

September 15th, 2020

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee meeting to be held on **Monday, 14th September 2020 at 6:00 pm** in **Via Skype / Council Chamber Monaghan Row Newry.**

Committee Membership:-

Councillor A McMurray

Councillor M Ruane

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

Agenda

- 1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's remarks.**
- 2.0 Declarations of Interest.**
- 3.0 Action Sheet: Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism Committee Meeting - Monday 10 August 2020. (Attached)**


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Notices of Motion

4.0 To consider the following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor D Talyor re: Shop Local Campaign. (Attached)

“That the Council supports, where possible, our local producers and businesses within the procurement processes of Newry, Mourne & Down District Council. This will complement the “SHOP LOCAL” initiative supported by various elected representatives and will provide much needed investment to the Council’s area. We would ask that a report on this matter is brought forward as quickly as possible with a view to supporting our local economy.

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Business Plans/Governance

5.0 ERT Emergency Business Plan. (Attached)


For noting.

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Tourism, Culture and Events Items

6.0 C21 Theatre Company Care Home Project. (Attached)

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7.0 Annalong Harbour EI Scheme - Application to SEAFLAG. (Attached)

 *ERT Report - Annalong Harbour Sea Flag Match Funding.pdf*

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Exempt Information Items

8.0 Down County Museum Forward Plan. (Attached)

This item is deemed to be restricted by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local

Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

 **EXEMPT Rpt re Down County Museum Forward Plan 2020-2023.pdf**

Not included

9.0 Lease of Albert Basin - Christmas Staff Car Parking. (Attached)

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 **EXEMPT Rpt re Lease of Albert Basin for Quays Staff.pdf**

Not included

10.0 Lease and Licence - Kilbroney Caravan Park and Forest Drive. (Attached)

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 **EXEMPT Rpt re Lease & Licence for Kilbroney Caravan Site and Rostrevor Forest.pdf**

Not included

11.0 Mountain Bike Trails. (Attached)

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 **EXEMPT Rpt re Mountain Bike Trail Rostrevor.pdf**

Not included

12.0 Halloween Events. (Attached)

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 **EXEMPT re Halloween Events.pdf**


Not included

For Noting

13.0 Building Control 6 monthly Report. (Attached)

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14.0 Licensing 6 monthly Report. (Attached)	
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15.0 Invest NI Regional Briefing. (Attached)	
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16.0 Co-operation North South - Lace Report. (Attached)	
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21.0 Planning Performance Figures - August 2020. (Attached)	
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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Mr Alan Beggs

Cllr Patrick Brown

Cllr Robert Burgess

Cllr Pete Byrne

Mr Gerard Byrne

Mrs Dorinnia Carville

Cllr charlie casey

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Dermot Curran

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Sean Doran

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Aoife Finnegan

Cllr Hugh Gallagher

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Roisin Howell

Mr Colum Jackson

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Miss Mary Lennon

Cllr Alan Lewis

Mr Michael Lipsett

Sandra Magee

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Gavin Malone

Cllr Cathy Mason

Colette McAteer

Cllr Declan McAteer

Cllr Leeanne McEvoy

Jonathan McGilly

Cllr Harold McKee

Patricia McKeever

Cllr Karen McKevitt

Cllr Andrew McMurray

Mr Roland Moore

Margaret Morrow

Cllr Roisin Mulgrew
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Cllr Declan Murphy
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Cllr Barra Ó Muirí
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Linda O'Hare
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Cllr Gerry O'Hare
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Cllr Kathryn Owen
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Mr Andy Patterson
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Cllr Henry Reilly
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Cllr Michael Ruane
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Cllr Michael Savage
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Cllr Gareth Sharvin
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Donna Starkey
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Cllr Gary Stokes
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Sarah Taggart
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Cllr David Taylor
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Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
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Cllr John Trainor
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Central Support Unit
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Cllr William Walker
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Mrs Marie Ward
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ACTION SHEETENTERPRISE REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETINGMONDAY 10 AUGUST 2020

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/083/2020	Notice of Motion: 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	Work in progress	N
ERT/084/2020	Notice of Motion: UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME	<p>To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding a Universal Basic Income, and proceed as follows:</p> <p>(a) Council calls on the Departments of Communities and Finance and the UK Treasury to design and deliver a recovery Universal Basic Income (UBI) for Northern Ireland.</p> <p>(b) Council commit to producing a plan for how a pilot of a full Universal Basic Income would be implemented within the</p>	C Mallon	Ongoing	N

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		District, and formally express its support for said pilot.			
ERT/085/2020	Notice of Motion: COARSE FISHING	<p>To adopt the Notice of Motion regarding Coarse Fishing, to read as follows:</p> <p>“Recognising the importance of Coarse Fishing to tourism and the local economy, particularly in the Quoile River, and noting the proactive approach taken by other Councils in Northern Ireland to restock fish on behalf of anglers, this Council will commit to investigate funding for restocking of fish in line with other Council areas, carry out a review of Course Fisheries across the District, and work with DEARA and other Councils, to develop a best practice approach.”</p>	A.Patterson	Paper on ERT Oct Agenda	N
ERT/086/2020	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	To approve the draft Economic Development and Regeneration strategy as attached in Report dated 10 August 2020 from Mr J McGilly Assistant Director Enterprise Employment & Regeneration	J McGilly	Work progressing to launch and commence implementation	N

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ERT/087/2020	SLA RE: RESEARCH PROJECT – RED SQUIRREL	Council sign a Service Level Agreement with the Waterford Institute of Technology Waterford Institute of Technology for implementation of a research project which will provide monitoring data on red squirrel (<i>Sciurus vulgaris</i>) abundance in the Ring of Gullion area for the period of 2020/21. Project is an action within the NIEA Letter of Offer for Ring of Gullion and funding / budget is available meet the cost of £3,100.	J McGilly	complete	y
ERT/088/2020	COVID 19 REVITALISATION PROGRAMME	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding the Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme:</p> <p>(a) Subject to final approval and confirmation from the funder, Council accept relevant Letter Of Offer from DFC/DAERA for £1,024,000 for the respective 'Covid19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan'</p> <p>(b) Council approve relevant Business Cases in association with the carrying out the required procurement of consultants/contractors/suppliers for the 'Covid-19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan'.</p> <p>(c) Council proceed to carry out the required procurement exercises for the</p>	J McGilly	Programme launched and EOI process completed and currently being reviewed Tranche 2 plan being developed	N

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		'Covid19 Recovery Revitalisation Plan' and following assessment and award, appoint relevant suppliers, if within available sectional programme budgets.			
ERT/089/2020	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding the Carlingford Lough Greenway:</p> <p>(a) Council to note submission of the Formal Planning Application for the Carlingford Lough Greenway (Northern Section) and Council Officials to follow-up with Planners to ensure progress and a decision by early 2021.</p> <p>(b) Council to note the submission of an amended Business Case to the Interreg funder seeking the required additional funding to deliver the project.</p> <p>(c) Council to enter into the required legal tenure agreements with Land Owners along the Northern Section of the route.</p> <p>(d) Subject to SMC approval, phase 1 repairs to be agreed with Council and its consultant, with the existing Contractor to proceed with completion of the works.</p>	J McGilly	WIP	N

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ERT/090/2020	PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT SCHEME	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding the Public Realm Enhancement Scheme:</p> <p>(a) Subject to final approval of the funding application and confirmation from the funder, Council proceed to accept the relevant Letter Of Offer once received from DFC for £500,000 for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme'.</p> <p>(b) Council approve relevant Business Cases in association with the carrying out the required procurement/appointment of consultants/contractors/suppliers for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme'.</p> <p>(c) Council proceed to carry out the required procurement exercises for the 'Public Realm Enhancement Scheme' and following assessment and award, appoint relevant suppliers, if within available sectional programme budgets.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	n
ERT/091/2020	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<p>It was agreed as follows regarding Castlewellan Forest Park:</p> <p>1. To note the actions of the Task and Finish Board meeting on 19 June 2020.</p> <p>2. To note the repurposing of the Stove</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N

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		<p>Conservatory to an interpretation centre.</p> <p>3. To approve the award of the Most Economically Advantageous Integrated Supply Team to undertake the construction/refurbishment of the Bothy Yard/Walled Garden subject to being within budget.</p> <p>4. To note the application date of 23 November 2020 for NLHF</p> <p>5. To note the receipt of a draft lease and license agreement from Forest Service.</p> <p>6. To approve developing a Terms of Reference for an Advisory Group for Castlewellan Historic Demesne and approve inviting key professionals from Northern Ireland, Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales to attend bi-annual meetings (either in person or online) for the to sit on an Advisory Group for Castlewellan Historic Demesne - Expert knowledge of the management of botanical collections and historic designed landscapes required.</p> <p>7. To approve Council submitting a planning application in November 2020 for the scheme.</p> <p>8. To approve the MoU with RBGE for the purposes outlined.</p>			

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ERT/092/2020	WARRENPOINT PARK MUNICIPAL PARK	<p>(a) To liaise with CAFRE regarding hosting a student placement to undertake a horticulture project – catalogue of woody plants in Warrenpoint Municipal Park.</p> <p>(b) To procure horticulture training for volunteers</p> <p>(c) To procure a landscape architect to design a planting scheme in line with the historic nature of Warrenpoint Municipal Park.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/093/2020	WARRENPOINT BATHS	<p>(a) Council to note the ongoing progress on looking at options for the Warrenpoint Baths site and identification of learning from other similar projects.</p> <p>(b) Council consider including £10,000 funding for the 21/22 financial year to progress options and carry out consultations within the local community.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress	N
ERT/094/2020	CAR PARK MARKET STREET DOWNPATRICK	To approve the business case for the projected spend of approximately £45,000 to carry out the re-surfacing project for the Market Street access roadway.	C Jackson	Work in progress	N

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ERT/095/2020	CAR PARK BANN RD 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	Work in progress	N
ERT/096/2020	SUPPORT PROGRAMME- TOURISM EVENTS & ARTS SECTOR	<p>(a) To engage local audiences and visitors, and to provide support to the local tourism, events and arts sectors over the next six months, the available underspend from the Tourism Events Programme & Tourism Events Financial Assistance Budget to be allocated as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council to launch a new Challenge Fund for Arts & Tourism Events - £60,000 2. Council to re-launch a Tourism Partnership Marketing Fund - £10,000 3. NMD Autumn Concert Series to be produced & broadcast online - £10,000 4. Council to utilise an allocation of the budget underspend from the DownTime festival to deliver a programme of art installations and animation in Downpatrick – to be delivered through a SLA with Down Community Arts in partnership with Downpatrick Town Committee - £8,000. 	A.Patterson	Fund to launch in Sept 2020. Work being progressed on remaining recommendations.	Y

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		<p>5. Following the success of the recent al fresco dining experience hosted in Newry Market, officers will progress plans to pilot similar events in Newcastle, Downpatrick and again in Newry – up to c£8,000 in each of the three locations. Other additional locations will also be considered following the outcome of this pilot.</p> <p>(b) All events and activities will be delivered in strict adherence to the latest Government guidelines on the COVID response.</p>			
ERT/097/2020	SLA GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY NI	<p>To approve a Service Level Agreement with Geographical Survey NI for a 3 year period from April 2020- March 2023, based on a total budget of £23,581.16</p> <p>The SLA will be issued annually and in 20/21 the SLA will be issued in the amount of £10,144.29</p>	A.Patterson	Complete	Y
ERT/098/2020	TENDER RE ICE CREAM PROVISION – SLIEVE GULLION FOREST PARK	To proceed to tender for a service provider for ice cream provision at the Upper carpark (beside play area) at Slieve Gullion Forest Park for a period of 3 years renewed annually.	A.Patterson	Work in progress	Y

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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 September 2020
Subject:	Notice of Motion – Cllr D Taylor Shop Local Campaign
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	C Mallon, Director Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	J 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> The purpose of this paper is to provide some background to the notice of motion as detailed below and brought forward by Cllr D Taylor.</p> <p><i>“That the Council supports, where possible, our local producers and businesses within the procurement processes of Newry, Mourne & Down District Council. This will complement the “SHOP LOCAL” initiative supported by various elected representatives and will provide much needed investment to the Council’s area. We would ask that a report on this matter is brought forward as quickly as possible with a view to supporting our local economy.”</i></p> <p><u>Background</u> Council through its procurement section ensure that Councils goods and services are purchased in line with NMDDC procurement policy and where appropriate NIPPP and EU Public Contract Regulations, and as policy and regulations change these amendments are reflected in practice and communicated to potential suppliers.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Shop Local is a local economic development initiative that was developed by Council to encourage residents to support local shops and retailers across the district. Retail is a significant sector within the local economy and the initiative was developed to promote local business which employs local people and ensures money is retained in the economy of the region. Other shop local initiatives developed are the artisan markets which again promote local producers of good and services and offer local businesses a route to market.</p> <p>In terms of supporting local businesses by way of Council procurement.</p>

	<p>Ultimately Council must adhere to procurement rules that are issued by central government and form a key pillar of Local Government Audit to ensure value for money for local rate payers is delivered by Council and that no potential supplier is unfairly excluded from competing for a public sector contract.</p> <p>Council is aware of the challenge this poses, on one hand it must ensure value for money but on the other, through the Councils remit for local economic development, a key priority is to support local businesses to grow and create jobs etc to drive the local economy.</p> <p>Council supports local business's ability to access Council procurement opportunities through a range of mechanisms,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The procurement dept has developed an on line e procurement system, training is offered to suppliers to ensure they are registered and can avail of the opportunity to tender. • Tenders are posted on the system and there are detailed specifications prepared along with details of how tenders are assessed etc. Feedback is also provided post tender assessment. • The procurement team also attend business networking events organised by Council and other external parties i.e Chambers of commerce etc to promote opportunities to tender for Council procurements. <p>Through the Councils Local Economic Development function, programmes such as "Tender for growth" have been developed and delivered to provide training to help local businesses prepare bids for both private and public procurement opportunities.</p> <p>Through other business development programmes the opportunity is provided for local businesses to collaborate and develop joint ventures that may assist in bidding for larger tender opportunities. These programme opportunities are advertised widely through press and social media.</p> <p>Council also promote other tender development programmes that are delivered by other partners such as "Go to Tender" as promoted and delivered by Intertrade Ireland.</p> <p>Council will continue to support Businesses locally and explore how this can be done more regularly through promotion of training opportunities both internal and external to ensure they are equipped to take advantage of opportunities that exist to bid for Council and indeed any public sector or private sector procurement opportunities.</p>
3.0	Recommendations

3.1	To note and consider the content of the report in respect of the notice of motion in front of the Committee for debate.
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
	NA
8.0	Background Documents
	NA

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2020
Subject:	Review of ERT Emergency Business Plan April – September 2020
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon, Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Mallon, Director of Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism

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> Purpose of this paper is to provide members an update on progress against the objectives set out in the emergency Business Plan presented in June 2020.</p> <p>The social and economic disruption caused by COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our District, our citizens, our services and the way we provide them. Effectively planning ahead will determine how well the organisation adapts to the challenges and opportunities within the current and post COVID-19 environments, as lockdown restrictions ease, social distancing measures are relaxed and service provision gradually recovers, transitions and adjusts to the 'new' normal.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Emergency Business Plans for each Directorate were developed in April and updated in May 2020. They provide a mechanism to manage the Council's response to COVID-19, co-ordinate activity and plan ahead to support and anticipate business recovery. These plans provide an overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges, opportunities, customer needs and risk management implications • New / essential / statutory / ongoing / delayed / suspended activity <p>This report summarises progress against the objectives / activities identified in the plan</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Emergency Business Plans 2020-21 Emergency Business Plans are dynamic, flexible and responsive to the turbulence and volatility of the internal and external environments. As such, they are living</p>

	<p>documents which represent the current and planned activity of each Directorate at a certain point in time (29 May 2020).</p> <p>To be effective, Emergency Business Plans should be reviewed and updated regularly, particularly in response to any legislative changes arising from future reviews of the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, as carried out by the NI Executive.</p>
2.2	<p>General Performance Against Objectives</p> <p><u>Enterprise Employment and Regeneration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Direct support to over 100 businesses on Covid related issue ➤ All business mentoring and support programmes moved to virtual delivery platforms with 537 businesses supported and 520 mentoring hours delivered ➤ Tender for growth and NMD Digital growth programmes launched ➤ Shop local campaign delivered and Artisan market activity resumed ➤ Downpatrick Regeneration programme soft market testing launched ➤ All capital projects work resumed as per 19/20 capital programme resumed and progressing to revised plans in co-operation with funders ➤ Rural Development and SEA Flag programmes continued to progress applications and claims with in excess of £1m released to projects ➤ TRIPSI rural small grants and Covid Recovery programmes launched in partnership with DfC and DAERA <p><u>Tourism Culture and Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Very-close and ongoing engagement with tourism and hospitality businesses throughout the COVID response period has been positive and productive to support the ongoing recovery of the local tourism industry. ➤ Online webinar tourism support programme delivered to 160 tourism and hospitality businesses over 6-week period. ➤ Mentoring tourism business support programme created and delivered in August 2020. ➤ Targeted promotional campaigns to boost domestic visitors delivered over the summer in partnership with Tourism NI, and local tourism and hospitality businesses. ➤ 25 new and existing visitor experiences developed in partnership with local businesses. ➤ Outline Business Case for Mournes Gateway Project advanced to meet Belfast Region City Deal requirements. ➤ Progress continuing on key capital projects at tourism and heritage sites across the district, including Tyrella, Delamont, Slieve Gullion FP, Kilbroney FP & Downpatrick. ➤ Visitor use of Forest Parks, Country Parks and Beaches has been positive with key messages on adhering to COVID guidelines and 'leave-no-trace' being respected over-all within Council facilities.

