

March 8th, 2021

Notice Of Meeting

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

Committee Membership:-

Councillor A McMurray (Chairperson)

Councillor M Ruane (Deputy Chairperson)

Councillor R Burgess

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor D Curran

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor R Howell

Councillor M Larkin

Councillor D McAteer

Councillor R Mulgrew

Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Savage

Councillor G Stokes

Councillor J Tinnelly

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's remarks.

2.0 Declarations of Interest.

Presentations

3.0 Presentation by Down Business Centre. (Attached)

Presentation will be delivered by:

Janice McDonald


Linda Beers

Joe McCoubrey

 *Presentation re Down Business Centre.pdf*

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4.0 Action Sheet: Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting - Monday 08 February 2021. (Attached)

 *Action Sheet - ERT Feb 2021.pdf*

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Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration Items

5.0 Brexit Forum. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Brexit Forum.pdf*

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6.0 Masterplans. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Masterplan Update.pdf*

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7.0 Warrenpoint Baths. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Warrenpoint Baths Update.pdf*

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Exempt Information Items

8.0 Licence Agreement - Donard Forest. (Attached)

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9.0 Service Level Agreements 2021 - 2022. (Attached)

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📄 *EXEMPT ERT Report - SLAs 2021-22.pdf*

Not included

10.0 Tourism Events Programme. (Attached)

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📄 *EXEMPT ERT Report - Tourism Events Programme.pdf*

Not included

For Noting

11.0 5G and Broadband. (Attached)

📄 *ERT Report - 5G and Broadband.pdf*

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12.0 Ardglass and Kilkeel Harbour Developments. (Attached)

📄 *ERT Report - Ardglass & Kilkeel Harbour Developments.pdf*

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13.0 ERT Historic Action Tracker Sheet. (Attached)

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

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14.0 Increase in Regional Property Certificate Fees. (Attached)

📄 *ERT Report - Increase in Regional Prop Cert fees 1 April 2021.pdf*

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15.0 Irish Street Regeneration Project. (Attached)

📄 *ERT Report - Irish Street Regeneration.pdf*

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16.0 Report of Louth/NMD Strategic Alliance Meeting - 11 November 2020. (Attached)

📄 *Report Louth NMD Strategic Alliance 11.11.20.pdf*

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17.0 Planning Performance Figures - February 2021. (Attached)

 *Planning Committee Performance Report - Feb 2021.pdf*

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18.0 TNI Co-operative Partnership Marketing Fund. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - TNI Co-operative fund.pdf*

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Ms Kate Bingham

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Roisin Howell

Mr Colum Jackson

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Miss Mary Lennon

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Mrs Sandra Magee

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Mr Johnny Mc Bride

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Jonathan McGilly

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

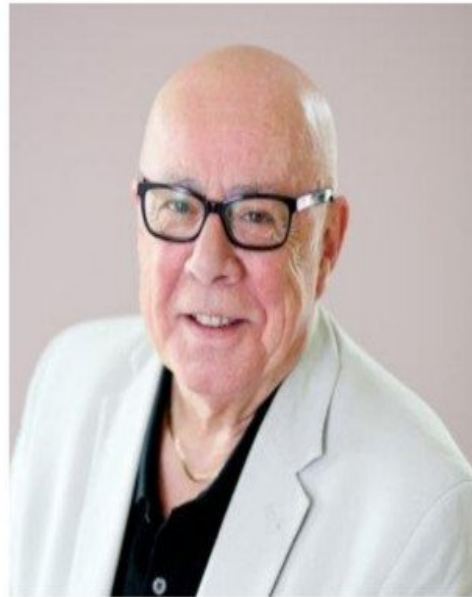
Margaret Morrow

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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Linda Beers
Chair



Joe McCoubrey
Treasurer



Janice McDonald
Manager





BUSINESS SUPPORT DELIVERED 2010-2020

BUSINESS START-UP

Providing the experience, advice and guidance needed to turn an aspiration or idea into a successful and profitable business.



2,500 new businesses
supported in 2010-2020

Start a Business Programme	1041 offers approved
Enterprise Development Programme	247 business plans developed
Regional Start Initiative	693 business plans developed
NI Business Start Up Programmes	400 business plans developed

Pre-Start Support

Helping people explore the idea of starting their own business

- 19 exploring enterprise workshops
- 200 assessments
- 120 CCEA level 1 'Understanding Business & Enterprise Awards'

Business Start Up

A step-by-step approach to helping people make the right decisions, access financial support and put in place a sustainable plan for their new business

BUSINESS GROWTH

Supporting and mentoring business owners as they seek to grow their businesses and enhancing skills through seminars and masterclasses.



1,300
Businesses mentored



2,500
Businesses represented at
workshops and masterclasses



£700,000
Value to the local community

Delivered under the Tradelinks, Beyond, IOTA, NMD Growth Programmes

BUSINESS ACCOMODATION



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Providing light industrial units and office accommodation for manufacturing, service and social enterprises.

Industrial space 25,140 sq. ft
Office space 8,373 sq. ft

Total **34,043 sq. ft**



203 people are currently employed on site.



CENTRE IS CONSISTENTLY
100% OCCUPIED.

DESPITE COVID-19 WE HAVE
ATTRACTED 6 NEW
TENANTS IN THE PAST
YEAR.

OUR WAITING LIST
CONTINUES TO GROW.

OUR NEED TO EXPAND THE SITE FOR NEW START-UPS

DOWN BUSINESS CENTRE IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST LOCAL ENTERPRISE AGENCIES IN TERMS OF THE ACCOMODATION WE PROVIDE FOR THE AREA'S SMALL BUSINESS SECTOR



There is an urgent need to add 12,000 square feet of lettable space at our Downpatrick site.

Our proposal is to create an additional 12 x 1,000sq ft Workspace Units - of the type and scale most in demand by new start-ups,



NEXT STEPS: Secure funding to prepare for scheme completion in 2022

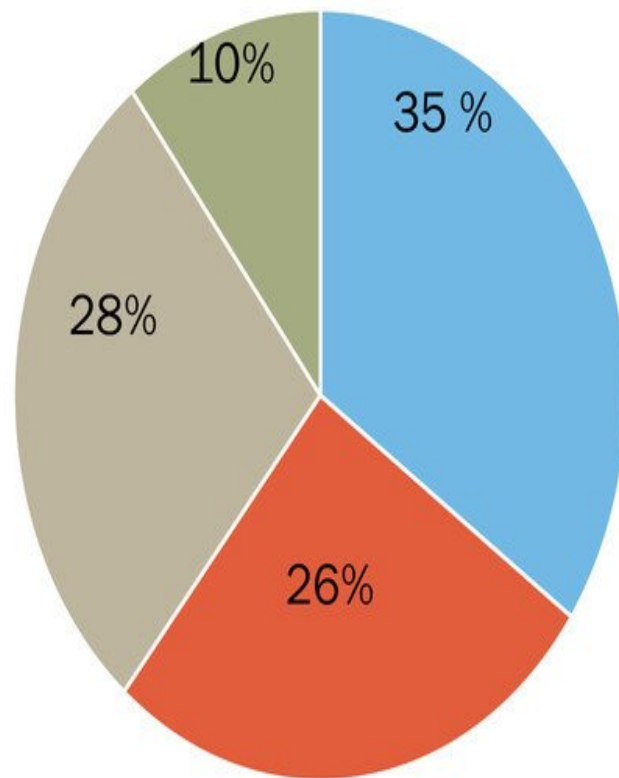
QUESTIONNAIRE – HOW ARE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS COPING WITH COVID 19



SURVEY: HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED LOCAL SELF EMPLOYED?



HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE IMPACT
OF COVID 19 ON YOUR BUSINESS



■ Severe ■ Major ■ Moderate ■ Minimal

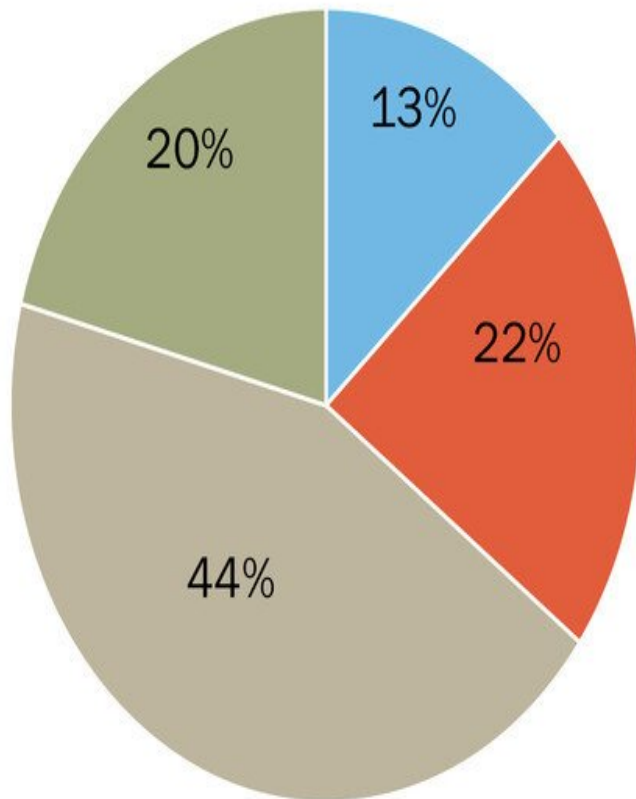
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surveyed report
SEVERE OR MAJOR
impact on their
business.

SURVEY: HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED LOCAL SELF EMPLOYED?



HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

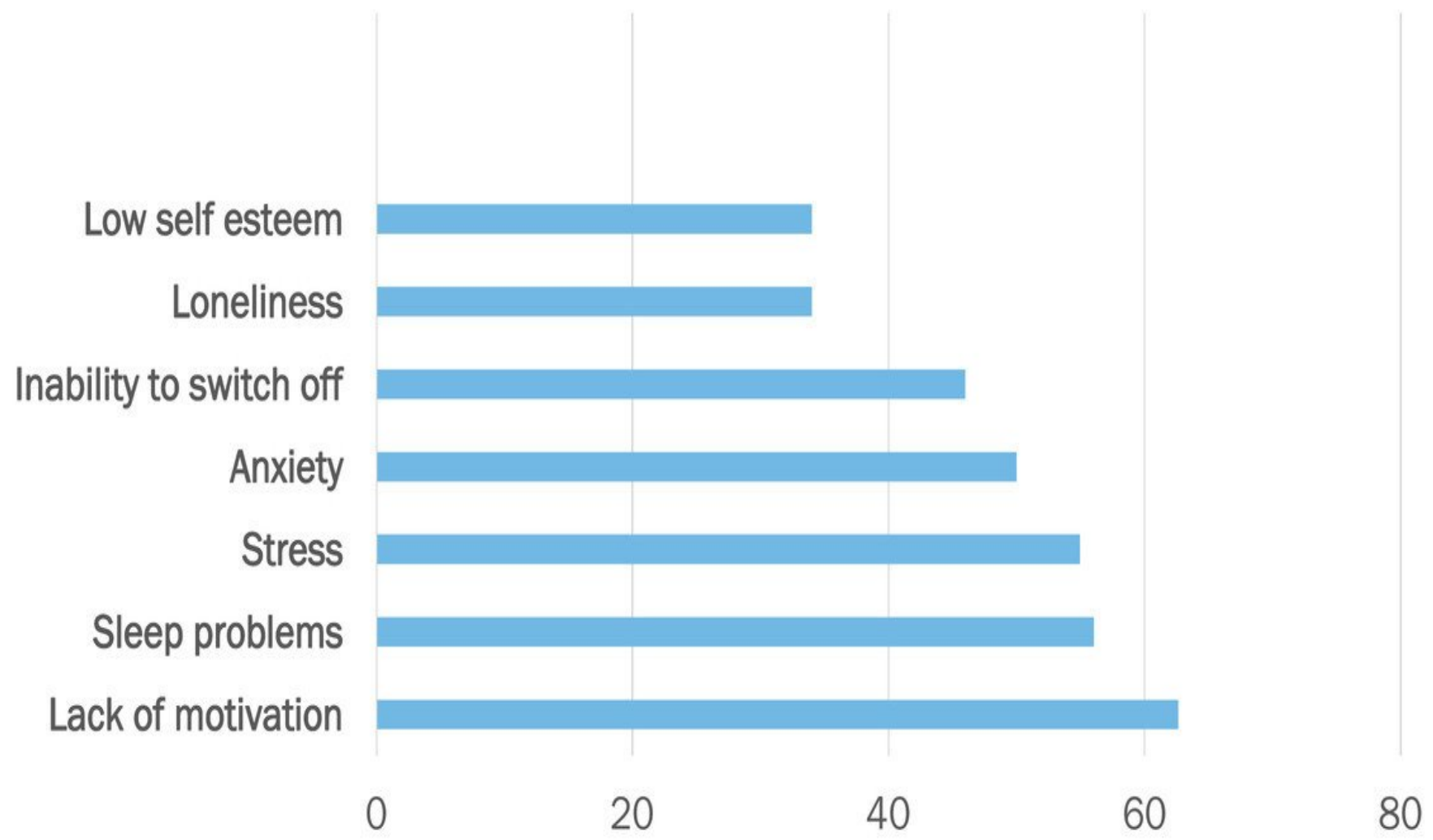


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surveyed report
SEVERE OR MAJOR
impact on their mental
health

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES EXPERIENCED BY SELF EMPLOYED OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS



RESPONDING TO THIS MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE



IS GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS GETTING YOU DOWN?

