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

April 14th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Monday, 20th April 2026** at **6:00 pm** in **Boardroom, Warrenpoint Town Hall.**

Committee Membership 2025-26

Councillor D Lee-Surginor **Chairperson**

Councillor K Feehan **Deputy Chairperson**

Councillor T Andrews

Councillor W Clarke

Councillor C Galbraith

Councillor O Hanlon

Councillor G Hanna

Councillor V Harte

Councillor G Kearns

Councillor A Lewis

Councillor S Murphy

Councillor A Quinn

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor J Tinnelly

Councillor H Young

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet arising from Economy, Regeneration & Tourism Meeting held 9 March 2026

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For Discussion/Decision

4.0 Officer Report on Notice of Motion - Night Time Economy in Downpatrick

For Decision

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5.0 Local Economic Partnership

For Decision

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Exempt Appendicies

5.1 Appendix - Local Economic Partnership

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Appx 2 Local Economic Partnership Business Case (restricted).pdf ***Not included***

For Discussion/Decision

6.0 Pavement Café Policies

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7.0 PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1

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Exempt Appendicies

7.1 Appendix - PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1

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Appx 1 PEACEPLUS Business Case 2.6 intergenerational Music & Dance (restricted.pdf ***Not included***

Appx 2 PEACEPLUS Minutes 26.03.2026 (restricted).pdf ***Not included***

For Discussion/Decision

8.0 NI Regional Planning IT System

For Decision

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Exempt Appendicies

8.1 Appendix - NI Regional Planning IT System

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Appx 1 NI Regional Planning System SLA - Costs (restricted).pdf ***Not included***

Appx 2 NI Regional Planning IT System - Revised SLA for Intelligent Client Function (restricted).pdf ***Not included***

For Discussion/Decision

9.0 Temporary Road Closure Policy

For Decision

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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

10.0 Financial Assistance Revenue Call 1 Tranche 2 2026-27

For Decision

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 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.

Report to follow

11.0 Hairtlain Festival

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

ERT Report - Hairtlain Festival.pdf ***Not included***

Appx 1 - Hairtlain Festival Supplement.pdf ***Not included***

Appx 2 Hairtlain Festival Supplementary Information.pdf ***Not included***

12.0 Rural Business Development Scheme 2026-27

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

ERT Report - Rural Business Development Scheme 2026-27.pdf ***Not included***

For Noting

13.0 BT Street Hubs Proposal

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14.0 Castlewellan SMART Forest

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15.0 ERT Scheme of Delegation Apr 25-Mar 26

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16.0 Institute of Directors NI (IOD NI) Infrastructure Report Launch

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17.0 Building Control 6 x Monthly Report

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18.0 Licensing 6 x Monthly Report

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews

Cllr Callum Bowsie

Ms Michelle Boyle

Fionnuala Branagh

Cllr Jim Brennan

Ms Sonya Burns

Lorraine/Emma Burns/McParland

Mr Gerard Byrne

Cllr Pete Byrne

Cllr Philip Campbell

Cllr William Clarke

Cllr Laura Devlin

Ms Louise Dillon

Cllr Cadogan Enright

Cllr Killian Feehan

Cllr Doire Finn

Cllr Conor Galbraith

Cllr Mark Gibbons

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon

Cllr Glyn Hanna

Cllr Valerie Harte

Cllr Martin Hearty

Cllr Roisin Howell

Cllr Tierna Howie

Ms Catherine Hughes

Cllr Jonathan Jackson

Joanne Johnston

Cllr Geraldine Kearns

Miss Veronica Keegan

Mrs Sheila Kieran

Cllr Aurla King

Cllr Cathal King

Ms Elaine Kirk

Cllr Mickey Larkin

Cllr Niall Lawlor

Cllr David Lee-Surginor

Cllr Alan Lewis

Cllr Oonagh Magennis

Mr Conor Mallon

Cllr Aidan Mathers

Cllr Declan McAteer

Jonathan McGilly

Mr Martin McKibbin

Ms Tracie McLoughlin

Ms Aveen McVeigh

Sinead Murphy

Cllr Kate Murphy

Cllr Selina Murphy

Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Siobhan O'Hare

Mr Andy Patterson

Cllr Áine Quinn

Cllr Henry Reilly

Cllr Michael Rice

Ms Maria Rogan

Cllr Michael Ruane

Mrs Amanda Smyth

Conor Smyth

Donna Starkey

Sarah Taggart

Cllr David Taylor

Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly

Cllr Jill Truesdale

Mrs Marie Ward

Cllr Helena Young

ACTION SHEET

ECONOMY, REGENERATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING –

MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/004/2026	Officer Report on Notice of Motion – Festival For Newry City (C/173/2025)	it was agreed that the request for the establishment of a festival for Newry City be tabled for consideration by the Arts Working Group and that a paper is brought back to the Committee within six months to provide an update on progress made.	A Smyth	Completed	N
ERT/008/2026	Newry City Music Festival	the following was agreed; • To approve the pilot 2-day music festival in Newry City at Albert Basin site and to enter in discussions on hire of the site for the event; • To approve the financial support for the event as set out in section 4.1 of the officer's report, subject to approval in the 2026/27 budget.	A Smyth	Completed	N
ERT/009/2026	Warrenpoint Pontoon And Breakwater	it was agreed to: • Approve the removal of the Pontoon at Warrenpoint breakwater; • Progress the provision of access to the water on Carlingford Lough through the Shared Island Project; • Renew the license agreement for pedestrian access to the Breakwater promenade subject to WHA agreeing to carry out the necessary inspections, surveys and repairs to the sheet pile wall. • Continue engagement between Council and all key stakeholders.	A Smyth	In progress	N

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/010/2026	Newry Bid Revote 2026	the following was agreed; • To note the receipt of the Business Plan for the Newry BID renewal for period 2025-2031 • To note the issue of the ballot notice to Newry BID by the 29th January 2026. • The appointment of the named organisation with the procurement and cost met by Newry BID.	C Mallon	Completed	Y

MONDAY 9 MARCH 2026

Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
ERT/024/2026	Action Sheet ERT Committee Meeting Monday 9 February 2026	It was agreed to note the action sheet.	C Mallon	Noted	Y
ERT/025/2026	NMD Labour Market Partnership 2026/27	It was agreed to approve the following, subject to funding, • The business case for implementation of NMD Action Plan for 2026/2027 as outlined in appendix 1 of the officers' report. • Acceptance of a DFC letter of Offer for NMD LMP activities, including administration and operational budget. • Progression of all required procurement and commissioning activity to secure delivery agents for the initiatives detailed in appendix 2 of the officers' report.	A Smyth	In Progress – awaiting LoO	N
ERT/026/2026	PEACEPLUS THEME 1.1	it was agreed to approve the business cases and commencement of procurement for; • 2.3 Collaborative Interaction Programme – Sustaining Cross Community Relations.	A Smyth	Completed	Y

		• 2.6 Social and Emotional Support Programme – Intergenerational programmes and activities "The Shared Bench; Men's Sheds Across Generations"			
ERT/027/2026	Financial Assistance Call 1/Tranche 1 Revenue Themes	It was agreed to issue Letters of Offer to projects as per Council Policy to the groups recommended for the award of funding within the budget allocation for each theme. It was also agreed that Pre-Letter of Offer conditions are met prior to issue of full Letter of Offer and where conditions are not satisfied, the budget will be reallocated to score and rank list, if applicable.	A Smyth	Completed	Y
ERT/028/2026	Tourism Events Programme 2026/27	it was agreed to approve the following; • The proposed Schedule of Giant Adventure Events for 2026-2027 as outlined in section 2.1 of the officers' report. • The financial assistance awards associated with the delivery of Tourism events, Christmas events and Halloween events to named groups as outlined in section 2.2 of the officers' report. • The necessary procurements and appointment of suppliers for the delivery of events and festivals in the annual tourism events programme.	A Smyth	Completed	Y
ERT/029/2026	Partnership Agreements for 2026/27	It was agreed to approve the list of Service Level Agreements, MOUs, Letters of Offer and Partnership Agreements for 2026/27 as detailed in the officers' report.	A Smyth	Completed	Y
ERT/030/2026	Tha Hairtlan Festival	It was agreed to support the new outreach and programmes proposed for Tha Hairtlan Festival in 2026 as set out in Section 2.1 of the officers' report. It was also agreed to defer the item to April ERT Committee, pending the outcome of the financial assistance call and further engagement with the organisation named in the officers' report.	A Smyth	Completed – Update at April ERT	Y

ERT/020/2026	International Friendship Relations Agreement	It was agreed to acknowledge the invitation from the Chinese consulate and recognise the importance of our sister city relationship with the city of Changchun. The Council respectfully decline their invite to visit this year but will engage with our partners such as Invest NI and The Executive Office on a visit to our sister city in the future.	C Mallon	Completed	Y
ERT/031/2026	DTFF NI Update	It was agreed to note the DTTF Steering Group's consensus position allowing call 7 to proceed without delay and the potential contingency revenue costs should the programme extend beyond March 2027.	A Smyth	Completed	Y

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20th April 2026
Subject:	Nighttime Economy in Downpatrick Notice of Motion – C/039/2026
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

For decision	**X**	**For noting only**	

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	Purpose To approve the recommendation as outlined in section 3 of this report. Background The following Motion was raised by Councillor Galbraith at Council on 2 March 2026 and seconded by Councillor King, the Motion was referred to Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee. • Notice of Motion – C/039/2026 Nighttime Economy in Downpatrick "Noting with concern the ongoing challenges facing the development and sustainability of the night-time economy within Downpatrick town centre, and the impact this has on town centre vibrancy, employment, and perceptions of safety; and recognising Downpatrick's important role as the County Town of Down, • this Council commits to the appointment of a Nighttime Economy Champion with a specific initial focus on the regeneration and sustainability of the night-time economy in Downpatrick • will host an engagement event with local businesses and the Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group; • will seek a meeting with a delegation from Belfast City Council to learn from their experience of this process; • and will develop an action plan for Downpatrick's night-time economy, taking account of the opportunities afforded by the regeneration of Irish Street."
2.0	**Key issues**
	Following review of the Motion, Officers have undertaken research in relation to the Evening and Nighttime Economy (ENTE) across the region including best practice and challenges.

2.1	Best practice – Purple Flag Purple Flag is an accreditation scheme that enables towns and cities to work in partnership to create a vibrant, diverse and safe nighttime economy. The Purple Flag core agenda themes are: • Policy Envelope - An after-hours policy that shows a clear strategy based on sound research, integrated public policy and a successful multi-sector partnership. • Wellbeing – safe and welcoming with all sectors playing their part in delivering high standards of customer care. • Movement – the ability to move around the centre on foot with ease • Appeal – vibrant choice of leisure and entertainment for a diversity of ages, groups, lifestyles and cultures. • Place – blend of overlapping activities that encourage people to mingle and enjoy the place. They reinforce the character and identity of the area as well as flair and imagination in urban design for the night. Purple Flag destinations • Belfast and Derry/Londonderry hold Purple Flag status. • In Belfast the Purple Flag membership and accreditation is led by the Linen Quarter, Cathedral Quarter and One BIDs. • In Derry/Londonderry the Purple Flag membership and accreditation is led by City Centre Initiative (city centre management organisation) with a dedicated resource.
2.2	Nighttime Economy Champion Belfast BIDs appointed and funded a part time night czar in 2024, to further enhance Belfast Purple Flag strategy by co-ordinating and advocating for the city's night-time strategy in terms of safety, transport, and business; the czar was tasked with leading on the night-time economy for Belfast. The czar focussed on four key priorities of late-night transport, Ending Violence against Women and Girls, Culture Night and Pavement Café Licensing.
2.3	Focus on Downpatrick Downpatrick Living Highstreets Framework was launched in September 2023. Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group meets monthly to progress projects identified in the action plan. There is a recommendation within the action plan to use the Purple Flag criteria as a template to map out the strengths and areas for development for the nighttime / all day economy in Downpatrick. Actions that are required progress towards developing an ENTE • Action plan – development with clear objectives and targets • Data gathering - to inform decisions • Partnership – public and private sector effort • Leadership – clear roles, ownership and accountability

	• Implementation of the action plan with the ambition to seek Purple Flag accreditation Challenges for ENTE: • Responsibility is shared across multiple stakeholders • Changing consumer and social habits • Limited number of providers • Transport and accessibility • City and town centre perceptions
2.4	Next Steps • Engage with Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group on the proposal and to inform an action plan regarding the development of the nighttime economy in Downpatrick • In partnership with Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group, to host an engagement event with local businesses and relevant agencies regarding key actions for the development of Downpatrick's nighttime economy • Officers to meet with ATCM regarding Purple Flag application, and Belfast City Council and Belfast BIDs regarding their achievement of Public Flag status • Consideration regarding appointment of a Nighttime Economy Champion is subject to further scope and engagement on required actions and understanding of cost.
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	To engage with Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group to host an engagement event with local businesses and relevant agencies to scope an action plan for the development of Downpatrick's nighttime economy
3.2	Officers to engage with Belfast City Council to develop proposals for a Purple Flag accreditation application for Downpatrick.
4.0	**Resource implications**
4.1	Detail of any known resource requirements will be tabled at future meeting of committee. Potential cost implications: - External consultancy support for development of actions and undertaking of engagement - Installation of footfall monitoring system in order to inform data collection
5.0	**Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)**
5.1	***General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes***

	It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations	☒
5.2	***Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision*** Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	☐
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	☐
5.3	***Proposal initiating consultation***	
	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	☐
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	☐
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	☐
	Rationale:	
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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	☐
7.0	**Appendices**	
	n/a	
8.0	**Background Documents**	
	n/a	