	<p><u>Building Control and Regulation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Successful remote working practice in operation to ensure Building Control applications are being processed efficiently. ➤ Successful introduction of the Online facility to submit Building Control – Building Notice and Regularisation applications. 146 online applications submitted from May 2020. ➤ Our Building Control & Licensing teams have been able to deliver our services remotely to ensure service delivery and business continuity with no backlog to date. ➤ Building Control and Licensing inspection processes have been reintroduced successfully while operating under the Covid restriction and protocol. ➤ Property Certificate function operating normally. ➤ Dog Control service operating normally and over 80% of licenses now submitted online. <p><u>Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Planning function has been maintained throughout the pandemic, adapting by way of remote working and revised operating procedures. ➤ Planning applications being received, and decisions issued, electronically. ➤ Planning Business Support staff returned to offices on a full-time basis at the end of May 2020. ➤ Planning Committees operating remotely since June 2020. ➤ Property Certificates operating as normal since May 2020. ➤ Working towards achieving statutory key performance indicators.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That members noted the update on the 1 st quarter performance of the ERT Department against the objectives set out in the Emergency Business Plan April-September 2020
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	As outlined in section 2.2, however subject to monthly review and impacted by changes in the Regulations
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>
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7.0	Appendices
	ERT Emergency Business Plan Review

8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Directorate

Mid Term Assessment

Emergency Business Plan April-September 2020

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**Newry, Mourne
and Down**
District Council

Introduction


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



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





Legend






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





Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration







Objective / Activity	Timescale	Status	Progress
New			
<p>Covid-19 Response</p> <p>Develop and launch a consultation and engagement programme with local businesses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the challenges and support requirements they face in business practices • Identify new skills and employability requirements • Establish a support package for business 	Q1 - Q2		<p>Engaged with business in response to Covid-19 and as part of the development of the economic development strategy.</p> <p>Social media activity across all platforms was enhanced to ensure the dissemination of information to businesses to enable them to respond to Covid-19.</p> <p>Direct business engagement on Covid-19 guidance / advice – 110 businesses</p> <p>On-going escalation to DFE on challenges faced by business arising out of covid-19.</p> <p>Flexed delivery of business support programmes to ensure support in key covid-19 related areas</p>




recovery to guide them to adopt to the next normal environment			
<p>Covid-19 Response</p> <p>Establish and roll out business support initiatives that support businesses to reestablish / reopen as social distancing restrictions lifted, such as need to develop new business practices, integration of social distancing, new upskilling/reskilling requirements</p>	Q1 – Q2		<p>All mentoring support was moved to virtual delivery. Mentoring programmes were adopted to offer support in areas most relevant to current challenges.</p> <p>NMD Growth and Digital Growth – supporting 537 businesses between March 2020 and May 2020 with 521 mentoring hours delivered, 18 ½ day workshops and 6 Thematic programmes launched / implemented</p> <p>Examples of programmes delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid19 is here - What Now for Small Business • Managing Self in a Rapidly Changing World • Preparing a 100 Day Cashflow Projection • Business Resilience Programme • 100 Day Consolidation programme
Expand digital connections with local business community, as the main communication channel during covid-19	Q1 – Q2		<p>Twitter, facebook and linkin platforms were used extensively to provide information on covid-19 packages and the range of mentoring supports available. Businesses engaging across all of these platforms increased considerably.</p> <p><u>Facebook analytics: 3rd March – 3 April</u> New page likes: 455% increase (122) Post Engagement: 181% Increase (3,604) Post Reach: 205% increase (18.9k)</p> <p>All programmes of offer were posted to Council's website pages.</p> <p>Information was also carried on the below digital platforms: NI Business Info NI chamber Newry Chamber Ezine Business Eye</p>

			Consultation with rural communities was completed virtually. All business mentoring support offered virtually.
Develop a programme of activity to support Business as the detail of Brexit deal/protocol emerges	Q2 onwards		Given the uncertainty interventions have been difficult to plan. However, we have re-engaged with our partners to establish current position and most appropriate steps for offering support. Brexit Forum has met and members have been updated on the implications of Brexit globally. Social media campaign currently being planned.
Essential			
Recovery – stabilizing the economy Flexible delivery of existing ERDF Programmes to ensure alignment with evolving business requirements	Q1 – Q2		All programmes are being promoted online and all delivery is completed virtually. Feedback on virtual delivery has been good, with engagement established during delivery.
Recovery – stabilizing the economy Launch of new ERDF Programmes to ensure a full range of support available to meet business requirements + other non ERDF Programmes as required to adequately respond to need			Tender for Growth was launched on 1 st June 2020. Sales Export Programme is currently under assessment with Invest NI Under NMD Growth and Digital growth a range of programmes were launched in direct response to Covid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 ½ day workshops • 6 Thematic programmes launched / implemented • direct support provided to 537 businesses • 521 mentoring hours delivered
Promote shop local to encourage support for SMES, alternative methods of trading & engaging with customers	Q2		Shop local campaign was launched on Sunday 12 th July 2020, which included a week of profiling the shop local / stay safe message across our various towns and city

<p>Progress the consultation, design development & procurement of the following Capital Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry Lower Hill St • Warrenpoint Front Shore • Legacy Public Realm Enhancement • Carlingford lough greenway • Forkhill Barracks site • Warrenpoint Baths 	Q1 – Q2		<p>Newry Lower Hill St: Scheme onsite</p> <p>Warrenpoint Front Shore: Consultants appointed, public engagement to commence autumn</p> <p>Legacy Public Realm Enhancement: Internal assessment ongoing</p> <p>Carlingford lough greenway: Planning Application submitted</p> <p>Forkhill Barracks site: Awaiting outcome of local consultation exercise delayed due to covid-19</p> <p>Warrenpoint Baths: Development Brief concluded and report on next steps for consideration by Council Sept 2020</p>
Progress the Downpatrick Regeneration Project including soft Market testing and onsite public engagement, if safe to do so	Q2		July 2020 - 12 weeks Soft market testing and virtual consultation launched
Progress the City Deal: Digital Programme and Skills and Employability Programme	Q1 – Q2		<p>Xpand appointed to develop a feasibility Study for Newry Innovation Hub, due to be completed Sept 2020</p> <p>Continue to engage with BCC Operations team on informing the development of the skills and employability proposition</p>
Revise and launch the Economic Development Strategy in light of new challenges arising from covid-19	Q2		Final Draft completed, which was presented at the economic forum July 2020. Final Draft to be tabled at August 2020 ERT Committee for consideration
Delivery of industry engagement events using alternative methods of engagement: Enterprise Week – Q3 NI Apprenticeship Week – Q4	Q2		All events are led by external stakeholders, the planning of which is currently on hold, pending further guidance on the holding of large scale events within social distancing regulations.

Small Business Conference – Q2 Agenda NI Conference – Q3			
FFNI - Appointment of contractors for delivery of scheme, and progression through gateway C	Q2		Tender completed, business cases are being developed. Gateway C submission to be made July 2020.
RDP – continued delivery of RDP Programme and liaising with DAERA re time extensions as a result of Covid-19	Q1 - Q2		19 claims processed and paid totaling just over £1m TRIPSI Small Business grant scheme completed with £33k grant aid released and preparing for a launch of new scheme in August 2020 RDP funds now fully committed.
SEA Flag - On-going assessment and commitment of SEA Flag Funds, and liaising with DAERA re time extensions as a result of Covid-19	Q1 – Q2		12 New Expressions of Interest submitted with grant assistance request of just under £500k 15 Eligible applicants working on pre-requisites and making a full application estimated at £630k grant assistance 3 Full applications to be assessed equating to just over £100k grant assistance. 3 Letters of Offer issued & accepted and 1 pending, valued at just over £100k, resulting in 1 New Business & 1 new job created All project claims processed and paid within 3 weeks of receiving all claim documentation, totalling £46,475.50 Updated publicity strategy implemented – Press Releases issued for successful applications, offering of virtual one-to-one meetings, newsletters issued, new Facebook page launched on 3 June
Warrenpoint Park Regeneration – review and amend action plan for delivery of events in line with covid-19 regulations	Q1 – Q2		Warrenpoint Municipal Park closed on 23 March 2020. Outdoor and Volunteer Officer developed teacher resource packs for the School's Programme. Partnership forged with AmmA to develop a series of online resources that will be published on C2K, filming will take place over the summer, videos to be published at Halloween. Interim and Final evaluation procurement

			issued. Entertainment in the Park to filmed and published online in the absence of a summer season of entertainment.
Castlewellan Regeneration – develop and submit stage 2 application to HLF	Q1 – Q2		Stage 2 HLF Application to be submitted November 2020. DAERA funded element of project is revised, with tender to be issued end of July 2020.
Atlantic Cultural Scape - review and amend action plan for delivery of programme in line with covid-19 regulations	Q1 – Q2		Funder has been engaged and programme of activity has been rescheduled with partners to accommodate delays associated with Covid-19. All funding has been secured and reprofiled, and alternative delivery is being considered to ensure delivery of all activity. Funder has permitted a 6 month extension to the programme if required (extension is for time, not spend)
AONB Environment Fund and LPS legacy - review and amend action plan for delivery of programme in line with covid-19 regulations	Q1 – Q2		Funder has been engaged and programme of activity has been rescheduled with partners to accommodate delays associated with Covid-19. All funding has been secured and reprofiled, and alternative delivery is being considered to ensure delivery of all activity.
Statutory			
Flexible delivery of Business Start-Up programme to ensure support for new business starts	Q1 – Q2		All mentoring support was moved to virtual delivery. New marketing campaign launched July 2020, with the messaging “new opportunities” and “new lockdown business idea”. Performance over April, May and June has been affected as a result of covid-19, however DFE have indicated a relaxation of 2020/21 statutory target to reflect covid-19 impact.
Desirable			
International Relations Activity – update investment brochure, finalize investment video, and review international relations activity for 2020			Investment video – delayed to August / Sept as videographer was unable to obtain video footage as a result of covid-19 restrictions Brochure – work has commenced, to be completed Q2
Delayed / Suspended			
Innovation Nation & Day of Ambition	Q1 – Q2		Innovation Nation is on hold until 2021. Currently looking at alternative

Conference - Develop a more appropriate conference programme suitable for covid-19 recovery			interventions with Education to maintain momentum
Regeneration Initiatives & events - To progress schemes to ensure contractors and funders are ready to implement works in line with covid-19 regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downpatrick Revitalization • Newry & Downpatrick Regeneration Marketing Campaign • AONB Events 	Q1 – Q2		<p>Derrymore: Works commenced on site 25th May 2020, to be completed Nov 2020. Funder extensions are in place in line with new programme.</p> <p>EI Schemes: Works commenced onsite 25th May 2020, to be completed March 2021. Negotiation underway with funder to obtain required extensions.</p> <p>Downpatrick Revitalization: Works underway, due to be completed March 2021</p> <p>Newry and Downpatrick Regeneration Marketing Campaign: Ready to launch campaign when footfall has returned to towns and campaign will be visible.</p>
Rural Villages Consultation – to complete consultation remotely with onsite contact delayed	Q1		3 of 5 consultation have been completed. Final 2 consultation planned for July 2020
Artisan Markets	Q1		Artisan Markets relaunched July 2020 with first market scheduled for 18 th July 2020. Risk Assessments and social distancing procedures in place.

Areas of Good Practice / Improvement

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

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







Areas for Business Transformation



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




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


Management of data – across programme larger volumes of data is collected, appropriate MIS system would enable analysis and interpretation of data for performance reporting and improvement.

Tourism, Culture, Heritage and Events




Objective / Activity	Timescale	Status	Progress
New			
Deliver Tourism Business Support Programme – online training & mentoring, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A webinar series to assist businesses 2. A mentoring support programme to support business in the rebound phase of COVID 19 	April-June		Webinar series delivered to approx. 160 tourism and hospitality businesses over 6-week period. Delivery of mentoring support programme underway with businesses to end of Aug-20.
Deliver Destination Marketing Campaign targeted at the Domestic and ROI Markets, to boost local tourism industry	April-June (campaign to run in summer/autumn)		Targeted campaign underway to local/domestic and RoI markets over summer in partnership with tourism and hospitality businesses. Further activity planned in September in partnership with TNI.
Develop new visitor experiences/product with industry partners focusing on golf, outdoor activity, food and culture.	April-June		Work ongoing with 25 tourism and hospitality businesses on the development of new and existing tourism experiences.
Essential			
Collaborate and engage with key tourism & hospitality sector stakeholders to reinforce a strong partnership approach to tourism growth and leadership in the current climate.	Ongoing		Engagement with tourism and hospitality businesses has continued since March via business cluster groups, zoom webinars and weekly industry updates.
Statutory			
Continue to progress BRCD projects – including the OBC for the Mourne Gateway Project.	Ongoing (OBC submission July)		Progression on Mourne Gateway OBC ongoing in line with BRCD timelines.
Continue to progress towards UNESCO	Ongoing (Q1-Q2)		Work continuing to plan on UNESCO Geopark application.









<p>Global Geopark Status, to include a <u>Geopark Sustainable Tourism Development Plan</u> for the region, to address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental impact of tourism growth in rural areas 2. Traffic and visitor management at key sites 3. Maintaining and improving quality standards and visitor experience, whilst ensuring tourism growth 			
<p>Continue to progress key Tourism Capital Projects in partnership with Government stakeholders.</p>	<p>Ongoing (Q1-Q2)</p>		<p>Progress continuing on key capital projects at tourism sites across the district, including Tyrella, Delamont, Slieve Gullion FP, Kilbroney FP & Downpatrick.</p>
Desirable			
<p>Tourism Events Programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review events programme and budget to reflect uncertainty around mass gatherings & ability to host future events 2. Consider re allocation of budget elements to innovative based events. 3. Review plans for SPD 2021 in line with latest Gov advice on 	<p>April-June</p>		<p>Review undertaken of Tourism Events Programme with proposals for a series of online events and a new Events Challenge Fund to be tabled at ERT committee in August 2020.</p> <p>All future tourism events will continue to be review in line with latest Government guidelines on the C19 response.</p>



mass-gatherings.			
<p>Arts, Culture & Heritage Strategy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review action plans & priorities in strategy – in line with new opportunities & Challenges 2. Facilitate sector engagement to determine support mechanisms 3. Review potential impacts for longer-term closure of arts centres & opportunities for online outreach 	April-June		<p>Officers are working with an Arts Managers Group from all Local Authorities, the Northern Ireland Arts Council and Theatre NI to progress guidelines for the re-opening of arts & cultural venues across NI.</p> <p>Proposals for a series of online arts events to be delivered in Autumn/winter being progressed. Engagement with local arts sector ongoing.</p>
<p>Museums</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Museums Forward Plans – in line with new opportunities & Challenges 2. Develop proposals for cultural & heritage programmes that provide outreach to local communities – including the ongoing Living History programme. 	April-June		<p>Plans to reopen the Museums in August/September being put in place. Heritage outreach activities have been delivered in Q1. Museum forward plans reviewed and proposals for further outreach cultural and heritage programmes to be tabled at September ERT Committee.</p>
Delayed / Suspended			
Capital Projects that could go ahead but are not deemed essential - TBC	April-June		Progress continuing on key capital projects (as per update above).

Suspend Arts Centres & Museum's Spring/Summer Programmes, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newcastle Summer Season 2. Exhibitions 3. Performances 	April - August		All arts & heritage programmes and activities involving audiences and visitors have been suspended until further notice. Plans to reopen the Museums in August/September being put in place. Heritage outreach activities have continued in Q1. Proposals for new online arts programmes will be tabled at August ERT Committee.
Areas of Good Practice / Improvement			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community response to heritage outreach programmes (Living in lockdown) has been very positive. Visitor use of Forest Parks, Country Parks and Beaches has been positive with key messages on adhering to COVID guidelines and 'leave-no-trace' being respected over-all within Council facilities. Very-close and ongoing engagement with tourism and hospitality businesses throughout the COVID response period has been positive and productive to support the ongoing recovery of the local tourism industry. 			
Areas for Business Transformation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant challenges experienced at key tourism sites that are not within direct management control of Council. Issues and challenges being considered and addressed via a Multi-Agency Working Group with representation from statutory agencies. Significant loss of income experienced at tourism sites, arts and heritage venues due to COVID pandemic. 			







Building Control and Regulation








Objective / Activity	Timescale	Status	Progress
New			
Promote remote working practices and implement offices Rota's to ensure an effective & efficient service provision.	April -June		Virtually all Technical staff have been provided with IT equipment to facilitate remote working and Business Support staff are working on Rota's to ensure business continuity.
Implement & Promote the online Building Control application process.	April -June		On-line application process went live in May with 20 applications submitted to date, some teething issues to be addressed by Tascomi.
Undertake all office meeting via Skype or Conference calls	April - Sept		To date all office meetings are now conducted via Skype or Conference

			calls, Face to face meetings are only considered as a last resort.
Essential			
Continue to carry out Fire Risk Assessments on Council premises	April - Sept		We are working with Building Managers to develop a procedure to allow access to buildings to complete the Fire Risk Assessments.
Continue to undertake Development Naming, Street Naming, Postal Numbering and Dual Language nameplate functions.	April - Sept		Our Licensing team continue to perform these functions remotely to ensure business continuity. To date we have no backlog.
Continue to carry out the EPB process remotely.	April - Sept		To date our EPB Officer is capable of checking online applications for compliance, but has not inspected Estate Agents offices due to the Covid restrictions.
Statutory			
Continue to enforce the Building Regulations, process applications and undertake site inspections & Dangerous Structures inspections.	April - Sept		All inspections (with the exception of DS) were suspended. However as restrictions eased the inspection process recommenced. Initially only open-air inspections were conducted, however with further easing and the supply of PPE and the development of protocols has allowed all inspections to be reintroduced.
Continue to process all Licensing application and inspections.	April - Sept		All Licence applications are being processed as normal and all inspections are being carried out with the exception of Entertainment Licenses. When restrictions are eased the inspections shall recommence.
Continue to complete Property Certificates	April - Sept		All Property Certificates are being processed as normal. No backlog to date.
Continue to provide a Dog Warden service	April - Sept		The Dog Warden service has returned to normal in terms of service provision.
Desirable			
Consider means of extending the application process by 3 months rather than cancellation or refunds.	April-June		Agreed and implemented, the 3 month extension has now come to conclusion.

