Seating, Planting, Lighting, Railings, Pathway Materials and Pedestrian Accessibility were all raised as needing attention.</p> <p>Other issues raised in the Public Consultation Report, but outside the reach of the scheme were also discussed in regards, dereliction, baths, marina, traffic management and car parking.</p> | | <p>Consultation Report</p> <p>2.)_Proceed to submission of a Planning Application for the Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Scheme.</p> <p>3.)_When complete an Economic Appraisal seeking Council match funding to be considered at a future Council meeting, in advance of formal submission to the Department For Communities.</p> <p>4.)_Submitted planning application detail to be shared with the Task & Finish Steering Group and wider public when available.</p> | |
| 3 | Key Discussion Items; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WBR Chamber welcoming of the proposed scheme. - Future proofing of the site for both utility services and uses is essential - DFI now needs to provide an update to local people as to what is the next stage in regards the proposed one-way system following the completed study. - 3 new proposed crossing points are welcome, but important that the disability Access Groups comment on the design prior to submission of the planning application, particularly on the need to maximise dropped kerbs. - The temporary/flexi/removal beach mat between the 2 access points, | S Crossey | <p>5.)_Approve discussions to proceed with Warrenpoint Harbour Authority in regards future works to the Breakwater being considered as a stand-alone project/application.</p> <p>6.)_Extend AECOM appointment and amend Business Case to enable Breakwater Design works to be carried out.</p> <p>7.)_Proceed to procurement for the appointment of Interpretation Plan Consultants.</p> | N |

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| | | <p>needs to be further investigated, so that it brings benefits and not obstruction to beach users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An Interpretation Plan reflective of past and present Front Shore issues when completed, needs to be brought back to the committee for comment - While due to budget and larger infrastructure requirements, from Slieve Foy Place to Coles Corner the scheme would be more limited in what it could do, however it will try and address the adjoining seated area and its pathway - Under the scheme got to ensure that access and management to the marine slipway area is looked at - Under the scheme it is not planned to remove any spaces in the front shore car-park, while key services will be provided in the central green space between them | | | |
| 4 | AOB | | S Crossey | 8.)_DFI to be asked when the local community will be informed of the next steps following the completed One Way System study for Warrenpoint. | N |

Signed: ____Seamus Crossey (Project Manager - Lead Officer)

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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | June 2021 |
| Subject: | Annalong Harbour – SEA FLAG funded elements (Harbour NE and NW Quays Repointing Works / Slipway & Boat Car Park Repairs) |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Andrew Patterson – Assistant Director of ERT |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Michelle Boyle – Head of Tourism |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> To seek approval for the recommendations as set out in Section 3.1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to note approval of funding from the Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) of the North West & North East Quay Restoration and Slipway/Boat Car Park Wall Works and the requirement to provide 20% match funding from its Harbour Repair and Harbour EI Capital Budgets. 2. Council to now accept FLAG Letter of Offer and approve the relevant Business Cases before proceeding to appoint its Framework Contractor to carry out the North West & North East Quay Works and Slipway/Boat Car Park Wall repair. <p><u>Background</u> As discussed previously at the ERT committee, separate to the North Pier ongoing works, Council have an approved project at Annalong Harbour with funding from SEAFLAG and match funding of £19,123 agreed by Council. Additional funding is available from SEAFLAG to facilitate additional works including to the top of slipway, boat carpark wall repairs and repointing repairs to the NW and NE Quays. The additional match funding required from the Council is £16,117 which is available within the capital programme.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | With Letters of Offer now received from FLAG, Council to accept for the submitted elements and provide the required 20% match funding from its existing Capital budgets for the other Harbour based NW and NE Quay Walls Repairs and Slipway & Car Park Wall projects. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to note approval of funding from the Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) of the North West & North East Quay Restoration and Slipway/Boat |

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| | <p>Car Park Wall Works and the requirement to provide 20% match funding of £16,117 from its Harbour Repair and Harbour EI Capital Budgets.</p> <p>2. Council to now accept FLAG Letter of Offer and approve the relevant Business Cases before proceeding to appoint its Framework Contractor to carry out the North West & North East Quay Works and Slipway/Boat Car Park Wall repair.</p> |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | Council to provide a 20% FLAG match funding contribution of £16,117 to support the North East & North West Quay Restoration and Slipway/Car Park works from Councils existing Harbour repair and EI Capital Budgets. |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
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| 7.0 | Appendices |
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| 8.0 | Background Documents |
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| Report to: | Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 June 2021 |
| Subject: | Financial Assistance for Tourism & Arts Events |
| Reporting Officer | Andrew Patterson Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events |
| Contact Officer | 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 of the recommendations set out in section 3.1 to open a Financial Assistance funding call to support Tourism and Arts Festivals and Events that are being planned later in 2021.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Tourism events have been restricted during the Covid pandemic, with a large number of summer events having been postponed to later in the year or cancelled completely. In line with restrictions easing, a number of event organisers have approached Council seeking financial support to host events in the second half of 2021.</p> | | |
| 2.0 | Key issues | | |
| 2.1 | <p>The arts and events industry has been severely impacted due to the Covid pandemic with many annual events and festivals having to cancel their scheduled dates for the second year in succession. As restrictions ease a number of event organisers have approached Council seeking support for their plans to host festivals in the second half of 2021.</p> <p>Tourism and arts events will play a crucial role in rebuilding the local tourism economy and attracting positive promotion of the district as we emerge from the wider impact of the pandemic. As restrictions ease event organisers will be required to strictly adhere to the latest Covid regulations, and to ensure the safety of staff, participants, and visitors to events.</p> <p>In order to support the rebuilding of the local tourism and arts events industry it is recommended that Council open a financial assistance call aimed at the organisers who plan to deliver tourism and arts festivals and events from September 2021 through to March 2022.</p> <p>All applicants will need to demonstrate adherence to Covid regulations via the submission of detailed event management plans, risk assessments and public</p> | | |

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| | <p>liability insurance, etc. Applicants will be excepted to work with statutory agencies and Council officers in the safe delivery of their events.</p> <p>The amount available to applicants will be up to 75% of project costs, with a maximum grant award of £15,000 per applicant.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <p>Council to open a Financial Assistance funding call to support Tourism and Arts Festivals and Events that are being planned for delivery from September 2021 to March 2022, with all applicants required to demonstrate strict adherence to Covid regulations via the submission of detailed event management plans, risk assessments and public liability insurance, etc.</p> |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | <p>Total budget of £150,000 has been profiled for financial assistance of Tourism and Arts Events within current ERT departmental budgets. Total grant award will be subject to appraisal process.</p> |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
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| 5.3 | <p>Proposal initiating consultation N/a</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> |
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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | Annalong Harbour - North Pier Wall Restoration (Update noting impacts/consequences of February 2021 Storm Damage) |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Andrew Patterson – Assistant Director of ERT |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Michelle Boyle – Head of Tourism |

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| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> To seek approval for the recommendations as set out in Section 3.1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council note the update and change to the commencement of the Annalong Harbour North Pier repair works and at a future Council meeting, consider an amended Business Case outlining the change to the delivery programme and Consultant/Contract cost implications, as a direct result of storm damage in February 2021, once additional costs are fully detailed. <p><u>Background</u> As discussed previously at the ERT committee, the Annalong Harbour North Pier Wall had suffered greatly from repeated storm damage over many years and as a result a real risk was highlighted in regards the potential for the wall collapsing into the sea. Having secured capital funding in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, this enabled the Council's framework civil engineering contractor to remove the top layers of coping stones for safe storage, until relevant investigations and approvals were in place to allow repairs to be undertaken and for the copings to be reinstated.</p> <p>During 2020, Council's appointed consultant secured the relevant Marine Construction License, Listed Momentum Consent and Archaeologist Watching Brief Consent. With the above approvals in place, Council were able to commence site mobilisation in late February 2021.</p> <p>Works did commence in late February 2021 but following closer site examination of the structure it became apparent that significant damage had been caused to low level of the pier during storms of January and early February 2021. Works were immediately suspended to enable the consultant to inspect the damage and advise of the extent of additional repairs required, including how these works would be undertaken safely. This assessment took place during March and April 2021, resulting in a change to the methodology of undertaking the works and some of the</p> |