A programme to connect and provide support to the local self employed and remote working community. An opportunity for them to meet on-line with like minded people for encouragement and support. Programme will focus on the achievement of personal and professional goals while nurturing self-care and wellbeing.

1. Work life balance
2. Managing time
3. Setting boundaries
4. Developing resilience
5. Networking skills
6. Self care & well being



LOOKING FOR BUSINESS
ACCOMMODATION?

THINKING OF STARTING A
BUSINESS?

WANT TO SUSTAIN AND
GROW YOUR BUSINESS?



ACTION SHEETENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 08 FEBRUARY 2021

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/026/2021	FFNI – OPERATIONAL COSTS	<p>Council fund a contribution in the sum of £19,853 towards the (Full Fibre Northern Ireland) FFNI Operations Team to ensure delivery of the programme and sites by the programme end date of 31 December 2021.</p> <p>It was also agreed Mr J McGilly Assistant Director EER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact internet providers to request they provide a map to indicate the areas where high speed broadband has been extended to. • Seek an update on the current position regarding 5G. 	J McGilly	<p>FFNI rollout in progress</p> <p>Report tabled at March ERT and workshop planned for April on FFNI and Stratum roll out</p>	y
ERT/027/2021	WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE PUBIC REALM SCHEME	<p>1. Councillors who were not in attendance at the Warrenpoint Front shore Public Realm Scheme Task & Finish Group Meeting on 15 January 2021, are provided with an update.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	y

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="710 244 1337 387">2. To note presentation, and welcome DFI proceeding to a further public engagement process on the study and it's findings. <li data-bbox="710 427 1337 611">3. Ensure Council and the consultants looking after the design of the Public Realm Scheme, remain in close contact with DFI to see how they plan to progress beyond the study. <li data-bbox="710 651 1337 794">4. Important that an overall approach to the traffic issues in Warrenpoint is looked at to include car parking, park and share, cycling and public transport access. <li data-bbox="710 834 1337 1050">5. Council utilise the existing Service Level Agreement (SLA) with County Down RCN to obtain their assistance with the upcoming Warrenpoint Front Shore Public Realm Perception and Consultation process. 			
ERT/028/2021	WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="710 1136 1337 1279">1. To accept the extension from 30 June 2021 to 31 December 2021 by National Lottery Heritage Fund to deliver the approved purposes of the funding. <li data-bbox="710 1319 1337 1385">2. To approve part funding of the "Friends of " first year of insurance costs at 43% 	J McGilly	Work in progress	y

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
		NMDDC, 57% National Lottery Heritage Fund (budget available within the project)			
ERT/029/2021	HOSPITALITY EXCHANGE CONFERENCE /EXHIBITION 09 MARCH 2021	To grant a one off sponsorship fee to the Hospitality Exchange Business Outlook event that will take place in March 2021.	A Pattersson	In progress	Y
ERT/030/2021	(EXEMPT) ERT PROCUREMENT PLAN	To approve: - The ERT Procurement Action Plan, as per Appendix I - The Single Tender Actions as outlined in Appendix II	C Mallon	Action Plan to be implemented.	Y
ERT/031/2021	(EXEMPT) MARKETING FRAMEWORK – COMMUNITY & ENGAGEMENT SERVICES	Council proceed through procurement for the establishment of a Framework arrangement for the provision of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism focused on communication and engagement services.	J McGilly	On going through procurement	y
ERT/032/2021	(EXEMPT) NEWRY BID REVOTE	Based on the detail presented in the Business Plan, Council approve a vote in favour of the Newry BID renewal for period 2021-2025.	J McGilly	Ballots now issued and will be returned after March Council meeting	y
ERT/033/2021	(EXEMPT)	Council issue a Service Level	J McGilly	completed	y

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	NEWRY CHAMBER EVENTS - SPONSORSHIP	Agreement to Newry Chamber of Commerce and Trade for sponsorship of 2 events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North/South Conference – Post Brexit - NI Small Business Conference 			
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. Financial Year-end review to be completed.	N
ERT/035/2021	(EXEMPT) UPDATE RE: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kilkeel Development Association SLA payments to be made in the 2020/21 Financial Year as outlined in Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events. - No further SLA payments to be made in the 2020/21 Financial Year to Downpatrick Railway Company. 	A Patterson	In progress	Y
ERT/036/2021	(EXEMPT) TOURISM TRADING PITCHES	To approve the Business Case and recommendations set out in Report dated 08 February 2021 from Mr A Patterson Assistant Director Tourism Culture & Events , for a tender process to appoint Trading Pitches vendors at key tourism facilities to meet customer demand.	A Patterson	To be complete	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/043/2021	RESTOCKING COARSE FISHERIES	In response to concerns regarding the restocking of the Quoile River, it was noted the Council would make further contact with DAERA on this issue.	A Patterson	In progress	Y

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th March 2021
Subject:	Brexit Forum – Report of 1 March 2021
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon, Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the recommendations detailed in section 3 of this report.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Council has established a Brexit forum to deal with preparation for Brexit and issues that have arose during the transition period. Brexit Forum's most recent meeting was held on 1st March 2021.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Council has established a Brexit forum to deal with preparation for Brexit and issues that have arose during the transition period
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>Members are asked to approve the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Byrne relating to Shared Prosperity Fund as detailed in Brexit Forum Report appended; 2. To not approve the Notice of Motion proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr McKee relating Trade Border in Irish Sea as detailed in Brexit Forum Report appended; 3. To arrange a site visit to BCP at Warrenpoint when Covid restrictions allow. 4. To note the Officers update; 5. To convene a further meeting of the Brexit Forum in 6 weeks

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

	<p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	Report of Brexit Forum meeting – 1 March 2021
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

MEETING OF THE BREXIT FORUM

1st March 2021, 3pm via MS Teams

In Attendance:

Cllr Stokes
Cllr Hanna
Cllr Taylor
Cllr Reilly
Cllr Mason
Cllr Savage
Cllr Larkin
Cllr Byrne
Cllr McKee

Officers

Mr C Mallon, Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism
Mrs S Murphy, Head of Environmental Health
Mr J McGilly, Assistant Director, Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Mr E Devlin, Assistant Director, Health & Wellbeing

1. CHAIR

AGREED: It was proposed Cllr Savage seconded by Cllr Taylor that Cllr Stokes Chair the meeting

2. REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2021

AGREED: It was proposed by Cllr Mason and seconded by Cllr Savage that the report be adopted

3. NOTICES OF MOTION

3a. Notice of Motion – Brexit Shared Prosperity Fund

C/039/2021 NOTICE OF MOTION – BREXIT, SHARED PROSPERITY FUND
The following Notice of Motion came forward for consideration in the name of Councillor Savage:

“This Council expresses deep concern about the financial consequences of Brexit for Executive departments including the loss of £70 million in EU Structural Funds for the Department for the Economy; regrets that the level of funding promised to the devolved institutions by the British government will not be equivalent to EU Structural Funds; notes that any loss of funding will result in significant negative consequences for Northern Ireland’s economy and

society; expresses concern that plans to operate the UK Shared Prosperity Fund from Westminster represent moves to centralise regional development policy; and calls upon the Minister for the Economy and the Minister of Finance to urge the British Government to commit to using the Shared Prosperity Fund to replace in full the EU funding lost as a result of Brexit and operate in a way that respects devolution settlements”.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Agreed: The Motion was referred to the Brexit Working Group in accordance with Standing Order 16.1.6.

Cllr Savage presented the motion underlining the need for urgent commitment of SPF to NI to replace the funding loss to the region as a result of exiting the EU. Cllr Byrne underlined how EU funding had been utilised to benefit the region however there remained extensive work to addresses challenges of the region and the UK Government needed to commit funding to NI to the same level as was awarded to NI via EU.

Cllr Reilly recorded his opposition to the motion stating that the exit from EU created many opportunities and it was incumbent on Council to develop projects and seek funding from Government that has been committed.

Cllr Mason indicated her parties support of the motion and called on all agencies particularly EBR and the Councils MOU with Louth to work together to develop projects and initiatives particularly around Brexit relief fund that is available in ROI and make a case for similar funding for this region.

Cllr Taylor alluded to projects that had been neglected as a result of being in EU like projects at Kilkeel harbour etc and he believed there were opportunities to be exploited as a result of Brexit that needed to be the focus moving forward however he was not opposed to seeking clarity around the shared prosperity fund.

Cllr Hanna outlined his opposition to the motion .

AGREED: It was proposed by Cllr Savage and seconded by Cllr Stokes to adopt the motion. Members were satisfied that based on the discussion there was no requirement for a vote.

3b Notice of Motion – Trade Border in the Irish Sea

Proposed by Cllr Taylor, and seconded by Cllr McKee

“This Council notes with concern the hugely detrimental impact that the trade border in the Irish Sea has had on supply chains between Great Britain and Northern Ireland; creating obstacles to trade where previously there were none; removing products from our supermarket shelves; putting extra

pressure on struggling businesses and creating a trade imbalance between Northern Ireland and its biggest export market Great Britain; and notes with further concern that the free movement of pets between Great Britain and Northern Ireland has been restricted by the agreement reached between the EU and the UK Government.

This Council regrets that the UK Government's proposals of 2 October 2019, which included a border in the Irish Sea and border inspection posts, have led us to where we are today. The current situation is totally unacceptable and this Council should be sending a clear message to the EU and the UK Government that derogations should be in place for a period of at least one year to protect Northern Ireland's economy.

In view of the very serious impediments to the Northern Ireland economy being created by the Trade and Co-operation Agreement and the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland, this Council will write to the Secretary of State Brandon Lewis MP calling on him to recommend that the United Kingdom Government applies safeguard measures for a period of at least one year; and for the EU and UK Government to urgently engage to remove the barriers that are disrupting trade and could lead to further problems in the future".

Cllr Taylor presented the motion in detail and called for Government to ensure safeguards were put in place for a further year and that during that period UK and EU Governments find a workable solution.

Cllr Reilly supported the motion outlining that UK had left EU and this needed to be recognised with minimum regulation.

Cllr Savage outlined that his party fully recognised the challenges and concerns of the Unionist community in relation to the protocol and its implications but he stressed this has all come about as a direct result of Brexit. He also appreciated the challenges the protocol has posed for businesses and urged that everyone allows time for a workable solution to be found.

Cllr Byrne reiterated these points and stated the protocol provided opportunities for the region that needed to be exploited.

Cllr McKee in seconding the motion called for the protocol to be revisited and a 12 month grace period to allow this to happen.

Cllr Hanna stated that he felt betrayed as UK had voted to leave the EU and Brexit had not been delivered, it was his view the protocol should be abandoned immediately and as a result he would abstain in any vote on the motion.

Cllr Mason supported the position as presented by Cllr Savage stating that her Party were opposed to Brexit and the protocol was an essential product of the vote to leave the EU and was required to protect the Good Friday Agreement, as a result her party would not be supporting the motion.

Following a vote the following result was recorded;

2 for

3 against

2 abstentions

AGREED: As a result the motion was not carried.

4. OFFICER UPDATE

Mrs Murphy provided a brief update on current operations at Warrenpoint Port detailing work was progressing on a daily bases with discussions ongoing with FSA around funding for support in 2021/22.

Current office provision is adequate and plans for a permanent facility are being developed but unlikely to be delivered for over a year

AGREED: On proposal of Cllr Reilly and seconded by Cllr Taylor it was agreed to arrange a site visit to the facility when current restrictions are lifted and it is permitted to do so.

Mr McGilly advised the challenges posed by business are well documented and are being considered as part of the wider discussion around protocol etc. Mentoring support continues along with promotion of the range of supports provided vis Invest NI and Intertrade Ireland.

5. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to schedule a further meeting in 6 weeks time.

**FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ENTERPRISE, REGENERATION AND TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING, 8TH MARCH 2021**

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 March 2021
Subject:	Master Plans: Progress Update
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:-

For decision	X	For noting only
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> Council to now agree the updated content and actions as outlined in the priority action plans for each of the 4 Master Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry City Master Plan • Ballynahinch Master Plan • Downpatrick Master Plan • South East Coast Master Plan <p><u>Background</u> Council have in place Master Plans for Newry, Ballynahinch, Downpatrick, and the South East Coast. In 2019 Council approved an updated priority listing of actions to set out the areas of focus for Council working forward. In late 2020/early 2021 officials have revisited the priority action plans to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the progress against each priority action • Identify actions now completed / achieved • Identify new actions to be brought on to the Priority action plan
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Meetings have now been held with elected members in each of the relevant DEAs in order to update the priority action plans that sit alongside the below 4 Master Plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry City Master Plan • Ballynahinch Master Plan • Downpatrick Master Plan • South East Coast Master Plan <p>The updated priority action plans are attached. Officials will continue to review priority actions and present updates on a quarterly basis to the relevant DEA Forum.</p>

	Council to now agree the updated content and actions as outlined in the attached priority action plans
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4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Each individual project will identify budget implications, and necessary approvals will be requested through Council.
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	<i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
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7.0	Appendices
	<p>Priority Action Plans for the below 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry City Masterplan • South East Coast • Downpatrick • Ballynahinch
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

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Ballynahinch							
J	The extension of the riverside pathway along Ballynahinch River from Ballynahinch town centre towards Montalto Estate	Linking town with wider environs. Act as a catalyst for tourism development with reference to Montalto Estate. Wide community support for project. Contribute to health & wellbeing agenda.	Complete feasibility study. Identify ownership Produce a design and development proposal if feasible. Identify funding. Implement project.	Investigate feasibility for pathway development to include ownership. Note: AHC Dept have stated the walkway between Montalto Estate and Ballynahinch is not in the Council/ORNI Community Trails Plan. This may be an issue when identifying funding opportunities.	Montalto Estate - Marketing strategy completed. Trails and Play design complete and operational. Montalto Estate fully operational. Contact Montalto Estate to open discussion on opportunities for development of riverside pathway.	AHC/Outdoor or Leisure	Retain

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E	Ballynahinch Bypass (External Project)	<p>Reduce congestion in town centre allowing town to develop as a market town/food destination.</p> <p>Enhance the travel experience of visitors to the wider Mourne area</p>	<p>Council adopt a lobbying role to influence the progression of the bypass.</p> <p>Regular liaison between Dept for Infrastructure and DEA Forum</p> <p>As part of the technical design element, the Department have invited Council to consider placing a Public Art structure on the proposed A24 Ballynahinch Bypass</p>	<p>Department for Infrastructure (DFI) where progressing with technical design of the Ballynahinch by-pass up to procurement stage.</p> <p>Notice to proceed in place, direction order to be implemented following a benefit study of bypass and this is underway. Review of environmental reports. Purchase of land follows this process.</p> <p>Council to undertake procurement of an artist to produce a concept design proposal for an art feature on bypass when funding secured.</p>	<p>Council approved the report recommending proceeding with the art feature to undertake the procurement of an appropriate artist to produce a concept design proposal. This process is on hold due to bypass not proceeding yet.</p> <p>This will progress on commencement of bypass and funding package in place.</p>	ERT/EER	Retain
M	Events Programme	Promotion of Ballynahinch by promoting a programme of	Development of an annual events	On-going food and drink events throughout the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current events on 	ERT/Tourism/EER	Retain

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I	Premier Food Destination	events around historical opportunities and being a potential food destination by capitalising on the quality local food producers, suppliers and eateries	programme particularly focused on local history and being a food destination	<p>open to all Ballynahinch businesses via the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with local communities in relation to the delivery of events • Craft and artisan markets • Make it Local events 	<p>hold due to Covid 19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going engagement with Montalto Estate re potential events/Working with local communities (community collective) and Millbrook Lodge in relation to the delivery of events • Craft and artisan markets supported by the Council with PR 		

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					<p>throughout the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make it Local events 		
D	Place Marketing Strategy	<p>To implement the following to enhance Ballynahinch –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry, Mourne and Down Destination Marketing strategy which includes place marketing for Ballynahinch • Community Plan and Corporate Plan to lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas in terms of promotion of Ballynahinch. <p>In addition, this will attract investment and support the creation of new jobs.</p>	<p>This activity is Council led in partnership with relevant stakeholders</p> <p>Implement comprehensive Council wide marketing plan with local stakeholder buy in</p>	<p>Development of a comprehensive destination marketing plan.</p> <p>Continue to penetrate make it local brand in Ballynahinch</p> <p>DFC Covid-19 revitalisation funding secured for a District wide marketing campaign in 2021</p> <p>Make it Local campaign to promote the shop local, shop safe, click and collect and think local;</p>	<p>Make it Local campaign through social media and press for Ballynahinch was actioned in September 2020</p> <p>Halloween promotion took place October 2020 for local businesses</p> <p>Christmas and New Year promotion to take place</p>	ERT/Tourism/EER	Retain

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		Strategic priority for the Council.		online first messaging.			
R	Laneways and Arches	Improving the public realm by improving pedestrian connections. The reopening of laneways and archways to link car parks, key streets and open spaces	Identify options, develop design proposals and source potential funding and if feasible implement projects	Undertake a scoping assessment of potential projects in Ballynahinch town centre and produce a report of potential sites, projects and funding sources	<p>Relevant officials to walk site and identify sites and buildings</p> <p>Ballynahinch identified for public realm enhancement and Covid 19 outdoor space funding from Dept for Communities</p> <p>At Rowallane DEA meeting in October 2020, it was highlighted there is a need for enhancing Beedhams Lane which serves as a short cut from the</p>	ERT/EER	Retain

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					Langley Estate to the Belfast Road – may be an issue with private ownership		
O	Temporary Interventions and Meaningful uses	Rehabilitate vacant/derelict buildings to stimulate economic activity and to enhance the aesthetics of the town centre.	Identify key derelict properties in partnership with owners, produce recommendations and implement feasible projects	Undertake scoping assessment of properties and vacant sites in Ballynahinch. Produce a report of potential projects and funding sources	Initial scoping assessment of properties underway. Council official walked site and identified 4 properties to avail of Dept for Communities dereliction funding	ERT/EER	Retain
P	Town Centre Living	To contribute to the development of a vibrant night time economy and to create a safer feeling in the town centre at night.	Identify potential properties and ownership, produce report and implement feasible projects	Undertake scoping assessment. Produce a report of potential projects and funding sources	Initial scoping assessment of properties underway.	ERT/EER	Retain
New	Leisure			Position paper to be presented by AHC to		AHC	Add

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	Facility Development	Discussed at 9 th December 2020 Ballynahinch masterplan meeting		Council early 2021 (date TBC)			
New	Walking Trail Development	Investigate potential walking trails for development within the Ballynahinch area and market with other Council trails		Relevant Council officials to investigate options and report back to the next Ballynahinch Master Plan meeting		AHC/ERT	Add
New	Old Corn Mill 62 Church Road Ballynahinch	Property for sale at present Future development has been restricted due to planning constraints.		Relevant Council officials investigate potential and the Council to support where possible the future development of the site		ERT	Add

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Downpatrick							
E6	Eastern Relief Road.	Study completed but implementation of Eastern Relief Road not delivered.	Implementation of relief road.	Deliver study.	Study undertaken and completed by DFI.	ERT / EER	Retain relief road as a priority action for lobbying
E6a	Redevelopment of former PSNI Station, Irish Street.	Redevelopment of vacant site in partnership with DFC.	Development of site as a significant economic development project in a prime town centre location which would act as a catalyst for the regeneration of the town.	To purchase site and adjacent ground. To prepare development brief and to offer the development opportunity to the market. To establish a working group of Cllrs and traders.	Adjacent ground purchased by Council. Working group established and operating successfully. Soft Market testing exercise undertaken and completed in September 2020. Results of market testing currently being analysed. Development brief being prepared. This will inform the process as to appropriate development options.	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action
A2	Hotel Development (External project)	Identified in accommodation needs analysis. Essential to develop tourism project and to attract visitors.	Secure Hotel development in Downpatrick.	Provide hotel accommodation.	Planning approval granted for development of hotel on former Abbey Lodge Hotel site. Scatter	ERT/TCA	Retain as a priority action

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					Hotel concept being implemented in town centre.		
A5/C6	Irish Street Revitalisation	Following the relocation of the PSNI site and the implementation of the public realm scheme, this area of the town requires further enhancement.	Implement Revitalisation project in Irish Street.	Implement Shop Front scheme in Irish Street. Develop brand identity for the street.	Steering group established. Shop front implemented but scheme delayed due to Covid 19. 14 shop fronts to be enhanced by March 2021. Marketing projects undertaken – painting of former PSNI station completed to enhance appearance prior to re-development. New Irish Street banners erected. Suite of marketing materials procured including promotional booklet and bespoke shopping bags. Further marketing initiatives to be developed and undertaken.	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action
C4	The Grove/St Patrick's Quarter	Development site for improved car parking and wider regeneration.	Redevelopment of site.	Develop project proposals for the site.	Meeting held with Strategic Investment Board to discuss possible options for the	ERT/EER	Retain as priority action

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	(External project)				development of the site. No update available at present. Consider linking Grove project with tourism walking trails.		
D3	Downe Hospital Site	Redevelopment of prime town centre site.	Provision of social housing	Site sold to developer.	Building has commenced on site.	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action
*	Public Sector campus/decentralisation (external project)	Continued lobby and development of business case for decentralisation of public sector jobs to Downpatrick area. Immediate focus on redevelopment plans for Rathkeltair House.	Relocation of public sector jobs to Downpatrick.	Refurbishment of Rathkeltair House.	Rathkeltair House refurbishment completed. Announced in Feb 21 as a NICS Regional Hub Consider further development of public usage of Downshire Civic Centre.		Retain as a priority action
*	Tourism Strategy (External)	Development of key tourism projects to complement district wide tourism strategy to explore viability of projects such as St Patrick Centre, Railway, Museum and Arts Centre.	Implementation of key projects.	Strategy Completed.	Strategy launched and work initiated on implementation of projects. Tourism/Events activity delayed as a result of Covid 19. Some events to be scheduled on an on - line basis until restrictions are lifted.	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action

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E2 & E5	Frontage Improvement Schemes and regeneration of vacant shops.	To enhance shop frontages in the town centre and to utilise vacant shops	Complete shop front scheme and develop proposals for utilisation of vacant shops or space above shops.	Introduce schemes.	Funding secured for Irish St Shop Front Scheme. Projects being implemented. Vacant rooms above shops being used as part of Scatter Hotel Project.	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action

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Newry							
B2: Arts Centre & Associated Development D6: Abbey Way Streetscape A5: Waterfront Urban Design	Newry City Centre Regeneration Programme	Strategic priority for the Council to lead on investment & regeneration of Newry City core through Council investments and BCRD Key Council provision to better deliver Council services and arts to the community, attract business conferencing, private investment and improve the urban environment.	A new Civic Centre Hub	Civic Hub Project: - prepare FBC, secure approval 80/20 to 50/50 agile working ratio, secure NICS commitment, public consultation, develop stage 3 design, submit planning & commence IST procurement.	Integrated Consultant (Design) Team engaged & Outline Business Case completed. Concept Design stage complete. Pre-Planning Application Discussion process ongoing. Abbey Way selected as site.	ERT PM – C Mallon / A. Grimshaw	RETAIN
			A new Theatre/ Conference centre	Theatre Conference: - prepare FBC, secure approval to value engineering options, public consultation, develop RIBA stage 3 design, submit planning & commence IST procurement.	Integrated Consultant (Design) Team engaged. Outline Business Case Completed. Concept Design Stage complete. Pre- Planning Application Discussion process ongoing. Ross Thompson site agreed.		
			Development of Grade A office accommodation	Grade A Office accommodation project: - Prepare FBC, develop delivery strategy, soft market engagement, launch fund following	Outline Business Case completed. Varied studies and stakeholder engagement.		

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				BRC and Council approvals.			
G1	Albert Basin Development A Newry City Centre Regeneration project	Strategic priority for the Council. Creates a major multi-faceted infrastructure project in City Centre Council have agreed development of a 15-acre City park on Albert Basin site	Develop & implement an Albert Basin Masterplan which will be delivered on a phased approach.	Complete site appraisal via Investment Strategy. Secure funding for site masterplan (AHC now leading on project). Integrated design team and economists to be appointed.	Task and finish working group established, completed its role and now discontinued. Stakeholder forum established and remains in place. Public consultation identifying need completed. Geotechnical and contamination investigations of the site completed	AHC PM: M Lipsett	RETAIN
i5	Park and Choose Facilities	Newry City Centre Regeneration Programme Park & Choose a consideration under wider Traffic, Transport & Car Parking strategy. Sustainable and multi-modal links to the fore of strategy	Aim to rationalise extent of city centre car parking, grade charges centrally to encourage short stay in centre, long stay on fringes, and use charging & sites to support new parking provision that can facilitate development and creation of	Members approved appointment of WYG Consulting for stage 2 works to undertake an analysis to identify opportunities to improve multimodal transport in Newry.	Stage 1 analysis performed, existing surveys reviewed, scope of stage 2 study defined.	PM – A Grimshaw	RETAIN

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			sustainable transport links.				
i7	City Centre Gateway Carparks	<p>Council provision to service the community. Strategic priority for the Council. Can connect other projects and provide and income stream for the Council. External funding opportunities.</p> <p>Council inherited a mixture of free and pay car parks from TNI.</p>	This project is owned jointly by Council/Transport NI.	<p>Complete appraisal/business case for car parks to agree new charging structures etc.</p> <p>Council have aligned the car park tariffs across the District including Newry to encourage a turnover of spaces and therefore, an increased capacity.</p>	<p>An appraisal of City Centre car parks identified an adequate capacity of parking spaces within the off-street car parks</p> <p>Council have agreed to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. extend the existing Agency Agreement (Enforcement) from Nov' 19 to Oct 2022. 2. Sell Corry Square car park to facilitate the Whiskey Distillery development, completed October 2020 	<p>ERT</p> <p>PM – C Jackson</p>	RETAIN