Delayed / Suspended			
Undertake a car park project at Bann Road, Castlewellan	Sept?		A report shall be brought to the Aug ERT committee for consideration.
Undertake a resurfacing of a car park and adjoining road at Market Street, Downpatrick.	Sept?		A report/Business Case shall be brought to the Aug ERT committee for consideration.
Areas of Good Practice / Improvement			
<p>The provision of IT equipment to our Technical staff plus some of our Business Support team has allowed our service to continue nearly as normal. The introduction of the online BC application service and the uptake of online Dog Licence applications has been a major success. Now 80% of Dog licenses are processed online (an increase of 60%).</p> <p>Online and over the phone payments has ensured a steady income for applications. The introduction of remote working stiles and staff rota's has been a success in terms of business continuity.</p> <p>New site inspection Protocols and PPE has ensured the inspection process can continue.</p>			
Areas for Business Transformation			
<p>Online Building Control applications & payments.</p> <p>Major uptake in the online Dog Licence application process.</p> <p>Roll out of IT and the introduction of remote working stiles ensures we are well placed to cope with a future similar crisis.</p>			

Planning

Objective / Activity	Timescale	Status	Progress
New			
Revised operating procedures to reflect continuing restrictions and social distancing requirements.	July 2020		Revised procedures in place. Planning Staff working from home. Business support operating from offices in line with new requirements / restrictions.
Revised Scheme of Delegation	July 2020		Scheme of delegation reviewed. No changes required.
Revised Operating Protocol for Planning Committee	June 2020		Planning Committee meetings being held remotely, following the usual four week cycle. Protocol reviewed and left unchanged.
Revised LDP timetable	June 2020		Being reviewed in line with statutory requirements.
Pre application discussions / meetings.	July 2020		Meetings and discussions being held remotely.
Essential			
Site visits	May 2020		Site visits restarted in line with agreed protocol.
Property Certificates	May 2020		Normal service resumed .

Business Support	May 2020		Business support staff returned to office on full time basis from end of May.
Statutory			
Development Management	Ongoing		Working towards achieving key performance indicators.
Enforcement	Ongoing		Working towards achieving key performance indicators.
Development Plan	Ongoing		Working towards achieving key performance indicators.
Development Plan	June		Procedures established for continuing work of the working groups remotely.
Desirable			
Advertising Planning Applications	Ongoing		Revised advertising arrangements established.
Delayed / Suspended			
All activity outside the core functions of DM / LDP / Enf.	Ongoing		Ongoing review. Reintroducing functions as resources allow.
Areas of Good Practice / Improvement			
Transition to a more agile form of working. Electronic submission of information and issuing of decisions.			
Areas for Business Transformation			
Consultation process. Neighbour notification. Press Advertising.			

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2020
Subject:	Care Home Project: C21 Theatre Company
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andrew Patterson Assistant Director: Tourism, Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aisleain McGill Head of Culture, Arts, Heritage and Events

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

For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To consider allocation of £1000 towards theatre project by C21 Theatre Company</p> <p><u>Background</u> C21 have been successful in accessing, from Arts Council Northern Ireland (ACNI) some of the funding to produce a Reminiscence Project in various council areas and require match funding of £1000 for each participating council.</p> <p>They will work with care homes to bring short films to the residents. These short films (screened once a week in the care facility through our You Tube channel) will consist of played out scenes from C21 actors that will hopefully bring the residents back in time and in the process create some poignant memories.</p> <p>They aim to look at key themes that may include: Home, Community, Going Out, School and Work to re-ignite some special memories. Each of these will feature (at some level) in the films and the acting (scenes from yesteryear) will be complemented with music, poetry and visuals. Five films will be produced that will go out once a week (at a certain time) into the care homes and their communal rooms.</p> <p>Actors, writers and poet will be commissioned by C21 to look at certain themes and then form part of the short films.</p> <p>C21 will work with the Age-Friendly and Museum staff to produce.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	To allocate £1000 towards costs of production
3.0	Recommendations

3.1	Allocation of £1000 towards costs of project production
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Staff time dedicated to project plus £1000 allocation.
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	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service

	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	n/a
8.0	Background Documents
	n/a

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2020
Subject:	Annalong Harbour Environmental Improvement Project – application to SEA FLAG
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Andy Patterson Assistant Director of Tourism Culture and Events
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michelle Boyle Head of Product Development and Visitor Experience

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either: -	
For decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For noting only
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To approve business case and seek match funding for Annalong Harbour Environmental Improvement scheme as outlined in section 3.1 of this report to enable full completion of the scheme.</p> <p><u>Background</u> ERT Department propose to apply to European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF)/Sea Flag to carry out improvements around Annalong harbour facility. Application to be submitted by deadline of 30 September 2020. Up to 80% of total costs can be awarded through this funding. This source of funding was chosen as Annalong harbour and fishing community is within the Sea Flag target area. The scheme will help improve conditions and further enhance the harbour showcasing its historic waterfront structure and allow visitors to understand and appreciate the area's rich maritime history. It will allow locals and visitors to comfortably & safely observe the culture, values and traditions of the local fishermen and witness the important role they play in this small local community.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>The EI scheme aims to improve & enhance the area through -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installing new marine grade LED lighting – current lighting is no longer working as it has degraded because of salt water and lighting is currently provided by temporary lighting. • New seating & litter bins which will withstand the harsh nature of the harbour environment • Upgrading guard railing & barriers • Provide a tap for access to water for fishermen • Installation of an interpretation panel will provide historical information for visitors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replanting and filling out the waste area/bank will improve the look of the area and will be easier to maintain and has been requested by the local community group • Resurfacing of road surface at entrance to harbour will also enhance the area and new painted road markings will clearly identify no parking areas and keep relevant areas clear for emergency services. <p>The harbour area is an historical focal point for Annalong and the scheme will develop and complement some of the already existing features.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To accept business case for project costing £95,613 with funding being sourced from European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF) for 80% of total costs = £76,490. Match funding of 20% - £19,123 is requested from Council.</p> <p>This budget is available within the Capital programme.</p>
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	<p>Total cost of project is £95,613. Funding is being sourced from European Maritime & Fisheries Fund (EMFF) for 80% of total costs = £76,490.</p> <p>Match funding of 20% - £19,123 is requested from Council.</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>

5.3	Proposal initiating consultation <div> <div>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</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div> <div> <div>Consultation period will be 12 weeks</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div> <div> <div>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div> <div> <div>Rationale:</div> <div></div> </div>	N/A
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>	
7.0	Appendices	
	N/A	
8.0	Background Documents	
	N/A	

6 Monthly Report for RTS Committee Meeting

1.0 Building Regulations Report – Matters for Noting

1.1 Number of Building Regulation Applications Received

1 Mar 2020 – 31 Aug 2020

1003

1 Mar 2019 – 31 Aug 2019

1416

1.2 Fees Received

1 Mar 2020 – 31 Aug 2020

Plan Fee	£114,470.53
Inspection Fee	£167,607.48
Other Fee	<u>£1,775.80</u>
Total	£283,853.81

1 Mar 2019 – 31 Aug 2019

Plan Fee	£99,984.98
Inspection Fee	£280,247.52
Other Fee	<u>£2,454.20</u>
Total	£382,686.70

(Figures are obtained from our Tascomi Records)

1.3 Site Inspections carried out

1 Mar 2020 – 31 Aug 2020

3850

1 Mar 2019 – 31 Aug 2019

6100

1.4 Performance

Current performance indicators are being met:-

Domestic Plan Assessments assessed within 21 days (Target 75%) 69%

Non Domestic Plan Assessments assessed within 35 days (Target 75%) 70%

BR3 Returns assessed within 14 days (Target 80%) 89%

2.0 Enforcement

Number of premises visited to assess extent of unauthorised works between March 2020 and August 2020 = 12

13 Chestnut Grove, Newry	Extension to dwelling	Reminder Letter sent
1 The Slip, Strangford	Re-roofing	Resolved
5 Clarkhill, Castlewellan	Extension to rear and internal refurbishment to dwelling	Resolved
9 High Street, Ballynahinch	Café	Reminder letter sent
68 Main Street, Castlewellan	Re-roofing and internal alterations	Works suspended
53-55 Lower North Street, Newry	Alterations to existing public bar including container within existing beer garden	Resolved
71 Ballylucas Road, Downpatrick	Renovation of existing garage to habitable accommodation	Resolved
71a Ballylucas Road, Downpatrick	Renovation of existing garage to habitable accommodation	Resolved
23 Dunleath Avenue, Downpatrick	Stand-alone habitable entertainment building	Reminder letter sent
7 Duke Street, Warrenpoint	Removal of platform and steps to emergency egress from rear beer garden	Resolved
1 & 1a Crabtree Hill, Bessbrook	Part usage change from horse arena to gym	Resolved
18 Fairfield Heights, Newry	Extension to dwelling	Resolved

3.0 Dangerous Structures

Number of premises identified as dangerous structures between March 2020 and August 2020 = 12

Osborne Promenade, Warrenpoint	Flat roof porch/ canopy	Resolved
32 Mary Street, Newry	Loose tiles	Resolved
Mill Street, Warrenpoint	Asbestos falling from building onto street	Resolved
99 Ballynoe Road, Downpatrick	Chimney	Resolved
34a Seaview, Killyleagh	Fire damaged building	Resolved
145 Central Promenade, Newcastle	Loose slates on roof, render and large crack to rear wall	Unresolved
6 Shore Street, Killyleagh	Scaffolding	Resolved
3 The Common, Newry	Dislodged barge board	Resolved
Liska Manor, Newry	Collapse of wall alongside road within housing development	Resolved
71 Langley Road, Ballynahinch	Unsafe wall	Resolved
10 Belfast Road, Ballynahinch	Loose slates	Resolved
20 Belfast Road, Ballynahinch	Loose slates	Resolved

4.0 Property Certificates

Property certificates responded to date.

1 Mar 2020 – 31 Aug 2020
855

1 March 2019 – 31 Aug 2019
694

5.0 Fire Risk Assessments

Our Building Control Surveyors have carried out 31 Fire Risk Assessments during the past 6 months.

- Ballymote Sports and Wellbeing Centre
- Downshire Civic Centre
- Loanda Community Centre
- Whitegates Community Centre

6.0 Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) Checks and LPS Vacant Rating

1st March 2020 -31st August 2020

ESTATE AGENTS

- ❖ Total no of agents checked (on site/ website) - 45
- ❖ Total number of properties not compliant – 5
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued – 3
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters – 2

Penalty Charge Notices

- ❖ Penalty Charge Notices issued this period– 1 EPC
- ❖ Penalty Charge Notices paid this period – £200
(1 x EPC's - £200)
- ❖ Penalty Charge Notices paid this period that were issued in previous period - £200
- ❖ Penalty Charge Notices issued in previous period now with Small Claims Court for failure to pay – 0

DISPLAY ENERGY CERTIFICATES (DEC's)

- ❖ Number of buildings checked on Landmark - 216
- ❖ Number of buildings compliant on Landmark - 163
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued - 0
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters - 0

AIR CONDITIONING

- ❖ Number of air con buildings checked on landmark - 110
- ❖ Number of air con buildings compliant – 85
- ❖ Number of first warning letters issued - 19
- ❖ Number of successful first warning letters – 0

EPCs RECEIVED (ON CONSTRUCTION)

- ❖ Number of new dwelling EPC's checked on Landmark – 180
- ❖ Number of new dwellings complaint – 178
- ❖ Number of dwellings now compliant after Letter 1 - 178

LPS VACANT RATING

- ❖ No vacant rating carried out between March and August due to Covid 19 restrictions

Recommendation:

For Noting

Colum Jackson
Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism

Licensing Report: Matters for Noting

1 March 2020 – 31 August 2020

1.0 Application Information	1 March 2020 - 31 August 2020
1.1 Number of Licensing Applications Received and Validated (Entertainment, Cinema, Petroleum, Amusement, Marriage, Street Trading, Lotteries, Pavement Café, Road Closures and Dogs)	5478
1.2 Number of Licences Granted (Entertainment, Cinema, Petroleum, Amusement, Marriage, Street Trading, Lotteries, Pavement Café, Road Closures and Dogs)	5404
1.3 Number of Annual Inspections Carried out (including During Performance Inspections)	91

2.0 List of Entertainment Licences Issued ⁽²⁷⁾

Name of Premises (Entertainment)	Address
AOH Hall Glassdrumman	298 Glassdrumman Road Annalong
Ballyholland Community Centre	11 Bettys Hill Road Ballyholland, Newry
Carrickcruppen GAA & Social Club	Lowes Lane Camlough
Crossgar War Memorial Community Hall	5 John Street Crossgar
Four Roads Inn	17 Carrickinab Road Ballykinler Downpatrick
Glenn GAC	32 Barr Hill Knocknanarny Newry
Grants Bar	4 Tamnaharry Hill Mayobridge
Inverbrena Community Centre	Stella Maris Street Strangford
Irish National Foresters (INF)	22 Rostrevor Road Hilltown
Mayobridge Community Centre	Old Road Mayobridge
Mulhollands Bar	18-20 Main Street Castlewellan
Mullans Bar	48 Church Street Downpatrick
Narrow Water Castle	Newry Road Warrenpoint
Newry Masonic Social Club	Downshire Road Newry
Old Killowen Inn	10 Bridge Street Rostrevor
Owenbeg Bowling and Sports Club	77 Stream Street Downpatrick
Quinns Bar	62-64 Main Street Newcastle
Saval GFC Sports & Leisure Complex	22 Coalpit Road Newry
Second Saintfield Presbyterian Church Hall	Fairview Ballynahinch Road Saintfield
Silverbridge Harps GAC	Silverbridge GFC 35 New Road Silverbridge
St Patricks Parish Centre	24 Church Street Ballynahinch
The Corner Inn	29 Killyleagh Street Crossgar
The Lantern	10B Cardinal O'Fiaich Square Crossmaglen
The Wedding Barn	60A Old Court Strangford
The Whistledown Hotel	6 Seaview Warrenpoint
Welcome Inn	35 Main Street Forkhill
Whitecross Lounge	176B Tullyah Road Whitecross

3.0 List of Petroleum Licences Issued ⁽⁴⁴⁾

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Name of Premises (Petroleum)	Address
Annacloy Filling Station	41 Annacloy Road Downpatrick
B Cassidy & Sons	38 - 40 Carran Road Crossmaglen
Ballykinler Filling Station	75 Commons Road Ballykinler Downpatrick
Barbican Annalong	35 Kilkeel Road Annalong
Barneys Service Station	261 Dublin Road Newry
Brennans	149 Newcastle Road Seaforde
Brennans	12 Main Street Dundrum
Central Filling Station	6 Main Street Camlough
Coole Oils Ltd	71 New Road Silverbridge
D&W Carlisle Ltd	105 Belfast Road Ballynahinch
Donard View Service Station	76 Crossgar Road Ballynahinch
Dublin Road Mini Mart	112 Dublin Road Kilcoo
E Lennon & Son Ltd	1 Newcastle Road Castlewellan
Eurospar	55 Greencastle Street Kilkeel
Eurospar Ardglass	5 Downpatrick Road Ardglass
Eurospar Clough	2-4 Main Street Clough
Fiveways Shop and Service Station	99-101 Armagh Road Newry
Ghan Filling Station	43 Warrenpoint Road Rostrevor
Grant Stores	2 Bog Road Attical Kilkeel
Gregory's Service Station	109 Camlough Road Bessbrook
Henry J. McVeigh	33 Clanvaraghan Road Castlewellan
Killens Service Station	49 Main Street Hilltown
Mac Fuels	56 Forkhill Road Newry
MCG Wholesale	68 Edenappa Road Jonesborough
Meadowside Filling Station	27 Church Street Downpatrick
Millvale Services Ltd	17 Millvale Road Bessbrook
Morgan Fuels Killeen Xpress Service Station	251 Dublin Road Newry
Morgan Xpress Archview Garage	26 Camlough Road Newry
Morrisons Vivoxtra	69-77 Belfast Road Ballynahinch
Mulkerns Eurospar	51A Forkhill Road Newry
Mullaghbawn Filling Station	4 Forkhill Road Mullaghbawn
Murphy Bros	103 Carrickasticken Road Forkhill
Newry Filling Station	16 Belfast Road Drumcashellone Newry
O'Hare's Drumaness Ltd	121 Drumaness Road Drumaness Ballynahinch
O'Hares Supermarket	37 Newry Road Mayobridge
Rafferty's Garage	42 Newry Road Magheramurphy Kilkeel
Rockmount Service Station	32 Rathfriland Road Carneyhough Industrial Estate Newry
Royal County Down Golf Club	36 Golf Links Road Newcastle
Safe Ltd	8 Newry Road Camlough
Spar Killyleagh	4 Downpatrick Street Killyleagh
Spar, Newcastle	12-14 Castlewellan Road Newcastle
Supervalu Newcastle (Barbican)	80-82 Dundrum Road Newcastle
T Duffy & Sons Ltd	25-27 Castle Street Killough
Whitecross Filling Station	15 Kingsmill Road Whitecross

4.0 List of Amusement Permits Issued ⁽⁸⁾

Name of Premises (Amusement)	Address
Arcadia Amusements	Central Promenade, Newcastle
Boyle Bingo & Amusements	Church Street, Warrenpoint
Boyle Gaming	Mill Street, Newry
Casino Palace	Water Street, Newry
Joyland Amusements	Central Promenade, Newcastle
Max Sports Club Amusements	Margaret Square, Newry
The Casino	Monaghan Street, Newry
Vegas Casino	Corn Market, Newry

5.0 Breakdown of Animal Welfare calls in Newry, Mourne and Down

5.1 Animal Welfare Calls	1 March 2020 - 31 August 2020
Total number of calls for Northern Ireland	2405
Total number of calls received to date by Southern Region Area	470
Number of calls for Newry, Mourne and Down District area	190
Completed calls for Newry, Mourne and Down District area	166
5.2 Animal Welfare Cases	
Number of animal welfare cases in Northern Ireland	2062
Number of animal welfare cases in Southern Region group	405
Number of animal welfare cases in Newry, Mourne and Down DCI	161
Number of calls that are not animal welfare cases	29 (in NMD)
5.3 Breakdown of Animal Welfare Cases	
Total number of animal welfare cases in Northern Ireland	2062
Number of animal welfare cases closed in Northern Ireland	1853
Number of animal welfare cases open in Southern Region group	41
5.4 Breakdown of Visits and Actions (Newry)	
Number of visits carried out	124
Improvement Notices	10
Number of cases of animals seized	5

6.0 Street Nameplates

1 March 2020 - 31 August 2020

Nameplates Requests Received	72
Nameplates Ordered	51
Nameplates confirmed as being erected	39

7.0 List of Single Language Nameplates erected from 1 March 2020 - 31 August 2020

Street Name	
Seafin Road, Meigh	
Kilnhill Road, Leitrim, Castlewellan	
Ballynagross Road, Downpatrick	
Harbour Drive, Kilkeel	
Greenan Vale, Newry	
New Forge, Ballymartin	
Dundrinne Close, Castlewellan	
Dundrinne Road, Castlewellan	
King Street, Newcastle	
Whinland Drive Leading To 18 Moneydarragh Road, Annalong	
Stony Hill, Newry	
Ballywillin Lane, Crossgar	
Martinpoole Road, Ballynahinch	
Carquillan Court, Hilltown	
Lower Square, Castlewellan	
Windmill Road, Saintfield	
Ardigon Road, Downpatrick	
Ballywillin Road East, Crossgar	
Dundalk Street, Newtownhamilton	(Replacement)
Windmill Hollow, Saintfield	(Replacement)

8.0 Requests for Dual Language Nameplates

8.1 Wateresk Road, Castlewellan / Dundrum

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate on this road following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **56** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.2 Cauleys Pipe Road, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **7** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.3 Fairview Park, Forkhill

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **46** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.4 Ballaghbeg Park, Newcastle

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **68** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.5 Clanmaghery Grove, Ballykinler, Downpatrick

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **10** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.6 Kinghill Avenue, Newcastle

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **74** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.7 Assisi Gardens, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **10** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.8 Ballywillwill Road, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **34** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.9 Burrenwood Park, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **35** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.10 Carnreagh Road, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **30** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.11 Drumaroad Hill, Castlewellan / Ballynahinch

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **35** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.12 Drumhill Heights, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **12** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.13 Drumnaquoile Road, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **49** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.14 Guinness Road, Ballynahinch

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **15** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.15 McKays Road, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **8** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.16 Mountain View, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **46** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.17 O'Donnell Heights, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **36** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.18 Slievehanny Park, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **38** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.19 Slievehanny Road, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **26** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.20 Watsons Road, Newry

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **10** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.21 Woodgrove, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **49** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.22 Woodvale, Castlewellan

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate at this road, following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with **19** questionnaires posted (figure stated to be amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

9.0 Postal Numbering

9.1	Allocation of New Postal Address	121
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9.2	Postal Queries Received	220
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Postal queries are address queries received from Pointer, Land and Property services and queries from members of the public.