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| | <p>materials to be used. The consultant has been continually liaising with our framework contractor and all required statutory bodies to agree the extent of works and the associated phasing of repairs. The main changes to the work operations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe working platform, via a barge, is required to undertake the repairs to the low level of the pier; • Introduction of stainless steel reinforcement and dowel bars to the large voids at low level; • Introduction of a specialist concrete material for the voids at low level which eliminates the need for shuttering material; • Introduction of a specialist grouting material to fill potential voids within the pier (drilling through the deck of the harbour); and • Potential specialist fixings to enable dowel bars to be fitted to one large void, where the rock is currently shattering when applying these fixings (currently under investigation). <p>Prior to the contractor suspending works pending a review of the above design a decision was taken for all stonework from the bed of the harbour bed which had been dislodged from the pier walls during the recent storms. These have all been recovered and placed in storage for reinstatement.</p> <p>Once the redesign was significantly completed and all statutory approval in place, the contractor recommenced works in mid May 2021.</p> <p>The impact of the changes and additional works to be undertaken will require additional capital funding and an extension to the timescale to complete this project. The overall costs are currently being prepared by the contractor and once received will be reviewed by our consultant and our Estates Department.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>With the original (Pre Feb 2021) timebound approvals in place, it is important that the North Pier Harbour Wall restoration continues onsite works, to ensure that no further damage is done particularly to the lower foundation levels.</p> <p>Given the tidal and weather dependant nature of the work, the duration of the contract is likely to take several months. An element of the existing available capital budget has had to be used to secure the necessary approvals to allow works to be able to commence.</p> <p>Council had been working with both Contractor and Consultant during the early stages of the works, to establish what further tidal damage occurred in Feb 2021 and what impact this will have on both programme and costs. With the final outturn costs still to be fully confirmed (awaiting NIEA sign-off) Council will have to make an additional capital contribution to deliver the overall works for this scheme.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
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| | Consultant/Contract cost implications, as a direct result of storm damage in February 2021, once additional costs are fully detailed. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | There is a capital budget of £140,000 available in 20/21 and 21/22 to undertake the North Pier repair works. Council are now being asked to set aside additional monies to cover the costs of seeking approvals to allow the Contractor works to proceed. The overall costs are currently being prepared by the contractor and once received will be reviewed by Council Consultant and Estates Department, before been taken back to Council once fully detailed. |
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| 7.0 | Appendices |
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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 th June 2021 |
| Subject: | UK Community Renewal Fund |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Elaine McAlinden , Regeneration and Business Support Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>To agree that Council are supportive of a NI Colleges joint application to the UK Community Renewal Fund, including the implementation of the next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Officers will continue to work with Southern Regional College (SRC) and South Eastern Regional College (SERC) to develop a Digital Literacy Project. ▪ Council to be named as a partner in support of the Colleges joint application. ▪ If successful, Council to help the promote the programmes and skills interventions available to residents and businesses across the District. <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>The UK Community Renewal Fund will replace the EU Structural Funds and aims to nurture innovative thinking and offer flexibility, with projects aligning across one or several of the investment priorities: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in Skills • Investment for Local Business • Investment in Communities and Place • Supporting people into employment. <p>This programme of funding is an opportunity to pilot innovative initiatives in advance of a larger Shared Prosperity Fund, which is hoped to be launched in April 2022.</p> <p>In total, Northern Ireland received £11 million in funding. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate and to consider larger projects (£500,000+) to maximise the impact of the Fund and projects must be completed by the 31st March 2022.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |

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| 2.1 | <p>Utilising research developed through the Belfast Region City Deal (BCRD), the six NI Further and Education Colleges, which includes SRC and SERC, have come together to develop a proposal for a Digital Literacy project aimed at seeking to equip learners with the competencies (knowledge, skills and attitudes) in the use of digital technology needed to access learning opportunities, to pursue their chosen careers, develop their business and to contribute to society and the local economy as active and progressive citizens.</p> <p>It is hoped that by positioning the BCRD region to support skills needs across all sectors that the fund can help address existing skills gaps as well as building the wider digital skills base of the economy. The Proposal recognises that digital technology offers individuals and businesses a way of working to permit them to continue working and trading in an environment where social distancing is expected to be the norm for some time to come yet.</p> <p>If successful, the project will be 100% funded through UK CRF and there is no financial request other than a resource request to support the promotion and recruitment to the programme.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers will continue to work with Southern Regional College (SRC) and South Eastern Regional College (SERC) to develop a Digital Literacy Project. 2. Council to be named as a partner in support of the Colleges joint application. 3. If successful, Council to help the promote the programmes and skills interventions available to residents and businesses across the District. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | Non-applicable. |
| 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> |

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| 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 |
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| Report to: | Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 June 2021 |
| Subject: | Fishing and Seafood Development Programme. |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly - Assistant Director EER |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director EER |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> The purpose of this paper is to update members on the Fisheries and seafood Development programme as launched by DAERA, the key recommendations arising that relate to Ardglass and Kilkeel Harbour and the next steps.</p> <p><u>Background</u> The Fishing and Seafood Development Programme (FSDP) was established in response to calls from the Northern Ireland (NI) fishing industry to make significant investments in fishing harbour infrastructure. The FSDP involved a strategic review of 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. This requires a long-term view as port infrastructure has a long life (50+ years).</p> <p>The Stage 1 report focused on the current and future needs of Northern Ireland's fishing industry.</p> <p>Stage 2 of the FSDP focused on seafood and other port-based sectors. These reports, along with DAERA assessments of future needs and opportunities resulting from the UK's exit from the EU (specifically the UK/EU Fisheries Agreement and the NI Protocol) contribute the evidence base for the FSDP.</p> <p>The UK government has committed to replacing EU fisheries funding with an equivalent UK programme. Some of the needs identified for NI's fishing and seafood sector (including support to the private sector in production efficiencies, innovation, marketing and training) can be addressed through a future fisheries & aquaculture support programme. However, with an expected annual funding limit of £4m, this is not of a scale that will fund the infrastructure investment needed to make NI's fishing ports fit for the 21st century. It is also important to recognize that the investments in port infrastructure proposed will benefit other sectors and contribute to growth in Northern Ireland's Blue Economy.</p> |

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| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>The FSDP outcomes and recommendations can be best summarise as below.</p> <p>The FSDP Harbours Programme consists of three projects at each of the NIFHA harbours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kilkeel harbour expansion• Ardglass harbour enhancement• Portavogie harbour estate preparation <div><div><p>Infrastructure development</p><p>NIFHA fishing ports</p><div><div>Ardglass £20m*</div><div>Kilkeel £73m*</div><div>Portavogie £5m*</div></div><div>Non-NIFHA landing sites</div></div><div><p>Other sector development:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovation• De-carbonisation• Efficiency• Training• Marketing• Aquaculture• FSDP studies?*</div><div><p>Harbours programme £98m*</p></div><div><p>Future fisheries grant scheme £4m p.a.</p></div></div> <p>Fishing Objective: Fishing operations are sustainable in economic, environmental and social terms: sufficiently profitable to invest in a fleet that can operate efficiently, attract crew and reduce its carbon emissions.</p> <p>Blue Economy Objective: Northern Ireland grasps future opportunities in the existing and emerging sectors of the Blue Economy.</p> <p>Harbours Objective: Northern Ireland’s fishing harbours are developed to support the needs of the fishing industry and enable growth in other sectors of the Blue Economy.</p> <p>Kilkeel becomes an Irish Sea Marine Hub: port capacity is increased, making it more accessible with increased water depth, for fishing, vessel repair and offshore services. The harbour estate is increased with additional land for business expansion and new opportunities.</p> <p>Ardglass harbour capacity is enhanced to secure fishing and processing industries. Harbour properties are acquired to enable coherent harbourside development.</p> |