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D1 Hill Street Public Realm D2 Hill Street Development	Lower Hill Street Public Realm Works	Strategic Priority to improve the urban environment, and to invest with aim to regenerate. Council provision to service the community. Newry City Centre Public Realm Strategy in place to guide and prioritise decisions and projects.	Public Realm Enhancement works to 'Lower Hill Street/John Mitchell Place' and 'The Associated side streets of St Colman's Park, O'Hagan Street, Mill Street and Ballybot Bridge.	Maximise External funding opportunities in partnership with DFC. Phase III - commenced site works to the Newry Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme in May 2020.	Planning Approval achieved and on site works commenced in May 2020 and are scheduled for completion in the spring of 2021.	ERT PM – S Crossey	RETAIN
i3	Carlingford Lough Greenway Development (Internal Capital Project)	Lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas and support health and well-being outcomes. Strategic priority for the Council. Phased project already commenced and a success. Connectivity to other greenways and projects. External funding opportunities. Cross border opportunity with Louth County Council.	To link with the existing Newry/Portadown Cycleway/Towpath resulting in a total length of 52km of Greenway along the East coast of Ireland enabling walkers and cyclists to travel off-road between Belfast and Dublin using Sustrans Route 9	<u>Phase 1</u> Complete a 20 km walk/cycle route from Newry City to Carlingford. <u>Phase 2</u> Victoria Lock to Omeath planning submitted.	<u>Phase 1</u> Phase 1 completed 2018. <u>Phase 2</u> Currently Phase 2 (Victoria Lock to Omeath) planning application submitted in August 2020. Decision expected in 2021.	ERT PM: S Crossey/ M Boyle	RETAIN
i4	Southern Relief Road	Major infrastructure development lead by the	The road will run south of Newry City,	Completion of Outline Business Case (DFI)	Outline Business Case – completed. Will be	ERT	RETAIN

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	(External Project)	Department of Infrastructure. It is a key infrastructure project within the Belfast Region City Deal.	between the A1 Dublin Road dual carriageway and A2 Warrenpoint Road dual carriageway.	Ensure all Government and - stakeholder commitment via Council Committee Process	submitted to the BRCD Executive Board for inclusion within the Deal Document. Next completion of a FBC	PM: C Mallon	
H1	Place Marketing (Internal Revenue Project)	To service the community and business sectors. Create a common Newry City identity/place.	<p>Implement comprehensive marketing plan with stakeholder buy in on annual basis.</p> <p>Undertake review of signage across City</p> <p>Maintain Purple Flag (Evening Economy) status.</p>	<p>To support local businesses.</p> <p>Develop a marketing campaign for Newry City Centre regeneration project.</p> <p>Make it Local campaign rolled out</p> <p>Multi agency approach to Purple Flag to be maintained.</p>	<p>DFC Covid-19 revitalisation funding secured for a District wide marketing campaign in 2021</p> <p>Newry Regeneration video and image completed for a digital / outdoor marketing campaign when appropriate</p> <p>Make it Local campaign to promote the shop local, shop safe, click and collect and think local; online first messaging.</p>	ERT PM: Jonathan McGilly	RETAIN
6	Community Care Hub: Newry Health Hub (External Project – by SHSCT)	<p>Major infrastructure development meeting with the Council's strategic priorities.</p> <p>Courtney Hill area of the Newry</p>	<p>Lobbying role for the Council - Delivered by other Government Departments & private sector</p> <p>Planning for site secured</p>	Secure executive approval for project	<p>Planning Approval obtained.</p> <p>Construction Early 2021</p>	PM: C Mallon	RETAIN

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			Tender & develop scheme				
E1 Monaghan Street and Upper Edward Street	Corn Market (existing health village) (External Project)	Proposed Community Care Hub will render this site vacant. Linked with Monaghan Street Car Park & Councils Sport Centre. Site has significant regeneration development opportunities for the Monaghan Street area	Explore options with DFC for comprehensive development scheme	Explore options with DFC for comprehensive development scheme – council to monitor project which will be taken forward by external partners	Live Planning Application currently being progressed.	PM: C Mallon	RETAIN
D3	Newry Variety Market	Links in with Council Community Plan and Corporate Plan to lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas, attract investment and support the creation of new jobs.	Support & Development of the market to become more commercially viable and attractive	The current market provision is 2 days per week at the Newry Site. Council investigating the AI Fresco Dining concept to be a more regular event and are investing in relevant equipment to facilitate further development.	1 x Twilight market and an AI Fresco dining event has been held. Funding has been secured from DFC Covid 19- Recovery Fund for the purchase of equipment to further develop AI Fresco dining within Newry Market.	ERT / EER	RETAIN
E1	Monaghan Street and Upper Edward Street	Links in with Council Community Plan and Corporate Plan to lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas, become a premier tourism	Whiskey Distillery + Visitor Centre. This project is being led by a private sector investor.	Lobbying role for Council.	Developer secured planning permission.	ERT PM: C Mallon	RETAIN

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		destination on the island of Ireland, attract investment and support the creation of new jobs.	The project will result in a major regeneration of buildings along Monaghan Street with impact into public realm, tourism and visitor numbers.		Land Transfer between the Council and the Developer is complete. Private Developer to move forward with works.		
C4	Abbey Grounds (Internal Capital Project)	In 2016/17, Land placed in Council ownership and consultation on potential project. The Land was provided to the Council with the caveat that land must be retained as parkland. Potential for connectivity with the new CCTC Project	This project is Council owned and led. Development options considered	Explore funding options Link to Investment Strategy for Newry	Council to agree next steps on disposal of surplus land.	ERT PM – C Mallon	With no current strategic project in the pipeline, recommend REMOVE from the Priority Action Plan.
A1 – River Clean Up	River Clean Up (External Project)	This project is under River Agency responsibility but links in with Council Community Plan and Corporate Plan to lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas, protect our natural and built environment.	Lobbying role for the Council Ensure connectivity with waterfront urban design priorities. Explore with DFC funding options for ongoing clean up.	Explore options with Rivers Agency & DFC for on-going river clean up	DFC funded River Clean up took place in early 2017. Council also undertook a further River Clean up in mid 2018 and there has also been a BID/Local Community clean up in 2020.	ERT PM – S Crossey	RETAIN: River Clean Up

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		Supports other projects, e.g. public realm.					
	DFI Rivers Newry Flood Alleviation Scheme	DFI Rivers are proposing a flood alleviation scheme along the Newry/ Clanrye River. The scheme will require the heightening of existing defence walls, which may limit views into and across the river, and could adversely affect the walkways and surrounding public realm. NMD Council will require presence at Project Delivery Board to ensure Council concerns and aims are respected.	DFI Rivers Flood Alleviation Scheme is at feasibility stage. Significant consultation will be required prior to delivery commencing, especially with regards to upper catchment attenuation potential.	Maintain periodic engagement with DFI Rivers.	Ongoing consideration of potential inclusion as part of the Public Realm works associated with Theatre and Conference facility. DFI Rivers Agency to investigate the preferred option for a flood alleviation scheme	PM: C Mallon	RETAIN

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Newcastle / Mournes							
1	Mourne Gateway Project City Deal Project - Visitor centre with Gondola at Thomas Quarry, Slieve Donard:	Strategic priority aligned to Council's Corporate Plan and Community Plan. Also aligned to Tourism NI vision for creating a Gateway to the Mournes. An economic driver for the area creating a unique attraction in Northern Ireland. A strategic Project outlined in the Tourism priorities for the Belfast Region City Deal	Development of feasibility and technical design proposal Completion of OBC and FBC for the project Securing all statutory approvals Continued engagement and buy in with key stakeholders Establish of a working for continued development of the project Secure investment for project implementation Establish Newcastle as the Gateway to the Mournes	Progressing the development of a visitor experience: Creation of a Visitor centre with Gonadal at Thomas Quarry, slieve Donard: Outlined Business Case to be completed Working Group established Relevant studies commenced Relevant statutory approvals commenced	Mourne Gateway Study assessing the access options into and onto Donard Mountain. Report recommended the provision of world class international tourist attraction's which develops sustainable enhancement of access from the town of Newcastle to the Mourne Mountains. 4 Themes to this project: 1. Necessary Infrastructure 2. Green Travel Network 3. Interpretation of Mountains Myths and Martime 4. Epic Moments Visualisation of the concept for Mourne	ERT / Tourism	Retain as a priority action

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					<p>Gateway project and Consultations</p> <p>The Gondola and Thomas Quarry project elements has been submitted to investment under Belfast Region City Deal, with an OBC completed in Dec 2020</p>		
6	<p>Castle Park and Islands Park: Leisure Development (Internal Project)</p>	<p>This priority links to No 1. Above.</p> <p>Strategic priority aligned to Council’s Corporate Plan and Community Plan. Also aligned to Tourism NI vision for creating a Gateway to the Mournes.</p> <p>An economic driver for the area creating a unique attraction in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>This is a key site for development to attract more families and tourist into the heart of the town</p>	<p>Development of feasibility and technical design proposal</p> <p>Completion of OBC and FBC for the project</p> <p>Securing all statutory approvals</p> <p>Continued engagement and buy in with key stakeholders</p> <p>Establish of a working for continued development of the project</p> <p>Secure investment for project implementation</p>	<p>Working Group to be established</p> <p>Relevant studies commenced for project elements</p> <p>Relevant statutory approvals commenced</p>	<p>The Study Area for the Mourne Gateway Project (above) includes both Castle Park and Islands Park.</p>	ERT / Tourism	Retain as a priority action

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			Establish Newcastle as the Gateway to the Mournes				
5	Newcastle Centre / Tropicana: Development of leisure provision, harbour and hotel	<p>This priority links to No 1. Above.</p> <p>Strategic priority aligned to Council's Corporate Plan and Community Plan. Also aligned to Tourism NI vision for creating a Gateway to the Mournes.</p> <p>An economic driver for the area creating a unique attraction in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>This is a key site for development to attract more families and tourist into the heart of the town</p> <p>Provision of infrastructure to support tourism in the area</p>	<p>Council owned facility</p> <p>To determine the development options and potential of the site as a key leisure provider</p> <p>To engage the support of key stakeholders in developing design proposals</p>	<p>Develop design proposals for hotel and harbour</p> <p>Progression of feasibility study recommendations in consideration of discussions regarding leisure and community facility provision being led by AHC</p>	<p>Feasibility Study completed on provision of a hotel on Newcastle Centre Site</p> <p>Recommendation from study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel development inc a 2 or 3 story extension acceptable in principle • Existing leisure facilities to be relocated <p>Study being undertaken to identify works required to Newcastle Centre/Tropicana in terms of maintenance..</p>	AHC/ ML	Retain as a priority action
Kilkeel / Mournes							

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13.4.3.2	Kilkeel Esplanade / Promenade Walkway	Links in with Council Community Plan and Corporate Plan to lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas, providing enhanced recreational facilities, that contribute to greater health and well being	Consideration to coastal erosion at site	Ongoing maintenance and improvement works at the Esplanade where required Provision included in regeneration forward work plan for EI touch up / enhancement works within town centre area	2014/2015: Mourne Esplanade Recreational Improvements completed to pathways, lighting, seating areas, landscaping, car parking and 3nr art features (SEA FLAG funding) 2018 – Coastal Path realigned at the Esplanade to avoid coastal erosion. Knockree Avenue landscaping works done 2019	ERT / EER	RETAIN as a Priority Action
13.2	Kilkeel Town Centre	Links in with Council Community Plan and Corporate Plan to lead the regeneration of our urban and rural areas, providing enhanced recreational facilities, that contribute to greater health and wellbeing.	Continue to liaise with the Chamber of Commerce and Kilkeel Development Association Ltd on new developments as they arise.	Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme.	Covid-19 investments Dereliction – 2 properties to be painted in the Spring 2021. Public realm enhancement agreed, inc. litter bin replacement, pathway repairs, tree replacement and painting of the Lower Square Railings.	EER/ERT	RETAIN as a Priority Action

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					There will be further clean up and planting within the old Graveyard overlooking Bridge Street.		