10.0 Requests for Development Naming

10.1 Ardmore Heights, Newry

The name 'Ardmore Heights' was approved for the proposed development at Ashgrove Avenue, Newry by Tinnelly Construction.

The proposal met the Street Naming Criteria under criterion No.2 'reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature'.

The development is located beside Ardmore Police Station. The development is also situated beside the now demolished Ardmore Hotel. The development is located on a height, hence the name 'Ardmore Heights'.

10.2 Greenan Gate, Warrenpoint

The name 'Greenan Gate' was approved for the proposed development at Greenan Road, Warrenpoint by Windsor Developments.

The proposal met the Street Naming Criteria under criterion No.2 'reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature' and No.4 - 'The prefix of the name can only be the same as an existing street or road name prefix in the locality if it is accessed from that street or road'. The development is accessed from Greenan Road, Newry.

10.3 New Forge, Ballymartin

The name 'New Forge' was approved for the proposed development at Ballymartin Village by DN Developments.

The proposal met the Street Naming Criteria under criterion No.2 'reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature'.

Previously was the site of a local blacksmith's shop (Jim Newell, 14 Ballymartin Village). The Developer, DN Developments, is owned by nephew of Jim Newell and would like to honour the memory of the Blacksmith's shop.

10.4 Edengrove Park Mews, Ballynahinch

The name 'Edengrove Park Mews' was approved for the proposed development at Edengrove Park, Ballynahinch by Beechview Developments Ltd.

The proposal met the Street Naming Criteria under criterion No.2 'reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature'.

The other names in the development are Edengrove Park East and West. The developer wishes to call the Street 'Edengrove Park Mews', so that it ties into the existing streets within the development, and that it is a Mews type layout overlooking the common Open Space.

10.5 Gantry Lane, Newry

The name 'Gantry Lane' was approved for the proposed development at Lands at Craigmore Way, Newry by Calmor Properties Ltd.

The proposal met the Street Naming Criteria under criterion No.2 'reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature'.

The development name references the railway line adjacent to the site.

10.6 Linen Hall, Castlewellan

The name 'Linen Hall' was approved for the proposed development at Mill Hill, Castlewellan by O'Connor Bros.

The proposal met the Street Naming Criteria under criterion No.2 'reflects the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature'.

There was a linen and bleaching mill formerly located on this site. The Mill Hill area is synonymous with the spinning industry. The word "Hall" is used to describe many country estates and grounds in Ireland. These estates all have decorative entrance pillars and gates, along with feature gate-lodges at the entrances.

10.7 St Patricks Close, Downpatrick

The name 'St Patricks Close' was approved for the proposed development at Ballynagross Road, Downpatrick by Dynes Bros.

The proposal met the Street Naming Criteria under criterion No.2 'reflects the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature'.

These 8 new Townhouses are based in Ballyalton and the developer has built other developments in the area called St Patrick's Way and St Patrick's Crescent.

Recommendation:

For Noting:

Signed: - _____

Colum Jackson

**Assistant Director of Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism
(Building Control)**

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2020
Subject:	Report of the Newry Mourne and Down Council Briefing – Invest NI
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly – Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Elaine McAlinden – Regeneration and Business Support Development Officer

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

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the contents of the Report - Invest NI Newry Mourne and Down District Council Regional Briefing which will form part of the evidence base when developing future strategies and programmes of work in efforts to grow the local economy.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Invest Northern Ireland has produced Regional Council Briefings for areas across Northern Ireland to help inform and support understanding of sub-regional economic performance. They are aligned to Invest NI's regional office network and each includes analysis for the relevant local councils, including Newry Mourne and Down District Council.</p> <p>The Newry Mourne and Down District Council Briefing provides an overview of the latest available economic metrics from a range of data sources.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest NI support to businesses and organisations in the area to stimulate job creation, investment and economic growth; • Official statistics including; Population, Labour Market, Employee Jobs, Earnings, Qualifications, Business Base, Productivity and Tourism; and • Information on Sectors and Economic Development Partners in the region. <p>Data tables, detailed notes on definitions and measures and sources are available in the appendix.</p>
2.0	Key issues

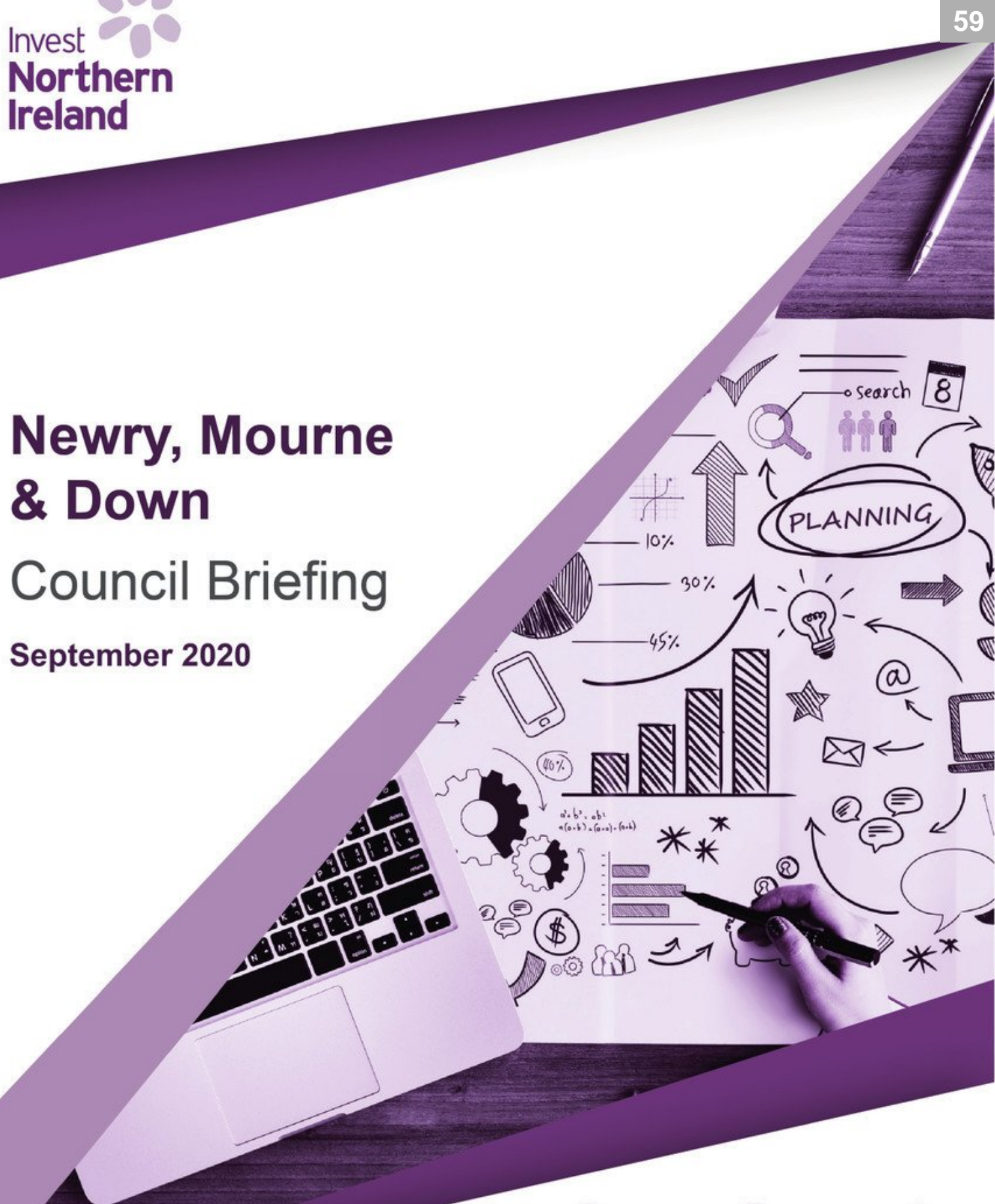
2.1	<p>The following provides a brief snapshot of the type of information contained in the briefing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The population in Newry Mourne and Down District Council stands at 181,368 (10% of NI population). • 69% of the total population are economically active, compared to 73% of the NI average. • The level of economic inactivity is higher in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council than for NI as a whole (31% compared to 27%). • The Council area has 58,113 employee jobs; 8% of the NI total of which, 25% public sector and 75% private sector. • There are 8,865 VAT registered/PAYE businesses in the Council area representing 12% of the total business population in NI. The vast majority of these are micro-businesses (8,125 or 92% employing less than 9 people). • The Business Birth Rate in the Council area is 10% which mirrors the NI average and businesses still in survival after 1 year of trading is 90% - 2% above the NI average. • Levels of total early stage entrepreneurship activity are 5.3% of the population aged 18-64 who are either nascent (in process of starting a business) or new entrepreneurs (running a business not older than 42 months). This is slightly above the NI average of 5.3%. • Business start-up are 27.6 per 10,000 of the population. • Invest NI has secured total inward investment of £36m over the last 5 years (2015/16-2019/20). During that period, the highest levels of inward investment have been from ROI 47.3% (£2m), USA 31.6% (£1m) and GB 21.1% (£1m). • In 2019, Invest NI have provided assistance to 434 businesses, provided investment of £205m and assisted 1,714 jobs in the Council area.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Note the Invest NI Newry Mourne and Down District Council Regional Briefing which will form part of the evidence base when developing future strategies and programmes of work in efforts to grow the local economy.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	There are no resource implications attached to this report.
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	<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>Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Briefing – September 2020</p>
8.0	<p>Background Documents</p>
	<p>n/a</p>

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information for strategic thinking

Invest NI Supported Business Performance (2019)

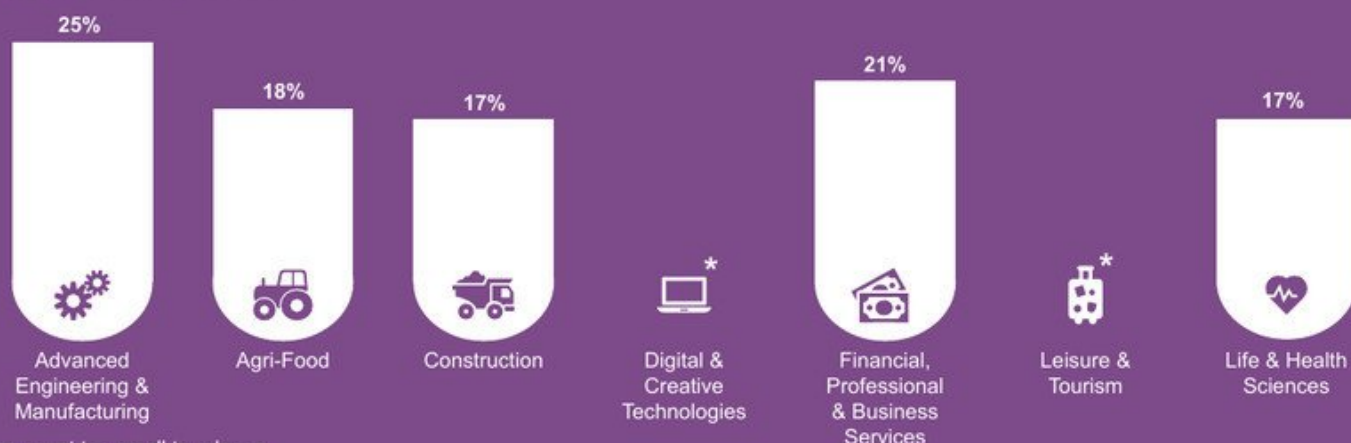
Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are collected from a sub-set of Invest NI businesses who are significant contributors to the NI economy. KPIs are geographically assigned based on the HQ location of the business.

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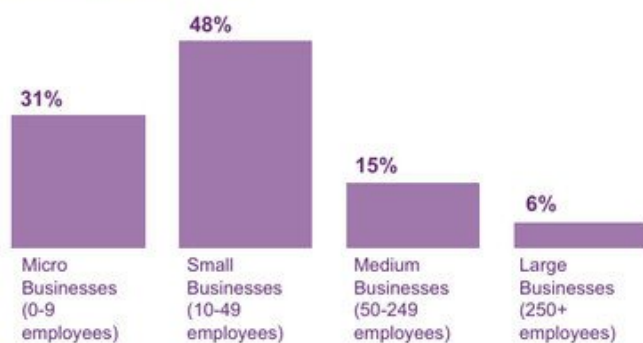
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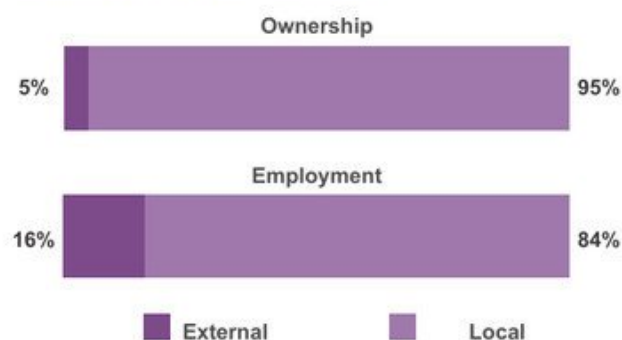
Employment by Sector



Businesses by Size



Business by Ownership

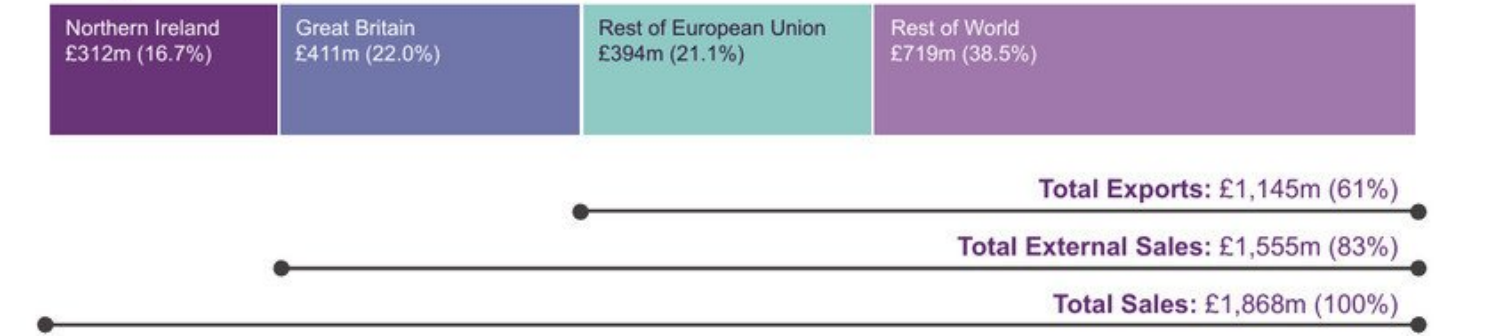


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Sales by Sector

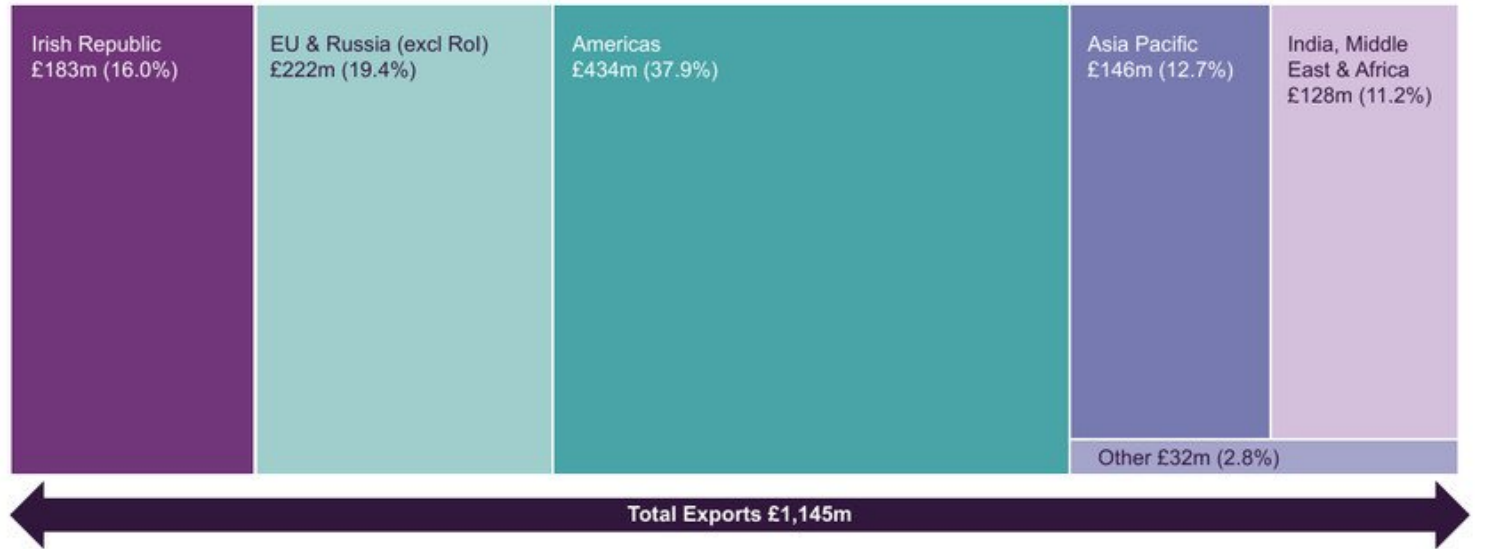


Sales by Destination



Note: Individual amounts may not add to the total figure due to an unassigned amount of £32m (1.7%)

Sales by Trade Territory



Invest NI Activity (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Activity is based on those projects brought forward by Invest NI customers over the past 5 years that have been approved for an offer of support.