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20th April 2026
Subject:	Local Economic Partnership
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism.
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Aveen McVeigh Head of Regeneration and Business Development

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

For decision	**X**	**For noting only**	

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	Purpose To approve the recommendations in 3.1 of this report. Background Council is in receipt of a LoO from Department for Economy (DfE) to deliver a range of projects that were developed by the Local Economic Partnership (LEP) with a focus on delivering Regional Balance.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	Since Council received the LoO in November 2025, the LEP has met bimonthly to monitor project progress, see appendix 1 for meeting action sheets.
2.2	Council is progressing with procurement and engaging with DfE regarding UK Subsidy registration.
2.3	Business case approval is required to progress with Revive and Reimagine-Research Property Façade Renewal Scheme.
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	To note the action reports as outlined in Appendix 1 To approve the business case outlined in Appendix 2.
4.0	**Resource implications**
4.1	LEP is 100% funded by DfE.
5.0	**Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)**

5.1	***General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes*** It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations	☒
5.2	***Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision*** Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	☐
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	☐
5.3	***Proposal initiating consultation*** 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	☐
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	☐
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	☐
	Rationale:	
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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	☐
7.0	**Appendices**	

	Appendix 1 – Action reports from meetings held on 26th November 2025 and 28th January 2026 This item is deemed to be exempt under 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 Appendix 2 – Business case
8.0	**Background Documents**
	N/A

Appendix 1 Action sheet from NMDDC LMP

Department for the Economy An Roinn Geilleagair www.economyni.gov.uk Local Economic Partnerships

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

Action Sheet from NMD Local Economic Partnership Meeting

Date: Wednesday 26th November 2025
Time: 12.00pm
Location: Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency, Newry

Attendance:
Conor Mallon, NMDDC (Chair of LEP)
Emma Bohill, Downpatrick Business Centre
Conor Patterson, NMEA
Heather McKee, SERC
Emma Finney, SERC
Tracy Rice, SRC
Colleen Dowdall, WBR Chamber
Frances Monteith, Newcastle Chamber
Alan Knox, Kilkeel Chamber
John Nealon, South Armagh Business Improvement Group
Nicholas McCrickard, County Down Rural Community Network
Raymond Jackson, CCG
Damian Mulholland, DfC
John McKibben, Invest NI
Alistair Quinn, Invest NI
Martin Graham, Tourism NI
Michelle Craig, DfE
Amanda Smyth, NMDDC
Aveen McVeigh NMDDC
Jonathan McGilly, NMDDC
Sinead Bailie NMDDC

Apologies: Catherine McInerney, DfC, Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID, Eoin Magennis, Ulster University, Michael Savage, Newry Chamber, Malachy McGrady, Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group, Lee Campbell, SRC and Alan Beggs, NMDDC.

1. **Introductions & Apologies**
   Apologies were noted as above. C Mallon welcomed A Quinn to the Partnership and thanked J McKibben for his contribution to date on behalf of Invest NI. A Quinn has been appointed Head of the Southern Region and will attend future meetings as Invest NI's representative.

2. **Conflict of Interest**
   None.

3. **Report from LEP meeting 4th September 2025.**
   Action point completed – Invest NI Property Team will engage with M Savage directly and will feed back to the group.

   Proposed by Damian Mulholland and seconded by Tracy Rice, it was agreed that the action report of the meeting on 4th September 2025 was an accurate record.

4. **Council Presentation – Update on action plan and resources, next steps.**
   Presentation by A Smyth attached.
   JN enquired about the budget for the research on a Property Façade Renewal

   CM responded: a consultant is required to undertake surveys of properties in 6 DEAs

   Discussion regarding the Commercial Property Revive and Reimagine grant. CM reiterated that residential cannot be incorporated into the grant as it must be commercial to meet the criteria of the programme.

   DM stated that DfC will be offering a Vacant to Vibrant grant over 3 years which will incorporate this and DfC will be meeting with Council in January to discuss how to dovetail these programmes.

   Having plans in place such as the Derelict and Vacancy Commercial Property Mapping research demonstrates feasibility and provides a robust evidence base, ensuring readiness when funding opportunities arise such as Shaping Sustainable Places (DfC, DfI and DAERA).

   It was proposed by N McCrickard and seconded by J Nealon that the project proposal be accepted and the next steps agreed.

   Action: Eligibility of the Commercial Property Revive and Reimagine grant will be presented at the next LEP meeting.

   Presentation on Mapping of Newry Properties - Dr Conor Patterson
   Presentation attached

5. **DfE and Invest NI Update**
   M Craig thanked the Partnership for their hard work in being the first Council to achieve approval and a Letter of Offer. A claims procedure has been developed and will be shared and implemented in due course.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**
   28th January 2026, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick. 2.00 p.m. -4.00 p.m.

7. **Meeting Close**





Appendix 1 Action sheet from NMDDC LMP

Department for the Economy An Roinn Geilleagair www.economy-ni.gov.uk Local Economic Partnerships

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

Action Sheet from NMD Local Economic Partnership Meeting

Date: Wednesday 29th January 2026
Time: 1.30pm
Location: NMDDC, Downshire Civic Centre

Attendance:
Conor Mallon, NMDDC (Chair of LEP)
Emma Bohill, Downpatrick Business Centre
Conor Patterson, NMEA
Tracy Rice, SRC
Alan Knox, Kilkeel Chamber
Ryan Ward, Kilkeel Chamber
Michael Savage, Newry Chamber
Mal McGrady, Downpatrick Regeneration Working Group
Eamonn Connolly, Newry BID
John Nealon, South Armagh Business Improvement Group
Nicholas McCrickard, County Down Rural Community Network
Raymond Jackson, CCG
Damian Mulholland, DfC
Alistair Quinn, Invest NI
Martin Graham, Tourism NI
Martin McCourt, DfE
Amanda Smyth, NMDDC
Aveen McVeigh NMDDC
Jonathan McGilly, NMDDC
Sinead Bailie NMDDC

Apologies: Catherine McInerney, DfC, Michelle Craig, DfE, Eoin Magennis, Ulster University, Emma Finney, SERC, Colleen Dowdall, WBR Chamber, Lee Campbell, SRC and Alan Beggs, NMDDC.

1. **Introductions & Apologies**
   Apologies were noted as above.

2. **Conflict of Interest**
   None.

3. **Report from LEP meeting 4th September 2025.**
   Proposed by C Mallon and seconded by A Knox

4. **Council Update - progress to date and next steps.**
   Presentation by A McVeigh (attached).

   Action: The procurement process and grant specification for the Productivity Growth Programme / Productivity Capital Grant will be brought to the March meeting for information.

Noted: C Patterson explained for clarification that Newry Mourne Enterprise Agency are in receipt of an SLA to undertake the Derelict / Vacancy mapping research, however the work is being conducted in partnership with Down Business Centre.

Action: To circulate the name of the businesses that have registered on the sustainable tourism network for information.

Discussion surrounded the Property Grant eligibility criteria, particularly the geographical areas eligible for support.

Action: Council will take advice on eligible areas taking into consideration approvals equality screening, and rural needs assessment.

Action: LEP members to provide feedback on eligibility criteria of the Property Grant via email.

C Patterson raised concerns over current planning legislation, discussion followed.

Action: CM to consider barriers to planning with further discussions to take place on what mechanisms can be introduced to facilitate planning process.

5. DfE and Invest NI Update

DfE are reviewing the monitoring and evaluation processes.
M McCourt explained that there has been a request from several councils to extend delivery into year 4 and welcomed feedback.
C Mallon stated that NMD LEP is focusing on delivering to the agreed timetable and this will be kept under review via the risk register.

Invest NI Update
A Quinn confirmed that ambition reflects the pace at which things are moving. A. Currie, new Chief Development Officer will be invited to a future meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 31 March 10.30-12.30 SRC, Newry

Meeting Close

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20th April 2026
Subject:	Pavement Cafés Designation and Enforcement Policies
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Department
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paula Hughes, Senior Licensing Officer Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Department

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

For decision	**x**	**For noting only**	

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	The Council's Licensing Section set down Policies for dealing with issuing Pavement Café Licences. The powers of the Council are laid out in Legislation under: Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 Council to review Policies every 4 years.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	The following policy is set down for review: 1. Pavement Cafés Designation Policy 2. Pavement Cafés Enforcement Policy
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	• To consider and approve the attached Pavement Café Policies. • To consider and approve the additional item '6.9 (b)The minimum footway width may need to be greater than 2 m in areas with medium/high pedestrian footfall. The Pedestrian Comfort Guide for London can be used as guidance to determine the clear footway width for recorded high pedestrian flows.'
4.0	**Resource implications**
4.1	• Review of existing policy documents • Preparation of amendments.

5.0	**Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)**
5.1	***General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes*** It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒
5.2	***Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision*** Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☒ The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☐
5.3	***Proposal initiating consultation*** 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 ☐ Consultation period will be 12 weeks ☐ Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) ☐
	Rationale:
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 ☒ No ☐ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☒

7.0	**Appendices**
	1. Pavement Cafés Designation Policy 2. Pavement Cafés Enforcement Policy
8.0	**Background Documents**
	n/a

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Pavement Cafés

Designation Policy

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ECONOMY, REGENERATION AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Dated: 30 March 2026

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1. Purpose

By virtue of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 the District Council may regulate the placing on public areas of furniture for use for the consumption of food and drink.

Pavement cafés are becoming a familiar sight across the UK and Ireland. They can help develop a local café culture, which in turn can have a positive effect on urban environments, promote town and city centres, contribute to the general well-being of communities and appeal to tourists.

The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to designate a street or part thereof as a pavement café and whether to grant or refuse an application for a pavement café.

Its aim is to provide, insofar as is possible, consistent decision making so as to develop and thereafter maintain public confidence in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's (here after called 'the District Council') performance of its duties.

2. Scope

This Policy is intended to ensure that the District Council's Members and Officers are aware of those matters to be taken into consideration when determining if a street or part thereof should be designated for the purpose of the pavement café licence and whether to grant a pavement café licence.

Initially the District Council will consider those areas in respect of which applications have been received for or already licensed for a pavement café (including those areas where applications have previously been refused).

3. References

3.1 Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014
3.2 Pavement Café Designation Procedure
3.3 Guidance for Applicants

4. Background

The Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (here after called 'the Act') enables District Councils to regulate public areas by preventing undue nuisance, interference or inconvenience to people and traffic.

The Act requires the District Council to designate specific areas, streets or part thereof in the District Council as being suitable for a pavement café licence. This is designed to be an open system, which allows everyone an opportunity to comment on the proposal to permit a pavement café licence in a particular area.

5. General Principles

5.1 Each case must be considered on its own merits, but there are general principles that apply in all cases. The duty of the District Council is to make sure that each pavement café licence application is fairly and objectively assessed and that all relevant factors are considered.

5.2 The District Council will consider applications, in writing on the prescribed form, to a pavement café licence at a designated site within the boundaries of the District Council.

5.3 Consultees

The District Council will consult with –

(a) The Department of Infrastructure (hereafter referred to as DFI) as regards that Department's functions with respect to roads and regulation of road traffic.

(b) The District Commander of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (here after referred to PSNI) in which the premises are situated; where such premises are issued under the Licensing Order

The District Council may also consult other persons, as it considers appropriate e.g.

(a) The District Council's Planning Department
(b) Relevant Chamber of Commerce/Trade
(c) Town Centre Management Bodies
(d) Community Groups/Local residents
(e) Business and Commercial premises in the vicinity of the site in respect of which the application has been received
(f) The District Council may consult other persons, as it deems appropriate

5.4 Additional Factors

Without prejudice to the District Council's rights, the District Council shall take account of the following in determining the suitability of each proposed area covered by the licence:

(a) The safety of the public and any risks which may arise; including the size, type and layout of furniture.
(b) The future development plans for the location;

(c) The appropriateness and suitability of the site and furniture in relation to the location and to the potential adverse impact that it would have upon the character and appearance of the area in question.

(d) The amount of interference or inconvenience to persons or vehicles using the street.

(e) The potential environmental effects arising from the location of the proposed designated site, such as additional litter, cleansing requirements, noise, odour and the possibility of increasing anti-social activities;

(f) Any statutory grounds which would be appropriate to consider;

(g) Complaints arising from or about the current pavement café's licence location;

(h) Any other relevant facts

(i) Hours of licence

(j) Period of licence for review

5.5 These issues may also be taken into account should the District Council decide to rescind or vary any Designation Resolution

6 General

6.1 The District Council retains it's right to amend or replace this Policy at any given time.

6.2 All licence **'application fees'** are non-refundable

6.3 An application for a pavement café licence will be deemed valid only if it is in the approved application form, fully completed and accompanied by all requested documentation and payment of fees.

6.4 Licences will only permit trading on the stated days and times on the licence. The time during which the licence holder may operate as a pavement café must be agreed with the District Council prior to the issuing of the licence.

6.5 It shall be the policy of the District Council that a trader must obtain a separate licence for each pavement café.

6.6 Pavement café licences cannot be sub-let, sold on or transferred. Where a licence refers to a business partnership and a partner dies or withdraws from the business, the licence may remain in force, with a remaining person(s) named in the licence treated as a licence holder.

6.7 Refunds of **'pavement café fees'** will only be considered when the licence holder has not been able to trade due to circumstances beyond their control, for example when a road is closed or a site is inaccessible for any purpose such as road works etc. In the event of this occurring, the District Council must be informed no later than the day of trading.

6.8 Pavement café licences can be issued for a maximum period of 3 years or for such term as the District Council will determine.

6.9 **Safety of Pedestrians**

(a) In order to safeguard the interests of pedestrians, a minimum width of 2 metres clearance must be maintained on the pavement including the kerbside beyond the perimeter of the licensed area.