Warrenpoint / Crotlieve							
32	Warrenpoint Promenade upgrade and extension (Extension: From Baths to Dobbin Point on Rostrevor Rd)	Strategic priority aligned to Council's Corporate Plan and Community Plan, for regenerating our towns and villages This will improve the aesthetics for the area, encouraging more people to walk the route. This would provide an enhancement of public space. This is keeping within the theme of developing leisure and recreation in three town centres	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To implement the upgrade works from Dock Street to Baths As part of item 1 explore an extension of the scheme to Dobbin Point, particularly to the beach front area opposite the Balmoral Hotel and to Coles Corner 	<p>To undertake technical design proposals for the upgrade works from Duke Street to Baths</p> <p>To obtain necessary statutory approvals</p> <p>To secure DFC funding and Council match funding for scheme</p>	<p>Council secured a capital budget to procure an Integrated Consultant Team to undertake design proposals for upgrade works to the Shore Front promenade</p> <p>Concept design to be presented Crotlieve Cllrs 10.12.2020 and existing capital budget in place and is being reviewed at 10.12.2020</p>	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action
31	Development of Warrenpoint Baths Site	Strategic priority aligned to Council's Corporate Plan and Community Plan, for regenerating our towns and villages	Identify appropriate development options for the site	Expression of Interest process initiated 2019 to identify regeneration opportunities for the	June 2020 ERT committee recommended the 2019 EOI process would now be ended and that	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action

Masterplan Reference	Project Title	Rationale for Prioritisation	Long Term Delivery to 2023	Short Term Action Plan 2019/2020	Achieved to Date up to October 2019	Reporting Department	Rec
	(Internal/External Project)	Continue to promote site as a leisure destination; explore redevelopment opportunities that can provide social, economic and sustainable regeneration opportunities that will also enhance this landmark building		site and agree next steps regarding development of the baths site	<p>Council Officials would now consider what future site options/funding sources may be available for the site.</p> <p>August 2020 ERT Committee agreed Council Officials hold discussions with Heritage funders/ organisations and forward options for discussion at a future Council meeting.</p> <p>Council to consider a budget for 2021/22.</p> <p>Further report to be presented to ERT Committee December 2020.</p>		
30	Former Osborne Hotel Development (External Project)	<p>Enhancement of site with alternative uses considered</p> <p>Strategic project that if implemented would have both economic and regeneration benefits for the area</p>	Progress and investigate any development plans for the site	Engage with owner to explore development options	<p>Hotel Site remains in private ownership</p> <p>Council continuing to engage with landowner to explore opportunity for development and subsequent planning</p>	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action

Masterplan Reference	Project Title	Rationale for Prioritisation	Long Term Delivery to 2023	Short Term Action Plan 2019/2020	Achieved to Date up to October 2019	Reporting Department	Rec
28 & 29	Marina Service Centre/New Marina (Internal Capital Project)	Encourage tourism and visitor spend Shore front development opportunities Strategic project that if implemented would have both significant tourism, economic and regeneration benefits for the area	Renewal design proposals and feasibility of project Renewal statutory approvals and technical design studies Explore funding options for project implementation	Full planning permission expired Sept 2017. Renewal of planning approval and undertake necessary studies as required for same	A new PAN 1 Planning Application and consultation completed Spring 2018 and approved. Revised outline Business Case completed for the potential Marina development and to be presented to Council December 2020/January 2021	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action
35	One Way System (External Project)	Immediate impact on town space and traffic management plan. Reduce congestion in the Square	Council to continue to work with Dept for Infrastructure on this matter	One-way system survey to be undertaken Dept for Infrastructure	Dept for Infrastructure to present the one-way system survey to Crotlieve Cllrs 10.12.2020	ERT / EER	
	Warrenpoint Park (Internal Capital & Revenue Project)	Development and regeneration of Warrenpoint Park (Heritage Lottery Funded Project). Application submitted to HLF. Planning application submitted	Letter of Offer for £850,000 – from HLF Project completed by 2019	Continued maintenance and development works where required To continue the implementation of an events programme at the site – up to June 2021	All Capital works now completed and the park officially reopened on 31 st August 2018. To continue the implementation of an education and events programme at the park until June 2021	ERT / EER	Project capital completed and will be removed following revenue completion in June 2021

Masterplan Reference	Project Title	Rationale for Prioritisation	Long Term Delivery to 2023	Short Term Action Plan 2019/2020	Achieved to Date up to October 2019	Reporting Department	Rec
	Narrow Water Bridge (External Project)	Strategic Infrastructure proposal, led by DFI.	<p>Lobbying role from Council required to support the project</p> <p>If required, research and update potential funding opportunities</p>	<p>Continue to work with Central Government and Louth Local Authorities to establish commitment for the project</p> <p>Council have continued to engage with the Narrow Water Stakeholder Group. Paper presented to the North South Ministerial Council Plenary re: options for the Narrow Water Bridge</p> <p>Key objectives agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project should link the two communities north and south 2. Encourage and enhance overall tourism in the cross-border region 3. Protect the natural environment north and south 	<p>North South Ministerial Council (NSMC) agreed in April 2020 to a meeting however due to the pandemic this did not take place.</p> <p>It was agreed at the September 2020 Louth/Newry, Mourne and Down Strategic allowance that Louth County Council CEO would follow up with NSMC to arrange this meeting.</p>	ERT / EER	Retain as a priority action

Masterplan Reference	Project Title	Rationale for Prioritisation	Long Term Delivery to 2023	Short Term Action Plan 2019/2020	Achieved to Date up to October 2019	Reporting Department	Rec
				3. The Department of Infrastructure will take a paper to the North South Ministerial Council when the political structure is in place for doing so			
New	Narrow Water Keep	Development of Narrow Water Keep and other similar sites (Greencastle/Carlingford) as a tourism destination				ERT	
New	Tourism strategy for Warrenpoint	Development of a tourism strategy for Warrenpoint incorporating the above-mentioned projects as part of the wider Council tourism strategy				ERT	

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th March 2021
Subject:	Warrenpoint Baths – Update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon – Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise Employment and Regeneration

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve the recommendation contained in section 3.1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 2. Council officials to continue their discussions with potential funders given the development of new funding programmes – Peace plus, Shared Prosperity Fund, NLHF, Tourism NI etc based on the development of the facility as per the mixed use planning approval that is currently in place on the site. 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><u>Background</u> At previous ERT meetings the conclusion of the Warrenpoint Baths ‘Expression Of Interest’ (EOI) process was approved and further discussed at the full monthly meeting. It was agreed that the latest EOI process would now be brought to a close and that Council Officials would consider what future site options/funding sources may be available for the site.</p> <p>Council officials have now commenced discussing the issue with Heritage funders and amongst relevant Council officials.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Initial feedback from discussions with Heritage Organisations and others is that taking no action in relation to retention of the site is not an option. Proposals brought

	<p>forward for the site would be considered however the key issue would have to be clear demonstration of commercial viability.</p> <p>In the short term, Council through its TCE and Estates sections should continue their observations and actions in looking after the existing fabric of the building, to ensure that obvious health and safety issues are being addressed.</p> <p>In the medium to longer term, Council has exhausted the Expression Of Interest route in regards interest from the private sector in relation to the existing planning approved design. To move things on, the next stage is to investigate the economic viability of the existing Council approval scheme with planning approved.</p> <p>The current planning approval expires in January 2022</p> <p>This is now essential so that Council can come to decision in regards further progressing the development of the site.</p> <p>Through the appointment of a consultancy team, work can be carried out in 2021 to determine this.</p> <p>As previously stated, Council are well aware of the historic importance of the Baths site and the continuing interest of the wider community to realise development at the site in keeping with the character and fabric of the site.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	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.
3.2	Council officials to continue their discussions with potential funders given the development of new funding programmes – Peace plus, Shared Prosperity Fund, NLHF, Tourism NI etc based on the development of the facility as per the planning approval that is currently in place on the site.
3.3	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.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	To be determined following a procurement exercise
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)

5.1	<p>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p>Proposal initiating consultation</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	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th March 2021
Subject:	Update on 5G and Broadband availability within NMDDC area, incorporating Project Stratum update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on 5G and Broadband availability within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. <p><u>Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5G refers to fifth generation of mobile connectivity offering much faster data speeds to allow more devices to simultaneously access the internet via wireless infrastructure, with reduced delays between sending and receiving information. Expected speeds of 5G are between 1GBps and 10GBps. Broadband refers to high speed internet connection via multiple types of technologies including fibre, wireless, cable and ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line ie Standard Broadband) enabling greater capacity to send and receive data. Broadband speeds vary and can be affected by several factors for example type of connection; distance from the exchange; number of connections to your premises; quality of cables; and traffic/peak times. Speed times are typically measured as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard - up to 30Mbsp - Superfast - 30Mbsp+ - Ultrafast - >100Mbps <p>In the absence of one central source of information regarding 5G and Broadband availability, data was sought from various sources as outlined below.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	Sources of information for key findings were:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobile UK - Think Broadband - Ofcom - Shared Rural Network - Fibrus Project Stratum <p>Key findings available in appendices.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To note the update provided regarding 5G and Broadband availability within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area particularly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details provided are current as at February 2021 and based on the information available on the respective websites. • There does not appear to be 5G coverage in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. • As shown above coverage of Superfast and Fibre Coverage in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is 84.48%. • It should be noted that although particular download speeds are available, it is incumbent on consumers to purchase respective packages suitable to their individual needs. • The Shared Rural Network will see 4G mobile coverage from all four operators rise to a minimum of 85% throughout Northern Ireland. • Rural Community Network hosted a workshop regarding 5G New Thinking on 25th February to discuss improving rural connectivity with 5G. • NILGA briefing session with Mobile UK on 4 March was held regarding 5G and Health Campaign - #5GCheckTheFacts.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/A
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p> <p>1- Key findings on 5G and Broadband availability within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p> <p>N/A</p>

Appendix 1 Key findings on 5G and Broadband availability within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area

1. Mobile UK

Mobile UK as the Trade Association for the UK's mobile network operators, being EE,O2, Three and Vodafone have provided details on 5G; concerns; benefits and a Local Authority Toolkit. It should be noted that 5G is not within the remit of Council, it is a reserved matter and led by MNO and sometimes funded by UK Government whose objective is for 5G connectivity for the majority by 2027.

For 5G coverage within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area Nperf.com measures the quality of Internet connection per mobile network operator. The following maps show the current coverage throughout Newry, Mourne and Down District Council per operator.

Representing the 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G coverage by carrier EE:



Representing the 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G coverage by carrier O2:



Representing the 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G coverage by carrier Three:



Representing the 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G coverage by carrier Vodafone:



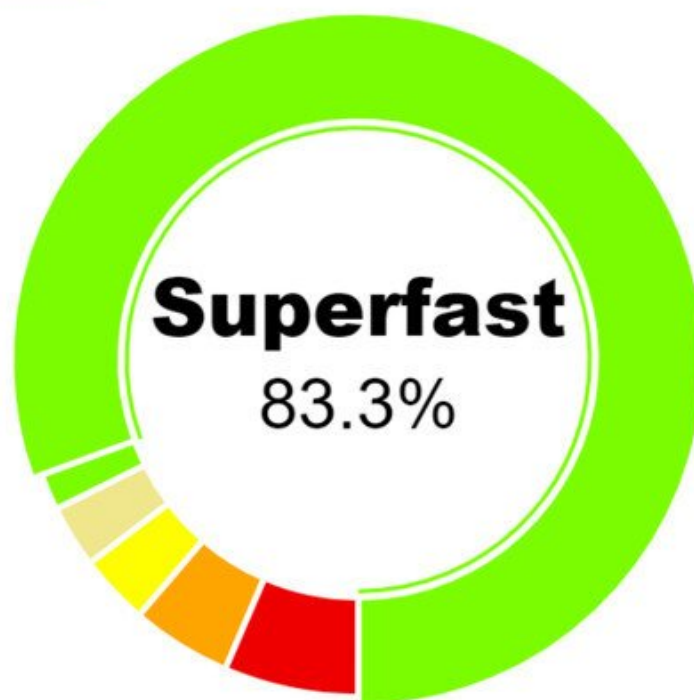
As per the maps shown above, there does not appear to be any current 5G coverage in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.

2.Think Broadband

A broadband information resource for UK Internet users reports the coverage of Superfast and Fibre Coverage in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area as:

Mourne and Down Superfast and Fibre Coverage

Latest Figures History ?



Superfast (>24 Mbps):	84.48%	Below 2 Mbps down:	6.04%
Superfast (>=30 Mbps):	83.34%	Below 10 Mbps down: (Legal USO)	10.38%
Ultrafast (>100 Mbps):	51.41%	Below 10 Mbps, 1.2 Mbps up:	9.49%
Openreach (>30 Mbps):	82.89%	Below 15 Mbps: (High Speed Broadband)	13.14%
Openreach FTTP:	38.84%	Virgin Media Cable:	0.00%
Openreach G.fast:	0.00%	Full Fibre (FTTP or FTTH):	51.41%
'Fibre' partial/full at any speed: (FTTC/VDSL/G.fast/Cable/FTTP)	99.42%		

Coverage percentages include both residential and business premises and is based around postcode level data. The speed available are determined by a model that reconstructs the Openreach exchange/cabinet based network, and takes into account the distance limitations of ADSL2+ and VDSL2/G.fast (FTTC) services.

The use of an independent model constructed and continually updated as the network roll-outs continue is different to the methodology used by Ofcom which is reliant on data provided by broadband providers. By running our model we are able to provide a verification for the Ofcom data and are not reliant on quarterly data releases but can update data on a daily or weekly basis as needed. The largest factor for any differences with the Ofcom analysis is down to the timing of publication.

National Superfast Picture

Superfast 30 Mbps and faster

Generated: 20-02-2021

UK	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales
96.7%	97.2%	89.6%	94.6%	95.6%

Full Fibre - Fibre to the Premises

Generated: 20-02-2021

UK	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales
20.4%	19.3%	61.8%	18.7%	19.2%

The generated date is when coverage was at the figures quoted. There is a small amount of lag between broadband infrastructure providers making services available and appearing in the statistics. For VDSL2/FTTC services this is around 2 to 4 weeks, and for FTTP (full fibre) a further couple of weeks should be allowed. If you have a service available and our searches do not indicate it is do feel free to report an addition.