“Assistance” is offered at the start of a project based on a company commitment to undertake a business development project, such as job creation, R&D, skills development.

Invest NI’s Assistance is then combined with investment from the company to form the project “Investment”.

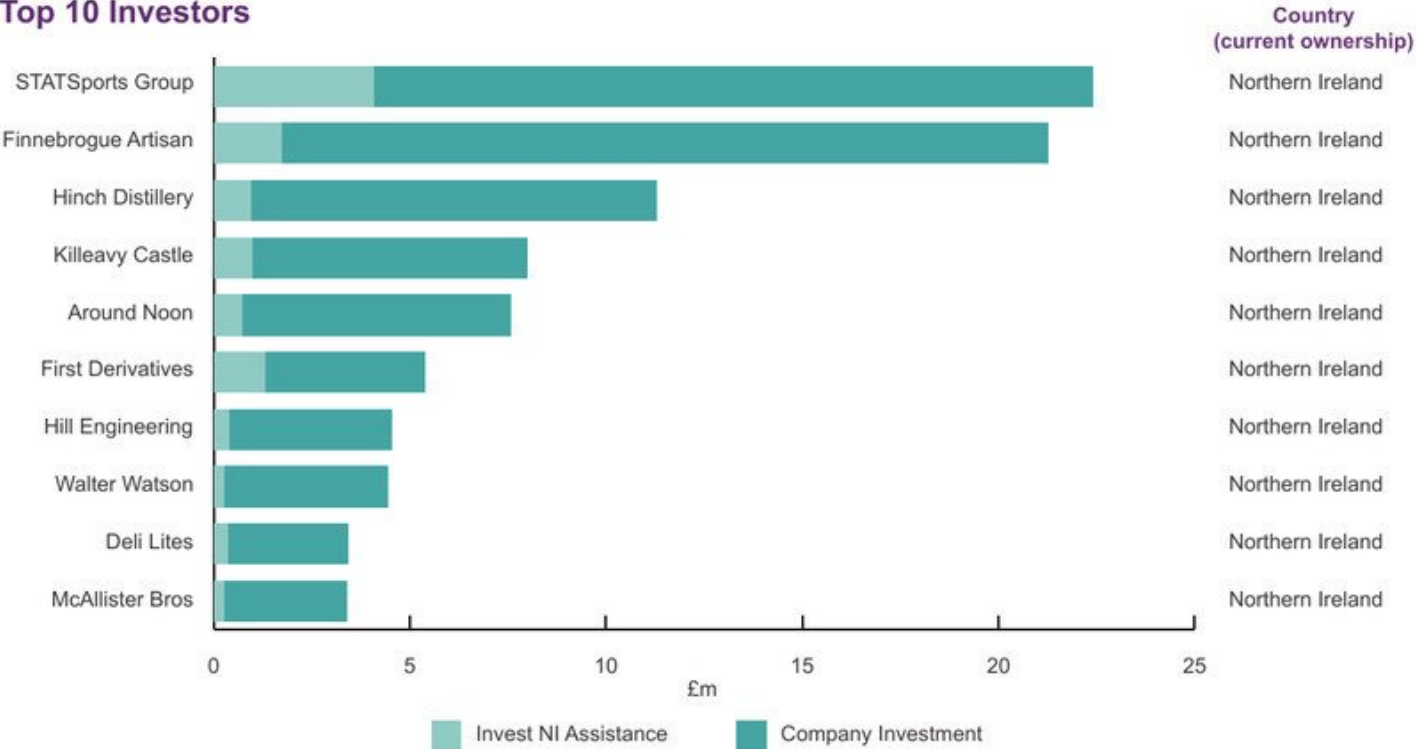
The project is then delivered over an agreed period of time meaning there is a lag between Assistance and Investment and the delivery by customers on the ground.



Assistance - Local (98%) External (2%)

Assisted Jobs - Local (98%) External (2%)

Top 10 Investors



External Investment by Country of Origin



Note: Country reflects ownership at the time of offer.

Economic Profile

Population (2019)

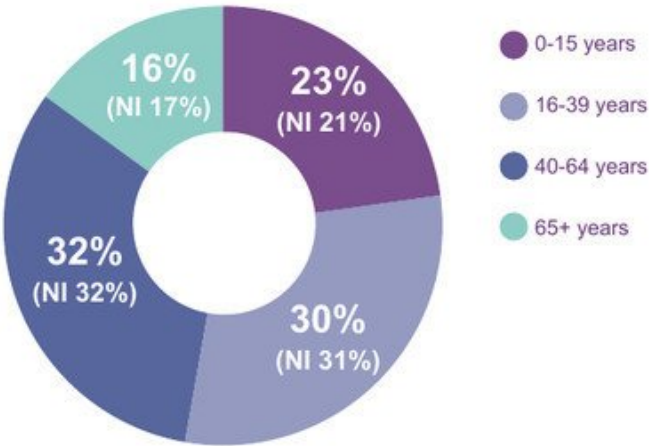
Total Population
181,368



10% of total NI population

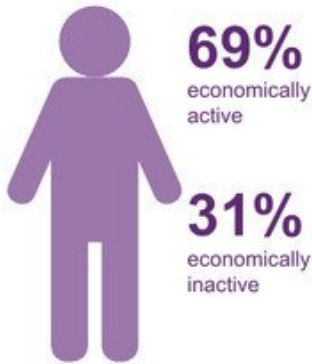
Source: Mid Year Population Estimates, NISRA

Population by Age

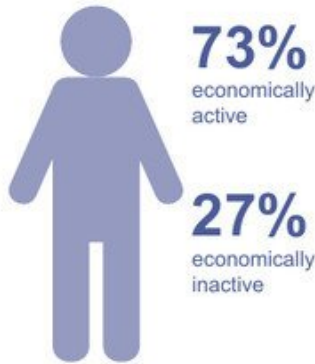


Labour Market Structure (2018)

Newry, Mourne & Down



Northern Ireland



Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA



Unemployment Claimants (2019)

Newry, Mourne & Down

2%
of population claiming
unemployment benefit
and of this number



21%
are youth
(aged 18-24)

Northern Ireland

3%
of population claiming
unemployment benefit
and of this number



20%
are youth
(aged 18-24)

Source: Claimant Count, NISRA

The labour market structure is composed of the economically active (people in employment and seeking work) and inactive (not seeking nor available for work). This data is provided through the Labour Force Survey (LFS), the largest regular household sample survey in Northern Ireland. **Total numbers in employment do not equate to total jobs as a person can have more than one job.**

Unemployment annual averages data is derived from the Claimant Count as LFS figures fall below suppression thresholds. This is an administrative data source based on the numbers claiming unemployment-related benefits. It uses a different definition of unemployment to the LFS.

Both measures of the labour market are based on the working-age (16-64) population.

Employee Jobs (2019)

58,113 jobs within the region (8% of the Northern Ireland total)

Industry Sector



Public/Private Sector



The Business Register and Employment Survey is a business census which provides employee jobs estimates. **This is based on the location and number of jobs rather than the number of persons with a job; therefore someone with two jobs will be counted twice.** It excludes agriculture employee jobs and self-employed (not on a PAYE system).

Source: Business Register and Employment Survey, NISRA

Earnings (2019)

The median annual earnings for Northern Ireland are **£22,833**

Place of Residence

Median annual earnings based on people living in the area -

£22,360



Place of Work

Median annual earnings based on people working in the area -

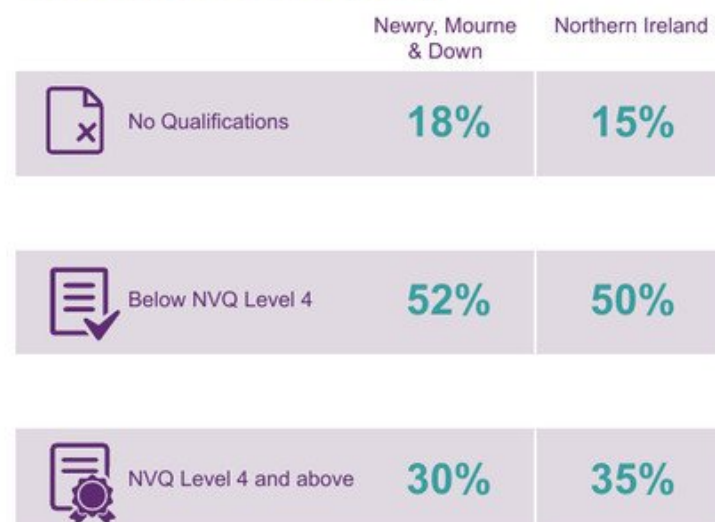
£22,381



Based on median, annual, basic and other earnings for full-time employees (more than 30 hours per week) in the private sector.

Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings, NISRA

Qualifications (2018)



This data is provided through the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey and includes a measure of qualifications, based on the working-age population (16-64), using the following classification:

- No Qualifications
- Below NVQ Level 4 (Level 1 to Level 3)
- NVQ Level 4 and above (degree level and above)

Source: Labour Force Survey, NISRA

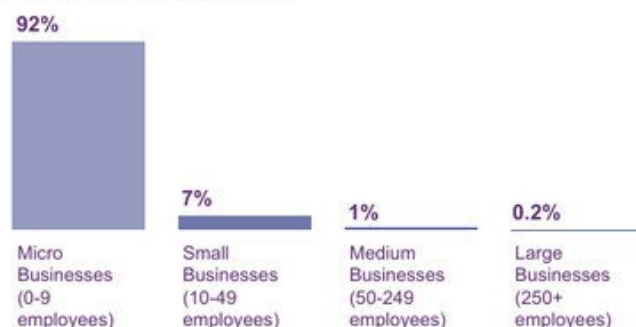
Business Base (2020)

The business population is defined here by the Inter Departmental Business Register which excludes smaller businesses and the self-employed who fall below the VAT registered/PAYE thresholds.

Number of Registered Businesses



Businesses by Size



Businesses by Sector



Source: Inter Departmental Business Register, NISRA

Business Demography (2018)

A business birth is identified as a business who was present in the active business population dataset for 2017, but not in the two previous years. A business is deemed to have survived for one year if having been a birth in 2016, it is active in terms of employment and/or turnover in any part of 2017. Rates are expressed as a percentage of total active businesses.



Source: Inter Departmental Business Register, ONS

Productivity Work-Place Based (2018)

Productivity is based on the approximate Gross Value Added (aGVA) generated by the non-financial business economy (and excludes public sector). This is measured by the Northern Ireland Annual Business Inquiry based on income, less cost of goods and services used to create this income.

Per head calculations are made using total in employment, rather than the resident population as this can be subject to distortion (due to the effects of commuting and variations in age distribution).

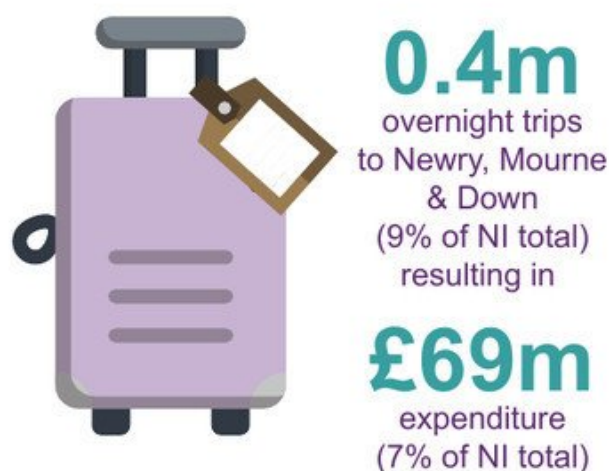


Source: ONS Regional Gross Value Added (GVA) (2018) and Business Register Employment Survey (2018)

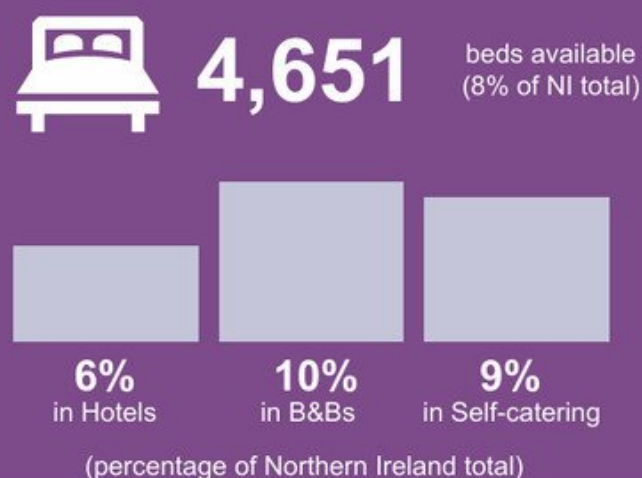
Tourism (2018)

A variety of statistics are used to provide a picture of tourism. These include: passenger and household surveys which measure the number of overnight trips and associated expenditure; occupancy surveys of local hotels and commercial accommodation and the Visitor Attraction Survey.

Overnight Trips & Associated Spend



Availability of Accommodation



Tourism Jobs (2019)



Visitor Attractions



The most popular visitor attractions in 2018 were:-

Kilbroney Park	536,304
Slieve Gullion & The Giants Lair	461,840
Delamont Country Park	252,410

Please note: Due to the Coronavirus illness (Covid 19) the majority of tourism surveys are currently on hold. This section will be updated later this year when tourism statistics are available.

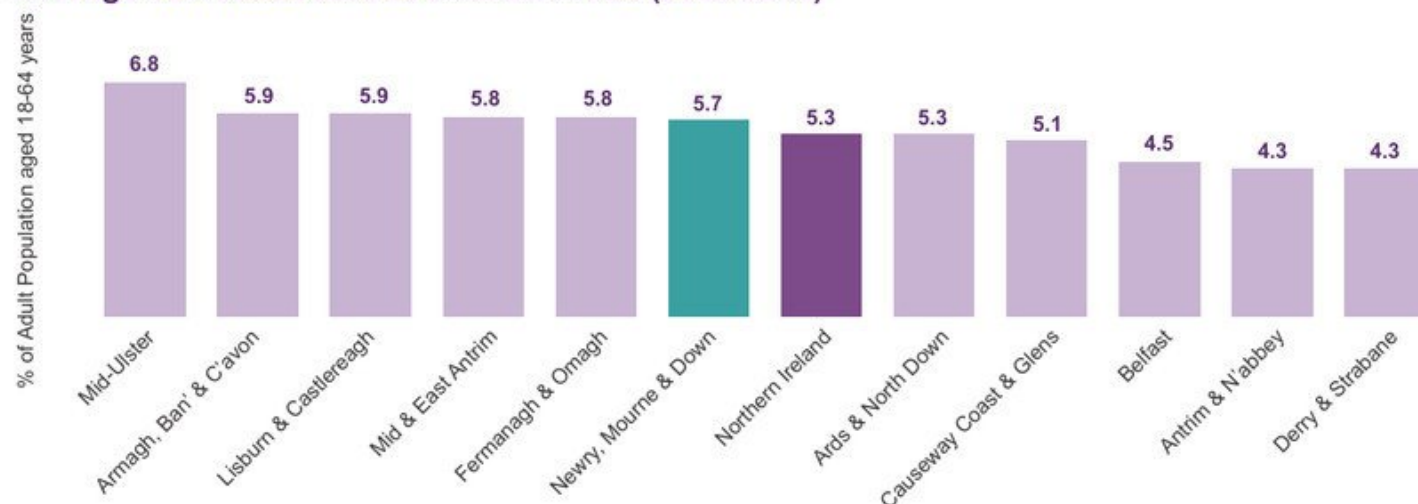
Source: Tourism Statistics, NISRA

Entrepreneurship (2018)

Total Early-stage Entrepreneurial Activity (TEA) represents the percentage of the population aged 18-64 who are either nascent (in process of starting a business) or new entrepreneurs (running a business not older than 42 months).

Entrepreneurial activity is based on average TEA rates recorded over 2003-2018, which are grouped due to small sample sizes.

Average TEA Rates across Council Areas (2003-2018)



Source: Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (UK), Enterprise Research Centre

Business Growth (2018)

The NI Local Growth Dashboard presents a set of growth metrics for start-ups and existing firms based on the Office for National Statistics' Business Structure Database at Council Level.

Start-ups per 10,000 Population



Number of start-ups can be seen as a headline metric of "entrepreneurial ability" and show variation across NI.

High-Growth Incidence Rate, 20% threshold (2015-18)



High-Growth Firms are defined here as businesses with annual average employment growth of 20% or more over a three year period.

Positive Productivity Incidence Rate (2015-18)

Positive productivity growth is where turnover and employment both increased, turnover at a faster rate.