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| | <p>Portavogie harbour is maintained for its fishing industry and the harbour estate is prepared for future Blue Economy opportunities.</p> <p>In terms of next stages DAERA economists are completing final review of figures in the SOC, this will then go to DoF for review by Economists, when this has been finalised then the SOC will revert to DAERA for Ministerial sign off and agreement of next steps - commencement of Technical studies. It is anticipated the Ministerial sign off of SOC will be September 2021 at earliest.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | <p>That Council note the report and recommendations:</p> <p>Officers continue to liaise with DAERA and NIFHA, NIFPO, ANIFPO etc to progress the report findings to the next stage and establish a robust governance structure to ensure ongoing engagement as the projects move through various stages of development.</p> |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | Not at this stage |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
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| 5.3 | <p>Proposal initiating consultation</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> |
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| 7.0 | <p>Appendices</p> |
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| 8.0 | <p>Background Documents</p> |
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HISTORIC**ACTION TRACKER SHEET****ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE****(For Noting at ERT June 2021)****102**

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| | | October 2019 | | | |
| ERT/138/2019 | CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY | <p>(a) The Council proceed to commence the PQQ contractor procurement stage for the Northern section of the Carlingford Lough Greenway.</p> <p>(b) Council Officers to update Councillor McMurray regarding plans for Greenways at Comber/Downpatrick.</p> | J McGilly | Negotiations ongoing with landowners and funder. Revised submission submitted to funders May 2020. Planning submitted and awaiting decision. SEUPB considering additional funding bid. Economic appraisal completed and with SEUPB and DfI | N |
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| | | (JUNE 2020) | | | |
| 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 | Council agreed to pursue development of former baths site in line with planning approval. Procurement commenced of consultants to complete business case and explore funding options | N |
| | | (AUGUST 2020) | | | |
| 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> | J McGilly | Work in progress | N |

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| | | <p>(b) Council approve relevant Business Cases in association with the carrying out the required procurement/appointment of consultants/contractors/suppliers for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme'.</p> <p>(c) Council proceed to carry out the required procurement exercises for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme' and following assessment and award, appoint relevant suppliers, if within available sectional programme budgets.</p> | | | |
| ERT/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, approved May 2021. Work in progress. | N |
| | | SEPTEMBER 2020 | | | |
| ERT/129/2020 | (Historic Action) NEWCASTLE HARBOUR | A paper be brought to a meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting outlining proposals to | J McGilly | Work in progress | N |

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| | | move forward with the regeneration of Newcastle Harbour. | | | |
| | | (OCTOBER 2020) | | | |
| ERT/143/2020 | (Exempt) CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK | <p>It was agreed as follows with regard to the development of Castlewellan Historic Demensne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To note the action reports from the Task and Finish Board meetings held on 15 May 2020 ,19 June 2020 and 14 August 2020. • To progress a licence agreement with Forest Service to facilitate the DAERA funded works. • Agree a draft lease for Castlewellan Forest Park with Forest Service to facilitate the NHLF works and activities. • To appoint an archaeologist and ecologist to fulfil conditions in planning permission for the DAERA project. • To appoint the most economically advantageous tenderer to undertake the construction and refurbishment of the Bothy Yard. • For the Integrated Design Team, Council officers and Task and Finish board members to continue with the | J McGilly | In progress DAERA funded works ongoing – NHLF funding approved March 2021. Work commenced on approval to start and next stages of project | N |

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| | | <p>value engineering exercise on the NLHF project while ensuring delivery against the key objectives of the project i.e. Heritage, people and community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the NLHF project to progress design development from 24 November 2020 to 9 March 2021 to ensure that if Council receives funding from NLHF that the project is “shovel ready”. Officers arrange to have details of the model used circulated to Members for information. | | | |
| | | (JANUARY 2021) | | | |
| ERT/010/2021 | WARRENPOINT FRONTSHORE PR SCHEME | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Members area asked to accept the broad Concept Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with suggested adjustments and proceed to a Consultation Process in early 2021. Officers report on feedback from the consultation process to the Task and Finish Group, before proceeding to finalise the design for submission to planning. Officers complete and submit the Economic Appraisal to Council and the | J McGilly | Scheme consultation launched April 2021 | N |

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| | | <p>Department For Communities for consideration of the funding package for the scheme.</p> <p>4. Members approve the Business Case to carry out a Site Investigation Survey and other smaller surveys costs as required to prepare for the planning submission.</p> <p>5. Once completed officers will present the DFI One Way system proposal for Warrenpoint at a future meeting of Crotlieve Cllrs in early 2021.</p> | | | |
| | | (FEBRUARY 2021) | | | |
| ERT/034/2021 | (EXEMPT) RENT RELIEF | To offer rent relief for the period 23 March 2020 – 16 June 2020 for tenants at Café in Delamont Country Park and Kilbroney Park Rostrevor. | A Patterson | In progress. | N |
| | | (MARCH 2021) | | | |
| ERT/051/2021 | WARRENPOINT BATHS | <p>1. Council continue to ensure that ongoing measures are taken to monitor and address Health and Safety concerns as they arise at the existing Baths Structure.</p> <p>2. Council officials to continue discussions with potential funders given the development of new funding</p> | J McGilly | In progress | N |

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| | | <p>programmes - Peace Plus; Shared Prosperity Fund; NLHF, Tourism NI, etc, based on the development of the facility as per the planning approval that is currently in place on the site.</p> <p>3. Council officials proceed with appointment of a consultancy team to prepare a business case / economic appraisal on the existing Council approved scheme based on the Planning approval in place for the Warrenpoint Baths site.</p> | | | |
| | | (APRIL 2021) | | | |
| ERT/065/2021 | PRESENTATION RE: HOSPITALITY SECTOR COLLABORATION | <p>1. Council send a letter to the Department for Communities requesting the Minister consider altering regulations to Licensing laws to support introduction of Pub is the Hub model for Northern Ireland and revitalise rural communities.</p> <p>2. The Hospitality Ulster Recovery Plan be circulated to all Councillors for information.</p> | A.Patterson | Complete | Y |

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| ERT/066/2021 | (EXEMPT) PRESENTATION RE: ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF WATER BASED ACTIVITIES | To defer consideration of Report dated 12 April 2021 from Mr C Mallon Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism regarding the economic assessment of water based activities to the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 10 May 2021. | A.Patterson | Complete | Y |
| ERT/075/2021 | ON STREET CARPARKING - NEWRY | Council write to the Minister for Infrastructure seeking a review of the legislation associated with On Street Car Parking in Newry City Centre and to include the Council, Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade and Newry BID as key stakeholders in the design of any alternatives. | C Jackson | Letter issued | Y |
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| Report to: | Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 June 2021 |
| Subject: | Irish Street Regeneration Project |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Margaret Quinn, Regeneration and Business Development Officer |

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| 1.0 | Purpose and Background |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose</u> To note the report of the meeting of the Irish Street Regeneration Working group held on 27 May 2021.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Council is working in partnership with the Department for Communities to deliver the Downpatrick Regeneration project in the former PSNI Station in Irish Street. The working group, including Downpatrick Councillors, DFC officials and a range of key stakeholders was established as a consultative group to progress the project.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |

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| 2.1 | The key objective is to develop the former PSNI site, which has been purchased by DFC, and the adjacent green area, which has been purchased by Council. DFC is the lead in the project and the department appointed consultants to undertake a soft marketing test on the site. Following a 12 weeks consultation period which was undertaken in late summer 2020, the next step was the completion of a development brief. At the meeting held on 27 May 2021 it was confirmed that the development brief for the site has now been completed and submissions are being invited for the potential redevelopment of the site. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | To note the report of the Irish Street Regeneration Working Group meeting held on 27 May 2021. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | No additional resources are required at this time. |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
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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 |
| | Report of Irish Street, Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group meeting held on 27 th May 2021. |
| 8.0 | Background Documents |
| | N/A |

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Irish Street Development Opportunity Working Group

Minutes of Meeting held on Microsoft Teams
Thursday 27 May 2021 at 10:00am

In Attendance: -

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
 Cllr Dermot Curran
 Cllr Cadogan Enright
 Cllr John Trainor
 Cllr Gareth Sharvin
 Damian Mulholland (DFC)
 Catherine McInerney (DFC)
 Vincent McConville
 Conor Mallon (NMDDC)
 Jonathan McGilly (NMDDC)
 Margaret Quinn (NMDDC)
 Ciara Toman (NMDDC)
 Janice McDonald (DBC)
 Malachy McGrady (Downpatrick Property Trust)
 Stephen Magorrian (Denvir)
 Michael Morrissey

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| 1. | Apologies An apology was received from Jason Killen | Noted |
| 2. | Minutes of meeting held on 3 Feb 2021 Approved | Noted |
| 3. | Presentation by DFC on Draft Development Agreement Mr Mulholland thanked everyone for attending and presented an update on the Draft Development Brief. Mr Mulholland requested that, at this stage, the information should be treated as confidential. Mr Mulholland discussed the key points in the brief - | Noted |

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| | <p><u>1 Introduction</u></p> <p>Showcase the site and let developers know where it is.</p> <p><u>2 Vision statement and objectives</u></p> <p>As previously agreed by the Board</p> <p><u>3 Conditions</u></p> <p>What we expect to see from this site - commercial development with retail, hospitality services and housing. A proposal that will benefit the town centre is required, incorporating mixed uses. Housing is not the prominent factor here.</p> <p>Assessment of submissions will take place to select a developer. If required, DFC is prepared to offer a development grant. The viability of the winning proposal will be reviewed and, if there is a short fall, DFC is prepared to meet this in line with current regulations.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Update on Number 39</p> <p>Mr Mulholland confirmed that progress was being made on 39 Irish Street and an update would be provided at a later meeting.</p> | DM |
| 5. | <p>Assessment of Tenders</p> <p>Mr Mulholland confirmed that tenders will be assessed on the following criteria -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum standards • Expertise • Access to finance • Health and Safety standards • Experienced workforce/team • A developer who can deliver • The scheme is to be fully delivered in 5 years • Detailed quality and financial assessment will also be considered | |

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| 6. | <p>Summary</p> <p>Cllr Hanlon thanked Mr Mulholland for the presentation on the brief and agree we need to press ahead and ensure the whole group is on the same page. Cllr Hanlon stated that she would like the project to be visionary and consider electric bikes, events, mixed use area. An area where children could walk to with good access points.</p> <p>Cllr Trainor thanked Mr Mulholland and said it was an ambitious vision.</p> <p>Cllr Sharvin thanked Mr Mulholland for the briefing and welcomed the progress that has been made.</p> <p>Cllr Curran congratulated Mr Mulholland for the briefing and confirmed it was discussed at the recent ERT Meeting. Cllr Curran would like the scheme to move on as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Enright repeated his belief that the development site should be increased to include additional properties adjacent to the overall site. Mr Mulholland confirmed that the proposed site was as agreed.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Resurfacing of Irish Street</p> <p>Ms McInerney and Mr McConville had a brief discussion about the resurfacing of Irish Street. Mr McConville confirmed that the budget was still available.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Comments from Business representatives</p> <p>Mr Magorrian spoke about businesses in Belfast, Dublin with pedestrian zones. Mr Magorrian would echo Cllr Hanlons ideas and said the briefing was very positive and he got comfort from hearing that the scheme will be based on quality rather than price.</p> <p>Mr Magorrian said the scheme will need to be future proofed for decades to come and we don't want to miss anything out.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Next Steps</p> | |

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| | <p>DFC to finalise and issue the briefing out the market.</p> <p>Mr Mulholland hopes to organise a ministerial visit towards the end of June and the working group will be invited.</p> <p>DFC, the Strategic Invest Board and Council will be represented on the assessment panel. Following assessment Mr Mulholland will bring the proposal back to this board.</p> <p>Three months will be set aside to assess the tenders and then a formal agreement will be progressed.</p> <p>If the selected contractor does not meet any of the agreed criteria we can withdraw and then go to the next bidder.</p> <p>Cllr Sharvin asked if the successful developer withdraw would a reserve be appointed? Mr Mulholland confirmed that the tender bids will be ranked, and we can move onto the next bidder if required.</p> | <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DM</p> |
| 10. | <p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To be confirmed</p> | |



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**Louth/ Newry Mourne and Down Strategic Alliance
of Elected Members between
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, and Louth County Council**

**Report of Meeting held Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 10.00 a.m.
Via ZOOM Platform**

In the Chair: Councillor D McAteer, Newry, Mourne and Down DC
(Joint Chair)

Present: Councillor A Watters, Louth County Council
(Joint Chair)

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| 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 J Byrne, | Louth County Council |
| Councillor E Coffey, | Louth County Council |
| Councillor A McKeivitt, | Louth County Council |
| Councillor J Sheridan, | Louth County Council |
| Councillor J Tinnelly, | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |
| Councillor M Larkin, | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |
| Councillor D Curran, | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |
| Councillor R Mulgrew, | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |
| Councillor D Murphy, | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |
| Councillor H McKee, | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |
| Councillor C Mason | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |

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| Ms J Martin, | Chief Executive LCC |
| Ms M Ward, | Chief Executive NMDDC |
| Mr F Pentony, | Director LCC |
| Ms C Duff | Director LCC |
| Mr P Donnelly | Director LCC |
| Ms B Woods | Director LCC |
| Mr J McGuinness | Director LCC |
| Mr C Mallon, | Director NMDDC |
| Mr M Lipsett, | Director NMDDC |
| Mr J McGilly, | Assistant Director NMDDC |
| Ms P Arthurs, | East Border Region |
| Ms A Powell, | NMDDC (Notes) |

Invited Guest: Ms N Mallon MLA DFI Minister, N Ireland

1. Welcome and Apologies:

(including introduction of Minister N. Mallon, DFI who joined the meeting as part of Councillor consultation)

Apologies received from:

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| Councillor W Clarke, | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |
| Councillor W Walker, | Newry, Mourne and Down DC |
| Mr J McBride, | Director NMDDC |
| Ms D Carville, | Director NMDDC |

2. Update - Narrow Water Bridge Project

A discussion was held with Ms Nichola Mallon MLA, regarding Narrow Water Bridge Project. MLA Mallon agreed to follow up concerns of members with the Taoiseach and to keep the momentum behind the Project.

3. Report of Strategic Alliance for Louth/Newry Mourne and Down Joint Committee Meeting held on 11 November 2020 (attached)

On the proposal of Councillor Watters, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt, report of meeting held on the 11 November 2020 was approved.

4. Matters Arising

NSMC in respect of Narrow Water

Joan Martin informed that she will continue to follow up with NSMC on her request for a meeting.

AGREED: J Martin will continue to follow up with NSMC on the request to arrange a meeting to discuss Narrow Water Bridge.

5. Update - Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor

Frank Pentony provided an update on progress regarding the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Project.

6. Update – Strategic Alliance Action Plan (attached)

Members asked that Newry City Park Project be included in the Action plan.

AGREED: It was agreed Newry City Park Project be added to the Action Plan.

On the request of Councillor Corrigan, it was agreed action plan format be reviewed.

AGREED: It was agreed that the Action Plan could be reviewed to indicate prioritisation and improve information on implementation timescales.