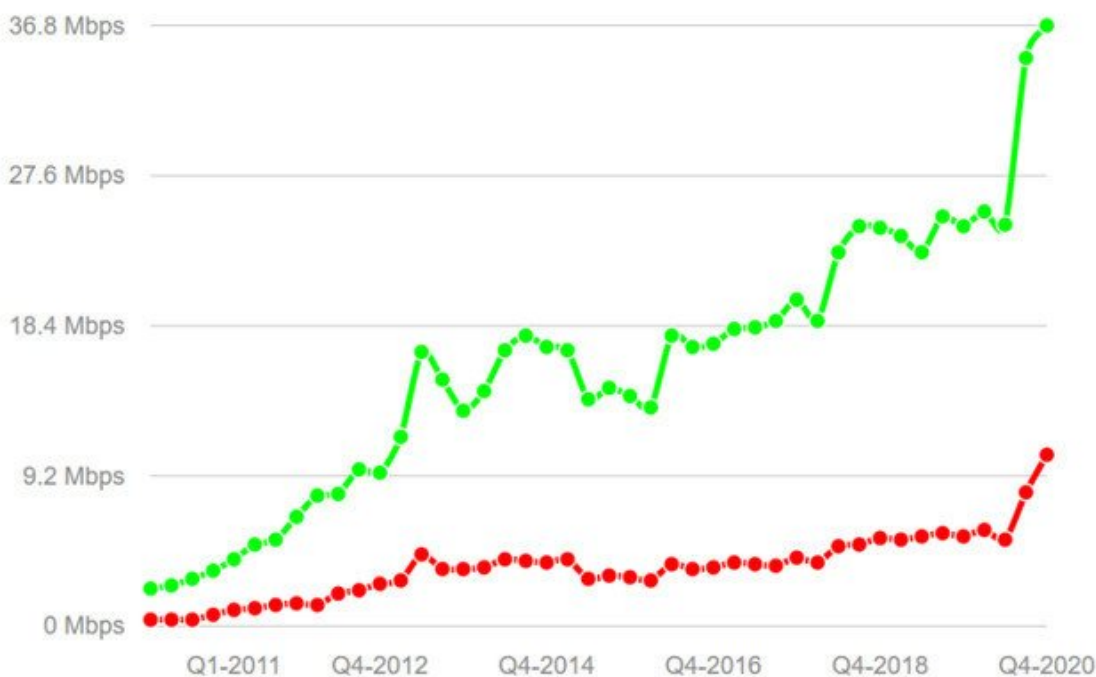
Mourne and Down Speed Test Results (Mbps)

Last Quarter History

Any Openreach ADSL FTTC FTTH 3G/4G

ADSL, ADSL2+, FTTC, fibre, cable, mobile and wireless speeds ?

Technology Split: ADSL 25.9% FTTC 53.5% FTTH 20.6%



This figure is based around everyone buying the fastest Virgin Media, KC or Openreach product available to them, based on current product availability. Distance limitations of ADSL2+ and VDSL2 are factored into the calculation.

Speed test results are based on the analysis of results from Think Broadband and is the largest analysis of crowd sourced speed test data for the UK and the technology splits by area help to show what the public is experiencing for the different types of services across the UK.

It should be noted that although these download speeds are currently available, it is incumbent on consumers to purchase the packages suitable to their individual needs.

3. Shared Rural Network

The Shared Rural Network was developed by the UK’s four mobile network operators (EE, O2, Three and Vodafone) and Government, will deliver 4G coverage to 95% of the UK, enabling rural businesses and communities to thrive via a shared infrastructure and new phone masts. The FFNI Operations team also sit on the SRN.

The SRN will be funded jointly by the mobile network operators and the Government. Collectively the MNOs will contribute £532m in order to address partial not-spots, a geographic area with 4G coverage from at least one, but not all four mobile network operators. The Government will invest an additional £500m to provide new mobile masts in area with no 4G coverage.

In Northern Ireland, the Shared Rural Network will see 4G coverage from all four operators rise to a minimum of 85%, up from 75% in 2020 and coverage from at least one Mobile Network Operator increase to 98%, allowing rural business to prosper and rural communities to thrive.

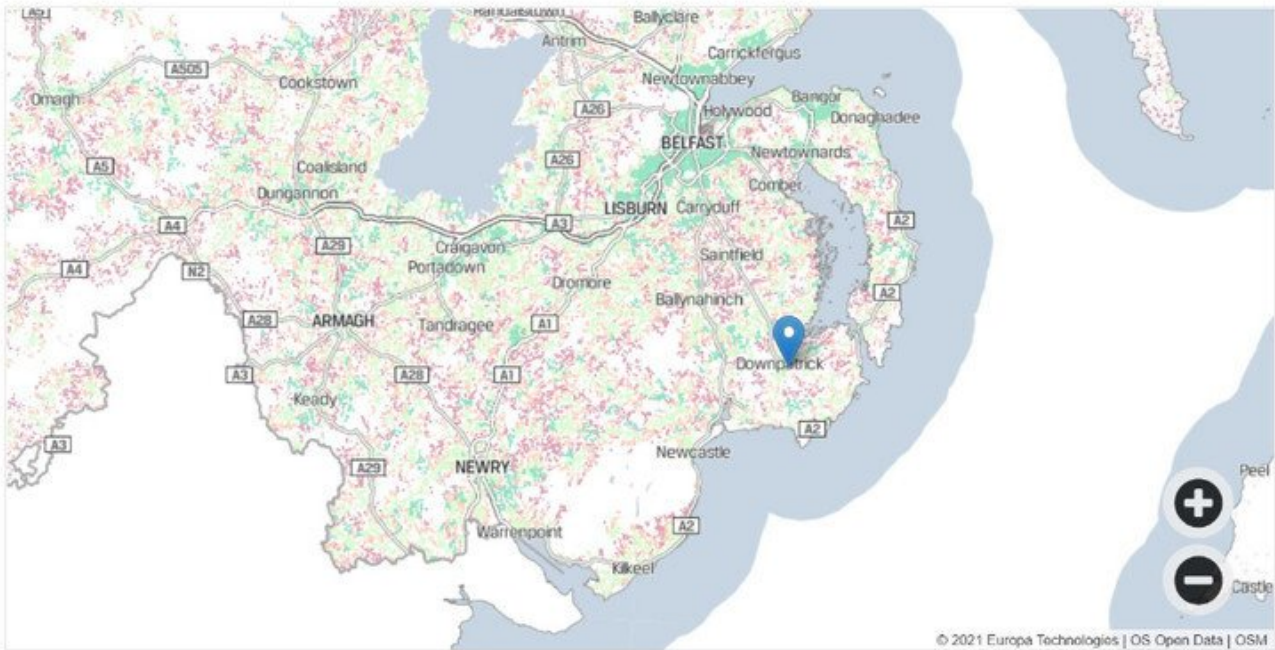
Other mobile providers, other than the EE, O2, Three and Vodafone, will be using one of the four mobile operators network to offer mobile services to their customers through the network. Therefore, improving MNO’s coverage will improve the mobile coverage for all mobile service providers.

Current available coverage from the four mobile network operators as provided by Ofcom’s mobile coverage check reports: Broadband availability:

BT30 6GQ

Change location

Select your address



Each "dot" in the map above represents a postcode, therefore it is difficult to pinpoint specific premises and the respective coverage available in a map of the entire Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area. There are several websites available enabling specific postcode searches, which can also be searched by particular providers. Speed tests can also be performed on specific postcodes through such websites including Ofcom.

4. Fibrus Project Stratum

Project Stratum will increase the number of premises able to access Next Generation Access (NGA) broadband services capable of delivering in excess of 30 Mbps, particularly within rural areas.

Deployment in the immediate months will pick up a total of 4,767 homes in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council areas as outlined below.

Summary of key dates:

Killyleagh

- Homes – 643
- Build commences – March 2021
- Build completes – Spring 2021

Kilkeel

- Homes - 1,384
- Build commences - 08/03/21
- Build completes – Summer 2021

Castlewellan

- Homes – 2,098
- Build commences – March 2021
- Build completes – Autumn 2021

Warrenpoint

- Homes – 642
- Build commences – April 2021
- Build completes – Spring 2021

Please note Ballynahinch deployment in Summer 2021 as previously reported, has now been replaced with Warrenpoint. Ballynahinch should now be scheduled for Autumn 2021.

Implementation timescales previously provided:

	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN	WINTER
2021	Coalisland Killyleagh Ballycastle	Kilkeel Castlewellan Ballynahinch	Warrenpoint Maghera Portstewart Enniskillen Ballymoney	Castlerock Keady Carnlough Cullybackey
2022	Crossmaglen Castleberg Fintona Newtownstewart	Garrison Omagh Downpatrick Larne	Aughnacloy Fivemiletown Kesh Irvinestown Newtownbulter	Rathfriland Cookstown Garvagh Moy
2023	Kircubbin Seahill Dromore Laurelvale	Ballystrudder Bleary Randalstown Lower Ballinderry Broughshane	Templepatrick Cushendall Clough Mills Claudy Pomeroy	Newry Derrylin Limavady Gortin Strabane Moneyrea

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th March 2021
Subject:	NI Fishing and Seafood Development programme - Stage 2 update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon – Director Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration

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

	<p>play as Economic drivers by way of employment and value added to sub supply sectors such as engineering etc.</p> <p>This Stage 1 report focuses on the NI fishing fleet and was completed in late 2019 with a report taken to Committee to reflect the key recommendations.</p> <p>The Stage 2 report will explore the wider seafood sector in Northern Ireland and other port-based users. Both will contribute to the Fishing and Seafood Development Programme that will contain a comprehensive suite of recommended actions.</p> <p>Following stage 1 report Council met with Ardglass Harbour development group and following that meeting NIFHA submitted an application to DAERA for funding to explore further dredging requirements for Ardglass Harbour. This funding has been approved.</p> <p>Stage 2 of the FSDP commenced at the end of 2019 and a draft report with key recommendations for both Ardglass and Kilkeel Harbours is with DAERA for consideration.</p> <p>It is anticipated this report will be shared with stakeholders towards the end of March.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>Recommendations</p>
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Note the content of the report and Officers work with the key stakeholders and DAERA in both Ports to bring forward the recommendations contained in the report and bring back required updates to Council.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Resource implications</p>
<p>4.1</p>	<p>None at this stage</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</p>
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HISTORIC**ACTION TRACKER SHEET****ENTERPRISE REGENERATION AND TOURISM COMMITTEE****(For Noting at ERT March 2021)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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		<p>and identification of learning from other similar projects.</p> <p>(b) Council consider including £10,000 funding for the 21/22 financial year to progress options and carry out consultations within the local community.</p>			
ERT/094/2020	CAR PARK MARKET STREET DOWNPATRICK	To approve the business case for the projected spend of approximately £45,000 to carry out the resurfacing project for the Market Street access roadway.	C Jackson	Work commenced on site and due for completion by 5th March 2021.	N
ERT/095/2020	CAR PARK BANN ROAD CASTLEWELLAN	To progress the proposed redevelopment of the Bann Road parking area in collaboration with DFI and approve the submission of a planning application for a change of use for the area concerned.	C Jackson	Planning Application submitted, Sept 2020, awaiting approval.	N
		SEPTEMBER 2020			
ERT/111/2020	Notice of Motion: SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN	To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding the Shop Local Campaign, and the Motion also to include that the Council proceed with the development of a Shop Local App.	J McGilly	On going New campaign to follow post lockdown in 2021	y

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ERT/129/2020	(Historic Action) NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	A paper be brought to a meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting outlining proposals to move forward with the regeneration of Newcastle Harbour.	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
		(OCTOBER 2020)			
ERT/138/2020	DFC/DEARA/DFI RE: COVID19 REVITALISATION FUNDING	<p>To note the update for the DFC/DAERA/DFI Covid 19 Recovery Revitalisation Programme and proceed as follows:</p> <p>(a) Council will now accept and approve the additional funding once relevant Letters of Offer have been received: DAERA £157,000; DFI £527,000; and DFC Revenue £52,000.</p> <p>(b) Council will continue to engage with lead Departments to agree an acceptable programme of activity in Tranche 2 that can be implemented within the appropriate timescales.</p> <p>(c) Council approve proceeding to Tranche 1 Stage 2 assessment of the Business:</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	y

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		Covid 19 Compliance Grant, offering eligible businesses a grant of up to £1,000 on a first come first served basis towards defined eligible items relating to Covid 19 compliance.			
ERT/141/2020	RESTOCKING QUOILE RIVER	Given the points raised by DAERA, specifically that the restocking of fish in the Quoile and other rivers in the District is the responsibility of the Department, the Council write to DAERA to formally request they develop and plan the necessary surveys, assessments and approvals from the relevant organisations to facilitate the re-stocking of fish in the Quoile River.	A.Patterson	Complete	Y
ERT/143/2020	(Exempt) CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<p>It was agreed as follows with regard to the development of Castlewellan Historic Demense:</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. 	J McGilly	In progress DAERA funded works ongoing – NLHF decision pending March 2021	N

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 value engineering exercise on the NLHF project while ensuring delivery against the key objectives of the project i.e. Heritage, people and community. • For the NLHF project to progress design development from 24 November 2020 to 9 March 2021 to ensure that if Council receives funding from NLHF that the project is “shovel ready”. • Officers arrange to have details of the model used circulated to Members for information. 			
		(NOVEMBER 2020)			