Source: Queen's University Belfast & Enterprise Research Centre

Data Tables

Invest NI Key Performance Indicators, 2019

Council or Region	No of businesses	Full Time Staff	Sales £m	External Sales £m	Export Sales £m	Externally Owned - % of Businesses	Locally Owned - % of Businesses	Externally Owned - Employment %	Locally Owned - Employment %	Northern Ireland Sales £m	Great Britain Sales £m	EU28 (excl UK) Sales £m	Rest of World (excl EU28) Sales £m	Other (unassigned) Sales £m
Antrim & Newtownabbey	97	8,188	1,528	1,138	616	8%	92%	25%	75%	390	523	270	337	8
Ards & North Down	87	3,809	572	473	267	10%	90%	48%	52%	100	206	108	152	6
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	197	18,773	3,385	2,814	1,249	10%	90%	49%	51%	571	1,564	793	439	17
Belfast	454	43,629	4,833	3,584	1,844	27%	73%	67%	33%	1,249	1,739	543	1,291	10
Causeway Coast & Glens	84	3,962	909	719	399	7%	93%	27%	73%	191	319	307	85	7
Derry & Strabane	117	8,239	961	695	573	15%	85%	48%	52%	266	122	366	206	1
Fermanagh & Omagh	111	5,513	924	710	277	11%	89%	39%	61%	214	433	231	45	1
Lisburn & Castlereagh	137	7,053	1,767	1,284	320	10%	90%	24%	76%	483	964	220	95	5
Mid & East Antrim	83	5,481	1,179	1,001	602	10%	90%	40%	60%	178	399	272	325	5
Mid Ulster	232	17,096	3,893	3,053	1,298	6%	94%	26%	74%	840	1,755	693	583	22
Newry, Mourne & Down	127	9,570	1,868	1,555	1,145	5%	95%	16%	84%	312	411	394	719	32
Eastern	454	43,629	4,833	3,584	1,844	27%	73%	67%	33%	1,249	1,739	543	1,291	10
North Eastern	180	13,668	2,707	2,139	1,217	9%	91%	31%	69%	569	922	542	662	13
North Western	201	12,201	1,870	1,413	972	11%	89%	41%	59%	457	441	674	291	7
Southern	351	20,431	4,207	3,312	1,731	8%	92%	25%	75%	895	1,580	722	966	43
Western	540	41,382	8,202	6,577	2,824	8%	92%	38%	62%	1,625	3,752	1,718	1,067	40
NI	1,726	131,311	21,819	17,024	8,590	13%	87%	45%	55%	4,794	8,435	4,199	4,277	113

Invest NI Activity by District Council Area, 2015-16 to 2019-20

Council or Region	Externally-Owned					Locally-Owned					Total				
	No of businesses	No of Offers	Assistance £m	Investment £m	Assisted Jobs	No of businesses	No of Offers	Assistance £m	Investment £m	Assisted Jobs	No of businesses	No of Offers	Assistance £m	Investment £m	Assisted Jobs
Antrim & Newtownabbey	11	45	8.98	38.91	82	226	736	37.36	127.86	830	237	781	46.34	166.77	912
Ards & North Down	13	37	2.57	14.49	35	243	814	11.50	46.88	419	256	851	14.08	61.37	454
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	18	118	6.99	41.64	349	491	1,640	43.24	189.23	1,419	509	1,758	50.22	230.87	1,768
Belfast	160	454	86.64	657.17	6,920	1,041	3,783	111.01	486.89	3,206	1,201	4,237	197.64	1,144.06	10,126
Causeway Coast & Glens	7	26	1.98	11.00	45	273	777	17.68	93.90	1,179	280	803	19.67	104.91	1,224
Derry & Strabane	20	68	23.53	167.56	1,571	410	1,070	30.54	136.16	990	430	1,138	54.07	303.72	2,561
Fermanagh & Omagh	14	61	2.15	14.96	91	310	891	14.59	72.81	871	324	952	16.74	87.77	962
Lisburn & Castlereagh	27	89	3.18	30.13	272	346	1,360	37.25	159.13	1,298	373	1,449	40.43	189.26	1,570
Mid & East Antrim	13	34	9.04	38.78	29	189	667	14.21	70.67	491	202	701	23.24	109.46	520
Mid Ulster	14	146	4.10	21.92	189	515	1,982	48.32	308.47	2,582	529	2,128	52.42	330.40	2,771
Newry, Mourne & Down	13	36	0.63	3.45	40	421	1,369	35.61	201.88	1,674	434	1,405	36.24	205.33	1,714
Eastern	160	454	86.64	657.17	6,920	1,041	3,783	111.01	486.89	3,206	1,201	4,237	197.64	1,144.06	10,126
North Eastern	24	79	18.02	77.70	111	415	1,403	51.57	198.54	1,321	439	1,482	69.58	276.23	1,432
North Western	27	94	25.52	178.57	1,616	683	1,847	48.22	230.06	2,169	710	1,941	73.74	408.63	3,785
Southern	53	162	6.39	48.07	347	1,010	3,543	84.36	407.89	3,391	1,063	3,705	90.75	455.96	3,738
Western	46	325	13.24	78.52	629	1,316	4,513	106.14	570.51	4,872	1,362	4,838	119.38	649.03	5,501
NI	333	1,152	153.65	1,063.40	10,053	4,465	15,388	452.54	2,003.16	14,977	4,798	16,540	606.19	3,066.57	25,030

NI total assistance includes an additional £52.6m which is not allocated at council level, as it benefits businesses across the whole of NI, and a further £2.5m offered to projects that have not yet settled on a location.

Population, 2019

Council or Region	Age Band 0-15	Age Band 0-15 %	Age Band 16-39	Age Band 16-39 %	Age Band 40-64	Age Band 40-64 %	Age Band 65+	Age Band 65+ %	All Population	All (% NI Population)
Antrim & Newtownabbey	29,921	21%	42,841	30%	46,619	32%	24,123	17%	143,504	8%
Ards & North Down	30,181	19%	42,698	26%	54,305	34%	34,541	21%	161,725	9%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	48,757	23%	65,376	30%	68,542	32%	33,530	16%	216,205	11%
Belfast	68,467	20%	122,554	36%	101,696	30%	50,825	15%	343,542	18%
Causeway Coast & Glens	28,411	20%	41,778	29%	47,995	33%	26,654	18%	144,838	8%
Derry & Strabane	32,811	22%	46,680	31%	48,879	32%	22,914	15%	151,284	8%
Fermanagh & Omagh	25,432	22%	33,723	29%	38,192	33%	20,050	17%	117,397	6%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	29,588	20%	42,796	29%	48,179	33%	25,439	17%	146,002	8%
Mid & East Antrim	26,737	19%	39,182	28%	46,829	34%	26,526	19%	139,274	7%
Mid Ulster	34,629	23%	46,654	31%	45,655	31%	21,590	15%	148,528	8%
Newry, Mourne & Down	40,991	23%	54,260	30%	57,585	32%	28,532	16%	181,368	10%
Eastern	68,467	20%	122,554	36%	101,696	30%	50,825	15%	343,542	18%
North Eastern	56,658	20%	82,023	29%	93,448	33%	50,649	18%	282,778	15%
North Western	61,222	21%	88,458	30%	96,874	33%	49,568	17%	296,122	16%
Southern	100,760	21%	139,754	29%	160,069	33%	88,512	18%	489,095	26%
Western	108,818	23%	145,753	30%	152,389	32%	75,170	16%	482,130	25%
NI	395,925	21%	578,542	31%	604,476	32%	314,724	17%	1,893,667	100%

Labour Market Structure, 2018 (16-64 Working-Age Population) and Claimant Count, 2019

Council or Region	Economically Active Number	Economically Active Rate	Economically Inactive Number	Economically Inactive Rate	Employment Number	Employment Rate	Self-Employed Number	Self-Employed Rate	Claimant Count Number	Claimant Count Rate	Claimant Count 18-24	Claimant Count 18-24 (% of total)
Antrim & Newtownabbey	72,000	80%	18,000	20%	70,000	78%	8,000	12%	1,805	2%	385	21%
Ards & North Down	74,000	75%	25,000	26%	72,000	73%	10,000	14%	2,160	2%	425	20%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	106,000	77%	31,000	23%	101,000	74%	11,000	11%	2,720	2%	560	21%
Belfast	148,000	67%	72,000	33%	143,000	65%	15,000	10%	6,470	3%	1,180	18%
Causeway Coast & Glens	57,000	71%	24,000	29%	54,000	67%	12,000	21%	2,695	3%	580	22%
Derry & Strabane	63,000	66%	33,000	34%	59,000	62%	9,000	15%	4,485	5%	920	21%
Fermanagh & Omagh	55,000	73%	20,000	27%	52,000	69%	8,000	15%	1,660	2%	335	20%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	67,000	79%	18,000	21%	66,000	77%	9,000	14%	1,355	2%	255	19%
Mid & East Antrim	61,000	75%	21,000	26%	59,000	71%	7,000	12%	2,150	3%	425	20%
Mid Ulster	70,000	77%	22,000	24%	68,000	74%	10,000	15%	1,590	2%	325	20%
Newry, Mourne & Down	75,000	69%	34,000	31%	73,000	67%	15,000	20%	2,510	2%	530	21%
Eastern	148,000	67%	72,000	33%	143,000	65%	15,000	10%	6,470	3%	1,180	18%
North Eastern	133,000	77%	39,000	23%	129,000	75%	15,000	12%	3,955	2%	810	20%
North Western	120,000	68%	57,000	32%	113,000	64%	21,000	18%	7,180	4%	1,500	21%
Southern	216,000	74%	77,000	26%	211,000	72%	34,000	16%	6,025	2%	1,210	20%
Western	231,000	76%	73,000	24%	221,000	73%	29,000	13%	5,970	3%	1,220	20%
NI	848,000	73%	318,000	27%	817,000	70%	113,000	14%	29,595	3%	5,920	20%

Employee Jobs, 2019

Council or Region	All Jobs	% of All Northern Ireland Jobs	Construction	Construction %	Manufacturing	Manufacturing %	Services	Services %	Other	Other %	Public Sector	Private Sector
Antrim & Newtownabbey	61,422	8%	2,929	5%	6,684	11%	50,615	82%	1,194	2%	13,772 (22%)	47,650 (78%)
Ards & North Down	39,218	5%	1,301	3%	2,816	7%	34,668	88%	434	1%	9,745 (25%)	29,473 (75%)
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	77,849	10%	4,037	5%	13,426	17%	59,247	76%	1,139	2%	19,476 (25%)	58,373 (75%)
Belfast	230,649	30%	4,853	2%	9,345	4%	214,162	93%	2,289	1%	67,932 (29%)	162,717 (71%)
Causeway Coast & Glens	42,133	5%	2,298	5%	4,433	11%	34,750	82%	651	2%	10,730 (25%)	31,403 (75%)
Derry & Strabane	60,500	8%	2,795	5%	6,219	10%	50,705	84%	781	1%	20,032 (33%)	40,468 (67%)
Fermanagh & Omagh	42,458	5%	3,036	7%	5,822	14%	32,492	77%	1,108	3%	12,608 (30%)	29,850 (70%)
Lisburn & Castlereagh	59,159	8%	3,163	5%	5,842	10%	49,384	83%	770	1%	19,159 (32%)	40,000 (68%)
Mid & East Antrim	44,044	6%	2,079	5%	7,359	17%	33,774	77%	831	2%	10,901 (25%)	33,143 (75%)
Mid Ulster	58,414	8%	5,316	9%	17,525	30%	34,464	59%	1,110	2%	10,183 (17%)	48,231 (83%)
Newry, Mourne & Down	58,113	8%	3,967	7%	7,879	14%	44,892	77%	1,375	2%	14,368 (25%)	43,745 (75%)
Eastern	230,649	30%	4,853	2%	9,345	4%	214,162	93%	2,289	1%	67,932 (29%)	162,717 (71%)
North Eastern	105,466	14%	5,008	5%	14,043	13%	84,389	80%	2,025	2%	24,673 (23%)	80,793 (77%)
North Western	102,633	13%	5,093	5%	10,652	10%	85,455	83%	1,432	1%	30,762 (30%)	71,871 (70%)
Southern	156,490	20%	8,431	5%	16,537	11%	128,944	82%	2,579	2%	43,272 (28%)	113,218 (72%)
Western	178,721	23%	12,389	7%	36,773	21%	126,203	71%	3,357	2%	42,267 (24%)	136,454 (76%)
NI	773,960	100%	35,774	5%	87,349	11%	639,154	83%	11,682	2%	208,906 (27%)	565,053 (73%)

Earnings (Basic and Other, Full-Time, Private Sector), 2019 and Qualifications, 2018 and Productivity, 2018

Council or Region	Median Annual Earnings Place of Residence	Median Annual Earnings Place of Work	No Qualifications	Qualifications Below NVQ Level 4	Qualifications NVQ Level 4 and above	Productivity Gross Value Added per Head Workplace
Antrim & Newtownabbey	£23,920	£23,404	6,000 (7%)	49,000 (55%)	33,000 (38%)	£50,115
Ards & North Down	£23,918	£19,959	13,000 (13%)	48,000 (49%)	37,000 (38%)	£48,623
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	£22,952	£22,523	19,000 (14%)	72,000 (54%)	44,000 (32%)	£46,993
Belfast	£23,042	£25,911	34,000 (16%)	97,000 (45%)	84,000 (39%)	£58,631
Causeway Coast & Glens	£20,430	£19,705	16,000 (20%)	37,000 (47%)	27,000 (34%)	£48,871
Derry & Strabane	£21,000	£20,625	14,000 (15%)	49,000 (52%)	31,000 (33%)	£44,793
Fermanagh & Omagh	£22,915	£21,840	10,000 (14%)	42,000 (57%)	22,000 (29%)	£48,315
Lisburn & Castlereagh	£25,124	£22,880	6,000 (6%)	43,000 (52%)	35,000 (42%)	£56,273
Mid & East Antrim	£22,481	£21,154	14,000 (17%)	43,000 (53%)	24,000 (30%)	£71,490
Mid Ulster	£21,450	£22,217	17,000 (19%)	42,000 (47%)	30,000 (34%)	£53,731
Newry, Mourne & Down	£22,360	£22,381	19,000 (18%)	55,000 (52%)	32,000 (30%)	£46,104
Eastern	£23,042	£25,911	34,000 (16%)	97,000 (45%)	84,000 (39%)	£58,631
North Eastern	£23,398	£22,587	20,000 (12%)	92,000 (54%)	57,000 (34%)	£59,330
North Western	£20,780	£20,280	30,000 (17%)	86,000 (49%)	58,000 (33%)	£46,517
Southern	£23,543	£21,925	38,000 (13%)	146,000 (51%)	104,000 (36%)	£50,490
Western	£22,495	£22,217	46,000 (15%)	156,000 (52%)	96,000 (32%)	£49,499
NI	£22,833	£22,833	168,000 (15%)	577,000 (50%)	400,000 (35%)	£53,304

Business Base, 2020

Council or Region	Number of Businesses	All (% NI Population)	Micro (0-9 employees)	Micro (0-9 employees) %	Small (10-49 employees)	Small (10-49 employees) %	Medium (50-249 employees)	Medium (50-249 employees) %	Large (250+ employees)	Large (250+ employees) %
Antrim & Newtownabbey	4,190	6%	3,620	86%	430	10%	105	3%	25	0.6%
Ards & North Down	4,740	6%	4,220	89%	445	9%	60	1%	10	0.2%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	8,725	11%	7,925	91%	635	7%	125	1%	30	0.3%
Belfast	11,065	15%	8,855	80%	1,625	15%	450	4%	140	1.3%
Causeway Coast & Glens	6,015	8%	5,500	91%	420	7%	80	1%	15	0.2%
Derry & Strabane	5,320	7%	4,765	90%	455	9%	70	1%	25	0.5%
Fermanagh & Omagh	8,175	11%	7,695	94%	400	5%	70	1%	10	0.1%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	5,010	7%	4,380	87%	505	10%	100	2%	25	0.5%
Mid & East Antrim	4,955	7%	4,520	91%	360	7%	60	1%	15	0.3%
Mid Ulster	9,035	12%	8,305	92%	580	6%	130	1%	20	0.2%
Newry, Mourne & Down	8,865	12%	8,125	92%	620	7%	105	1%	15	0.2%
Eastern	11,065	15%	8,855	80%	1,625	15%	450	4%	140	1.3%
North Eastern	9,145	12%	8,140	89%	790	9%	165	2%	40	0.4%
North Western	11,335	15%	10,265	91%	875	8%	150	1%	40	0.4%
Southern	18,615	24%	16,725	90%	1,570	8%	265	1%	50	0.3%
Western	25,935	34%	23,925	92%	1,615	6%	325	1%	60	0.2%
NI	76,090	100%	67,915	89%	6,485	9%	1,365	2%	325	0.4%

Business Base, 2020 and Business Demography, 2018

Council or Region	Agriculture	Agriculture %	Construction	Construction %	Production (incl Manufacturing)	Production (incl Manufacturing) %	Services	Services %	Business Births	Business Birth Rate %	1-Year Survival	1-Year Survival Rate %
Antrim & Newtownabbey	715	17%	545	13%	340	8%	2,585	62%	315	9%	325	88%
Ards & North Down	600	13%	610	13%	330	7%	3,200	68%	400	9%	435	87%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	2,390	27%	1,225	14%	660	8%	4,445	51%	625	9%	660	89%
Belfast	40	0.4%	855	8%	605	5%	9,565	86%	1,205	11%	1,105	84%
Causeway Coast & Glens	1,940	32%	1,000	17%	345	6%	2,730	45%	390	9%	475	90%
Derry & Strabane	1,260	24%	835	16%	370	7%	2,840	53%	495	11%	440	90%
Fermanagh & Omagh	3,730	46%	1,095	13%	455	6%	2,885	35%	410	9%	475	88%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	650	13%	655	13%	410	8%	3,295	66%	420	9%	415	87%
Mid & East Antrim	1,405	28%	645	13%	380	8%	2,525	51%	385	10%	355	89%
Mid Ulster	3,220	36%	1,525	17%	835	9%	3,450	38%	530	8%	580	87%
Newry, Mourne & Down	2,375	27%	1,555	18%	630	7%	4,295	48%	725	10%	745	90%
Eastern	40	0%	855	8%	605	5%	9,565	86%	1,205	11%	1,105	84%
North Eastern	2,120	23%	1,190	13%	720	8%	5,110	56%	700	9%	680	88%
North Western	3,200	28%	1,835	16%	715	6%	5,570	49%	885	10%	915	90%
Southern	3,625	19%	2,820	15%	1,370	7%	10,790	58%	1,545	10%	1,595	88%
Western	9,340	36%	3,845	15%	1,950	8%	10,780	42%	1,565	9%	1,715	88%
NI	18,325	24%	10,545	14%	5,360	7%	41,815	55%	5,900	10%	6,010	88%