7. Update - Joint Tourism Promotional Video

An updated version of the joint tourism video was provided and well received by members in attendance.

AGREED: It was agreed to launch the updated promotional video on line at the most suitable date for re-opening.

8. Schedule of meetings 2021:

The next meeting will be held at 10am on Wednesday 19 May 2021 via ZOOM Platform.

Future meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Wednesday 15th September
- ❖ Wednesday 24th November (please note change of date)

Signed: C Mallon

Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

ACTIONS

| | ACTION | Referred to |
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| 1. | J Martin will continue to follow up with NSMC on the request to arrange a meeting to discuss the Narrow Water Bridge Project. | J Martin |
| 2. | Newry City Park Project to be added to the Action Plan. | C Mallon/ F Pentony |
| 3. | It was agreed that the Action Plan could be reviewed to indicate prioritisation and improve information on implementation timescales. | C Mallon/ F Pentony |
| 4. | It was agreed to launch the updated promotional video on line at the most suitable date for re-opening. | C Mallon/ F Pentony |

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| Report to: | Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 June 2021 |
| Subject: | Covid 19 Revitalisation – District Wide Marketing Campaign |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Margaret Quinn, Regeneration and Business Development Officer |

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

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| 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 attached presentation which highlights the marketing campaign that will be launched in June and delivered over summer 2021.</p> <p><u>Background</u> As previously reported, Council received Covid 19 Revitalisation funding from the Department for Communities to deliver revitalisation initiatives across the district. One of the projects is a district wide marketing campaign raising the profile of local businesses across the entire district promoting the Make it Local message, encouraging residents and visitors to our retail centres to shop locally and safely.</p> <p>Lanyon Communications was appointed to develop and deliver a district wide media campaign.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | The media campaign has now been produced and includes a series of press adverts across local and regional publications, billboard advertising (NI and ROI), a series of interviews with a selection of business owners from the main shopping locations, photography and a social media campaign. Advertisement will appear on rotating cycles including coverage in June and August 2021. |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | To note the media campaign and the images which have been developed and presented in the attached presentation document. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |

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| 4.1 | No additional resources are required at this time. |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 5.1 | <p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 5.2 | <p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 5.3 | <p><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: Consultation relating to the project has been undertaken.</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> |

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| | Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.0 | Appendices | |
| | Presentation of design concepts. | |
| 8.0 | Background Documents | |
| | N/A | |

NMDDC Make it Local 2021

Campaign presentation – updated 24/05/21



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Content

- Sample of Creatives to be used in campaign
- Media Breakdown
- Target Businesses – Photography
- Target Businesses – Videography

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Images have been taken off businesses across main town centres:

- Newry
- Downpatrick
- Ballynahinch
- Newcastle
- Warrenpoint
- Kilkeel
- Crossmaglen



- Images will be dropped into creatives for use throughout the campaign
- Creative with 3 images above will be used to represent different towns / businesses /sectors

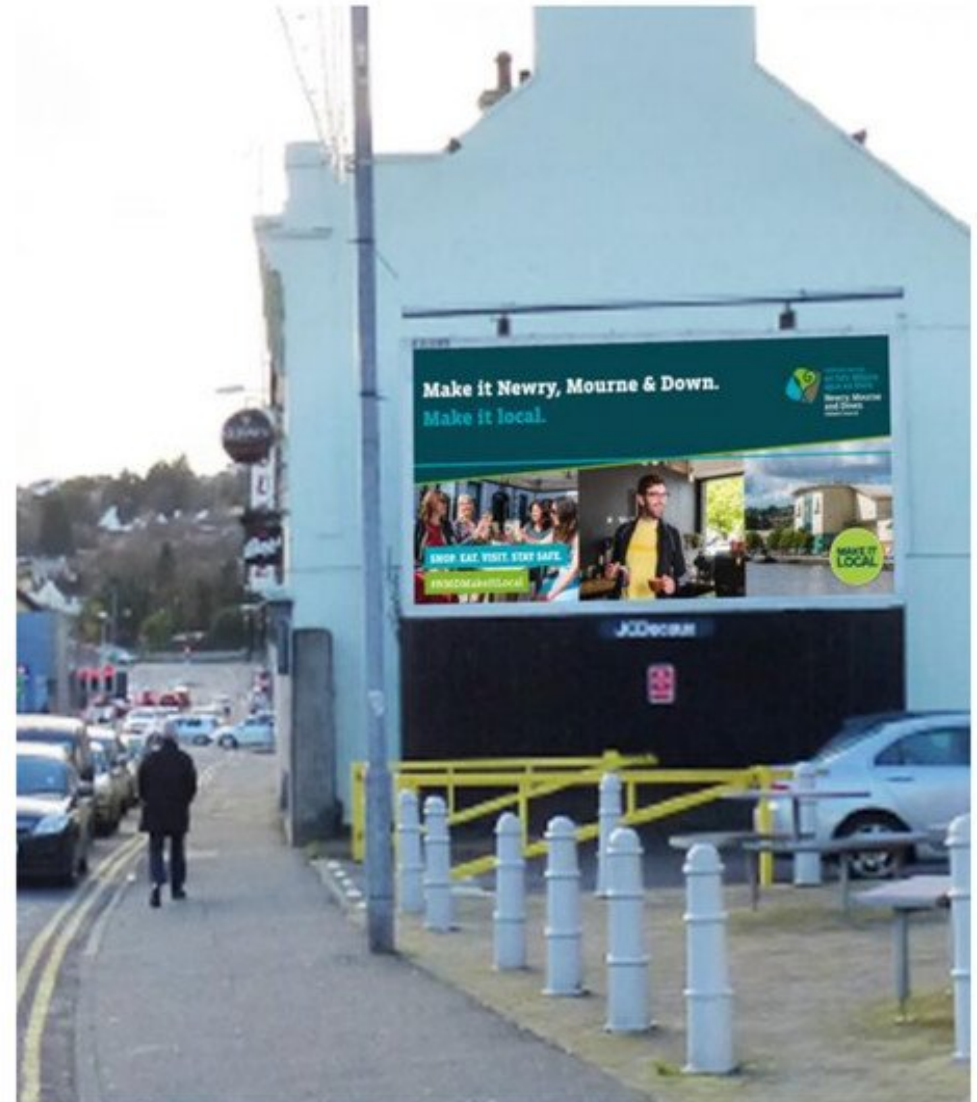
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- Example of creative used on a billboard



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- Example of creative used on social media



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- Example of creative used on social media