(b) The minimum footway width may need to be greater than 2 m in areas with medium/high pedestrian footfall. The Pedestrian Comfort Guide for London can be used as guidance to determine the clear footway width for recorded high pedestrian flows

(c) A clear footway width of at least 1.5m may be acceptable over short distances to bypass street furniture or other obstructions of short length (<2m) without justification. However, this is only permitted up to a maximum of two obstructions per 10m length of footway and applicants should aim to maximise the unobstructed footway width at all times.

(d) Where an application for a pavement café licence details a footway width of less than 2.0m the applicant must demonstrate that, in addition to the council led criteria for the provision of a pavement café, there is minimal risk of impediment to footway users. Any justification for a reduction in the footway width should address the following as a minimum:

- The nature of the area where the pavement café is being considered (by DFI assessor),
- Any reduction of the minimum clear footway width of 2.0m over a length greater than 6.0m will not be permitted.

- Recorded number of footway users over weekday and/or weekends at rush hour periods. (by applicant). Guidance on timings of surveys can be found in The Pedestrian Comfort Guide for London. Appendix 1 of this policy give a guide to how the survey should be conducted.
- Any locations where footfall is measured to be over 600 pedestrians per hour will not be considered for a reduction in footway width less than 2.0m.
- A spot check of observed footway user volumes to corroborate the recorded figures. (by DFI assessor).

(e) Pavement cafés cannot be located within vehicular visibility splays of a road junction. Visibility requirements depend on road speed and traffic volume and must comply with DFI Development Control Advice 15 – Vehicular Access Standards.

(f) Pavement cafés must be located a minimum of 3.0 m from junctions or tactile paving.

(g) All furniture, including menu boards associated with the Pavement Café is to be placed within the licensed area. The licensed area must be screened with appropriate screening to the satisfaction of the Council unless the Licensee can justify a reason not to do so.

(h) A pavement cafe must be fully enclosed using a continuous barrier to ensure that moveable furniture does not spread across pedestrian routes causing an obstruction. The gap in the barrier which people use to access the café/premises should be a minimum of 1.0m wide. The barrier should be a minimum of 1m in height and consist of a solid panel or other screening to define the licensed area. It should also contrast with the colour of the pavement.

(i) No part of a pavement cafe (enclosure, furniture, parasols, heaters etc) should obscure or partially obscure any traffic signs giving orders, warnings, directions, information or similar. Equally, no part of a pavement café should obstruct tactile paving, or any other infrastructure provided to assist those with sight loss or a visual impairment. Pavement cafés should be located a minimum of 3.0m from junctions or tactile paving and should not impede footway users' access to the tactile paving/crossing point.

6.10 The District Council must grant an application for a pavement café licence which is made to it in accordance with the Act unless it considers that it ought to refuse in accordance with section 4, paragraph (2) of the Act.

6.11 If it refuses an application, the District Council will notify the applicant in writing of its decision.

6.12 The District Council may vary the condition or area covered by licence:
(a) on receipt of an application from the holder of the licence
(b) on receipt of an application for a renewal of the licence by the holder of the licence.
(c) on receipt of an application from the holder of the pavement café licence to remove an alcohol condition.

6.13 The District Council may at any time revoke a pavement café licence where:
(a) all or any part of the public area becomes unsuitable.
(b) continuing to place such furniture in that area that would be likely to result in undue interference or inconvenience to persons or vehicles in the vicinity.
(c) that the licence holder made a statement which the applicant knows to be false or failed to display a notice in compliance with Section 11 of the Act.
(d) that any condition of the licence has not been complied with.
(e) that the licence holder has failed to pay any fee due to the District Council under Section 12 of the Act.

6.14 The District Council may at any time suspend a pavement café licence where the licence holder has failed to pay any fee due to the District Council under Section 12 of the Act.

6.15 The District Council may at any time suspend a pavement café licence where a notice of any revocation.

6.16 The District Council may at any time suspend a pavement café licence where the licence holder has failed to pay any fee due to the District Council under Section 12 of the Act.

6.17 The District Council may at any time suspend a pavement café licence where a notice of any revocation.

6.18 The pavement café licence shall be displayed at, or close to the licensed area.

7. Criteria

7.1 The criteria is laid out in the applicant criteria. The District Council retains its right to amend or replace these criteria at any given time.

7.2 Application criteria:

- All applicants must submit a completed application form with the correct fee.

- All applicants must provide a location plan to scale of 1:1250 showing sufficient area around the proposed pavement café to enable consideration of all related issues.

- All applicants must provide a site plan to a scale of not less than 1:100 showing access points, building lines, boundaries, kerbs, table and chair arrangement, bins, lighting, trees, other items.

- All applicants must provide details of the furniture including the number, materials and types of chairs, tables, umbrellas to be provided in the café area together with photographs and/or manufacturers details of furniture.

- All applicants must provide risk Assessments and Management Control Plans, where appropriate. (Required if the pavement café area is located away from main premises).

- All applicants must provide proof of planning permission, where appropriate

- All applicants must provide confirmation of public liability insurance with a minimum indemnity of £10m.

- All applicants are required to fix a public notice to the premises on the day the application is made to the District Council.

8. Fees

8.1 Section 12 of the Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 enables a District Council to charge: -

(a) for the grant or renewal of a pavement café licence;
(b) for a variation of a pavement café licence

Such fees as the District Council may determine and as may be sufficient in the aggregate, taking one year with another to cover any reasonable administrative or other costs in connection with its functions under this Act, not otherwise recoverable. The District Council may determine the time and manner in which fees or charges are to be paid.

8.2 The pavement café fees are:

	Administration costs (Non-refundable)	Compliance monitoring (2 visits)	Actual cost for 3 year licence
Grant of pavement café licence	£300.00	£100.00	£400.00 total
Renewal or Variation of pavement café licence	£200.00	£100.00	£300.00 total

(Table 1)

9. Powers of Enforcement

Failure to obtain an appropriate licence or failure to comply with the conditions attached to a licence may result in enforcement action being instigated.

9.1 Unlicensed pavement cafés

(a) It is an offence to place furniture (for the use of consumption of food and drink) on a public area without a pavement café licence. The offence is liable to a fine of up to £1,000 on summary conviction.

(b) Council Enforcement Officers shall gather evidence that an offence has been committed prior to initiating legal proceedings.

9.2 Power to remove unlicensed furniture

(a) The District Council has the power to remove furniture from unlicensed pavement cafés.

(b) The District Council has a duty to notify the person responsible (if known) as to how the furniture may be recovered and allows the Council to recover the costs of removing and storing the furniture.

(c) The District Council has the authority to dispose of the furniture if it remains unclaimed after three months.

10. Appeals

Any appeal must be made to the court of summary jurisdiction by notice under the relevant order. Any appeal must be brought within 21 days beginning with the day after the date on which notice is given of refusal, grant, renewal, variation, revocation, suspension or extension (as the case may be), in accordance with Section 21 of the Act.

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13. Policy Authorisation

Development Committee Meeting Authorised on: 20th April 2026
Council Authorised on: 05th May 2026

14. Policy Effective Date

05th May 2026

15. Policy Review Date

05th May 2030

The policy will be reviewed in line with the Council's agreed policy review cycle i.e. every 4 years (as per Council's Equality Scheme commitment 4.31).

16. Procedures

Refer to the Pavement Café Designation Procedure

17. Equality Screening

The policy has been equality screened and the outcome is that it not be subject to EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).

18. Rural Impact Assessment

Due regard to rural needs has been considered and a rural needs impact assessment has been completed.

Appendix 1

Pedestrian Counts

1.1 Pedestrian counts are only necessary if the applicant is proposing to reduce the clear footway width to **less than 2.0m. Where possible 2.0m should be used.**

1.2 Pedestrian counts should be carried out at a fixed point adjacent to the proposed pavement café for intervals of 1 hour. E.g. 08:00 to 09:00 or 09:00 to 10:00 etc.

1.3 The count should be a simple tally of the number of pedestrians passing a fixed point within that hour.

1.4 The count should be undertaken during the following periods;

- High Streets - Peak Pedestrian Time: Saturday 14:00 to 18:00, although weekday flows often have similar levels.
- Office and retail - Peak Pedestrian Time: Weekday 08:00 to 10:00 or 16:00 to 19:00.
- For additional information please refer to the Pedestrian Comfort Guidance for London.[8]

1.5 For applications where the clear footway width is less than 2.0m, pedestrian count information should be included in the application or during initial meetings with council officers, to inform the suitability of the site for further consideration.

1.6 Once the pedestrian count has been verified, The DFI Assessor will complete the comfort level check following a verification of the data received from the application. The check will be completed considering street furniture or other influencing factors such as static pedestrian data or loading bays.

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Enforcement Policy

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ECONOMY, REGENERATION AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Dated: 30 March 2026

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1. Purpose

By virtue of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 the District Council may regulate street trading through enforcement powers in a street or part thereof in its District.

The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance on matters, which should be considered when deciding whether to take enforcement action against a person of whom there is reasonable grounds to suspect commission of an offence under this Act while involved in Pavement Cafés. Its aim is to provide, in so far as is possible, consistent decision making so as to develop and thereafter maintain public confidence in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's (here after called 'the District Council') performance of its duties.

2. Scope

This Policy is intended to ensure that the District Council Members and Officers and all other interested parties are aware of those matters to be taken into consideration when determining, what if any, enforcement action is to be taken.

3. References

3.1 Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014
3.2 Pavement Café Designation Procedure
3.3 Guidance for Applicants

4. Background

The Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (here after called 'the Act') enables District Councils to regulate public areas through designating, licensing and enforcement procedures. The Act received Royal Assent in May 2014 and became operative on 1st October 2016.

Sections 22 to 24 of the Act details those activities which would be in contravention of the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 and which would be enforced by means of a prosecution or seizure by authorised officers of the District Council.

5. General Principles

5.1 Each case must be considered on its own merits, but there are general principles that apply in all cases. The duty of the District Council is to make sure that each pavement café licence application is fairly and objectively assessed and that all relevant factors are considered.

5.2 Officers upon becoming aware of a contravention of a pavement café licence may use their discretion and implement such steps as the Officer thinks fit to: -

(a) Issue a verbal warning
(b) Issue a formal caution with a recommendation to prosecute or
(c) Invoke the powers of seizure

6. Unlicensed Pavement Cafés

6.1 Subject to subsection (2), if at any time while a business involving the supply of food or drink in or from any premises to members of the public, or of a section of the public, is being carried out ("the time in question") -

(a) furniture for use for the consumption of food or drink supplied in or from the premises is placed on a public area in the course of the business, or
(b) furniture for such use which has been placed on a public area in the course of the business remains on that public area,

each responsible person commits an offence.

6.2 Section 1 and 2 of the Act states that 'if the holder of a pavement café licence contravenes a condition of a kind specified in paragraphs 1 to 3 of Section 6'.

6.3 When an authorised Officer of the District Council has reasonable grounds for suspecting that furniture for the consumption of food or drink has been placed in an unlicensed area, then the authorised Officer or a Constable may:

(a) if the Officer/Constable knows or is satisfied than an offence has taken place then he/she shall proceed with initiation of legal proceedings as outlined in section 5.2 above, against the responsible person and advise to remove the furniture immediately.

(b) If the Officer/Constable is not satisfied with the identity given by that responsible person or cannot verify this identity, then the authorised officer/constable may begin seizure powers immediately. All possible steps shall be taken by the District Council to ascertain the identity of alleged offender to initiate legal proceeding against him/her.

7. Contravention of Licensing Conditions

7.1 An authorised officer may at any reasonable time, in order to obtain information required by the Council for a purpose mentioned in section 22(2) of the Act;

(a) enter and inspect premises to which a pavement café licence relates, or to which an application for the grant, renewal or variation of such a licence relates;
(b) inspect furniture placed on a public area for use for the consumption of food or drink supplied in or from any premises;
(c) inspect any other object placed on a public area with such furniture.

7.2 When an authorised Officer of the District Council becomes aware of a contravention of conditions of a pavement café licence they may record such contravention/s in a properly documented manner and the licensee may be cautioned in regard to the contravention. A report will be prepared, detailing the contravention and may be taken to Council with a view to recommending prosecution.

7.3 An authorised Officer of the District Council, upon becoming aware of contraventions of a pavement café licence as set out in Section 6, paragraph 1 to 3 will issue a verbal warning to the responsible person.

7.4 The responsible person must desist from operating a pavement café in breach of his/her Licence within a period of thirty minutes of the warning issued by the authorised Officer of the District Council. If the responsible person refuses to desist from operating the Council may cease any temporary furniture which is unlicensed to be removed from a public area and stored.

7.4 The authorised Officer of the District Council shall record details of the warning issued and particulars of the offence in his/her designated log book and a copy of this entry will be given to the Trader. The District Council shall notify the responsible person within 14 days of the removal and storage and of how the furniture may be recovered.

7.5 Contraventions:
Any person who:
(a) without reasonable excuse contravenes any condition of a pavement café licence, which is a condition of a kind specified in paragraphs 1 to 3 of Section 6 of the Act;
(b) fails on demand and without reasonable excuse to produce his/her pavement café licence to an authorised Officer;
(c) fails to state his/her name and address or states a name or an address that is incorrect;

(d) in connection with an application for the grant, renewal or variation of a street trading licence or the grant of a temporary licence makes a statement which he knows to be false in a material particular;
(e) resists or intentionally obstructs an authorised Officer in the execution of his duties under this Act.