Tourism, 2018 and Tourism Jobs, 2019

Council or Region	Overnight Trips	Overnight Trips (% of NI Total)	Associated Spend During Overnight Trips (£m)	Associated Spend During Overnight Trips (% of NI Total)	Total Number of Beds Available	Total Number of Beds Available %	Total Number of Hotel Beds %	Total Number of B&B Beds %	Total Number of Self-Catering Beds %	Tourism Jobs (2019)	Tourism Jobs (% All Jobs 2019)
Antrim & Newtownabbey	157,228	3%	£28	3%	3,316	6%	6%	3%	1%	4,806	8%
Ards & North Down	257,119	5%	£46	5%	2,124	4%	3%	5%	4%	5,506	14%
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	188,551	4%	£26	3%	1,404	3%	3%	7%	2%	5,352	7%
Belfast	1,693,985	33%	£395	41%	16,264	29%	49%	9%	13%	21,863	9%
Causeway Coast & Glens	1,011,485	20%	£172	18%	14,603	26%	9%	35%	50%	5,377	13%
Derry & Strabane	334,874	7%	£55	6%	3,602	6%	8%	10%	3%	5,406	9%
Fermanagh & Omagh	403,904	8%	£73	8%	4,360	8%	5%	8%	11%	3,832	9%
Lisburn & Castlereagh	189,366	4%	£31	3%	1,300	2%	3%	3%	2%	4,816	8%
Mid & East Antrim	296,441	6%	£51	5%	2,261	4%	6%	8%	3%	4,226	10%
Mid Ulster	130,088	3%	£22	2%	1,538	3%	3%	3%	3%	3,722	6%
Newry, Mourne & Down	449,953	9%	£69	7%	4,651	8%	6%	10%	9%	5,897	10%
Eastern	1,693,985	33%	£395	41%	16,264	29%	49%	9%	13%	21,863	9%
North Eastern	453,669	9%	£78	8%	5,577	10%	12%	11%	4%	9,032	9%
North Western	1,346,359	26%	£228	24%	18,205	33%	17%	45%	54%	10,783	11%
Southern	896,438	18%	£146	15%	8,075	15%	12%	18%	15%	16,219	10%
Western	722,543	14%	£121	13%	7,302	13%	10%	18%	15%	12,906	7%
NI	5,112,993	100%	£968	100%	55,423	100%	100%	100%	100%	70,802	9%

Entrepreneurship, 2018 and Business Growth, 2018

Council or Region	Total Early-stage Entrepreneurial Activity	Start-ups per 10,000 Population	High-growth Incidence Rate, 20% threshold (2014-17)	Positive Productivity Incidence Rate (2014-17)
Antrim & Newtownabbey	4.3	17.0	5.1	11.1
Ards & North Down	5.3	19.3	5.9	10.9
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon	5.9	20.6	5.3	11.0
Belfast	4.5	25.3	4.9	11.3
Causeway Coast & Glens	5.1	22.0	4.5	9.9
Derry & Strabane	4.3	23.2	6.3	10.8
Fermanagh & Omagh	5.8	24.0	4.0	10.9
Lisburn & Castlereagh	5.9	21.1	5.0	11.2
Mid & East Antrim	5.8	16.2	4.1	11.8
Mid Ulster	6.8	23.7	6.9	12.8
Newry, Mourne & Down	5.7	27.6	4.1	10.0
NI	5.3	22.3	5.1	11.1

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Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2020
Subject:	Co-operation North South Grant
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly Assistant Director, Enterprise Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Therese Hamill Ring of Gullion AONB and Geopark 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 that Council have successfully secured €10,000 from Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for a North South Lace Collective project. This project is in partnership with the South Armagh Lace Collective and Borris Lace in Carlow.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This partnership will create links between the two areas by binding the passion which both areas have for their unique lace making through the creation of several online collaborative art and lace projects. The project will use innovative methods to celebrate, share and enhance the cultural heritage and artist value of the lace techniques. • The partnership members share a common aim to collaborate with local communities to restore their historical lace craft to ensure that it remains part of our local and national heritage. Both lace making styles (Carrickmacross Lace and Borris Lace) are a distinctive style of lace making unique to their areas which is rooted in its history and cultural heritage.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	This project is delivered in partnership with the South Armagh Lace Collective and Borris Lace in Carlow. The funding is awarded at 100% with no cost to Council. The project delivers against the Ring of Gullion AONB management Action Plan. The funding has to be claimed by the 30th September.
3.0	Recommendations

3.1	To note that Council have successfully secured €10,000 from Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht for a North South Lace Collective project. This project is in partnership with the South Armagh Lace Collective and Borris Lace in Carlow.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	The funding is awarded at 100% with no cost to Council. Officer time will be required of Ring of Gullion AONB and Geopark Officer to co-ordinate the spend.
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)

6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	n/a
8.0	Background Documents – Available on Request
	https://www.ringofgullion.org/publication/ring-gullion-aonb-management-plan-2017-2021/

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2020
Subject:	SEA FLAG 2
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment & Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Fiona Rooney, SEA FLAG Development Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To provide an update on the delivery of Union Priority 4 of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund.</p> <p><u>Background</u> As previously reported, the Council has been appointed by the Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs to lead on Union Priority 4 (SEA FLAG) of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).</p> <p>South East Area Fisheries Local Action Group (SEA FLAG) is responsible for administering a funding package of just over £2M to allocate to projects across the fishing dependant villages of Ardglass, Kilkeel, Portavogie and surrounding areas, with £352k for administration costs.</p> <p>Applications to SEA FLAG must demonstrate that they are focused on; fisheries, aquaculture, and or maritime sectors; or social well-being and cultural heritage with a fisheries/maritime etc element, or to strengthen the role of the local fisheries and aquaculture communities in the development of these areas.</p> <p>SEA FLAG has five programme objectives, to include;</p> <p>A: Adding Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding value, creating jobs, attracting young people and promoting innovation at all stages of the supply chain of fishery and aquaculture products. <p>B: Diversification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting diversification within commercial fisheries, lifelong learning and job creation in fisheries and aquaculture areas. <p>C: Environmental</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing and capitalising on the environmental assets of the fisheries and aquaculture areas, including operations to mitigate climate change. <p>D: Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting social well-being and cultural heritage in fisheries and aquaculture areas, including fisheries, aquaculture and maritime cultural heritage <p>E: Building Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the role of fisheries communities in local development and the governance of local fisheries resources and maritime activities.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Across all EMFF union priorities (1-6), projects are required to be committed by December 2020, with spend claimed by December 2022.</p> <p>In order to process and assess projects by the commitment date of 31 December 2020, SEA FLAG has confirmed a final call for applications to be submitted by 5pm, 30 September 2020.</p> <p>The SEA FLAG Administration Unit has been and will continue to actively promote the final call for full applications through a range of publicity activities. To date, this additional publicity, initiated mid-June has resulted in the submission of a further 20 Expressions of Interest valued at just under £1m grant request.</p> <p><u>Project Approvals / Assessment</u></p> <p>SEA FLAG has recently recommended an application from a fisheries organisation for development works in Kilkeel. It is anticipated that this Letter of Offer will be issued early September.</p> <p>A further five applications, equating to around £220,000 grant assistance were submitted at the last deadline (26 August) and will be assessed over the coming weeks.</p> <p><u>Grant Claims</u></p> <p>All project grant claims continue to be processed promptly. SEA FLAG has worked closely with any applicants that have required a project extension due to COVID-19.</p> <p><u>Going Forward</u></p> <p>SEA FLAG continues to work with eligible projects, who are working towards submitting a full application.</p> <p>There are a number of prerequisites when applying for funding to the programme which must be submitted before or along with a full application. SEA FLAG is taking bookings for one-to-one telephone and virtual workshops to provide applicants with programme information and support, to include procurement/tender preparation and application form guidance.</p> <p>The impacts of COVID-19 has resulted in concerns amongst potential applicants due to the ongoing uncertainties and the financial impacts to businesses. To help</p>

	alleviate some of these worries, SEA FLAG is ensuring potential applicants are fully aware of the 2-year timeframe for project completion and phased claim payment option.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	Note the content of this report
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	N/A
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<p><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If no, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
	N/A
8.0	Background Documents
	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2020
Subject:	Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme update
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly (Assistant Director Enterprise, Employment and Regeneration)
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Kevin McGarry (Rural Development Programme Manager)

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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To provide an update on progress of the delivery of Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Mourne, Gullion and Lecale Rural Development Partnership Ltd (The Local Action Group / LAG) are responsible for the delivery of £11.18 of finance provided by the European Commission and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) through Priority 6 of the Rural Development Programme (2014 – 2020). Newry, Mourne and Down District Council hold a contract and Service Level Agreement with the LAG and DAERA to act as the administrative lead to undertake the requirements of the programme in accordance with prescribed guidance. The funding available are through the schemes of Rural Business Investment, Rural Basic Services, Village Renewal and Cooperation.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>To date the Local Action Group have issued 78 No letters of offer valued at over £9M across the schemes of Rural Business Investment, Rural Basic Services, Village Renewal and Cooperation.</p> <p>In the Scheme of Rural Business Investment, claims in excess of £1.3M have been processed with the creation of 133 No Full Time Equivalent jobs across a range of industries to include manufacturing, recycling, childcare, veterinary to name a few.</p> <p>The Rural Basic Services scheme currently has 10 No live letters of offer issued to community organisations with one held by NMDDC. (One further letter of offer is pending subject to the processing of the legal charge between the promoter and</p>

	<p>DAERA's Departmental Solicitors Office). To date £1.5M has been paid to a range of promoters via 'phased payments' with the remaining live projects working towards project completion. This will work towards the development of 12 community hubs across the district that will have a significant impact on the quality of life of rural dwellers through the provision of a range of services.</p> <p>In association with the payments made to a range of community groups through the Rural Basic Services scheme to date for the development of community hubs, NMDDC have also made a 5% cash contribution to these projects as a requirement made by the programme. The Rural Development Administration Unit continue to process, vouch and verify the payments and, as per previous agreement, instruct AHC to release the relevant payments amounting to 5% of the overall project value. The Project Promoters include; Burren Vision, Ballyvea FC, Down GAA, Clonduff Development Enterprise Ltd, Ardglass Development Association Community Properties Ltd, Greenhill YMCA, Kilcoo GAC, Kildief GAC, Glen GAC, Benagh Rural Development Association, Clanrye Group Ltd, Forkhill Pre School, Heart of Down Rural Society and Donaghmore Development Association</p> <p>The Village Renewal Scheme continues to work towards completion with 7No Environmental Schemes underway across Annalong, Ballyhornan, Dundrum, Hilltown, Meigh, Newtownhamilton and Killyleagh. With an investment of over £3M from the Local Action Group the Administration Unit continue to work with ERT to ensure the completion of the projects as per the schedule of works. A further project includes the development of permitted paths in Corry Wood and Seaforde which are working towards completion at the end of the calendar year.</p> <p>Through the Cooperation Scheme the Local Action Group continue to forge strong relations with their project partners in Co. May in the development of Derrymore Demesne. Capital works are underway in the development of formalised walkways and interpretation signage as well as play equipment at the site. The project partners are developing a similar product at Moorehall Estate at Carnacorn with a view to enhancing the site for both visitors and the local community.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the content of this report
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	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i>

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

	N/A

Report to:	Enterprise Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 th September 2020
Subject:	Update on Business Development Programmes
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> To note the update provided under the below business development initiatives between June 2020 and July 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Go for It – producing 54 business plans, between April 2020 and July 2020 b) NMD Growth - supporting 111 individual businesses with a total of 550 mentoring hours delivered between June 2020 and July 2020. In addition to 24 ½ day workshops and 7 Thematic programmes launched / implemented from Programme commencement. c) Digital Growth – supported 17 businesses in June and July with 38 hours mentoring support, along with the delivery of 1 workshop and 2 masterclasses. d) Tender for Growth – new procurement and supply chain programme appointed, launched in June 2020, with recruitment presently ongoing to support 170 businesses up to December 2022. <p><u>Background</u> Newry, Mourne and Down District Council are currently implementing a number of business development programmes to assist local SME's in all aspects of business advice, start-up and growth.</p> <p>The four largest programmes which we have received substantial letters of offer of funding for are the 'Go For It' Northern Ireland Business Start-Up Programme, NMD Business Growth Programme, Digital Growth Programme and the newest programme, Tender for Growth. The funding is provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Invest NI and Newry, Mourne and Down District Council.</p> <p>Eligibility for the business support & growth programmes are:</p>

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DIGITAL GROWTH			
	Target	Actual to date	% Achieved
Businesses Supported	260	47	18%
Mentoring Hours Delivered	4410	81.5	2%
Workshops	18	5	28%
Masterclasses	4	2	50%
Job Creation	185	0	0%
INI Referrals	20	2	10%

Tender for Growth

The programme successfully launched in June 2020 aiming to support businesses to develop their procurement processes, access and secure new contracts. Recruitment is currently ongoing with this new programme with 2 months completed of a 30-month programme.

TENDER FOR GROWTH			
	Target	Actual to date	% Achieved
Businesses Supported	170	2	1%
Mentoring Hours Delivered	3367	17	0.5%
Workshops	10	0	0%
Meet the Buyer Events	2	0	0%
Job Creation	145	0	0%
INI Referrals	15	0	0%
Stakeholder Signposting	20	0	0%

Continued business support

As we move beyond covid-19 a key area of support will be assisting businesses to relaunch and look at alternative means of offering their product / service in line with

future social distancing requirements. Officers will be completing consultation with businesses as part of the NMD Growth mid-programme evaluation and this will be an opportunity to seek views from businesses on key areas of support. Officers will continue to build connections with the local business community and ensure a flexible programme of support available in line with business needs.

Sales and Exporting

Council in January 2020 submitted a funding application to Invest NI, in partnership with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, for delivery of mentoring programme providing sales and exporting support. This is a key area of support in covid-19 recovery, and officers will continue to engage with Invest NI to support the assessment of the application.

Continued Business Start-up support

Funding has been secured from Invest NI for continued funding towards a regional Go for NI / Business Start up programme. This will ensure continued support between April 2021 and December 2022. Council have signed the collaborative agreement with the other 10 Councils, and officers are working collectively to progress procurement for the external delivery contracts associated with this programme. Cost to NMD Council under this new programme is approx. £80,000 per year / 2 year programme.

Make it Local campaign

Encouraging football back into our City, towns and villages, with clear messaging of the need to support our small businesses through commitments to shop local, the Make It Local campaign was launched in July, with a continuation due in late August/September. Officers will work with Newry Bid, Chambers and other business networks to ensure a joint collaborative campaign is established.

Regional ERDF Funding Application

Council's have been working at a regional level with Invest NI to develop a regional bid for ERDF funding for the delivery of additional business support in response to Covid-19 recovery. SOLACE are leading on the work of this with Invest NI, with a view of submitting an application November 2020, for implementation Q1 2021/22. The focus of the application is digital transformation; a regional bid will be developed for up to £1.1 million of funding, funded 60% ERDF, 20% Invest NI and £20% NI Councils.

Covid-19 Business Grant Support

Officers are currently administrating 2 business grant programmes:

- A rural business small Grant scheme, funded through DAERA, offering grant assistance of 50% up to £4999
- A rural and urban shop front enhancement / revitalisation scheme, offering grant assistance to improve shop fronts and the assist with the implementation of measures to overcome challenges arising out of covid-19.

Both schemes are launched and open for applications. An extremely high level of interested is experienced with both schemes, and an update report will be presented to members when the application process has been concluded.