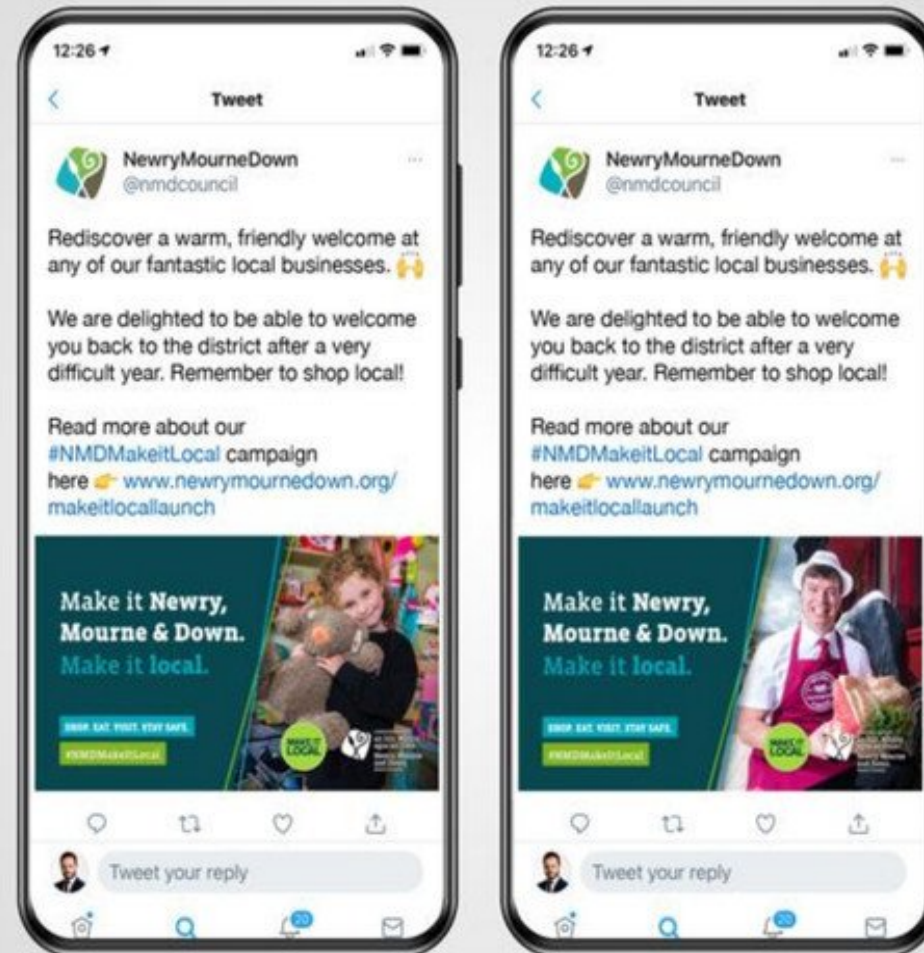
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- Example of creative used on social media



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- Example of images to be used throughout campaign



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- Example of creative used on social media



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- Example of creative used on social media



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- Example of creative used on print media



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- Example of creative used on print media



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- Example of creative used on print media





Proposed Billboard locations

| Address | Region |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Dublin Road Smithstown Drogheda | County Louth |
| Dublin Rd Smithstown Drogheda | County Louth |
| Drogheda Trinity Street | County Louth |
| Mary Street Drogheda | County Louth |
| Castleblaney Road | County Monaghan |
| 8 Stanley Villas Monaghan | County Monaghan |
| 1 Stanley Terrace Monaghan | County Monaghan |
| Monaghan Road Castleblaney | County Monaghan |

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 18 VICTORIA STREET BELFAST | Belfast |
| 61-67 GT VICTORIA ST (LIT)* | Travelling into Belfast |
| 41 ORMEAU ROAD (LIT) | Belfast |
| 518 LISBURN ROAD LIT BELFAST | Belfast |
| LISBURN ROAD @ RAILWAY BRIDGE (LIT) | Travelling into Lisburn |
| NEW MISSIONARY/GROSVENOR RD (LIT)* | Travelling into Belfast |
| 75 GLENMACHEN STREET | Boucher road heading south |
| NELSON TRADE CENTRE | Belfast (travelling from M2) |
| BELFAST ROAD LAMBEG | Dunmurray to Lisburn |
| BELFAST ROAD @ RAIL BRIDGE LISBURN G4 | Travelling into Lisburn |
| 93 QUEENSWAY (LIT) | Belfast to Lisburn |
| 108 RAILWAY STREET ARMAGH | Armagh to Dungannon |
| 100 RAILWAY STREET ARMAGH | Armagh to Dungannon |
| KILLYLEA ROAD ARMAGH (T) | Armagh |
| SUGAR ISLAND NEWRY | Newry |
| CLOUGHOGH BRIDGE NEWRY | Newry |
| MONAGH STREET NEWRY | Newry |
| 32 MONAGHAN STREET NEWRY | Newry to camlough |
| WARRENPOINT ROAD NEWRY | Newry |

- 27 Sites – 41 cycles of advertising
- NI – 19 sites / 25 cycles of advertising – (each cycle 2 weeks)
- RoI – 8 sites / 16 cycles of advertising

Dates – Northern Ireland:

Cycle 14 (28 June – 11 July): 10 locations

Cycle 15 (17 July – 25 July): 2 locations

Cycle 17 (09 August – 22 August): 13 locations

Dates – ROI:

Cycle 14 (28 June – 11 July): 8 locations

Cycle 17 (09 August – 22 August): 8 locations

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Media Breakdown (Draft Schedule)

| Date | Billboards | Print media | Online media | Radio | Social media / digital |
|---------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------|------------------------|
| w/c 14 June | | | | | |
| w/c 21 June | | | | | |
| w/c 28 June | | | | | |
| w/c 05 July | | | | | |
| w/c 12 July | | | | | |
| w/c 19 July | | | | | |
| w/c 26 July | | | | | |
| w/c 02 August | | | | | |
| w/c 09 August | | | | | |
| w/c 16 August | | | | | |
| w/c 23 August | | | | | |
| w/c 30 August | | | | | |

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1. Live Applications

| MONTH 2021/22 | NEW APPLICATIONS | LIVE APPLICATIONS | LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| April 2021 | 206 | 1,195 | 232 |
| May 2021 | 204 | 1,238 | 228 |

2. Live Applications by length of time in system

| Month 2020/21 | Under 6 months | Between 6 and 12 months | Between 12 and 18 months | Between 18 and 24 months | Over 24 months | Total |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| April 2021 | 770 | 193 | 81 | 54 | 97 | 1,195 |
| May 2021 | 818 | 192 | 76 | 53 | 99 | 1,238 |

3. Live applications per Case Officer

| Month 2021/22 | Average number of Applications per Case Officer |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| April | 83 |
| May | 85 |

4. Decisions issued per month

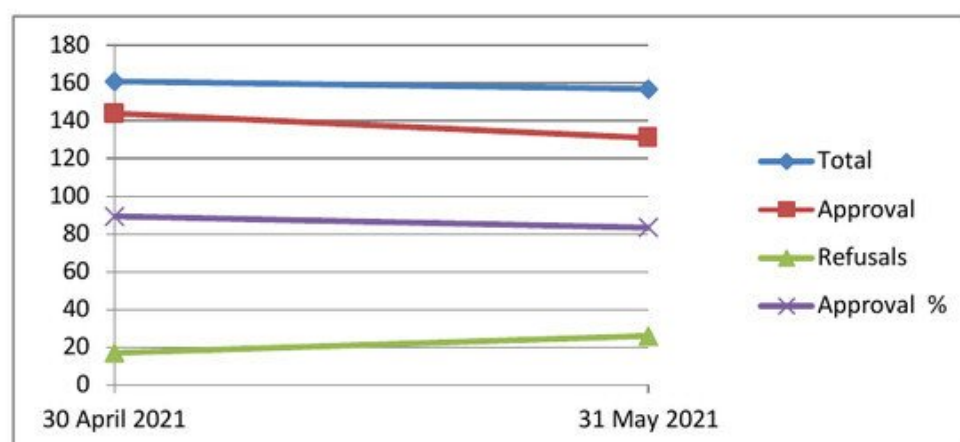
| Month 2021/22 | Number of Decisions Issued | Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| April | 161 | 155 |
| May | 157 | 146 |

5. Decisions Issued YTD

| Month 2021/22 | Number of Decisions Issued | Breakdown of Decisions | |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| April | 161 | Approvals (144) | 89% |
| | | Refusals (17) | 11% |
| May | 318 | Approvals (275) | 86% |
| | | Refusals (43) | 14% |

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6. Enforcement Live cases

| Month 2021/2022 | <=1yr | 1-2 yrs | 2-3 yrs | 3-4 yrs | 4-5 yrs | 5+yrs | Total |
|-----------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| April | 285 | 133 | 127 | 122 | 62 | 101 | 830 |
| May | 291 | 134 | 122 | 128 | 64 | 104 | 843 |