8. Revocation of a Pavement Café Licence

8.1 A District Council may at any time revoke a pavement café licence if it is satisfied -
(a) that all or part of the public area where the licence permits the placing of temporary furniture for use for the consumption of food or drink has become, or is going to become, unsuitable for that purpose;
(b) that continuing to place such furniture on, or on a particular part of, that area for use for the consumption of food or drink supplied in or from the premises specified in the licence would be likely to result in undue interference or inconvenience to persons or vehicles in the vicinity, or in the disorder;
(c) that the licence holder, in connection with an application for the grant, renewal or variation of the licence, made a statement which the applicant knew to be false in a material respect or failed to comply with section 11 of the Act.
(d) That any condition of the licence has not been complied with; or
(e) That the licence holder has, without reasonable explanation, failed to pay any fee due to the District Council under section 12 of the Act.

8.2 Where the District Council proposes to revoke, suspend or impose a compulsory variation it shall give the licence holder, "notice in writing".

8.3 The notice of any revocation, suspension or compulsory variation referred to in 8.2 must-

(a) state when the revocation, suspension or variation takes effect;

(b) in the case of suspension, state when the suspension ends;

(c) state the grounds for the revocation, suspension or variation; and

(d) include the notice of the licence holder's rights under section 21 of the Act.

8.4 A council may at any time revoke a pavement café licence if it is satisfied –
(a) that all or any part of the public area where the licence permits the placing of temporary furniture for use for the consumption of food or drink has become, or is going to become, unsuitable for that purpose;
(b) that continuing to place such furniture on, or on a particular part of, that area for use for the consumption of food or drink supplied in or

from the premises specified in the licence would be likely to result in undue interference or inconvenience to persons or vehicles in the vicinity, or in disorder;
(c) that the licence holder, in connection with an application for the grant, renewal or variation of the licence, made a statement which the application knew to be false in a material respect of failed to comply with section 11;
(d) that any condition of the licence has not been complied with; or
(e) that the licence holder has, without reasonable explanation, failed to pay any fee due to the council under section 12.

8.5 If the District Council considers that a licence could be revoked on any of the grounds mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) the District Council may instead of revoking it, suspend a pavement café licence if it is satisfied that any of the grounds set out in section 14 (1) (c) to (e) of the Legislation is met.

9. Powers of Seizure

9.1 Where a District Council has reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence under section 2 of the Act, has occurred, the Council may cause any temporary furniture which is unlicensed to be removed from a public area and stored.

9.2 Where any furniture is removed and stored under subsection (1), the council –
(a) must, where the name and address of the person in the course of whose business in the furniture was placed on the public area ("the responsible person") is know, notify person of the removal and storage and of how the furniture may be recovered; and
(b) may recover from the responsible person the costs reasonably incurred by the council in removing and storing the furniture.

9.3 Any charges incurred by a council in pursuance of subsection (1) shall be payable by the responsible person before the return of the furniture to that person.

9.4 Where any furniture-
(a) has been removed under subsection (1), and
(b) has not been recovered by the responsible person within 3 months beginning with the date of its removal

The council may take such steps as are reasonable to sell it or to dispose of it in such other way as the council thinks fit.

9.5 The authorised Officer shall ensure that the appropriate removal/seizure forms are fully completed and attached to the appropriate file.

9.6 A person who intentionally obstructs an authorised officer acting in the exercise of powers under section 22 or 23 commits an offence. A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

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12. Policy Authorisation

Development Committee Meeting Authorised on:	20th April 2026
Council Authorised on	05th May 2026

13. Policy Effective Date

05th May 2026

14. Policy Review Date

05th May 2030

The policy will be reviewed in line with the Council's agreed policy review cycle i.e. every 4 years (as per Council's Equality Scheme commitment 4.31).

15. Procedures

Refer to the Pavement Café Designation Procedure

16. Equality Screening

This policy has been equality screened and the outcome is that it not be subject to EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).

17. Rural Impact Assessment

Due regard to rural needs has been considered and a rural need impact assessment has been completed.

Appendix 1

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PROPERTY REMOVAL/RECEIPT FORM Ref No:

Use block capitals and black ink when completing this form							
Removal Officer's Name		Date		Time		Process Book No	
Location of Property							
Owner's Name			Address				
Responsible Person's Name			Address				
(if different from above)							
List any pavement café furniture seized							
	Description	**Quantity**	**Tag No.**	**Furniture Condition Report**			
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I confirm that the above details are correct Traders Signature:	**Trader refused to sign** ☐ **Tick**	Received at compound Time ..... Date ..... Property Officer: ..... Signature: .....

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20th April 2026
Subject:	PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Sonya Stephenson – Head of Programmes Sarah McClory – Project Coordinator

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

For decision	**X**	**For noting only**	

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	Purpose To approve the recommendations as set out in section 3. Background The PEACEPLUS Partnership met on the 26th March 2026. The recommendations arising from these meetings require ERT Committee approval.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	Community Engagement events • Engagement opportunities have been taking place throughout April in each of the Councils DEAs to highlight the projects that will be delivered under the action plan and encourage participation onto the projects. • The events have been advertised in local papers, PEACEPLUS webpage, via social media and through contact databases. • To register attendance please use the following link: www.ticketsource.co.uk/newry-mourne-down-district-council • April Events are: Wednesday 08th April - Newry Leisure Centre 6-7.30 pm Thursday 09th April - Hilltown Community Centre 6-7.30 pm Monday 13th April - Newcastle Centre 6-7.30 pm Tuesday 14th April - Crossmaglen Community Centre 6-7.30 pm Thursday 16th April - Down Leisure Centre 6-7.30 pm Tuesday 21st April - Castlewellan Centre 6-7.30 pm Wednesday 22nd April - Ballynahinch Community Centre 6-7.30 pm Thursday 23rd April - Online via Teams 6-7 pm

2.2	<u>Projects to be progressed</u> The Partnership have agreed the procurement and delivery of the below activities under Strand 2 and 3 of the Co-designed Local Action Plan. • 2.6 Social and Emotional Support Programmes: Intergenerational music and dance programmes. • 2.8 District wide Community Justice Interventions Programme. • 3.2 Minority Community Social Support: disability-inclusive sports programme for young people in the Crossmaglen area. • 3.2 Minority Community Integration Slieve Gullion area programme: Supporting Women in Farming, dealing with mental health and wellbeing and safe farming practices. • 3.5 Themed Diversity Festivals: Sports Festival Level the Play Field: an inclusive sports festival to fall on International Day of Disabled Persons 3rd December. • 3.5 Themed Diversity Festivals: Women's Fest: a women centred celebration honouring women's growth, confidence, and community connection. • 3.6 Responsive Peace Building Programmes: Slieve Gullion United through Play and Expression – an Anti-racism programme. • 3.7 Shared History and Culture Programmes. Slieve Gullion: Echoes of the Famine; and Bessbrook: Woven Through Time.
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1 3.2	Approve the business case for procurement and delivery of the Social and Emotional Support Programme –intergenerational Music and Dance. under Strand 2 of the Co-designed Local Action Plan. Note the minutes of PEACEPLUS Partnership on 26th March 2026.
4.0	**Resource implications**
4.1	Revenue/Payroll: Project 85% funded by the EU and 15% by the two Governments
5.0	**Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)**
5.1	***General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes*** It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒

5.2	***Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision*** Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☐ The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☐
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	Rationale:
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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☐
7.0	**Appendices** The below items are deemed to be exempt under 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. Appx.1 Business Case - 2.6 Intergenerational Music and Dance Appx.2 PEACEPLUS Project Board Minutes 26 March 2026
8.0	**Background Documents**
	n/a

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20 April 2026
Subject:	NI Regional Planning IT System
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Margaret Rodgers, Business Support Manager

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

For decision	**X**	**For noting only**	

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	Purpose To approve associated costs of the Shared Service for the Planning system. Background In 2025, the Planning Portal Governance Board agreed the revised Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Intelligent Client Function (ICF) and 11 partner Planning Authorities. The ICF manages the contract for the NI Planning Portal as a shared regional service operated by Belfast City Council.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	The annual budget as detailed in Appendix 1 is shared amongst planning authorities based on the historic levels of planning fees generated by each authority over the previous 4 yr period, with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council paying 12.6% in 2026-2027 year.
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	To approve the associated costs of the Shared Service for the Planning system.
4.0	**Resource implications**
4.1	Funds available as per 2026/27 budgets to cover costs of the Shared Service for the Planning system.
5.0	**Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)**

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	affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business Appx 1. Cost Breakdown Appx 2. Final NI Regional Planning IT System 31/03/2025
8.0	**Background Documents**
	None

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20th April 2026
Subject:	Temporary Road Closures on a Public Road for the Purposes of Holding a Special Event Policy
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director, Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Department
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paula Hughes, Senior Licensing Officer Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Department

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For decision	**x**	**For noting only**	

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	The Council's Licensing Section set down Policies for dealing with issuing a road closure order for temporary road closures on public roads for the purpose of holding special events. The powers of the Council are laid out in Legislation under: The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 Roads Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (as amended) Council to review Policies every 4 years.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	The following policy is set down for review: 1. Temporary Road Closures on a Public Road for the Purposes of Holding a Special Event Policy
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	• To consider and approve the attached Temporary Road Closures on a Public Road for the Purposes of Holding a Special Event Policy
4.0	**Resource implications**
4.1	• Review of existing policy documents • Preparation of amendments.
5.0	**Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)**

5.1	***General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes*** It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations	☒
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7.0	**Appendices**	

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8.0	**Background Documents**
	n/a

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

Temporary Road Closures on a Public Road for the Purpose of Holding a Special Event Policy

NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ECONOMY, REGENERATION AND TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Dated: 30 March 2026

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to outline the approach to be taken by the District Council when considering applications for temporary road closures on a public road for the purpose of holding a special event.

Its aim is to provide, insofar as is possible, transparent, well informed and legally sustainable decision making so as to develop and thereafter maintain public confidence in Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's (here after called 'the District Council') performance of its duties under the Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 and the Roads Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (as amended)

This Policy is intended to ensure that the District Council's Members and Officers are aware of those matters to be taken into consideration when determining if a street of part thereof should be prohibited or restricted for the purpose of holding a special event on a public road.

2. Background

2.1 The Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 amends the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 to provide relevant authorities (district councils and DRD Road Service) the power to prohibit or restrict the use of a public road for the purpose of holding a special event on a public road.

2.2 A 'special event' is defined as any sporting event, social event or entertainment which is held on a public road or the making of a film on a public road. Consent of the Department for Infrastructure is required (here after called 'the DFI Roads Service'). If the DFI Roads Service objects on the grounds of road safety issues or traffic management issues, then approval shall not be given.

3. References

- Roads (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010
- Roads Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (as amended)
- Department of Infrastructure Special Events on Roads, Guidance for District Councils
- Department of Infrastructure Special Events on Roads, Guidance for Promoters of Events

4. Scope

The District Council may by order restrict or prohibit temporarily the use of the road or part of the road by vehicles, class of vehicle or pedestrians, to such extent and subject to such conditions or exceptions it considers necessary or expedient.

4.1 A closure may only be permitted for the purpose of:

a) Facilitating the holding of **a special** event
b) Enabling members of the public to watch **a special** event or
c) Reducing the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by a **special** event, and
d) Restricting traffic on adjacent streets in order to facilitate the event.

The principles of the process are as outlined in the Temporary Road Closures Procedure.

4.2 No Order will be made with respect to any public road that will prevent at any time access for pedestrians-
(a) to any premises situated on or adjacent to the road, or
(b) to any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, the road.

4.3 The Council will ensure prior to making the order that it is not reasonably practicable for the event to be held otherwise than on a road. The council will have regard to any guidance issued by the DFI Roads Service.

4.4 Council may issue an order to:

a) Suspend or modify any statutory provision such as parking provision or waiting restriction.
b) Restrict the amount of time an event can last.
    (a) Approval shall be authorised by the Director of the Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Department under delegated authority.
    (b) Refusal shall be referred to the Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee for consultation.

Activities which are not special events

a) A public procession (within the meaning of the Public Processions (NI) Act 1998) - includes vintage car rallies and other motorised cavalcades
b) A Motor Race falling within the Road Races (NI) Order 1986
c) A Race or Trial falling within Article 45 of the Road Traffic (NI) Order 1995 (Cycle racing on roads)
d) Roads works or street works
e) Special roads

4.6 The council may monitor any special events as it deems necessary and report any significant non-compliance issues to the Police Service of Northern Ireland (here after called 'PSNI') for enforcement.

4.7 Any breaches of the conditions of the order shall be referred to the PSNI as the enforcement authority.

5. Costs

5.1 A Closure Special Event Order including advertisement costs of public notices for large and small events to be as outlined in the Temporary Road Closures Procedure.

5.2 A Closure for filming to be outlined in the Temporary Road Closures Procedure and that the following can be provided:

- If DFI Roads Service objects, then administration/advertising fees will not be refunded.

5.3 Fees are non-refundable if there are objections from consultees

- All clean-up costs after the event are to be covered by the applicant.
- DFI Road Service and PSNI may also incur costs and may seek to recover these directly from the applicant.

6. Definitions

6.1 Public Roads (NI) Order 1993, Definition of a public road:

a) A road which is maintained by the DFI Roads Service
b) Includes carriageway, footway and verge
c) Includes any bridge or tunnel

6.2 Special Road;

- All motorways
- The Westlink(A12); and
- A8M Sandyknowes to Corrs corner

6.3 The Department:

- The Department for Infrastructure

6.4 A Notice:

- A legally required document that presents the details of the special event, its organisers, and the impact on the local public road, which is placed in a local newspaper and invites written representation in respect of the proposals.

6.5 An Order

- A legal document that permits the relevant authority to prohibit or restrict traffic from using the road.