Newry and Downpatrick Regeneration

	<p>Council secured funding of £50,000 from the Department for Communities (DFC) to develop and deliver a promotional campaign highlighting the regeneration projects which are proposed for Newry and Downpatrick. The rationale for the marketing campaign is to create awareness locally and further afield of the investment in regeneration, and the opportunities that this investment will harness for the local area. Up until March 2020 significant progress had been made on developing the messaging that will be used through this campaign, which was delayed until a more appropriate time. Plans are now in place to launch this campaign in September 2020, with the outdoor and digital campaign live from end of September to mid October.</p> <p><u>Irish Street, Downpatrick Revitalisation Project</u> Council have secured funding of £110,000 from DFC for implementation of a revitalisation project in Irish Street Downpatrick. This is providing grant aid for 15 shop front improvement schemes. Additionally, a promotional campaign has been developed for the street. Officers are continuing to support businesses participating in the scheme to ensure implementation and completion of works in line with the funding extension granted by DFC.</p>
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	<p>To note the update provided under the below business development initiatives between June 2020 and July 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Go for It – producing 54 business plans, between April 2020 and July 2020. b) NMD Growth - supporting 111 individual businesses with a total of 550 mentoring hours delivered between June 2020 and July 2020. In addition to 24 ½ day workshops and 7 Thematic programmes launched / implemented from Programme commencement. c) Digital Growth – supported individual 17 businesses in June and July with 38 hours mentoring support, along with the delivery of 1 workshop and 2 masterclasses. d) Tender for Growth – new procurement and supply chain programme appointed, launched in June 2020, with recruitment presently ongoing to support 170 businesses up to December 2022. e) New Letter of Offer secured for continued business start support from April 2021 for a 2 year period f) Development of an 11 Council digital transportation bid to ERDF g) Update on Covid-19 Business Grant Support programmes
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	All programmes are being implemented within existing and approved budgets. Any new budget considerations for 2021/2022 will be presented as part of normal rates procedure.
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>
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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:	14 September 2020
Subject:	Report on re-commencement of Artisan Markets in Downpatrick, Newcastle and Warrenpoint
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:-

For decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	For noting only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	<p><u>Purpose</u> To note the update provided on the relaunch of artist markets in Downpatrick, Newcastle and Warrenpoint following covid-19.</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Covid 19 lockdown measures began to relax it was agreed, following extensive consultations with Environmental Health and Health and Safety, to relaunch the artisan markets. • To ensure that markets were able to re-open safely, Council worked closely with market delivery agents to establish the necessary risk assessment and necessary measures for each market venue. • Environmental Health and Health & Safety provided guidance as to the necessary measures that needed to be taken to operate in a socially distanced compliant way. <p>The following measures are in place at each market-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanitisers provided at entrance and exit to market and on each individual stall. - Numbers entering and leaving monitored to ensure the maximum number of people in the market at any one time is maintained. The numbers allowed to attend is determined by the square footage of the site concerned. - Measures taken to ensure that the outside queue for the market is maintained in an orderly social distance, of 1M minimum, to be compliant. - Only one household at a time is allowed to approach an individual stall - 1M distance restrictions at all times in place between visitors to each stall. - A one - way system in operation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All equipment including gazebos, tables etc be sanitised both before and after the market. - Stall holders to regularly sanitise the individual gazebo spaces during the market. - Customers requested to not handle items if they were not purchasing. - Samples of food not provided to customers avoiding the potential for cross contamination. - Seating not available to prevent groups congregating
2.0	Key issues
2.1	<p>Markets over July and August have been extremely successful, with a high level but manageable attendance. An update per individual market is below</p> <p><u>Downpatrick</u> As it has been confirmed that the original museum site is not available, a suitable alternative site has been identified in the car park at the back of the Grove Shopping Centre (known as the North Car Park, Market Street). Barriers to create a safe space for the market are put in place. The first market was held on 18 July 2020 and 18 stall holders attended. The market attracted visitor numbers of 870. Reports from stall holders to the new location were favourable. Additionally, footfall to Downpatrick's town centre shopping area increased.</p> <p><u>Warrenpoint</u> The first Warrenpoint Market was held on 25 July 2020. 21 stall holders attended. The market attracted visitor numbers of 865.</p> <p>Both markets were managed safely and were assessed as being extremely successful.</p> <p><u>Newcastle</u> The first Newcastle Market was held on 5 September 2020. 14 stall holders attended. The market attracted visitor numbers of 517. Stall holders were extremely pleased with the number of sales and interest is high for pitches at the October market.</p> <p><u>Next Steps</u> Officers will be working with the Artisan Market Delivery agents to ensure the safe delivery of monthly artisan markets, and collectively are working towards 6 markets delivered per area by March 2021.</p> <p><u>Other Markets</u> Officers are engaging with a provider in Saintfield to support a monthly Artisan Market. Support is being given to the Farmers Market in Kilkeel through the Council's Make it Local promotion.</p>

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	To note the update provided on the relaunch of artist markets in Downpatrick, Newcastle and Warrenpoint following covid-19
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Council assistance for artisan markets is managed within current budgets
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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

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

3. Live applications per Case Officer

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

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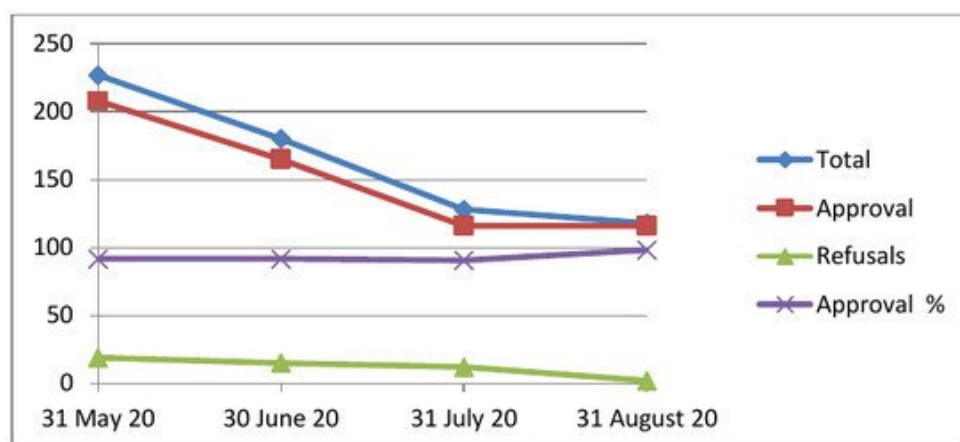
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4. Decisions issued per month

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

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%



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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+ys	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

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
Totals	42	29	13	11

8. Appeals

Planning Appeal Commission Decisions issued during period 1 August 2020 to 31 August 2020

Area	Number of current appeals	Number of decisions issued	Number of decisions Allowed	Number of decisions Dismissed	Withdrawn
Newry & Mourne	14	1	0	1	0
Down	15	2	0	1	1
TOTAL	29	3	0	2	1

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Statutory targets monthly update - July 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%		99	91	24.2	16.5%		10	69	228.2	14.5%
June	1	3	87.0	0.0%		122	161	26.4	18.6%		49	30	100.0	43.3%
July	2	1	31.8	0.0%		131	113	20.0	25.7%		23	19	91.8	31.6%
August	0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%
September	0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%
October	0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%
November	0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%
December	0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%
January	0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%
February	0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%
March	0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%		0	-	0.0	0.0%
Year to date	5	4	61.9	0.0%		415	368	23.0	20.4%		99	136	171.7	25.7%

Source: NI Planning Portal

Notes:

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

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

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

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		<u>DECEMBER 2017</u>			
ERT/218/2017	ARDGLASS HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT	<p>(a) To contribute £25k (25%) to Local Harbour Development Group to complete a business case for Harbour Development and wider regeneration projects.</p> <p>(b) That the Group contribute 10% overall costs.</p> <p>(c) That the Group secure remaining (65%) budget from external source i.e. FLAG.</p> <p>(d) That a Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Officer support the Group in their work.</p>	J McGilly	Work in progress. NI Economic Impact Study being carried out by the Dept awaiting finalisation. Meeting held with DAERA Officers in May and work progressing to complete study and present options to Minister.	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
				Liaising with Local Group to develop scope of works for the anticipated next stage of works for presentation to DAERA	
		<u>MARCH 2018</u>			
ERT/044/2018	FORKHILL FORMER BARRACKS SITE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council Officials continue to work closely with DFC to ensure that Councils interest in the site is maintained and any follow up Business Cases are completed and submitted to the Department for Communities. 2. Council Officials and DEA reps on the Forkhill Site Development Steering Group 	J McGilly	Playarea complete – work ongoing regarding use for the remainder of the site.	N

ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN	REMOVE FROM ACTION SHEET Y/N
		to liaise closely with DfC and any other registered government departments to ensure that a balanced mixed use development of the site takes place.		DfC to complete questionnaire of local residents on future use and report back to next steering committee May 2020. Consultation delayed due to Covid DfC exploring alternative options	N
		<u>AUGUST 2018</u>			
ERT/122/2018	DOWNPATRICK REGENERATION PROJECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council offices continue to progress land purchase to include the additional property at No.39 Irish Street which is adjacent to Former Police Station. 	J McGilly	Soft market testing and virtual brochure launched July	N

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officers explore with relevant government departments any issues that may arise due to Heritage Merit of the site As the site was purchased on the basis that the link road not being included in the brief. DEA Cllrs request via DEA officers a meeting with Transport NI Officers bring back to council via ERT suitable governance structures for the project 		2020 calling for submissions of views from developers and public. Open for 12 weeks to end of September. Feedback to be reported to working group and used to inform the drafting of the Development brief.	
		MARCH 2019			
ERT/044/2019	SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS ARTISAN MARKETS NEWCASTLE & DOWNPATRICK	(c) Council Officials to investigate the option of supporting an Artisan market in Saintfield.	J McGilly	In progress – events planned for 2020 delayed due to covid – revised plans have been submitted for a	N

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				number of events to be held. Downpatrick and Warrenpoint have recommenced in July, others to follow. Update report for Sept ERT	
		JUNE 2019			
ERT/073/2019	LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORK: FUNDING BID	<p>(a) Council Officers be authorised to sign the Letter of Offer, on behalf of the consortium, for £15 million of funding from the Department for Digital Culture Media & Sport (DCMS), under the Department's LFFN Challenge Programme.</p> <p>(b) Council Officers be authorised to operate the procurements on behalf of the consortium to deploy the funding.</p>	J McGilly	Programme implementation ongoing – currently at tender stage	N

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		AUGUST 2019			
ERT/097/2019	BALLYNAHINCH BYPASS ART FEATURE	<p>As a contribution to the Ballynahinch By pass the Council proceed as follows:</p> <p>(a) Provide agreement in principle that the Council will provide an Art Feature for installation on a site to be agreed on the Ballynahinch By-Pass</p> <p>(b) Procure an artist to undertake the necessary consultation on potential design proposals</p> <p>(c) Development of the art feature to concept design stage</p> <p>(d) Subject to the confirmation that the funding has been secured for the By pass and the road will be constructed, to undertake the fabrication of the Art Feature (subject to the necessary funding being secured in 2020/21 rate estimates)</p>	J McGilly	On hold – clarification update from DFI	N

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		SEPTEMBER 2019			
ERT/118/2019	APPLICATIONS: HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME (LPS) RE: STRANGFORD & LECALÉ AONB	(a) Officers to explore the possibility of applying to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a Landscape Partnership Scheme (LPS) type project for the Strangford and Lecale AONB before March 2020. (b) If feasible, submit an EOI to the National Lottery Heritage Fund in 2020.	J McGilly	On-going	N
ERT/119/2019	PUBLIC REALM SCHEME PHASE III HILL STREET NEWRY	The Council accept the Letter of Offer from the Department for Communities (DFC) totalling £1.6 million and proceed to deliver the next stages of the Lower Hill Street Public Realm Scheme	J McGilly	Work commenced on site 25 May – review ongoing via Task and finish working group	N
		October 2019			
ERT/137/2019	URBAN REGENERATION FORWARD WORK PLAN	(a) Council approve the updated 'Outline Urban Regeneration Public Realm Work Plan Oct 2019' to allow continued lobbying of DFC	J McGilly	Council officials continue to liaise closely with DFC	N

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		<p>in regards their Newry Mourne and Down budget allocations.</p> <p>(b) Council work with the Department for Communities to agree Regeneration intervention measures are required in each of the 5 settlements (Saintfield, Killyleagh, Castlewellan, Bessbrook and Rostrevor) with a population of between 2,500 and 5,000 in the district over the next 5 years.</p> <p>(c) Council Officials to liaise with the relevant Departments regarding funding to regenerate Newcastle Harbour and surfacing of Harbour Road Kilkeel.</p>		across all regeneration elements within the Outline Regeneration Plan.	
ERT/138/2019	CARLINGFORD LOUGH GREENWAY	<p>(a) The Council proceed to commence the PQQ contractor procurement stage for the Northern section of the Carlingford Lough Greenway.</p> <p>(b) Council Officers to update Councillor McMurray regarding plans for Greenways at</p>	J McGilly	Negotiations ongoing with landowners and funder. Revised submission submitted to funders May 2020	N

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		Comber/Downpatrick.			
ERT/140/2019	SMALL BUSINESS SALES AND EXPORTING BUSINESS	To procure and implement a Small Business Sales and Exporting Programme that will support at least 20 SME businesses to increase sales to markets outside of NI (particularly GB and South of Ireland), and raise awareness of the Newry, Mourne and Down area as an attractive location for business development and investment.	J McGilly	Funding application submitted. Currently working through assessment queries	N
ERT/142/2019	NI BUSINESS START PROGRAMME	<p>(a) Participate in a new Business Start Up Collaborative programme with other NI Councils and collaboratively submit a funding application for ERDF Jobs and Growth.</p> <p>(b) LCCC will continue as Lead Council of the New Programme if the funding application is successful for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2023.</p> <p>(c) To enter into a new Collaborative agreement which sets out the governance arrangement for the new programme, subject to review by Council's legal representatives.</p>	J McGilly	On-going – Application submitted Dec 19 Currently being evaluated and awaiting feedback	N

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		(d) Agree the proposed outcomes and associated financials for the New Programme, accepting that these are subject to change as a result of funding application, assessment and Letter of Offer (any amendments will be reported through Council)			
		NOVEMBER 2019			
ERT/172/2019	WARRENPOINT MARINA PROJECT	<p>(a) To update the business case and Economic Appraisal (EA) for the Warrenpoint Marina project, to ensure issues of displacement are addressed and economic viability of the project is updated.</p> <p>(b) To explore funding options that would enable implementation of the project</p> <p>(c) Report back to this committee the outcome of the updated EA and funding options.</p>	J McGilly	Consultants appointed to review draft business case – due to complete May 2020 – draft received and being reviewed currently	N
ERT/174/2019	APPLICATION: CREATIVE EUROPE	To explore the possibility of applying to the Creative Europe – Culture Sup-Programme	J McGilly	Awaiting outcome.	N

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	CULTURAL SUP-PROGRAMME RING OF GULLION AONB	category 1- Smaller scale cooperation projects for an artist in residents project with Mayo and Norway and, if feasible, submit an application to the Creative Europe – Culture Sup-Programme category 1- Smaller scale cooperation projects, by the deadline of 27th November 2019.			
		DECEMBER 2019			
ERT/193/2019	RPT WARRENPOINT FRONT SHORE PUBLIC REALM SCHEME TASK & FINISH STEERTING COMMITTEE – 29 OCTOBER 2019	<p>(a) Council Officers meet with Council Framework Consultants to commission RIBA Stages 1-3 of the project.</p> <p>(b) A site meeting of the Task & Finish Committee to be arranged once consultants in place.</p> <p>(c) Council Officers to work closely with the Framework consultants once appointed, to produce a more accurate project programme.</p>	J McGilly	Consultants appointed and work has commenced on review of the study area. Consultation underway and steering group meetings set up to review progress	N

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

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

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		(c) To host the part time staff member, fully funded by the programme, employed by Amphibian and Reptile Groups of UK, but located in the AONB office to facilitate programme delivery.			
ERT/007/2020	TENDER FOR MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF STEET NAMEPLATES	The Council authorise the Commencement of the tendering process with a view to putting in place a new contract for the provisions of new street nameplates effective from 1 st March 2020 until 28 th February 2023.	C Jackson	Tender process complete & contractor appointed	y
		(FEBRUARY 2020)			
ERT/024/2020	BELFAST CITY REGIONAL DEAL DIGITAL INNOVATION PROJECT	To approve the appointment of an external consultant to assist officers with the design, development and implementation of key Belfast City	J McGilly	Xpand appointed to complete this work. Project initiation meeting	N

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		Regional Deal digital projects.		completed and desk research underway. Stakeholder consultation planned for mid August onwards	
		(MARCH 2020)			
ERT/040/2020	WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK	<p>(a) Council Officers to review and develop a proposed booking system for Warrenpoint Municipal Park and report back to a future meeting.</p> <p>(b) Council to review the Event Management Plan charges for commercial, voluntary and charity bookings for Warrenpoint Park.</p> <p>(c) To identify the best model for a "Friends of Group".</p>	J MC GILLY	Work ongoing	N

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		<p>(d) To commission and install artwork in the Park celebrating the heritage of Warrenpoint adhering to Council Policy. Local primary and secondary Schools will be engaged.</p> <p>(e) Officers to hold a Workshop with Councillors to look at ways to sustain activity at Warrenpoint Municipal Park, including reducing fees, and incorporate arts and culture in the "Friends of" group.</p>			
ERT/041/2020	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<p>(a) To procure an Integrated Supply Team to deliver the DAERA capital works scheme.</p> <p>(b) To seek an extension of the DAERA LoO from 31 January 2021 to March 2021</p>	J MC GILLY	Work ongoing	N

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

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

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		<p>Changchun City partnership from a Friendship Agreement to a full Sister Cities agreement</p> <p>(f) To renew for a further 12 months the MOU between Council and the Confucius Institute at Ulster University for support in China – NMDDC relations (translation services, 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 McKevitt 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>			

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		<p>(h) As the International Relationship with both Russia and Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen have expired, the relationship will not be renewed until a further proposal is submitted and assessed.</p> <p><u>Lamorlaye, France</u></p> <p>(i) To establish a new International Relations Agreement with Municipalité de Lamorlaye, North of France, on the basis that this proposal meets the essential criteria and at least 2 primary 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 /</p>			

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		<p>accommodation) as the first step in exploring this potential.</p> <p>To appoint 1 No. Officer only, to attend the New York – Belfast Conference to be held in New York on 11-12 June 2020 at a cost of £5,000, plus flights and accommodation.</p>			
		(JUNE 2020)			
ERT/060/2020	CASTLEWELLAN FOREST PARK	<p>(a) To review costs of the DAERA project and continue to liaise with IDT and DAERA.</p> <p>(b) Council to continue to review costs for the NLHF project with no detriment to the integrity of the project.</p> <p>(c) To approve the submission deadlines to NLHF. Council to submit on 1 September 2020, however if there are external forces that Council cannot mitigate for, Council will apply on 23 November 2020.</p>	J MC GILLY	ACTIONED	N

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		(d) To approve the actions of the Task and Finish Board meeting on 21 February 2020.			
ERT/061/2020	WARRENPOINT MUNICIPAL PARK	<p>(a) To approve the appointment for a pool of facilitators for activities in the Park. Once permitted officers to organise activities in the Park to encourage the use of green space and reconnection with nature.</p> <p>(b) To approve the appointment of digital management content facilitator to develop an online resource for the School's Programme in conjunction with Project Officers.</p> <p>(c) To approve the process for procurement of an art commission and installation for Warrenpoint Park.</p> <p>(d) To approve the appointment of a consultant to undertake a mid and final evaluation of the NLHF project.</p>	J MC GILLY	WORK IN PROGRESS	N

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ERT/064/2020	(Exempt) WARRENPOINT BATHS	<p>(a) Council formally concludes the current EOI process.</p> <p>(b) Officer review the above options and forward recommendations on the options outlined in the Report.</p>	J MC GILLY	WORK IN PROGRESS	N
ERT/065/2020	(Exempt) NEWCASTLE HARBOUR – LEASE OF SLIPWAY	<p>Council Lease the upper portion of the slipway from Newcastle Yacht Club at a peppercorn rent for a term of 8 years expiring in April 2028 to join both portions, with Council responsible for the entire slipway, to continue to permit access for locals and visitors alike.</p> <p>The above decision is subject to a structural review of the slipway being carried out.</p>	A PATTERSON	Being progressed.	Y
ERT/066/2020	(Exempt) MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS	The 2no. Downhill Mountain Bike Trails In Rostrevor remain closed until further	A PATTERSON	Paper on ERT Agenda	Y

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		notice pending a review of the Mountain Bike Centres, to be tabled at ERT Committee in due course.			
		(AUGUST 2020 TO FOLLOW)			