7. Planning Committee

| Month | Number of Applications presented to Committee | Number of Applications Determined by Committee | Number of Applications Withdrawn/ Deferred for future meeting | Number of Officer recommendation overturned |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 8 April 2021 | 14 | 11 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 May 2021 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 3 |
| Totals | 30 | 19 | 11 | 6 |

8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 April 2021 to 30 April 2021

| Area | Number of current appeals | Number of decisions issued | Number of decisions Allowed | Number of decisions Dismissed | Withdrawn |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Newry & Mourne | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Down | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 28 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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Statutory targets monthly update – March 2021 (unvalidated management information)

| 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% | | 96 | 93 | 24.2 | 17.2% | | 9 | 68 | 229.3 | 14.7% |
| June | 1 | 3 | 87.0 | 0.0% | | 122 | 161 | 26.4 | 18.6% | | 49 | 31 | 111.8 | 41.9% |
| July | 2 | 1 | 31.8 | 0.0% | | 137 | 113 | 20.0 | 25.7% | | 41 | 19 | 91.8 | 31.6% |
| August | 1 | - | 0.0 | 0.0% | | 138 | 115 | 21.2 | 32.2% | | 29 | 23 | 35.4 | 73.9% |
| September | 0 | 1 | 64.6 | 0.0% | | 147 | 148 | 19.4 | 33.8% | | 26 | 22 | 36.5 | 72.7% |
| October | 1 | - | 0.0 | 0.0% | | 147 | 115 | 17.0 | 34.8% | | 28 | 58 | 100.3 | 53.4% |
| November | 1 | - | 0.0 | 0.0% | | 158 | 160 | 16.9 | 43.1% | | 36 | 37 | 109.8 | 35.1% |
| December | 0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0% | | 159 | 161 | 15.0 | 50.9% | | 21 | 24 | 187.5 | 25.0% |
| January | 1 | 2 | 160.8 | 50.0% | | 123 | 122 | 18.0 | 41.0% | | 30 | 33 | 166.4 | 42.4% |
| February | 2 | - | 0.0 | 0.0% | | 152 | 160 | 18.3 | 35.6% | | 37 | 29 | 85.4 | 41.4% |
| March | 1 | - | 0.0 | 0.0% | | 189 | 118 | 16.7 | 42.4% | | 24 | 31 | 76.4 | 54.8% |
| Year to date | 12 | 7 | 64.6 | 14.3% | | 1,631 | 1,469 | 19.0 | 34.8% | | 347 | 393 | 121.6 | 41.0% |

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

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| Report to: | Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 June 2021 |
| Subject: | Visitor Management Social Media Campaigns |
| Reporting Officer | Andrew Patterson Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events |
| Contact Officer | Michelle Boyle Head of Product Development & Visitor Experience |

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| For decision | For noting only | X |
| 1.0 | Purpose and Background | |
| 1.1 | <p><u>Purpose:</u> To note the contents of this paper which provides an update on the ongoing marketing and social media campaigns that Council is continuing to deliver to promote the principles of sustainable tourism and support better visitor management.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Our high-quality parks, beaches, trails and open spaces have provided a valuable opportunity for residents to exercise in the outdoors throughout the pandemic. These spaces have also attracted a large volume of visitors from outside the district over the past 12 months.</p> | |
| 2.0 | Key issues | |
| 2.1 | <p>Whilst outdoor spaces have been used as the main form of recreation in the past year, issues have been well documented around parking, dog fouling, dogs off leads, risks associated with outdoor fires and the level of littering has increased exponentially. The impact on the landscape and local communities can have a detrimental impact.</p> <p>The Council has been promoting the principles of Leave no Trace. The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace provide an easily understood framework of minimum impact practices for anyone visiting the outdoors. The principles also apply to almost every recreational activity. The 7 principles are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan ahead and prepare. 2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces. 3. Dispose of waste properly. 4. Leave what you find. 5. Minimise campfire impacts (be careful with fire). 6. Respect farm animals & wildlife. 7. Be considerate of other visitors. <p>The Council in managing significant outdoor resources has introduced the leave no trace measures through enhanced signage and promoting the principles on social media messaging. As a pilot programme for 2021 Council are currently introducing a programme of seasonal enforcement wardens to encourage more responsible use</p> | |

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| | <p>of the outdoors through engagement with visitors and via enforcement powers where necessary.</p> <p>The Council has worked closely with Outdoor Recreation NI in sharing details of their NI campaign the 'Right Side of Outside' which is a NI-wide campaign to generate awareness of a number of significant issues caused by a surge in visitors to the outdoors since the start of the pandemic. The most prevalent issues disrupting our natural beauty spots include littering, dog fouling, irresponsible car parking, livestock worrying, disturbance to wildlife, overcrowding and damage which can be caused by wild camping and wildfires. The campaign which has predominantly been promoted on social media has been shared across Council corporate channels and messages from the Council chairperson has featured in local press coverage. Examples of the 'Right Side of Outside' campaign content are included in appendix 1.</p> <p>Plans are currently being developed for a further social media campaign to run in July and August. This campaign will focus on promoting less well-known places, bookable experiences, will reinforce the importance of planning ahead, and of travelling at off-peak or quieter times whilst reinforcing the principles of 'leave no trace'.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | To note the contents of this paper. |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | The campaign will be delivered through existing marketing 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> |

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| | The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.3 | Proposal initiating consultation | N/a |
| | Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Consultation period will be 12 weeks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <i>Rationale:</i> | |
| 6.0 | Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply) | |
| 6.1 | Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service | |
| | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | If yes, please complete the following: | |
| | Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.0 | Appendices | |
| | Appendix 1 - Right Side of Outside campaign | |
| 8.0 | Background Documents | |
| | N/A | |

Dogs can cause anxiety to livestock which can result in stillbirths and miscarriages in sheep. Even if your dog is usually well behaved, playful behaviour can still unsettle livestock.

Dogs can disturb wildlife too. Remember birds don't just nest in trees – keeping a dog on a lead will reduce the risk of disturbing low lying nests and other wildlife such as badger sets.



ADVICE ON DOGS AND LIVESTOCK



Avoid bringing dogs onto mountains or other farmland where livestock are present



Leave gates as you find them (open or closed)



Find alternatives to visit with your dog – e.g. forests, parks or coastal areas



Walk carefully and quietly



Never turn your back on livestock



Keep your dog on a lead at all times



Lift your dog poo and take it home

ADVICE FOR PARKING IN THE OUTDOORS



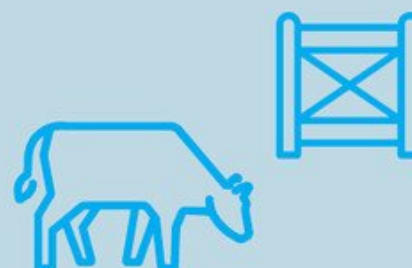
If you're planning
to go, go early!



Have a Plan B – If the car park
at your Plan A is full, use resources
like **WalkNI.com** & **OutmoreNI.com**
for alternate and less popular
outdoor locations and walks



Do not park outside of
designated parking spaces
or on grass verges or gateways



Don't park in front of a
farmer's gate as they may
need access to their livestock



Consider emergency services
need for access – keep the
roads clear

An initiative of



The
RIGHT SIDE
of **OUTSIDE**

ADVICE FOR DOG WASTE



Pick it up and bag it



DON'T throw them on the
ground or into hedges



Bring dog poo bags
home with you



DON'T leave them lying beside
a bin just because it is full



DON'T hang them on trees



If you forget to bring dog poo
bags, ask another dog owner

An initiative of



The
RIGHT SIDE
of **OUTSIDE**

The public are advised to be alert for risk of Forest and Gorse fires, following the major fire on the Mourne Mountains. With continuing warm weather and extended dry spell there is an increased risk.