7 Policy Owner

Mr Conor Mallon, Director of Economy, Regeneration and Tourism

8. Contact details in regard of this policy are:

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Assistant Director of Economy, Regeneration and Tourism
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council
Unit 19 Rampart Road
Greenbank Industrial Estate
Newry
BT34 2QU

Telephone: 0330 137 4000

9. Policy Authorisation

Development Committee Meeting Authorised on:	20th April 2026
Council Authorised on:	05th May 2026

10. Policy Effective Date

05th May 2026

11. Policy Review Date

05th May 2030

The policy will be reviewed in line with the Council's agreed policy review cycle i.e. every 4 years (as per Council's Equality Scheme commitment 4.31).

12. Procedures

Refer to the Temporary Road Closures Procedure

13. Equality Screening

The policy has been equality screened, and the outcome is that it not be subject to an EQIA (with no mitigating measures required).

14. Rural Impact Assessment

Due regard to rural needs has been considered and a rural needs impact assessment has been completed.

Version 3.0

Appendix 1

Criteria for Small Events (i.e. Street Parties)

Small events such as street parties are a traditional part of community life; they are a simple way for us to get to know our neighbours and meet members of our community.

To be considered a 'small event', the event must: (please note this list is not exhaustive)

1. Be held on minor residential roads e.g. cul-de-sacs or side streets.
2. The proposed road to be closed must not have a bus route along it.
3. Not have a car park located on it or a car park which is accessed via the road to be closed (other than a car park for residents of the road)
4. Not be publicised for the general public and therefore will not draw in people from the wider area.
5. Be an event which would apply to the residents of one or two streets only and not to larger areas of the district/city. It is up to the district council to consider factors such as the proposed attendance figures etc when making its decision on whether to grant an Order.
6. Finish by 11pm.
7. Not have a stage built from which entertainment would be provided.
8. Not have amplified entertainment which may cause nuisance to the wider area.
9. Not have fireworks, pyrotechnics or bonfires on the street.
10. Not have alcohol or food **sold** at the event.

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20th April 2026
Subject:	Proposal for the replacement of legacy BT Telephone Box with BT Street Hubs in NMDDC
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director: Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paula Jones Digital Innovation and Regeneration Officer

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

For decision		**For noting only**	**x**

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	Purpose To provide Elected Members with an update on a proposal from Global, in partnership with BT, to replace selected legacy telecommunications kiosks/ Telephone Box with modern BT Street Hubs across the district, outlining key benefits and recommendations.
1.2	Background Global, in partnership with BT, has submitted 4 planning applications within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council as part of BT's wider programme to modernise its legacy payphone infrastructure. BT retains a statutory obligation under the Universal Service Obligation to provide public telephony services. Many existing kiosks are now at end-of-life, are no longer operational, and detract from the visual quality of streetscapes. The proposed joint programme seeks to replace selected legacy kiosks/ Telephone Boxes with BT Street Hubs – modern, digitally enabled units that provide a range of free to use public services and support enhanced local connectivity. Global has engaged with Council regarding the potential rollout of these units. It is important to note that any installations remain subject to the formal planning approval process.
2.0	**Key Issues**

2.1	**NMDDC Proposed Locations** The proposed upgrade of NMDDC's existing kiosk network includes the introduction of four Street Hub locations, alongside the removal of nine legacy kiosks. The four Street Hubs currently in application are as follows: 1. Corner of Hill Street / Margaret Square, Newry (BT34 1DE) 2. Outside Bus Station, Railway Street, Newcastle (BT33 0AL) 3. Main Street (outside Newcastle Shopping Centre), Newcastle (BT33 0AD) 4. Market Street, Downpatrick (BT30 6LR) (See Appendix for location site maps).
2.2	**Overview of Street Hub Infrastructure** The BT Street Hubs represent a next-generation digital infrastructure solution, powered entirely by renewable, carbon-free energy. Designed to support an increasingly connected society, each hub offers a range of public benefits including: • Ultrafast, encrypted Wi-Fi access • Secure USB ports for rapid mobile device charging • Free phone calls, including access to emergency services • Enhanced mobile connectivity via small cell deployment • Dual digital display screens for advertising and community messaging • Environmental sensors measuring air quality, noise, and traffic levels A key feature of this model is the ring-fenced allocation of 5% of advertising screen time for Council and community messaging, provided at no cost. This is available all year round, with no restriction on campaign duration. Content rotates every three minutes, ensuring consistent visibility. In addition, audience analytics and media value data can be shared with the Council to support campaign evaluation. (See Appendix for proposed Street Hub design).
2.3	**National Context and Evidence** Street Hubs have proven effective across the UK, with over 960 units already in operation. Key outcomes include: • 1.98 million free calls • 38,000+ emergency calls • 140,000+ calls to charities • 1,036 terabytes of free Wi-Fi usage • 27.79 million Wi-Fi sessions • Approximately 438 hours of free advertising capacity per screen annually for Local Authorities

This demonstrates both the demand for and the reliability of the infrastructure. In addition, ten Street Hubs are already operational within Belfast City Council.

2.4 Strategic Benefits & Opportunities for Council

Engagement with Global presents several benefits and opportunities for NMDDC:

1. Digital Infrastructure & Regeneration

- Strengthens digital connectivity in Newry, Newcastle, and Downpatrick.
- Supports the modernisation of public realm infrastructure.
- Enhances visitor experience, contributing to increased footfall and town centre vitality.
- Enhances digital infrastructure in strategically important locations across the district.

2. Digital Inclusion

- Provides free access to connectivity and communication services in accessible public locations.
- Supports residents without reliable mobile data and benefits visitors / tourists.
- Contributes to reducing digital exclusion across the district.

3. Smart City Opportunities

- Creates a platform for future integration with smart city initiatives.
- Provides access to real-time, anonymised data (e.g. connectivity usage, footfall trends and environmental conditions).
- Enables data-driven decision making and improved understanding of how public space is utilised.
- Supports alignment with wider digital transformation, innovation and regeneration strategies.

4. Public Safety & Communication

- Provides residents and visitors access to free emergency calls.
- Facilitates the delivery of real-time public information, civic messaging, event promotion, and emergency communications through digital screens.
- Supports safer, more connected public spaces, particularly during evening and night-time periods.
- Modernises legacy payphone infrastructure by replacing underused units with actively managed, well-lit digital hubs, contributing to reduced anti-social behaviour and improved public engagement.

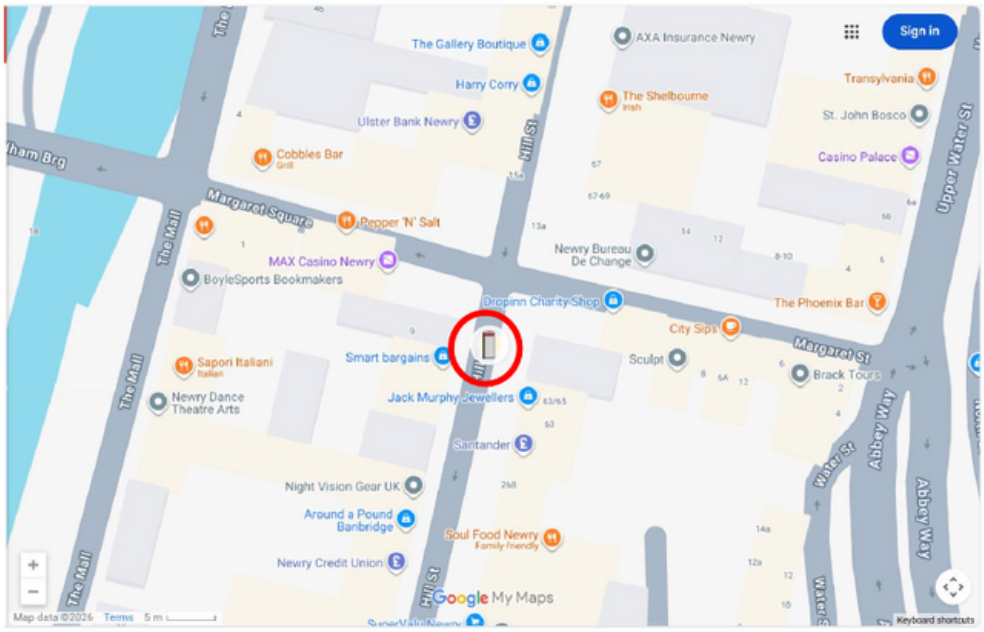
	5. Sustainability • Facilitates the removal of redundant and outdated street infrastructure, reducing visual clutter. • Supports continuous monitoring of environmental conditions, including air quality, noise and traffic monitoring. • Contributes to wider sustainability and public health objectives.
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	To note the proposal and current planning applications submitted by Global and BT and that all installations are subject to the appropriate planning approvals.
3.2	To note the strategic benefits of the proposal, including enhancing digital infrastructure, promoting digital inclusion, and town centre regeneration across the district.
3.3	To support continued engagement with Global and BT to explore opportunities for Council use, particularly in relation to civic messaging and data sharing insights.
4.0	**Resource implications**
4.1	There are no direct financial costs to the Council. The Street Hub infrastructure is privately funded, installed and maintained by the operator (Global / BT).
4.2	Council will receive free access to 5% of digital screen time for messaging purposes. Potential indirect resource requirements may include staff input for content creation (if utilised), and ongoing engagement and coordination with the operator
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7.0	**Appendices**
	1) NMDDC Proposed Locations Site Map and Hub Design.
8.0	**Background Documents**
	N/A

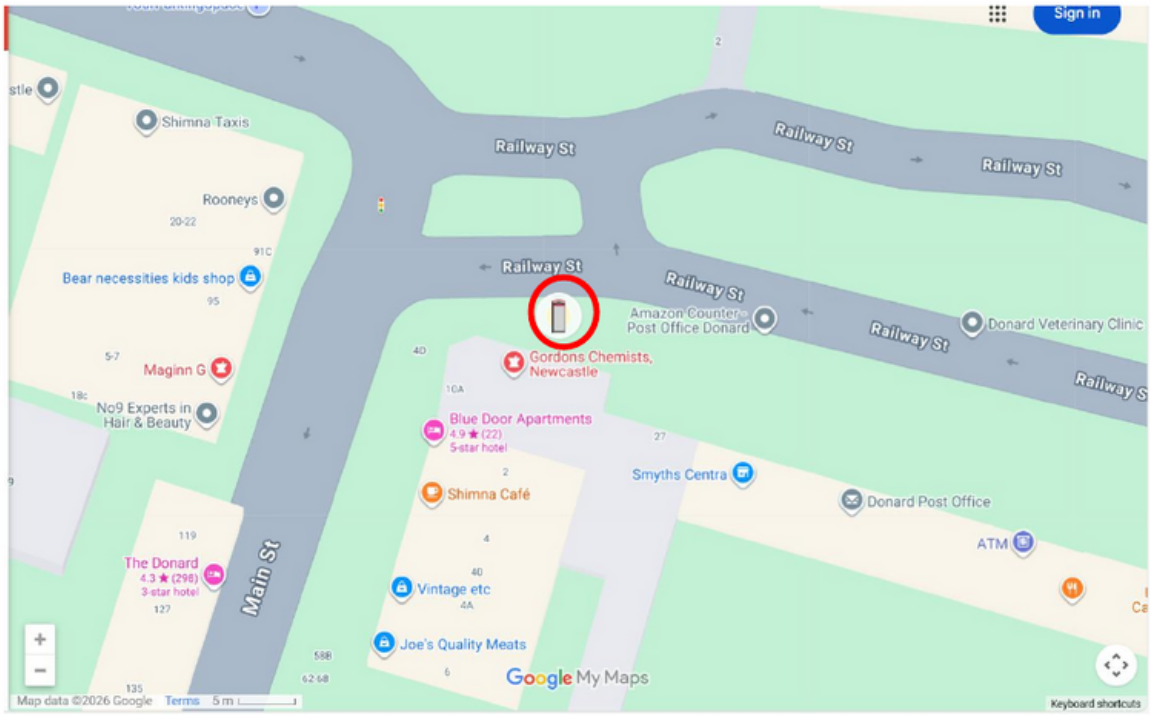
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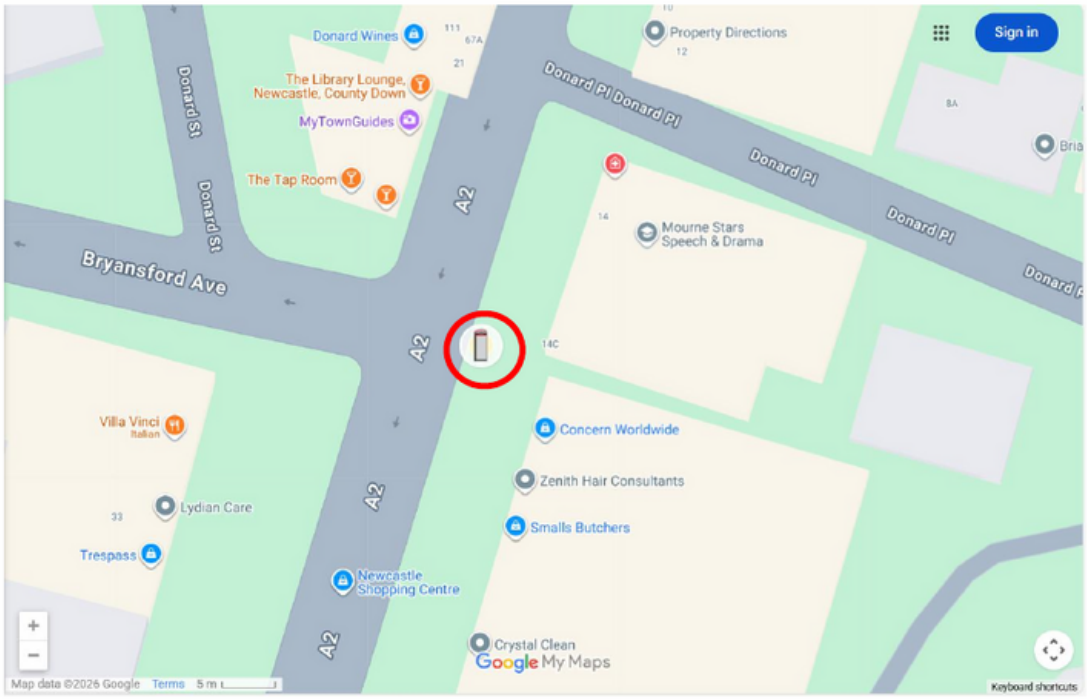
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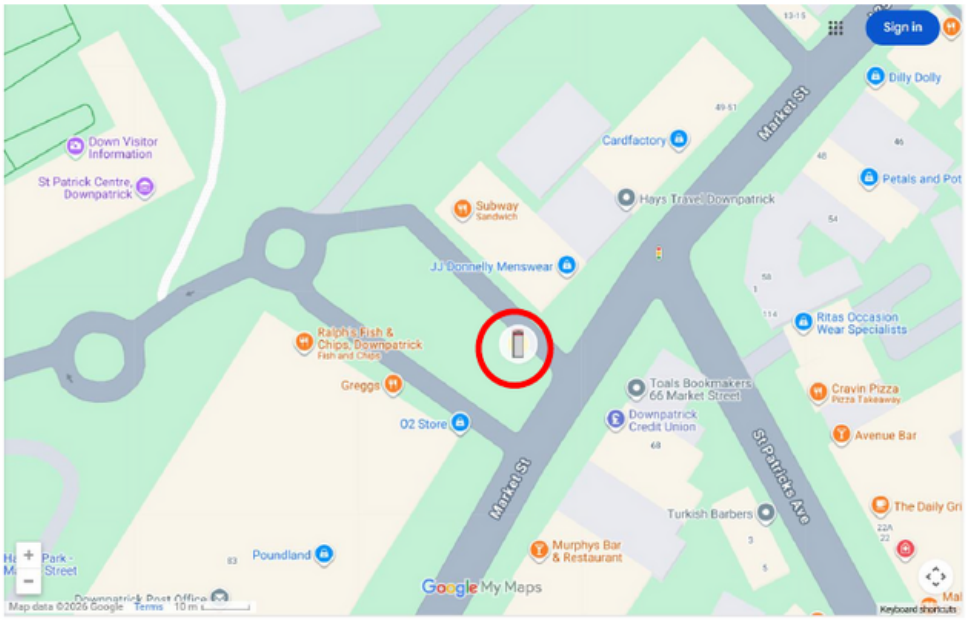
2. Outside Bus Station, Railway Street, Newcastle (BT33 0AL)