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ERT/166/2020	LICENCE AGREEMENTS: ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS CANAL BANK 1 CAR PARK NEWRY (JC DECAUX)	To renew both Licence Agreements with JCDecaux for a single and a double advertising hoarding at Canal Bank 1 car park, Dublin Bridge, Newry for a term of 5 years.	C Jackson	In Progress, Licence issued by our Legal Team for signing.	N
(DECEMBER 2020)					
ERT/147/2020	MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS	To send a letter of congratulations from the Council to Dr Gerard O Hare on his appointment as Chair of Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.	C Mallon	Ongoing – letter to go from Chair of Council	N
ERT/180/2020	COVID 19 RECOVERY WORKING GROUP	To approve the establishment of a NMDDC Covid 19 Recovery Working Group as per the Terms of Reference contained in Report dated 14 December 2020 from Mr C Mallon Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism. Note: Terms of Reference would be amended to reflect the recommended membership of the Working Group	J McGilly	First meeting to be convened early 2021	N
ERT/187/2020	DANGEROUS STRUCTURE WARRENPOINT	The Council's Maintenance Department proceed to remove approximately 6m of a dangerous wall between Ashley Heights and Oak Grange Warrenpoint, and erect timber fencing.	C Jackson	Complete	Y

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ERT/192/2020	(EXEMPT) RENEWAL OF TASCCOMI SUBSCRIPTION	To approve the extension of the IDOX (Tascomi) software package for Building Control for the next 3 years.	C Jackson	Complete for the Building Control package.	Y
ERT/194/2020	(EXEMPT) NEWRY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT (BID)	Based on the detail presented to date in the Draft Business Plan, to approve the Strategy subject to submission of the final draft ahead of Council Meeting on 04 January 2021.	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
		(JANUARY 2021)			
ERT/004/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: HOUSING SYSTEM	<p>To adopt the Notice of Motion formally proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Harte regarding the Housing System.</p> <p>Mr Mallon Director ERT to contact Councillor Savage regarding a potential Social Housing Needs Symposium in 2021.</p>	<p>A McKay</p> <p>C Mallon</p>	<p>Awaiting Full Council approval and expiry of call in period to 8 Feb.</p> <p>Actioned</p>	
ERT/005/2021	NOTICE OF MOTION RE: NZEB CODE	To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding the Nearly Zero Energy Buildings Code (NZEB) which was formally proposed by	C Jackson	Actioned	Yes

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		Councillor P Brown, and seconded by Councillor Enright, with an amendment included that the Motion be copied to the other 10 Councils in Northern Ireland.			
ERT/006/2021	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council now approve the Business Case for the Carlingford Lough Greenway 'Site Investigation Study' and issue the relevant Purchase Order, following tender assessment and award. 2. Council asked to include funding towards the Carlingford Lough Greenway project within the Capital Programme for 2021/22. 	J McGilly	Work in progress.	y
ERT/008/2021	FORKHILL FORMER BARRACK SITE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to note the Report of the meeting on the 17/11/2020 and acknowledge the work of the sub-group set-up to agree the community consultation questionnaire on the future of the Former Forkhill Barracks site. Subject to full partnership group sign off in January 2021, support the Public Consultation process in early 2021. 2. Council agree to the putting in place/extension of the License 	J McGilly	Work in progress Survey to be completed leb with steering group to meet March to review outcome and next steps	N

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		<p>Agreement between it and the Department for Communities for those pathway and play elements of the Forkhill Greenspace Site that it is currently responsible for.</p> <p>3. Council agree to the finalisation/extension of the License Agreement between it and Forkhill Parish to enable the Church Car Park Access point to the site to be maintained.</p>			
ERT/010/2021	WARRENPOINT FRONTSHORE PR SCHEME	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members area asked to accept the broad Concept Design proposals as presented by AECOM, with suggested adjustments and proceed to a Consultation Process in early 2021. 2. Officers report on feedback from the consultation process to the Task and Finish Group, before proceeding to finalise the design for submission to planning. 3. Officers complete and submit the Economic Appraisal to Council and the Department For Communities for 	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>consideration of the funding package for the scheme.</p> <p>4. Members approve the Business Case to carry out a Site Investigation Survey and other smaller surveys costs as required to prepare for the planning submission.</p> <p>5. Once completed officers will present the DFI One Way system proposal for Warrenpoint at a future meeting of Crotlieve Cllrs in early 2021.</p>			
ERT/015/2021	(EXEMPT) CAR PARKS – FUTURE SERVICE PROVISION	Council officially inform the Department for Infrastructure of the Council's intention to test the market and seek options outside of the current Agency Agreement for the service delivery of the Off-Street Parking enforcement contract post October 2022.	C Jackson	In progress & referred to SOLACE to seek a consistent approach across all Councils.	N
ERT/017/2021	UPDATE RE: PROJECT STRATUM	Officials to invite representatives from Fibrus to attend a future meeting of the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee to give a presentation to Members on work they are carrying out in the District.	J McGilly	Work in progress, date to be agreed for workshop in April 2021	N

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		(FEBRUARY 2021 TO FOLLOW)			

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th March 2021
Subject:	Regional Property Certificates
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon – Acting Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Anthony McKay – Chief Planner

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

For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To advise members of an increase in fees for regional property certificates from 1 April 2021.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Fermanagh and Omagh District Council co-ordinate and manage the Regional Property Certificate Service on behalf of 11 Councils and other statutory partners. This includes collection of fees which are subsequently distributed on a net basis to each Council, based on the number of certificates issued for each respective area, normally on a bi-annual basis.</p> <p>The last fee change was in July 2019 when VAT was introduced following a HMRC ruling that this represented a chargeable service. It was confirmed at this time that this was not a statutory fee and Councils had the powers to amend at their discretion.</p>	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	It is proposed that the fee is increased to £70, inclusive of VAT, which is in line with the Local Council Property Certificate fee as this will avoid any confusion amongst the shared customer base. Other aspects of charges, including the charge for other sites and maximum fee, will not be affected.	
3.0	Recommendations. For noting increased fees for regional property certificates from 1 April 2021.	

3.1	SOLACE have been consulted and have approved this change and it will also be advised to the Law Society as the representative organisation for solicitors in NI, with an effective date of 1 April 2021.																				
4.0	<p>Resource implications</p> <p>The proposed change to the fee structure is as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="256 524 1337 927"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Standard Fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Current Fee</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suggested Increase</td> <td>£8.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Fee (Excluding Vat)</td> <td>£58.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vat @ 20%</td> <td>£11.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Proposed Fee</td> <td>£70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fee for additional sites (Vat incl)</td> <td>£7.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maximum application fee</td> <td>£70 + £7 for each additional site = £280 (30 sites)</td> </tr> </table>	Standard Fee		Current Fee	£50.00	Suggested Increase	£8.33	Total Fee (Excluding Vat)	£58.33	Vat @ 20%	£11.67	Proposed Fee	£70.00			Fee for additional sites (Vat incl)	£7.00			Maximum application fee	£70 + £7 for each additional site = £280 (30 sites)
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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>																				
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>																				

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

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

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

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the report of the meeting of the Irish Street Regeneration Working group held on 3 February 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

2.1	<p>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. A 12 weeks consultation period was undertaken in late summer. The general findings of this exercise were presented at the meeting of the working group held on 11 November 2020. Expressions of Interest were registered from 5 potential developers and 14 community interest groups or individuals. At the meeting held on 3 February 2021 it was confirmed that the development brief for the site has now been drafted for consideration and following steering group approval the draft would be finalised through legal teams of NMDDC and DfC with a view to inviting submissions for the potential redevelopment of the site in April.</p>
3.0	<p>Recommendations</p>
3.1	<p>To note the report of the Irish Street Regeneration Working Group meeting held on 3 February 2021.</p>
4.0	<p>Resource implications</p>
4.1	<p>No additional resources are required at this time.</p>
5.0	<p>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</p>
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	<p>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</p>
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7.0	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Report of Irish Street, Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group meeting held on 3 February 2021.</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>N/A</p>

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

**Minutes of Meeting held on Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 11:00am**

In Attendance: -

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
Cllr Dermot Curran
Cllr Cadogan Enright
Cllr John Trainor
Cllr Gareth Sharvin
Damian Mulholland (DFC)
Catherine McInerney (DFC)
Jonathan McGilly (NMDDC)
Margaret Quinn (NMDDC)
Carla Strain (NMDDC)
Janice McDonald (DBC)
Malachy McGrady (Downpatrick Property Trust)
Gavin Oakes (Plus 2 Print)
Stephen Magorrian (Denvir)
Michael Morrissey

		Action
1.	Apologies An apology was received from Conor Mallon.	Noted
2.	Minutes of meeting held on 11 November 2020 The findings from the soft market test were circulated	Noted
3.	Presentation by DFC on draft Development Brief Mr Mulholland presented the draft Development brief for the Irish Street Development project. He presented the following to the working group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and Strategic Context • Development Boundary • Vision Statement • Historic Image • Planning and Design • Regeneration Impacts • Social Value and Sustainable Development 	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viability, Economic and Sustainable Development • Accessibility and Equality of Opportunity <p>The next stages for the Development Brief are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both DFC and NMDDC legal teams to review brief • Issued through Department of Finance Central Procurement Directorate • Engagement sessions with perspective developers • Allow up to 16 weeks to develop proposal (to include social value plan) <p>The developer will be selected by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment panel • DFC, NMDDC with support from Strategic Investment Board • Assessed against criteria (September 2021) • Period to allow completion of formal legal contract • Reserve right not to proceed with sale <p>The conditions of development are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carried out under a Development Agreement • Due Diligence Assessment • From selection 12 weeks allowed to enter into Development Agreement • 12 months to attain planning • Complete works within 36 months • Terminate if dates not achieved • Developer to meet costs of planning application and construction costs <p>Mr Mulholland informed the meeting that regarding the car parking area he sees the scope being left open. Some if not all of the car parking spaces will be kept, potential for Department and NMDDC to provide additional funding for suitable complementary projects.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the next 10-12 weeks the development brief will be reviewed by the Department and NMDDC legal teams. Will be put on CPD portal as well as ads in local papers. • Engagement session will be carried out • Assessment to take in September 2021 • Identify developer • Come back to working group with proposal 	Noted
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<p>4.</p>	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Councillor Enright thanked Mr Mulholland for the good presentation, glad it was acknowledged that housing was not a key factor in the project. He informed the meeting that the historic picture shadows the Downpatrick Masterplan and said it would be a mistake to ignore the three car parks on St Patrick's Avenue, he suggested engaging the car park owners. He believes an entrance from Lynn Doyle should be part of the scheme.</p> <p>Mr Mulholland agreed that there is merit for access from Lynn Doyle and would encourage the developers to engage with other property owners.</p> <p>Councillor Trainor thanked Mr Mulholland for the positive presentation. He agreed that the project should be mixed use with the possibility of some residential housing, however should not be the main point of the project. Councillor Trainor stated that care needs to be taken when it comes to the car parking, as it is the main car park in the centre of town and it would have a negative impact on traders if it was removed. Incorporating parking and civic space would make this an inspirational project. He asked if mixed bids are not received how will the project be brought forward.</p> <p>Mr Mulholland acknowledged that this is a risk which can happen. If this was to happen the Department and NMDDC would need to step in. He reiterated that this is a good site and does not believe much of the car park will be removed. At present the car park is badly laid out, this gives the opportunity to restructure it and create something for the community at the same time. The space could be used for events, markets and festivals. The Department and NMDDC are prepared to provide additional funding for suitable projects. If the developers do not meet the objectives, they will not be allowed to proceed.</p> <p>Councillor Curran thanked Mr Mulholland for the presentation, he expressed that it took some of his worries away regarding the project. He is glad to hear that the project will not be focusing on residential housing. It is an open opportunity for the development of Downpatrick. He asked when the assessment panel would be set up.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
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Mr Mulholland advised that developers need to demonstrate how the scheme will work both day and night. The formal assessment will take place September 2021. The panel will be made up of members of the working group, it will be established after this meeting following discussions with Council and DFC officials. The panel will see the project through to the formal assessment stage.

Councillor Hanlon thanked Mr Mulholland for the positive presentation. She pointed out that this is an important time for the economy, this project will give people a reason to stay in the area as well as attract people from outside of the town. The project is developing in a positive way.

Councillor Enright agreed that the access to the car park needs to be improved. Looking forward he questioned how a green space and the same size car park would be doable without public funding. He asked if it would be an idea for Downpatrick Councillors to bring a proposal to input public funding to expand the scheme.

Mr Mulholland said it would be best to let the developers know that the proposal is to include enhancements for the area. Looking to receive viable proposals which include the car park and green space.

Councillor Enright pointed out that with the backing of the Department and NMDDC the project could be more ambitious if the site area was expanded.

Mr Mulholland said that to continue moving forward with the scheme the area which is already outlined is the agreed perimeter. Jonathan McGilly confirmed that if the perimeter was to be extended it would delay the entire process.

Councillor Sharvin agreed to see what the developers propose and if needed there is further public-sector funding available to assist. The main aim is for the project to happen, he asked if the assessment date be moved forward to speed up the scheme. He also asked who would be represented on the panel. Do not want to lose car parking whether it is underground or multi-storey it is needed in the town centre.