ADVICE FROM THE FIRE SERVICE ON PREVENTING FIRES:



- Extinguish cigarettes and other smoking materials properly
- Never throw cigarette ends out of car windows



Avoid using open fires in the countryside



- Do not leave bottles or glass in woodlands
- Sunlight shining through glass can start a fire
- Take them home or put them in a waste or recycling bin



If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately to the Fire & Rescue Service



Don't attempt to tackle fires that will take more than a bucket of water to put out



- Only use barbecues in designated and safe areas and never leave them unattended
- Keep children and ball games away from barbecues
- Ensure that barbecues are fully extinguished and cold before disposing of their contents

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| Report to: | Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 June 2021 |
| Subject: | Warrenpoint Municipal Park – National Lottery Heritage Fund |
| Reporting Officer (Including Job Title): | Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration |
| Contact Officer (Including Job Title): | Aveen McVeigh, Project Development Officer |

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

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| 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 Report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Council received funding from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) in 2016 to restore built heritage of Warrenpoint Municipal Park. To date the Park has hosted a wide range of activities and events in the Park, schools and online.</p> |
| 2.0 | Key issues |
| 2.1 | <p>Approved purposes of the Letter of Offer: Activities and Training</p> <p>Activities in the Park were interrupted due to Covid-19. Activities moved online, however with the easing of restrictions activities that can be delivered with limited social interaction have been reintroduced to the Park in June 2021 (Tai Chi and Puppy Socialisation classes).</p> <p>A series of online videos in partnership with The Friends of Warrenpoint Municipal Park, The Woodland Trust and RSBP have been scheduled to be released via Council's online platforms for 12 weeks. The short videos show case the biodiversity and heritage of the Park and will be hosted on Primary School C2K news desk.</p> <p>The Education Authority in partnership with NLHF project is delivering a face to face creative wellbeing programme with Warrenpoint Youth Forum in the Park. The aim of the partnership is to encourage 14-18-year olds to engage with the Park through creativity. A celebration event will be organised in July 2021 to showcase the groups art work.</p> <p>The Education Authority along with Warrenpoint Youth Forum are planning on hosting a range of events in partnership with the NLHF project to promote the Park amongst the youth of Warrenpoint.</p> |

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| | <p>Summer activities</p> <p>During the summer there will be activities every Wednesday and Sunday in the Park. There will be a focus on digital technology and creative arts activities for post primary school children for four Wednesdays. There will also be a biodiversity family day and traditional entertainment associated with the Park.</p> <p>Art in the Park will be introduced from the Bandstand every Sunday in July and August. Warrenpoint Art Group will exhibit their work from 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. The exhibition will be followed by music from the bandstand (subject to risk assessment and social distance adherence).</p> <p>NLHF Project has worked with the AmmA Centre and Declan Carville to develop a Children's story book based in Warrenpoint Municipal Park. Illustrations for the book are currently being developed, it is anticipated that the book will be launched in September 2021.</p> <p>Training</p> <p>Active Citizenship training finished in May 2021. The training will enable participants to utilise their learning to benefit their community/voluntary groups.</p> <p>OCN Level 2 Tour Guiding commenced on 2 June 2021. The aim of the course is to train volunteers to deliver tours of the Park and surrounding area. Following the course an evaluation will be conducted and if deemed successful another course will be delivered in September 2021.</p> |
| 3.0 | Recommendations |
| 3.1 | To note the Action Report from Steering Group meeting held on 6 May 2021 |
| 4.0 | Resource implications |
| 4.1 | Funding is secured from NLHF 57% and NMDDC 43%. |
| 5.0 | Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections) |
| 5.1 | <p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 5.2 | <p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p> |

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| 5.3 | <p>Proposal initiating consultation</p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p> |
| 6.0 | <p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p> |
| 6.1 | <p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
| 7.0 | <p>Appendices</p> |
| | <p>Action Report of the Steering Group of Warrenpoint Municipal Park National Lottery Heritage Fund Regeneration Project held on Thursday 6 May 2021</p> |
| 8.0 | <p>Background Documents</p> |
| | <p>N/A</p> |



**Action Report of the Steering Group of Warrenpoint Municipal Park
National Lottery Heritage Fund Regeneration Project held on
Thursday 6 May 2021 at 12 Noon - MS Teams**

In attendance:

Councillors: Cllr Mark Gibbons and Cllr Declan McAteer

Council Employees: Mrs Aveen McVeigh
Mr Rodney McBride

Others: Mr B McCalmont Old Warrenpoint Forum
Mr B Reilly Warrenpoint Heritage & Dev Group

Apologies: Mr J Boylan Warrenpoint Heritage & Dev Group
(connectivity issues)

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| 1. Welcome and Apologies As above. | |
| 2. Report of previous meeting Meeting was noted. | |
| 3. Matters Arising/Action review All items were actioned. | |
| <p>4. NLHF Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Citizenship/Community Development training - feedback <p>A 6-week OCN Active Citizenship course was delivered online to participants. An online evaluation will be conducted with participants for lessons learnt and to establish if participants would like to volunteer/join the Friends of Group.</p> <p>A Community Development course will be delivered in Autumn. Recruitment will commence during the summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild habitat online workshops <p>Two online Wild habitat workshops were organised and delivered to families. Resource packs were delivered to participating families. It is hoped that the project can move from online delivery to face to face delivery in the coming weeks as COVID restrictions ease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour guiding training <p>OCN Level 2 Tour guiding training will commence in June 2021 for 12 participants. SERC was appointed following a procurement process. It is anticipated that the participants will volunteer to undertake tours in the Park.</p> | <p>Findings of the evaluation to be shared at the next meeting.</p> <p>Officers to convene a meeting with "Friends of" to discuss a pilot programme.</p> |

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| <p>B Reilly expressed his thanks to Cllr D McAteer for organising a meeting with C Mallon regarding a Heritage Plan for Warrenpoint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AmmA Videos and Story <p>Members viewed a video based on Tourism and Heritage. The remainder videos will be shared by AmmA in the coming weeks. The videos will be issued on C2K news desk for primary schools. Local author, Declan Carville has written a fiction story featuring Warrenpoint Municipal Park. Graphics and layout are being finalised by AmmA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape and authentic planting <p>The Paul Hogarth Group has designed a landscape and planting scheme for the sea view entrance of the Park. Procurement is being developed and will be issued in due course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tai Chi <p>Following a procurement process Tai Chi will commence in June 2021 for 4 weeks. 3 sessions have been organised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Placement <p>Student Placement position was advertised, and the recruitment process was not successful. The post has been re-advertised and will close on 19 May 2021. If an appointment is successful, the student will be based in The Pavilion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective Memory Project <p>Discussion surrounded a Collective Memory Project with an output of an e-book recording the memories of Warrenpoint Municipal Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrenpoint Youth Forum <p>The Education Authority Warrenpoint Youth Forum was due to commence after Easter however with the target age group between 14-18 it was decided to postpone the project until May 2021. It is hoped that participants will engage with the "Friends of" group regarding the heritage of the Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitions <p>Discussion surrounded potential competitions e.g. Minecraft, photography etc. This item is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring Garden talk <p>It was hoped to host a Spring Garden talk however it may be possible to host a Summer session from the Bandstand subject to procurement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer/Autumn Programme <p>Officers have commenced to develop a Summer and Autumn Programme subject to COVID regulations. If permitted, Bandstand Sundays will be organised.</p> | <p>Officers to develop a project and report at the next meeting for discussion.</p> <p>Programme to be circulated to "Friends of".</p> |
| <p>5. Update on "Friends of" Group</p> <p>Friends of Group has been established, a bank account is in the process of being opened, a quote for insurance has been received by Council. It was agreed that the insurance will be paid by Council for the first year as the establishment of the Group is an output of the NLHF project.</p> | <p>Group to confirm when the insurance premium is to commence.</p> |

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| The Group have social media accounts created and will launch them in tandem with the Group’s launch. | |
| 6. Any other business No other business recorded | |
| 7. Date of Next Meeting To be confirmed. | |