3. Main Street (outside Newcastle Shopping Centre), Newcastle (BT33 0AD)



4. Market Street, Downpatrick (BT30 6LR)



Section 2: Proposed Street Hub Design

The installations at the four locations identified in Section 1 will consist of units similar in design to the Street Hub shown below, with the image illustrating the existing phone box (top) and the proposed upgraded Street Hub (bottom).





Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20 April 2026
Subject:	SMART Forest Castlewellan
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth Assistant Director Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Michael Forster Digital Innovation and Regeneration Manager

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

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1.0	**Purpose and Background**
	Purpose To note the recommendation at section 3 of this report Castlewellan Forest Park: Smart Forest Pilot project October ERT 2025, Council approved acceptance of a Letter of Offer from Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (DSIT) for Castlewellan Forest Park, to enable the delivery of a proposal focused on transforming Castlewellan Forest Park into a model for smart, sustainable tourism. The funding, secured from the Belfast Innovation Region programme, which is overseen by Belfast City Council is to accelerate the use of advanced wireless technologies across key sectors such as health, transport, manufacturing, logistics, the creative industries, and public services. The project was defined as the first step in delivering an innovative and ambitious proof-of-concept for Castlewellan SMART Forest. Supporting the early adoption of advanced wireless technologies to drive innovation, support environmental management and create a real-world rural and tourism testbed for developing new digital use cases, with the potential to unlock future business and partnership opportunities. As per the Letter of Offer - DSIT implementation deadline for the project - 31 March 2026.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	**Updated Project Information**

	Following the submission of the initial funding application, more comprehensive cost and delivery information was received. A number of key issues were identified: • Increased Installation Costs Installation costs have risen significantly from the original estimates used to prepare the funding bid. These revised costs were received in mid-January and materially impacted the project's affordability and its ability to meet the March 2026 delivery timeline. • Financial Discrepancies Revised pricing for Years 2 and 3 of the Mobile Private Network (MPN) components substantially exceeds initial projections. Although lifetime cost information was requested in December, this was not provided until late January. This delay necessitated a full reassessment of the financial model and budget assumptions. • Impact on Business Case The revised balance between grant funding and ongoing operational costs has fundamentally altered the project's value proposition. As a result, the current business case does not sufficiently demonstrate value for money in its present form. • Delivery Constraints The deadline for installation and delivery of the first use case remained as 31 March 2026, which was challenging given the issues presented above.
2.2	**Outcome** • Given the issues presented at section 2.1, proceeding under the current project presented significant financial and delivery risks. • Officers need to refine delivery planning and ensure the project can clearly demonstrate value for money and tangible use case benefits. • On this basis it was not possible to comply with the Letter of Offer deadline of 31 March 2026, therefore the grant allocation will not be drawn down at this stage. No expenditure was incurred, therefore there is no cost impact to Council • A further funding opportunity is anticipated from DSIT and BCC, which is expected to provide an extended delivery window and revised timescales following feedback and evaluation discussions between NMDDC and Belfast City Council officials. • In parallel, officers are progressing Phase 1 of the IoT sensor element as part of a wider Visitor Management and Energy Sustainability project. This initial phase will: - Establish core digital infrastructure foundations. - Deliver an early, practical use case with measurable outcomes.

	- Generate data to inform and strengthen future funding applications. - Lay the groundwork for forthcoming Advanced Wireless funding opportunities. • This phased approach enables the Council to maintain progress, reduce risk exposure, and ensure that any future Advanced Wireless investment is underpinned by a robust, deliverable, and value-driven business case
3.0	**Recommendations**
	• To note the update provided on the Castlewellan Smart Forest project
4.0	**Resource implications**
	At this stage, no capital funding is required. Resource implication relates to officer time to support the development and preparation of a future funding bid.
5.0	**Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)**
5.1	***General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes*** It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒
5.2	***Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision*** Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☐ The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☒
5.3	***Proposal initiating consultation*** 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 ☐ Consultation period will be 12 weeks ☐

	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	☐
	Rationale:	
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 ☒ No ☐ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	☐
	If no, please complete the following: The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs	☒
7.0	**Appendices**	
	N/A	
8.0	**Background Documents**	
	N/A	

Category 6

Any other decisions such as those with political, media or industrial relations implications that Directors consider Members should be aware of.

Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Dept.

Info on event/agreement	Contact Name	Date of agreement/approval	Decision made by Director	Costs/requirements
Apr – Oct 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan Lake for water activities	Greenhill YMCA	5th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
5th Apr 2025 – 31 Mar 2026 Hire Agreement– Kilbroney Park for weekly Park Run	Parkrun Ltd	1st April 2025	Approved	As per the Terms and Conditions as set out in the signed Hire Agreement.
11th & 14th Apr 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Fairy Glen / Kilbroney Park for Forest Walk and River Activities	Loughs Agency	31.03.2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
12th Apr 2025 Request to Use Council land – Delamont walking trails for social walk	Outscape	4th April 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
20th April 2025 – Request to Use Council land – Vehicle access to Cloughmore Stone for church service.	The Presbytery of Newry of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland	14th April 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
24th April 2025 – Hire Agreement – Kilbroney Forest Park trails for Running Event	Newcastle AC	3rd April 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
25th April 2025 – Request to Use Council Land – Delamont Walking Trails for 5k charity run	Atlas	21st Feb 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
27th April 2025 – Request to Use Council Land –	Southern Area Hospice	26.02.2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan;

Newry Towpath for charity walk.				Insurance and associated costs where applicable
17th May – 13th Sept 2025 (various Saturdays) Request to Use Council Land – Warrenpoint Beach for open water skills programme	Swim Ulster	30th Jan 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
21, 28th May & 4 June 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake & Car park for Aquathlon	Newry Triathlon Club	19th May 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
24th May & 25th July 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Walking Trails for Leave No Trace Awareness Course	Walk the Mournes	15th April 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
24th May – 3rd June 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Delamont for Skiffie's Festival	Down Coastal Rowing Association	3rd Feb 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
31st May 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park for a wedding.	Ruby The Celebrant	7th May 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
June/July/Aug 2025				
4th June 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Fairy Glen / Kilbroney Park for Foyle & Carlingford Ambassador Programme	Loughs Agency	9th May 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
6th & 7th June 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park for Mourne Way Marathon	26 Extreme	22nd Oct 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable

7th June 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake & Carpark for Crooked Lake Sprint Triathlon	Feile Chamlocha	5th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
12th June – 28 Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land for various dates June / July / Aug at: Delamont; Castlewellan; Kilbroney for Forest Bathing and meditation	Crann Forest Therapy	02.06.2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
13th & 14th June 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park for Charity Walk	Massive	9th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
20th & 21st June 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park for Vintage Car Show	Kilbroney Lions 2000	2nd April 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
27th June 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Green Events area at Cranfield beach for annual gathering event	Schomberg Society	9th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable.
28th June – 2nd July 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan Forest Park & Bloody Bridge for children's summer camp.	Coleraine Grammar School	24th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
1st July – 27th July 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan Agricultural Show on 19th July. (includes set up & take down days)	Castlewellan & District Agricultural Show	11th July 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
3rd July & 22 Aug 2025	Mae Murray Foundation	22nd May 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events

Request to Use Council Land – Cranfield Beach for Fun Day Events and Adapted Paddle Sessions				Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
16th July – 29th July 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Lower Green, Strangford for funfair. (includes set up & take down days)	Bells Traditional Funfair	19th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable and signed Hire Agreement.
9th & 10th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Kilbroney Park for Top of the Mourne Triathlon	Newry Triathlon Club	10th July 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
9th & 10th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Warrenpoint Beach for Currach Championships	Carlingford Lough Currach Club	21st Feb 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
15th & 16th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion Forest Park for Ulster International Motor Rally	Ulster Rally	30th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable and signed Hire Agreement.
15th – 17th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Warrenpoint Pier For: Fireworks 15th 5k/10k Run 17th	Warrenpoint Loughside Festival	28th July 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance, specific to Fireworks, and associated costs where applicable
18th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan; Kilbroney; Slieve Gullion for photoshoots	Outscape NI	13th Aug 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
18th – 27th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Lower Green & Pocket Park	Strangford Festival Committee	13th Aug 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable and

Strangford for Festival (includes set up & take down days)				signed Event Agreement.
21st – 25th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Newry Canal for passenger trips as part of festival	Iur Cinn Fleadh	20th Aug 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
25th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Newry Canal for Newry Water Festival	Newry DEA, NMDDC	27th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
30th Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan Forest Park for Sprint Triathlon Race	Olympian Triathlon Club	29th Aug 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
31st Aug 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Tyrella Beach for Endurance Race	Irish Long Distance Riding Association	20th Aug 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
6th Sept 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Carlingford Lough Greenway for Race	Born 2 Run Events Ltd	19th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
22nd – 24th Sept 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Tyrella Beach for Filming	Skintown Films	17th June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable and signed Hire Agreement.
5th Oct 2025 Request To Use Council Land – Newcastle Way for running event	We Run Wild NI	19 June 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
12th Oct 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan	Life Adventure	8th Oct 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and

Forest Park for Cross Country Run				associated costs where applicable
18th & 19th Oct 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Cloughmore Centre & Lower Carpark at Kilbroney for Indoor & Outdoor Training	Cycling Ireland	26th Aug 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
22nd Oct 2025 Request to Use Council Land Delamont Country Park for filming	Fremantle Media	20th Oct 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
31 Oct 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Warrenpoint breakwater for Fireworks Display	Vivid Fireworks	6th Oct 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
1st & 2nd Nov 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Delmont Country Park for Horse Riding event	URRA	20th Oct 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
4th & 5th Nov 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Newry Towpath for Children in Need Walk	BBC NI	9th Oct 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
30th Nov 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Lower carpark at Kilbroney for Tractor Run starting point	Hughes Agri Contracts	30th Oct 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
5th Dec 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan Forest Park for Filming	Novus Select	4th Dec 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
7th Dec 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Newry Towpath for 5k run/walk	Newry City Runners	11th Nov 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable

12th – 19th Dec 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Tyrella Beach for filming.	Fixer CMG Ltd	12th Dec 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
21st Dec 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Camlough Lake Car park for running race	D Winters	18th Dec 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
27th Dec 2025 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan Forest Park for Running Event	Newcastle AC	8th Dec 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
18th Jan 2026 Request to Use Council Land – Delamont country Park for Cross Country Race	East Down AC	19th Nov 2025	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
2nd Feb 2026 Request to Use Council Land – Tyrella Beach for Filming	Faraway Home Productions	28th Jan 2026	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable
21st Feb 2026 Request to Use Council Land & Hire of Pontoon – Newry Canal and Middle Bank for River Race	Newry Rowing Club	21st Jan 2026	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable and signed Hire Agreement
28th Feb 2026 Request to Use Council Land – Castlewellan Forest Park for running event	Born2Run Events	5th Feb 2026	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable and signed Hire Agreement.
7th March 2026 Request to Use Council Land – Slieve Gullion for mountain race	Armagh AC	28th Jan 2026	Approved	Subject to: Risk Assessment; Events Plan; Site Plan; Insurance and associated costs where applicable