Noted

Mr Mulholland said that the current timescale is realistic. The legal process takes up to 8 weeks to achieve. To allow developers efficient time for proposal, 16 weeks is reasonable. The panel will be made up of both business owners and elected members which currently sit on the working group.

Stephen Magorrian asked what the business owners role is within the scheme.

Mr Mulholland informed him that the working group is comprised of a cross section of local business owners alongside elected representative. The key is to promote the process and the development opportunity for Downpatrick. The proposal will be brought to the working group in September with recommendations. The board will merge into two panels (assessment and engagement partnership). The working group will continue to meet for the term of the project, will updates and goals achievements being shared.

Stephen also highlighted the issue of car parking and expressed his thoughts on making the town more pedestrian friendly. This would encourage more creativity and reasons to visit the town. He highlighted that Tourism is doing a lot of good work within the town, however there is the issue of hedges needing cut, fly tipping, pavements needing cleaned. He recognising this is not relevant to this meeting but wanted to take the opportunity to point these out.

Councillor Trainor inquired if there would be a post development revitalisation funds for existing traders for some of the dilapidated properties.

Mr Mulholland advised that regeneration is ongoing in Downpatrick and has planned a tour with Department heads for early March.

Councillor Hanlon said that this would not be the time to put forward a motion for monetary value. She advised Stephen that she has raised the cleansing issue with the relevant directorates.

Jonathan advised the meeting to wait and see the proposals that come forward and deal with any issues

Noted

	<p>regarding funding. He will also discuss with the relevant directorate the issues regarding cleansing.</p> <p>Malachy McGrady asked if any future project funding becomes available could local business owners be notified.</p> <p>Margaret Quinn informed the meeting that there will be activity on Irish Street in the next few weeks as part of works on the Irish Street Revitalisation scheme. This will involve the installation of graphics on the façade of the old PSNI site and the painting of the archway at the entrance to the car park as well as a mural on the archway.</p>	Noted
5.	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting in March, able to review contract which will be published and see clauses that will be included. Will detail how to brief will be publish and where. • April high profile publicity launch followed by a couple of engagement sessions, promotion is required by all members. 	Noted
6.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next working group meeting will take place in March 2021.</p>	



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Louth County Council



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Approved 24/02/2021

**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 11 November 2020 at 10.00 a.m.
Via ZOOM Platform**

In the Chair:	Councillor A Watters,	Louth County Council (Joint Chair)
Present:	Councillor D McAteer,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC (Joint Chair)
	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 W Clarke,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Councillor D Murphy,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	Councillor H McKee,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
	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 McKevitt,	Louth County Council
	Ms J Martin,	Chief Executive LCC
	Ms M Ward,	Chief Executive NMDDC
	Mr F Pentony,	Director LCC
	Ms C Duff	Director LCC
	Mr C Mallon,	Director NMDDC
	Mr J McBride,	Director NMDDC
	Mr M Lipsett,	Director NMDDC
	Ms D Carville,	Director NMDDC
	Mr J McGilly,	Assistant Director NMDDC
	Ms P Arthurs,	East Border Region
	Ms A Powell,	NMDDC (Notes)

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Apologies received from:

Councillor J Tinnelly,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor W Walker,	Newry, Mourne and Down DC
Councillor J Sheridan,	Louth County Council
Mr P Donnelly	Director LCC
Ms B Woods	Director LCC
Mr J McGuinness	Director LCC

2. COVID 19 – update response

Following joint statement which was issued on behalf the NMD and Louth areas, CEO's M Ward and J Martin provided an update on the COVID 19 response.

AGREED: It was agreed that CEO's M Ward and J Martin highlight concerns raised by members in relation to COVID 19 at relevant Emergency Planning forums:

- Cross Border Multi Agency Emergency Response
- HSE Tracking app access in North Louth
- Tracking app access between HSE and NHS when crossing the border
- PR to encourage uptake of vaccination

3. Report of Strategic Alliance for Louth/Newry Mourne and Down Meeting held on 16 September 2020 (attached)

On the proposal of Councillor McAteer, seconded by Councillor Coffey, report of meeting held on the 16 September 2020 was approved.

4. Matters Arising

NSMC in respect of Narrow Water

Joan Martin agreed to follow up with NSMC on her request for a meeting.

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

5. Presentation -Joint Tourism Promotional Video

A presentation was provided from Conor Mallon followed by draft promotional video. The video was well received by members who congratulated Officers on choice of background music and images captured.

Key points suggested:

- Add text to image eg place name/area, monument / event name
- Add Viaduct in Drogheda and Camlough (possibly with train)
- Add pictorial map to show accessibility to area – Dublin and Belfast airports / A1 motorway
- Add an image about history of St Donard and St Sillan
- Increase length of video if possible
- Slow images down of key heritage sites

AGREED: Updated draft of promotional video to be presented at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 24th February 2021.

6. Brexit Update (attached)

On the proposal of Councillor Corrigan and seconded by Councillor Watters it was agreed a letter be sent to Mr Joe Biden, President Elect of USA to request his support in the Brexit negotiations and any offer of assistance which he would be willing to give with this regard.

AGREED: A letter to be sent to Mr Joe Biden, President Elect of USA to request his support in the Brexit negotiations.

Warrenpoint Port was discussed in terms of plan for construction of Border Control Point. Marie will update Joan and Councillor Watters directly once more information on progress is received.

The construction of CO₂ tanks were also discussed and Marie informed the development is being lead through DAERA. An update can be provided to the Committee once detail received e.g. Emergency plan, Assessment of the areas at risk. Concern was raised regarding the visual impact of the tanks and suggestions hoarding should be used to help blend it into the landscape better.

7. Update – Strategic Alliance Action Plan (attached)

Peace Plus Programme

P Arthurs provided an update on Peace Plus funding and informed members that Thematic Discussion Groups have been scheduled through EBR.

Electric Vehicle Project

P Arthurs informed that Electric Vehicle Charging points are to be installed as part of European funding on Council owned property along the border areas.

Climate Change

J McBride provided an update on Illegal Dumping action plan and plans to appoint a media company in early December 2020.

It was agreed a joint press release be developed to publicise key issues that the Committee has been discussing.

AGREED: Develop a press release to include reference to:

- **COVID 19 and a message to encourage uptake of vaccine**
- **The potential impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the future of tourism and events across both districts.**

8. Schedule of meetings 2021:

The next meeting will be held at 10am on Wednesday 24 February 2020 via ZOOM Platform

Future meetings for 2021 are scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Wednesday 19th May
- ❖ Wednesday 15th September
- ❖ Wednesday 17th November

Signed: C Mallon

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

ACTIONS

	ACTION	Referred to
1.	It was agreed that CEO's M Ward and J Martin highlight concerns raised by members in relation to COVID 19 at relevant Emergency Planning forums.	M Ward / J Martin
2.	J Martin will follow up with NSMC on the request to arrange a meeting to discuss Narrow Water Bridge.	J Martin
3.	Updated draft of promotional video to be presented at the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 24th February 2021.	C Mallon / F Pentony
4.	A letter to be sent to Mr Joe Biden, President Elect of USA to request his support in the Brexit negotiations.	C Mallon
5.	Develop a press release to include reference to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 and a message to encourage uptake of vaccine • The potential impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the future of tourism and events across both districts. 	C Mallon / F Pentony

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1. Live Applications

MONTH 2020/21	NEW APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS	LIVE APPLICATIONS OVER 12 MONTHS
March, April & May	338	989	242
June	164	965	232
July	175	1,002	241
August	165	1,038	231
September	192	1,046	233
October	179	1,082	234
November	192	1,068	218
December	177	1,044	209
January	186	1,080	218
February	168	1,066	221

2. Live Applications by length of time in system

Month 2020/21	Under 6 months	Between 6 and 12 months	Between 12 and 18 months	Between 18 and 24 months	Over 24 months	Total
May	540	207	103	43	96	989
June	562	171	101	40	91	965
July	587	174	105	44	92	1,002
August	598	209	93	51	87	1,038
September	613	200	89	49	95	1,046
October	655	193	89	44	101	1,082
November	662	188	81	49	88	1,068
December	654	181	70	50	89	1,044
January	677	185	80	51	87	1,080
February	676	169	89	47	85	1,066

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3. Live applications per Case Officer

Month 2020/21	Average number of Applications per Case Officer
May	53
June	66
July	68
August	71
September	71
October	74
November	82
December	81
January	79
February	75

4. Decisions issued per month

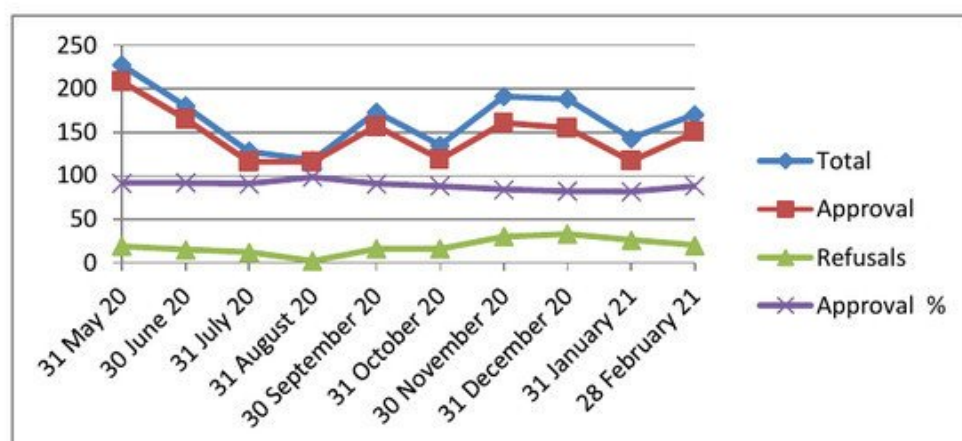
Month 2020/21	Number of Decisions Issued	Number of Decisions Issued under delegated authority
March, April & May	227	216
June	180	166
July	128	122
August	118	110
September	173	163
October	135	129
November	191	179
December	188	182
January	143	138
February	170	165

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5. Decisions Issued YTD

Month 2020/21	Number of Decisions Issued	Breakdown of Decisions	
March, April & May	227	Approvals (208)	92%
		Refusals (19)	8%
June	407	Approvals (373)	92%
		Refusals (34)	8%
July	535	Approvals (489)	91%
		Refusals (46)	9%
August	653	Approvals (605)	93%
		Refusals (48)	7%
September	826	Approvals (762)	92%
		Refusals (64)	8%
October	961	Approvals (881)	92%
		Refusals (80)	8%
November	1,152	Approvals (1,042)	90%
		Refusals (110)	10%
December	1,340	Approvals (1,197)	89%
		Refusals (143)	11%
January	1,483	Approvals (1,314)	89%
		Refusals (169)	11%
February	1,653	Approvals (1,464)	89%
		Refusals (189)	11%



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6. Enforcement Live cases

Month 2020/21	<=1yr	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	5+yrs	Total
March, April & May	180	177	174	89	35	91	746
June	229	168	175	95	35	89	791
July	236	158	187	97	35	92	805
August	238	158	179	107	40	93	815
September	246	147	190	110	44	93	830
October	226	148	175	106	53	93	801
November	229	139	171	99	59	94	791
December	230	130	177	96	57	95	785
January	226	135	166	94	58	95	774
February	236	152	154	99	59	97	797

7. Planning Committee

Month	Number of Applications presented to Committee	Number of Applications Determined by Committee	Number of Applications Withdrawn/ Deferred for future meeting	Number of Officer recommendation overturned
3 June 2020	15	15	0	6
1 July 2020	5	4	1	1
29 July 2020	6	2	4	0
26 August 2020	16	8	8	4
23 September 2020	9	7	2	2
21 October 2020	9	5	4	2
18 November 2020	13	13	0	6
16 December 2020	14	10	4	2
13 January 2021	2	2	0	0
10 February 2021	15	11	4	5
Totals	104	77	27	28

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8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 November 2020 to 28 February 2021

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Withdrawn
Newry & Mourne	10	2	1	1	1
Down	16	0	-	-	-
TOTAL	26	2	1	1	1

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

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

Source: NI Planning Portal

Notes:

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

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

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

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Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	8 th March 2021
Subject:	Tourism NI Co-operative partnership marketing fund for Councils
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson, Assistant Director Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle, Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

For decision	For noting only	X
1.0	Purpose and Background	
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the contents of this paper, which provides details of Tourism NI's Cooperative marketing funding to develop digital marketing content.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Tourism NI's co-operative partnership marketing fund is designed to support marketing activity that will assist Northern Ireland's Tourism Industry through recovery. All NI local Councils and Destination Marketing Organisations can apply.</p>	
2.0	Key issues	
2.1	<p>Newry, Mourne and Down Council have applied to the Tourism Northern Ireland's co-operative partnership marketing fund for £27,000 to use the services of the Tourism NI contracted agencies to create digital content and other supported services for experiences within the Visit Mourne destination.</p> <p>If successful, the support provided will be administered by a service level agreement between the Council and Tourism NI and the funding must be spent by 31st March 2021.</p>	
3.0	Recommendations	
3.1	Paper for noting.	
4.0	Resource implications	
4.1	ERT budget of £6,750 that has been profiled for this work will be used to match fund the grant aid if the application is successful.	
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)	

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