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20th April 2026
Subject:	Instiitute of Directors NI (IoD NI) Infrastructure Report Launch
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Amanda Smyth, Assistant Director, Economy, Growth and Tourism

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

For decision		**For noting only**	**X**

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	Purpose To note the recommendation as outlined in section 3 of this report. Background Institute of Directors Northern Ireland (IoD NI) has launched a report "Getting Infrastructure and Investment Back on Track" The report sets out a focused programme designed to unlock economic potential, accelerate sustainable development and strengthen Northern Ireland's long-term competitiveness. The Action Plan responds directly to the challenges consistently raised by many NI business leaders: slow and inconsistent planning decisions, uncertainty around major infrastructure priorities and a lack of stable, long-term investment signals. This plan is based on insights collected from the business community gathered through a series of workshops held by the Infrastructure and Investment Forum.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	Key priority recommendations To address these challenges, the plan highlights three key priority recommendations: 1. Establishing an independent Infrastructure Commission for Northern Ireland. 2. Appointing a dedicated Planning Champion 3. Commission an Independent Expert review of alternative arrangements into funding water infrastructure
2.2	Recommendations - Summary

1. Facilitate sustainable growth and a cleaner energy future

- Move towards a 'plan-led' approach for grid development
- Expedite and remove barriers to the delivery of the North South Interconnector and other key transmission grid upgrades
- Ensure the Renewable Energy Price Guarantee (REPG) scheme is introduced and passed
- Progress legislation governing Offshore Renewable Energy Installations and decommissioning
- Building on the success of the Vehicle Emissions Trading scheme, set appropriate policies to encourage and incentivise decarbonising of heating and transport at demand level

2. Improve planning performance

- Appoint a Planning Champion for Northern Ireland to drive good practice across councils and all responsible agencies
- Introduce a time limited 28 days 'Use it or lose it' policy with presumed consent, to encourage prompt and substantive responses from statutory consultees to planning applications
- Amend legislation to shorten the time limit for seeking leave for a judicial review from 3 months to 6 weeks for infrastructure or planning related issues and consider limiting the ability for major projects to be blocked due to minor process points
- Amend the Development Management regulations to ensure thresholds for classes of development are appropriate for new and changing technologies
- Review the status and sponsoring department of the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) to ensure it has the appropriate accountability mechanisms and resources

3. Investing in Northern Ireland's water infrastructure

- Introduce an Infrastructure and Environmental Protection Levy, collected via the rates system and ring-fenced for capital investment in essential infrastructure
- Prioritise necessary investment in water infrastructure, targeted to areas of greatest need
- Commission a speedy and "comprehensive review of alternative arrangements, led by suitably qualified experts" into our water infrastructure
- Increased public education in the water cycle/ systems and high value of water to help incentivise lower use per head of population

4. Connecting people and place

- Establish an overarching Transport Authority to provide strategic leadership for transport services and infrastructure
- Build on the success of Belfast Grand Central Station with further investment in public transport, with the prioritisation of Glider Phase 2, and rail connections to Belfast International Airport and Belfast City Airport
- Commit dedicated resources and funding to deliver the key recommendations of the All Island Strategic Rail Review

	- Approve legislation to enable the ONS to reclassify Trust Ports, increasing borrowing capacity and unlocking the full potential of Belfast Harbour, Foyle Port, Warrenpoint Harbour and Coleraine Harbour. - Ensure NI benefits from wider UK investment in 5G and 6G so that rural businesses and communities have mobile and digital connectivity - Develop and enhance urban and rural greenways/ National Cycle Network - Prioritise delivery of key roads upgrades, including realistic action plans of when these can be delivered - Bring forward a dedicated Aviation Strategy for Northern Ireland, including potentially using underutilised airports as Centres of Excellence for Aviation. **5. Funding and managing infrastructure delivery** - Publish the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland (ISNI) including the 10-year investment and spending plan and ensure it is needs based - Examine the potential devolution of the Crown Estate, to unlock funding for infrastructure projects - Appoint an independent Infrastructure Commission or Council including experts with experience in delivering projects in other jurisdictions to help manage and prioritise infrastructure - Review procurement practices to ensure sufficient skills, insight and expertise are embedded within the decision-making process - Develop greater partnership between the private sector and government, with government taking an active role in de-risking investment and using available lands to facilitate regeneration. - Recognising limitations in NI capital budget, explore alternative means of financing infrastructure projects, including best practice from other jurisdictions
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	To note the recent launch of a report and its recommendations, "Getting Infrastructure and Investment Back on Track", launched by the Institute of Directors Northern Ireland (IoD NI)
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	***General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes*** It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒
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5.3	***Proposal initiating consultation***	
	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	☐
	Consultation period will be 12 weeks	☐
	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	☐
	Rationale:	
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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	☐
7.0	**Appendices**	
	n/a	
8.0	**Background Documents**	
	The full report is available to download here: IoD NI: Action Plan - Getting Infrastructure and Investment Back on Track	

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20 April 2026
Subject:	6 Monthly Building Control Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Edwin Newell Head of Building Control and Licensing

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

For decision		**For noting only**	**X**

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	Purpose Provide the members with a 6 monthly update on the Building Control Service. Background Building Control: 1. Enforce Building Regulations, Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations and Dangerous Structures Legislation within the Council District. 2. Carry out Fire Risk Assessments on all Council buildings.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	N/A
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	To note the content of the 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)**
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	Rationale:	
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 ☐ No ☐ If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	☐
7.0	**Appendices**	
	Building Control 6 Monthly Report – 1st September 2025 to 28th February 2026	
8.0	**Background documents**	
	N/A	

6 Monthly Report for ERT Committee Meeting

1.0 Building Regulations Report – Matters for Noting

1.1 Number of Building Regulation Applications Received

01 Sept 2025 – 28 Feb 2026	01 Sept 2024 – 28 Feb 2025
1545	1278

1.2 Fees Received

01 Sept 2025 – 28 Feb 2026		01 Sept 2024 – 28 Feb 2025	
Plan Fee	£118,185.58	Plan Fee	£121,663.64
Inspection Fee	£210,975.08	Inspection Fee	£365,244.84
Other Fee	£1,614.70	Other Fee	£1,311.66
Total	£330,775.36	Total	£488,220.14

1.3 Site Inspections carried out

01 Sept 2025 – 28 Feb 2026	01 Sept 2024 – 28 Feb 2025
4121	4676

1.4 Performance

Current performance indicators:-

Domestic Plan Assessments assessed within 21 days	(Target 80%)	90%
Non Domestic Plan Assessments assessed within 35 days	(Target 80%)	84%
BR3 Returns assessed within 14 days	(Target 85%)	95%

2.0 Enforcement

Number of premises visited to assess extent of unauthorised works between September 2025 and February 2026 = 5

11 Coney Island, Ardglass	New dwelling	Resolved
2 Cloughreagh Bungalows, Bessbrook	Alterations to building	Resolved
Park Lane, Downpatrick	Piles and ring beam for proposed dwelling	Resolved
11 Quay Lane, Killough	New dwelling	Resolved
122a Bryansford Road, Newcastle	Detached building comprising of a garage and a 2-bedroom self-contained living accommodation	Resolved

3.0 Dangerous Structures

Number of premises identified as dangerous structures between September 2025 and February 2026 = 10

47 Greencastle Street, Kilkeel	Loose slates	Resolved
55 Killough Road, Downpatrick	Loose roof slates	Resolved
55-55a Downpatrick Street, Crossgar	Structural defect of boundary wall	Resolved
20 High Street, Bessbrook	Unsafe gable wall	Resolved

11 St Marys Street, Newry	Collapse of chimney at the rear of property to car park, loose roof structure and covering	Resolved
5c Gaol Lane, Downpatrick	Loose masonry and defective pointing on elevation	Resolved
9 South Promenade	Broken window sashes and loose render on front elevation, loose slates on roof	Currently working with owner to resolve the danger
19 Kilmore Road, Crossgar	Loose slates falling into neighbouring property and loose plaster render at building corner	Currently working with owner to resolve the danger
36 Castle Street, Killough	Loose slates on roof	Currently working with owner to resolve the danger
10 Church Hill, Killyleagh	Broken glazing to first floor window	Resolved

4.0 Property Certificates

Property certificates responded to date.

01 Sept 2025 – 28 Feb 2026
1248

01 Sept 2024 – 28 Feb 2025
1247

5.0 Fire Risk Assessments

Number of Fire Risk Assessments carried out during the past 6 months = 66.

- Greenbank Depot
- Newry Tennis Bubble
- Cabra Community Centre
- Crossmaglen Community Centre
- Slieve Gullion Tourist Amenity Building
- Drumalane Community Centre
- Cullyhanna Community Centre
- Kilbroney Park Tennis Court Amenity Building
- Kilbroney Park Reception Building
- Kilbroney Park Caravan Camping Area and Amenity Building
- Kilbroney - Event Building
- Warrenpoint Boat Club House Building
- Newry Town Hall
- Derrybeg Leisure Centre
- Newry Leisure Centre
- Annalong Cornmill
- Annalong Community Centre
- Fish Market, Kilkeel
- Newry Bowling Green and Tennis Courts
- Hilltown Amenity Site
- Warrenpoint Park Public Convenience
- Public Convenience/Retail Units, Warrenpoint
- Warrenpoint Cemetary Toilets / Store Block
- Rostrevor Public Convenience
- Bessbrook Bowling Pavilion
- Kilkeel Bowling Green
- Kilkeel Changing Block
- Kilkeel Amenity Site
- Bloody Bridge Public Convenience
- Carrigenagh Road - Playing Fields x 2 No. & Pavilion
- Kilkeel Public Convenience
- Newcastle Bowling Pavilion
- Delamont Country Park Office Building
- Delamont Country Park (Heron's Nest)
- Delamont Country Park Public Convenience Block
- Delamont Country Park Caravan Club Reception Building
- Delamont Country Park Caravan Club Amenity Block

- Castlewellan Forest Park Caravan Toilet Block
- Castlewellan Forest Park - The Grange, Block 4 (Ablutions)
- Castlewellan Forest Park - Harvest Store
- Castlewellan Forest Park - Wire Store
- Ardglass Public Toilets
- Quoile Public Toilets
- Ballyhornan Public Toilets
- Strangford Pavilion
- Ardglass Bathing House
- Crossgar Public Toilets
- Killyleagh Public Toilets
- Saintfield Public Toilets
- Drumanakelly Landfill Site Office
- Dundrum Picnic Area Public Toilets
- Struell Cemetary Amenity Building
- Downpatrick HRC (Killough Road)
- Downs Road Public Toilets
- Central Promenade Public Toilets
- Island Park Public Toilets
- South Promenade Public Toilets
- Donard Park Public Toilets
- Ballykine Civic Amenity Site Office
- Castlewellan Public Toilets
- St. Colman's Astro Pitch / Pavilion
- Langley Road Pavilion
- Ballynahinch Public Toilets
- Lough Inch Cemetery Building
- Kilkeel Council Depot
- Newcastle Centre & Tropicana

6.0 Energy Performance of Buildings (EPB) Checks and LPS Vacant Rating 01 September 2025 – 28 February 2026

ESTATE AGENTS

- Total no of agents checked (on site/ website) - 48
- Total number of properties not compliant – 0
- Number of first warning letters issued – 0
- Number of successful first warning letters – 0

DISPLAY ENERGY CERTIFICATES (DEC's)

- Number of buildings checked on Landmark - 216
- Number of buildings compliant on Landmark - 184
- Number of first warning letters issued - 51
- Number of successful first warning letters - 19

AIR CONDITIONING

- Number of air con buildings checked on landmark - 111
- Number of air con buildings compliant – 105
- Number of first warning letters issued - 7
- Number of successful first warning letters – 1

EPCs RECEIVED (ON CONSTRUCTION)

- Number of new dwelling EPCs checked on Landmark – 191
- Number of new dwellings complaint – 191
- Number of dwellings now compliant after Letter 1 -

LPS VACANT RATING

- Currently suspended by Land and Property Services

Recommendation:
For Noting

Report to:	Economy, Regeneration and Tourism Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday 20th April 2026
Subject:	Licensing 6 Monthly Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan McGilly, Assistant Director Regeneration
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Paula Hughes, Senior Licensing Officer

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

For decision		**For noting only**	**x**

1.0	**Purpose and Background**
1.1	Purpose To note the contents contained within the Licensing 6 monthly report. Background The Licensing Section is responsible for administering the Entertainment, Cinema, Petroleum, Amusement, Marriage, Street Trading, Lotteries, Road Closures, Pavement Café and Shops Sunday Trading, Postal Numbering, Street/Road naming and Street Nameplate functions.
2.0	**Key issues**
2.1	n/a
3.0	**Recommendations**
3.1	To note the contents contained within the Licensing 6 monthly 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	***General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes*** It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations ☒

5.2	***Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision*** Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	☐ ☐
5.3	***Proposal initiating consultation*** 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 Consultation period will be 12 weeks Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	☐ ☐ ☐
	Rationale:	
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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	☐
7.0	**Appendices**	
	1. Licensing 6 Monthly Report – 1st September 2025 to 28th February 2026	
8.0	**Background Documents**	
	N/A	

Licensing Report: Matters for Noting

1 September 2025 – 28 February 2026

1.0	**Application Information**	
1.1	Number of Licensing Applications Received and Validated (Entertainment, Cinema, Petroleum, Amusement, Marriage, Street Trading, Lotteries, Road Closures, Pavement Café and Shops Sunday Trading)	**245**
1.2	Number of Licences Granted (Entertainment, Cinema, Petroleum, Amusement, Marriage, Street Trading, Lotteries, Road Closures, Pavement Café and Shops Sunday Trading)	**219**
1.3	Number of Annual Inspections Carried out (Amusement, Cinema, Entertainment, Marriage, Petroleum and During Performance Inspections)	**188**

2.0 List of Entertainment Licences Issued

Name of Premises (Entertainment)	Address	Town	Postcode
Maginns Bar	9-11 Main Street	Castlewellan	BT31 9DF
Railway Bar	79 Monaghan Street	Newry	BT35 6AY
Moneydarragh Community Hub Limited	101 Longstone Road	Annalong	BT34 4UZ
An Cuan (Youth with a Mission NI Ltd)	Shore Road	Rostrevor	BT34 3ET
Old Killowen Inn	10 Bridge Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3BG
The Primrose	30 Main Street	Ballynahinch	BT24 8DN
War Memorial Community Hall	5 John Street	Crossgar	BT30 9EG
Windmill Bar	46 Church Street	Newry	BT34 2AU
INF Social Club Ballyholland	46 Lower Ballyholland Road	Newry	BT34 2LU
The Anchor Bar	9 -11 Bryansford Road	Newry	BT33 0HJ
Villa Vinci	31 Main Street	Newcastle	BT33 0AD
St Patricks GFC	Tullynavall Road	Cullyhanna	BT35 0PZ
INF St Moninna Club	55 Forkhill Road	Newry	BT35 8QX
St Johns GAA	Ballywillwill Road	Castlewellan	BT31 9NR
Irwins Public House	1a Castleblayney Street	Newtownhamilton	BT35 0PD
Burrendale Hotel and Country Club	51 Castlewellan Road	Newcastle	BT33 0JY
Newry Shamrocks GAC Social Club	Ballinacraig Way	Newry	BT34 2QX
Mayobridge Community Centre	4 Old Road	Mayobridge	BT34 2HE
Loughinisland GAC	7 Teconnaught Road	Loughinisland	BT33 8QE
Nan Rices	7-9 Francis Street	Newry	BT35 8BQ
Arnold Hall	66 Spa Road	Ballynahinch	BT34 8PT
Doyle's Bar	22 Main Street	Camlough	BT35 7JG
Newry Leisure Centre	60 Cecil Street	Newry	BT34 6AU
Castlewellan GAC	21 Circular Road	Castlewellan	BT31 9ED
The Rostrevor Inn	33-35 Bridge Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3BG

Minny Doyle's Bar	13-15 Main Street	Hilltown	BT34 5UJ
Lowry's Bar (Clonduff Bar Ltd)	29 Main Street	Hilltown	BT34 5UJ
RL Mitchell Memorial Orange Hall	Downshire Road	Newry	BT34 1EE
Slieve Donard Resort & Spa	Downs Road	Newcastle	BT33 0AH
Irish National Foresters (INF) Club	9 Havelock Place	Warrenpoint	BT33 0AH
Second Saintfield Presbyterian Church Hall	Ballynahinch Road	Saintfield	BT24 7AD
Ballymartin Inn Ltd	17 Ballymartin Village	Ballymartin	BT34 4PA
Square 4	4 The Square	Kilkeel	BT34 4AA
Irish National Foresters (INF)	22 Rostrevor Road	Hilltown	BT34 5XR
Ardglass Golf Club	4 Castle Place	Ardglass	BT3 7TP
St Michael's Parochial Hall	141 Rathfriland Road	Dromara	BT25 2EE
The Donard Bar	29 Main Street	Newcastle	BT33 0AD
Irish National Foresters (INF) Club	15A William Street	Newry	BT34 2EQ
Killeavy GAC	Forkhill Road	Newry	BT35 8QX
Turleys Bar	5-7 Scotch Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6AQ
Kilkeel Golf Club	Mourne Park	Kilkeel	BT34 4LB
Cuchulainn Park Social Club	Cranny Road	Mullaghbawn	BT35 9YA
Little Bulgaria	19 English Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6AB
Cedar Integrated Primary School & Nursery Unit	29 Kilmore Road	Crossgar	BT30 9HJ
The Lantern	10B Cardinal O'fiaich Square	Crossmaglen	BT35 9AA
Cafe at Montalto	Montalto Estate, Spa Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8PT
The Saul Centre	St Patrick's Road	Downpatrick	BT30 7JQ
Teconnaught GFC	7 Rann Road	Downpatrick	BT30 9AW
St Mary's Hall - Newcastle Community Cinema	52A Main Street	Newcastle	BT33 0AD
The Rowallane Inn	1 Belfast Road	Saintfield	BT24 7AP
Dollys Brae Inn	15 Gargarry Road	Ballyward	BT31 9RW
The Cloughmor Inn	2 Bridge Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3BG
Round House Bar	28 Stream Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6DE
The Lobster Pot	7-11 The Square	Strangford	BT30 7ND
Carrickcruppen GAA & Social Club	Lowes Lane	Camlough	BT35 7JS
Newry and Mourne Museum	Bagenals Castle	Newry	BT34 2BY
Percy French Restaurant	Downs Road	Newcastle	BT33 0AH
Jack Kay's Bar	124 Concession Road	Crossmaglen	BT35 9JE
Victoria Hotel	1 Dock Street	WARRENPOINT	BT34 3LZ
Corner House Bar	1 Bridge Street	Rostrevor	BT34 3BG
Millbrook Lodge Hotel	5 Drumaness Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8LS
St Patricks Parish Centre	24 Church Street	Ballynahinch	BT24 8LP
Mooney's Bar	36 Main Street	Castlewellan	BT31 9DG
Kent Amusements	17 Church Street	WARRENPOINT	BT34 3HN
Inverbrena Community Centre	Stella Maris Street	Strangford	BT30 7NJ
Gormans Bar	2C Bavan Road	Mayobridge	BT34 2EP
Canal Court Hotel	29 -32 Merchants Quay	Newry	BT35 8HF
St. John Bosco GFC Social Club	10 Upper Water Street	Newry	BT34 1DJ

Clonduff GAC	18 Castlewellan Road	Hilltown	BT34 5UY
Dufferin Coaching Inn	33 High Street	Killyleagh	BT30 9QF
Spa Golf Club	20 Grove Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8PN
Rowallane Garden, National Trust	Crossgar Road	Saintfield	BT24 7LH
Rademon Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church Hall	19 Listooder Road	Crossgar	BT30 9JE
The Cuan Guest Inn	6-12 The Square	Strangford	BT30 7ND
Atticall GAC Social Club	4 Sandy Brae	Kilkeel	BT34 4SS
Kittys Road Community Centre	12 Kittys Road	Kilkeel	BT34 4EJ
Mullans Bar	48 Church Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6EJ
Eats & Beats	Donard Park, Playing Fields	Newcastle	BT33 0HL
Paddy Kellys	8 The Square	Ballynahinch	BT24 8AE
First & Last	24 The Square	Warrenpoint	BT34 3JT
The Bridge Bar	55 North Street	Newry	BT34 1DD
Warrenpoint Golf Club	Lower Dromore Road	Warrenpoint	BT343LN
Currans Bar and Seafood Steakhouse	83 Strangford Road	Ardglass	BT30 7SP
Down Arts Centre	2-6 Irish Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6BP
Fitzpatricks Bar	7 Church Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6EH
Killyleagh Yacht Club	22a Cuan Beach	Killyleagh	BT30 9QU
Ballyhornan Family Centre	15 Rourkes Link	Bishopscourt	BT30 7DQ
Royal British Legion	5 Derrymore Road	Bessbrook	BT35 7DY
St Peters GAA	17-19 Mary Street	Warrenpoint	BT34 3NT
The Yellow Heifer	16 Main Street	Camlough	BT35 7JG
Magees Bar	20 Merchants Quay	Newry	BT34 6AH
Kilkeel Golf Club	Mourne Park	Kilkeel	BT34 4LB
The Maghera Inn	86 Ballyloughlin Road	Castlewellan	BT31 9HE
Hunter Moore Social Club	65 Belfast Road	Newry	BT34 1QH
The Carriage Rooms at Montalto	Spa Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8PT
The Whistledown Hotel	6 Seaview	Warrenpoint	BT34 3NH
Warrenpoint Town Hall	Church Street	Warrenpoint	BT34 3HN
International Bar	9 Cross Street	Killyleagh	BT30 9QG
Bryansford Social Club (GAC)	Castlewellan Road	Newcastle	BT33 0DA
O'Hares Lounge Bars	119-121 Central Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 0EU
Annesley Hall	3 South Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 0EX
Dufferin Arms	35 High Street	Killyleagh	BT30 9AF
Great Hall	Downshire Hospital Ardglass Road	Downpatrick	BT30 6RA
Doran's Bar	22 Kilkeel Road	Hilltown	BT34 5XZ

3.0 List of Petroleum Licences Issued

Name of Premises (Petroleum)	**Address**	**Town**	**Postcode**
College Filling Station	112 Market Street	Downpatrick	BT30 6LZ
PSNI	3 Ballyhornan Road	Downpatrick	BT30 6RB
MCG Wholesale	68 Edenappa Road	Jonesborough	BT35 8HY
Coole Oils Ltd	71 New Road	Silverbridge	BT35 9LR
Kellys Point Hire	Milltown Industrial Estate	Warrenpoint	BT34 3PN
Donnelly's Service Station	236 Dublin Road	Newry	BT35 8RL

Eurospar	14 Castlewellan Road	Newcastle	BT33 0DB
Go Ballynahinch	26 Belfast Road	Ballynahinch	BT24 8DZ
Downpatrick Service Station	New Bridge	Downpatrick	BT30 6EY
Narrow Water Service Station	58 Newry Road	Warrenpoint	BT34 3LD
Spar Crossgar Service Station	7 Saintfield Road	Crossgar	BT30 8HY
Clonalig Stores Ltd	200 Concession	Crossmaglen	BT35 9JD
T Duffy & Sons	25-27 Castle Street	Killough	BT30 7QQ
O'Hares Warrenpoint Ltd	61A Upper Dromore	Warrenpoint	BT34 3PN
Bells Supervalu	1A Downpatrick Road	Crossgar	BT30 9EQ
Spar Castlewellan	1 Newcastle Road	Castlewellan	BT30 9EQ
Supervalu Newcastle (Barbican)	80-82 Dundrum Road	Newcastle	BT33 0LN
Newry Filling Station	16 Belfast Road	Newry	BT34 1QA
Ardmore PSNI Station	3 Belfast Road	Newry	BT35 9BW
Clarnew Limited	30A Newry Road	Crossmaglen	BT35 9BW
Save Oils Ltd	186 Glassdrumman Road	Annalong	BT34 4QL
Annacloy Filling Station	41 Annacloy Road	Downpatrick	BT30 9AE
McKevitt Services Ltd (Barneys SS)	261 Dublin Road	Newry	BT35 8RL
Morgan Fuels Killean Xpress Service Station	251 Dublin Road	Newry	BT35 8RL
O'Hare's Supermarket	37 Newry Road	Mayobridge	BT34 2ET

4.0 List of Amusement Permits Issued

Name of Premises (Entertainment)	**Address**	**Town**	**Postcode**
Boyle Gaming	45-51 Mill Street	Newry	BT34 1AG
Boyle Bingo and Amusements	29 – 31 Church Street	Warrenpoint	BT34 3HN
Kent Amusements	79 Central Promenade	Newcastle	BT33 0HH

5.0 Street Nameplates

Nameplates Requests Received	52
Nameplates Ordered	73
Nameplates confirmed as being erected	18

6.0 List of Single Language Nameplates erected from 1 September 2025 – 28 February 2026

Street Name	
Hunters Walk, Newcastle	
Whiterock Road, Newtownhamilton	
Riverview Leading to Damolly Meadows, Newry	
Springhill Court, Newry	
Springhill Drive Leading to River View, Damolly Meadows, Rathmore Road & Hill Crescent, Newry	
Bridge Street, Kilkeel	

Church View, Dundrum	
The Braes, Newry	
Goragh Road, Newry	
Latt Crescent, Newry	
121,123,123a,127 Silverbridge Road, Mullaghbawn	
Crooked Road, Lislea	

7.0 Requests for Dual Language Nameplates

7.1 Ballynalack Road, Camlough

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate 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 the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.2 Benmore Court, Kilkeel

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 25 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.3 Bernagh Green, Newcastle

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 80 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.4 Carraigbrae, Newry

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 6 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.5 Chapel Road, Killeavy

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 61 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.6 Chapel Road, Newry

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate 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 the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.7 Kildare Street, Ardglass

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 51 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.8 Whitehills Road, Downpatrick

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 4 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.9 Bath Street, Ardglass

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 4 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.10 Cathals Close, Kilkeel

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 5 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.11 Downpatrick Road, Ardglass

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 41 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.12 Liska Avenue, Newry

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 20 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.13 Phennick Close, Ardglass

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 14 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.14 Bog Road, Kilcoo

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate 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 the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

7.15 Rathkeelan Park, Crossmaglen

It was approved to erect a dual-language street nameplate following a request from an occupant. A postal survey was initiated by the Licensing Section to each occupier with 95 questionnaires posted (figure stated to be the amount of houses in given area according to Pointer and Royal Mail).

8.0 Postal Numbering

8.1	Allocation of New Postal Address	303
8.2	Postal queries received	236

Postal queries are address queries from Pointer, Land and Property Services and queries from members of the public.

9.0 Property Certificates

9.1	Number of Property Certificates responded to	1275

10.0 Requests for Development Naming (Approved)

10.1 "Ashfield Lane" Downpatrick

By Developer: O'Connor Home

The proposal of "**Ashfield Lane** " **meets** with the Street Naming Criteria under criterion No 2 - "Reflect the local townland name, or a local geographical/topographical feature or social, or historical feature".

Recommendation:

For Noting:
Signed: -

Jonathan McGilly
Assistant Director Regeneration